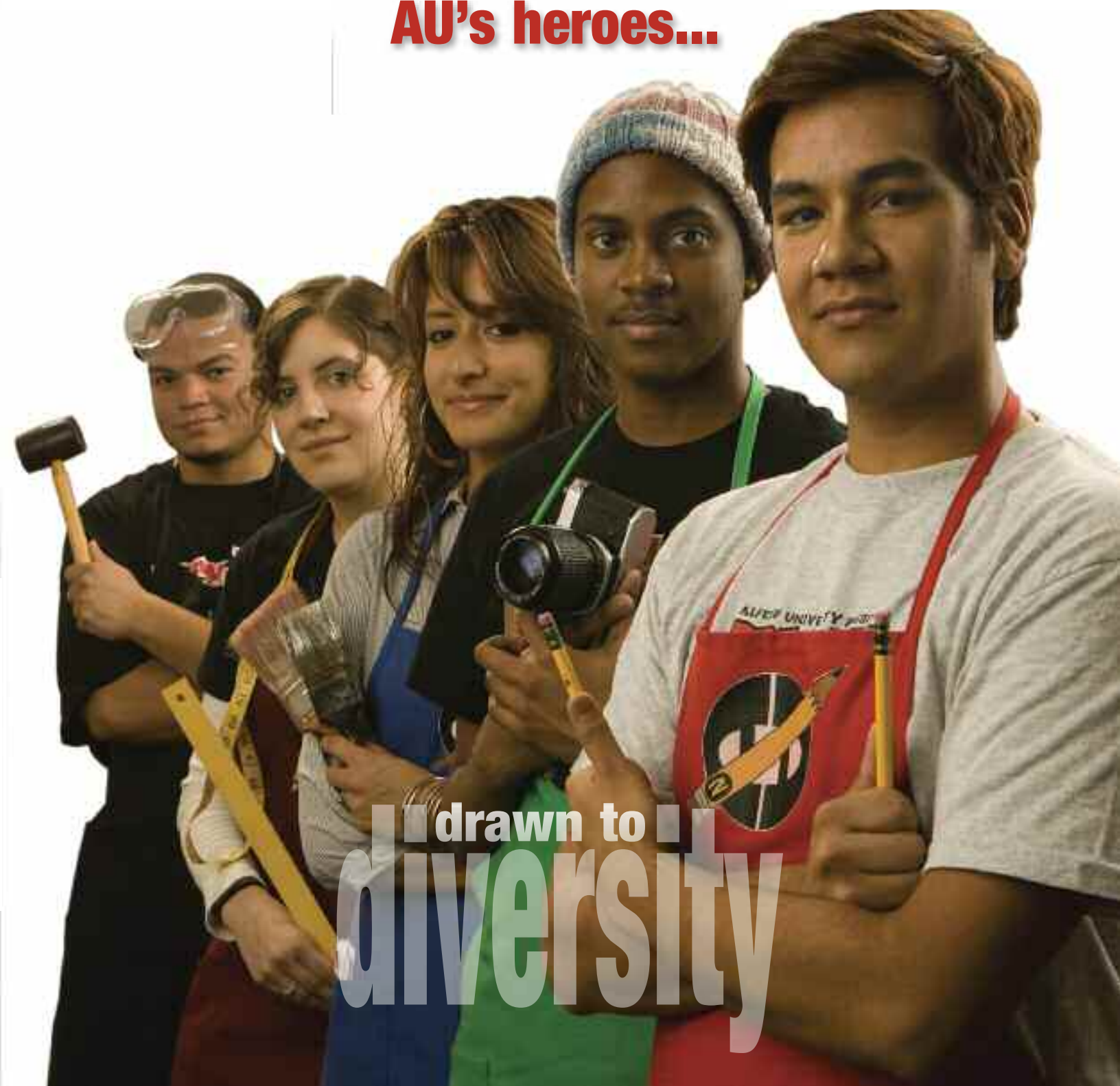


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AU's heroes...



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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE Alumni Association

“Remembering Moments”

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

As I write this, the summer is slowly becoming but a distant memory. On this issue of memories, Cesare Pavese, an Italian poet, novelist, literary critic and translator said, “we do not remember days, we remember *moments* [emphasis added].” Considering this as I put pen to paper (or rather, as I began to type), several moments from this past summer came to mind...



Like the *moment* on May 17, 2008 when I instructed 547 newly minted AU grads to “turn their tassels” and welcomed them as the newest members of the Alfred University Alumni Association.

Or the *moment* on June 13, 2008 when I stood at the base of the King Alfred statue and watched the Class of 1958 process up Saxon Drive as part of the first St. Pat's parade in 22 years, complete with floats, antique cars, and bagpipes. A site to behold, especially if, like me, you had never actually witnessed a St. Pat's parade first-hand!

There was also that *moment* when I joined Joan (Hartnett) Tallan '58 and her husband Dr. Norman Tallan '60 of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, for a quick bite to eat at the Taste of Alfred community barbeque during Reunion Weekend. This was Joan and Norman's first trip back to AU since their graduation day. I asked them if they thought their alma mater had changed much in that time, to which they both replied that the more things change at AU, the more they remain the same.

And of course there were those *moments* throughout Reunion Weekend when I would hear memories of moments 50, 30, 15 years ago... articulated with such great clarity as if they had just happened.

It's never too early to make plans for Reunion Weekend. Nearly 500 Alfred University alums returned to campus this past June. Be among those who return to campus for Reunion Weekend 2009, June 12-14 and relive, recreate or create new *moments* unique to your own Alfred experience.

Since my last message to you, your Alumni Association has had a “year of firsts.” Our first student leader reception during Homecoming 2007, our first Alumni Association Wine Tasting during Reunion Weekend in June 2008, and the organization of our first “alumni cruise” scheduled for

January 2009 (see pages ___ of the Magazine for additional information). The Alumni Council continues to look for ways to engage our single most important constituency – you, our fellow alums – and by the time you read this we will have already hosted our second annual student leader reception and Homecoming half-time celebration.

Finally, we continue to enlist some of our finest alums as members of the Alumni Council, having elected Jessica Cabrera '08, Anthony Calumnci '90, John “JT” Diegnan '95, and Kenny McGee '98 to the Council this summer.

Here's hoping you think back to your own Alfred “moments” every once in a while. Until next time ... *Fiat Lux!*

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Cover photo: Five current “superheroes” from AU’s Drawn to Diversity Program strike a pose in their uniforms. From right to left: Gustavo Galvan '10, Akeem Caballero '11, Lilian Pinzon '11, Callie Rimmel '09, and Eric Ramos '10. Photo credit: © Ken Riemer 2008

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The metamorphosis takes but minutes. A cold, whitewashed classroom becomes a welcoming, multi-hued gathering space, much like the message to soon be delivered — diversity and equality bring color and depth to the world.

At first, there are only several students methodically hanging posters and arranging tables with art supplies — pencils and pipe cleaners, drawing pads and paper — and hanging a “stage curtain.” Soon the room is filled with more than a dozen workers transforming the area into a mini theater/art room.

BY DEBBIE CLARK



Clockwise from left: Callie Rimmel '09, Akeem Caballero '11, Sondra Perry '10, Gustavo Galvan '10, and Alex Hoang '10.

All of the AU students sport colorful

aprons as their work garb; five of them, the Art Force Five (AF5), wear brighter hues and each carries a tool depicting his/her art. This quintet will lead today's production for a group of middle-school aged youngsters. Each Art Force member showcases a specific art talent and an impressive grasp of history. They are: Zoom, the photographer; Graphite, the illustrator; Runway, the fashion designer; Brushstroke, the painter; and 3-D, the sculptor. Their task is to carry out the mission of Alfred University's "Drawn to Diversity" (D2D) movement, a non-profit, educational program that champions equality and appreciating differences through art and artistic expression.

The classroom instructor for this part research class/part community outreach production is Dan Napolitano '93, '98, AU director of student activities. There are 14 students in the fall 2008 "Drawn to Diversity: Service Learning Through Art" class. They take turns in the roles as the Art Force Five and student mentors. The weekly class is a long-running test of their knowledge and growing ability to communicate a seamless compatibility of art and diversity, culture and classmates. Using the annual topic/theme, the students preparing the presentations

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Drawn to Diversity members gather for a group photo. Front Row: Dan Napolitano '93/'98, Eric Ramos '10, Lilian Pinzon '11; Second Row: Michelle Courter '10, Alexandra Helmer '11, Eung Kongbounmy '10, Elizabeth DiFiore '11, Callie Rimmel '09; Third Row: Akeem Caballero '11, Phillip Dickerson '09, Jennifer Johns '10, Veronique Hart Saxton '10; Back Row: Gustavo Galvan '10 and Sondra Perry '10. Missing from photo is Zachary Smith '09.

"...the message to be delivered:

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..... Meet the Art



The Art Force Five are introduced to their audience by Dan Napolitano who playfully poses as a government agent who must keep the

research art history and current trends.

It's obvious there is a lot of outside-the-class

work necessary to produce this “show” weekly. There are a myriad details for set-up, lines to be learned, history to be read, child psychology to brush up on. Dan, who serves as host/moderator of the production, quickly rattles off several subtle reminders and a few questions, assessing whether all is in place for the audience scheduled to arrive at any minute. To an outsider, it's organized chaos; for the D2D staff it's energized confidence.

“Who has the history part? Did you remember you're adding a few lines? How do you plan to enter? Who's helping backstage (a makeshift area behind a small curtain hung from a clothes line)?” Following a hasty run-through, there are assurances that all is ready.

Soon, a group of 20-plus students arrive with their teachers. Time for this week's lesson.

The visitors are in rapt attention as the college mentors spin their words of muticulturalism amidst slide shows, fast talk, and an art project or two. The action is

fast-paced but the young people seem to hang on every word and enthusiastically respond when called upon. Sometimes it's a listening exercise; at other times it's an interactive discussion between the youngsters and their new college friends.

Zachary Smith, a senior from Elmira, NY, majoring in accounting and minoring in marketing, says D2D has “given me the opportunity to broaden my horizons,” noting his high school world was just studies and sports. “It's not just a resume builder,” he adds, but a vehicle to show there is “more to life than just sports. And you can use it for a bigger purpose, helping other people and having an impact on people's lives.” Today he uses his new skills to engage the youngsters at his table in lively discussion.

“Coming out of high school I was just focused on school work,” says Gustavo Galvan of Dallas, TX, D2D club president and a junior bachelor of fine arts degree major minoring in marketing and art history. He says he “got hooked” after attending his first event involving diversity in comic strips. Today he is portraying 3-D, the sculptor.

Force 5

Students take turns portraying the members of the AF5, but each student definitely has his/her favorite character as each apron has developed a distinct personality and attitude attached to it.

"I'm a completely different person that I was two years ago," maintains Gustavo. The program "broadens us as people ... it's an awesome opportunity to be a part of this." He acknowledged that Drawn to Diversity has also allowed him to take his art to a more serious level. "I enjoy helping other people try to make art."

Callie Rimmel of Pittsburgh, a senior bachelor of fine arts degree major with a minor in education with a psychology concentration, is doing an internship with Drawn to Diversity. Appropriately, she is cast in the Graphite role, the illustrator, today.

"The program allows me to use everything I've learned here, to put it to use. I totally believe in it." She has also interned at the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh and finds there couldn't have been a better combination of training grounds, especially for working with the public on "visual language."

Drawn to Diversity was launched in 2005 as an extra-curricular endeavor after Dan gave a presentation on diversity to the Higher Education Opportunity

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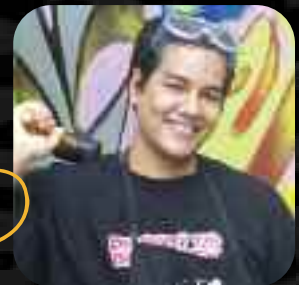
The Illustrator

Brushstroke



The Painter

3D



The Sculptor

Runway



The Fashion

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why not use

comic book characters

Program students on campus. His interaction with them touched a chord and he realized there was a need to spread the word in a non-threatening, enjoyable way about culture and gender, diversity and equality.

That first year, bolstered with some in-house assistance, Alfred students dressed as famous comic book characters and presented a history lecture with a twist. Dan knew that Alfred Trustee and current chairman of the board Peter Cuneo '67, was CEO of Marvel Comics. Why not use comic books and comic book characters to spread the message? It wasn't long before Peter donated Marvel's services in creating a limited-edition poster which featured some of the most diverse characters in the vast Marvel archive to help launch the program. That same

year, the group applied and received a small grant from MTV's college division.

On the surface, Drawn to Diversity

is a straightforward education program designed to teach history, inspire artists, cultivate dialogue, and fight ignorance. But there is more. Using creative exhibits and programs, Drawn to Diversity has also built an impressive academic research component that explores diversity in identified art or media forms each year. As for the outreach component, sometimes the show is an interactive history



The D2D posters, from left: 2006 Comic Book History, illustrated by Ron Limm, designed by Marvel Comics; 2007 Comic Strip History, illustrated by Morrie Turner, designed by Shannon Amore, RPJ Ready Print; and 2008 Advertising History, illustrated and printed by Bobby Dixon/Kollecive Fusion

to spread the message

lecture, other times it is story-telling and art workshops. Depending on the audience's age and needs, the program can take many forms but finds value in promoting visual literacy.

In 2007, Alfred University as a whole began to refocus on service learning. Along with such other initiatives as Green Alfred, Joel's House, and now the Gary Horowitz Service Learning House, D2D realized its potential as a community service initiative. An interactive presentation was created and performed at elementary schools, professional conferences, and NYC schools for incarcerated youth.

The 2007 theme explored diversity in newspaper comic strips.

Morrie Turner, who in 1965 was the first nationally syndicated African American cartoonist with his Wee Pals comic, created the program's poster.

Professional cartoonists visited Alfred and provided drawing lessons for more than 100 community children.

In the spring of 2008, the program evolved into an academic course with advertising as the research topic. Students created educational displays which were presented to Wegman's Food Market executives for in-store consideration. Topics ranged from the history of the fictional

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Left: Eric Ramos from Harlem, NY says he strives to break down stereotypes that rural school children have about Harlemites.

Below: Akeem Caballero and Lilian Pinzon, both from NYC, encourage students to use art as an expression for their own uniqueness.





Above left: Costumes and interactive role-playing are used to teach history, as Zachary Smith (in green) and Phil Dickerson (in red) tell the tale of the Yellow Kid, the first comic strip. Above right: Eung Kongbounmy (in blue) and Jennifer Johns (in green) use hands-on art activities to reinforce learning and inspire young artists.

Aunt Jemima to real successful business entrepreneurs. Alfred received support from Wally Amos, Pepsi Cola, and the family of Madam C.J. Walker.

The fall 2008 semester course has received

grant funding to allow the presentation of the educational program at rural schools in Allegany County.

Although the program has always been open to all students, during fall 2008 more emphasis is on a cross-curricular approach.

"Certainly the art students are invested but there is strong involvement by business, communication studies, history, psychology, education, and performing arts students," says Napolitano. "We also have plans to involve more engineers this year."

The two-credit course is taught on Wednesdays from 3:20-5:10 p.m., except when travels to community groups may require a longer time commitment. Dan is the instructor, with Callie as his co-op assistant. Audiences are not limited to school groups; nursing homes, community centers, libraries, and professional gatherings are all part of the mix.

And it doesn't stop there. The group is continually searching for new partners and resources to enable the program to become firmly established in the University's permanent program list. With hopes of acquiring additional grants and sponsors, Dan believes D2D has the potential to expand in numerous

directions

Dan and some of the newer D2D participants are already researching activities for upcoming years. It's already been decided that in 2009, students will research diversity in film and television animation as Disney plans to unveil its first African-American princess in "The Princess and the Frog." "I can't wait to see how Disney may respond," said Dan.

Plans for Drawn to Diversity in 2010 are under way with Strong Museum of Play, Rochester, NY. The plan is to collaborate on an exhibit which examines diversity in toys and toy design.

One of Dan's bigger "theme dreams" is to get Drawn to Diversity to 2019, the 100th anniversary of the early Harlem Renaissance, the epitome of art intersecting with equality.

"I'd love to have a presence in New York City by then, with student internships, perhaps for an entire semester!"

"Looking back on Drawn to Diversity, I have learned that interactive education can be beneficial to the community. Presenting information on topics of diversity in such a manner can help in the development of today's growing college population ... As well as helping students ... retain more information, grow self-confidence and develop new leadership skills. As an alum I am so proud to have helped with D2D's efforts to promote an educational tool that has proven to enrich the lives of everyone we have come face to face with."

**Jessica Cabrera '08,
communication studies**

Art Force Five, the traveling outreach program continues to accept invitations to present in such venues as the NYC Comic Con (vention, the East Coast's biggest and popular culture convention, Feb 6-9, 2009), numerous schools, DC Comics, Nickelodeon, and additional corporate partners.

"Each year we've grown beyond our expectations," Napolitano reflects. "I

know the students are committed to seeing the program reach its fullest potential."

THE FORCE BEHIND



Dan

Dan Napolitano '93, '98 is animated yet low-key when he talks about the program which has evolved from an extracurricular activity to an academic offering and a community outreach program. Typical of his nature, he takes little or no credit for the continually growing success of this program he initiated a little more than three years ago.

"There are dozens of students who have donned these aprons/costumes, sharing their creative talents and using academic research to better the world. They truly are heroes and activists for change," says Dan.

During a presentation to a group of Higher Education Opportunity Program students three years ago, Dan noticed they had a much better response to the visual images he brought than to his lecture. "Visual images are much more powerful as a tool," he says.

With the creative juices flowing and relying on the skills honed while obtaining a bachelor of fine arts degree and a master of science degree in education, he developed a blueprint for taking a diversity message to AU students as well as young people in the area, faculty and staff, Alfred community members, and off-campus professionals. He led the first group of students in the program in working out the specifics as to how to champion equality by exploring various media and art forms.

Dan is no stranger to the good that can be accomplished

when learning is packaged into something fun. He was instrumental in initiating AU's Cultural Café, recognized as best multicultural program in the nation by the National Association of Campus Activities (NACA), and launched the campus "Alfies," — AU's version of the Academy Awards, earning recognition as Best Social Program in the East Coast Region by NACA. He also coordinated the ALANA (African, Latino, Asian, and Native American) organization from 1994-2007, building it into an extracurricular activity in which many

former and current students take pride. Along the way, he was named Outstanding Professional in the Field by NACA-East Coast. (Of course, alumni may best remember him as a founder of "Friday Night Live.")

He's believed in D2D from the start, but the number of people outside the AU community who have taken an interest has surprised him. As much as the success is fulfilling, Dan and his students have much more work to do as they focus their efforts toward raising funds to bring the art and equality message to a national audience.

What he most likes about D2D is that the program "brings out the potential in students as well as Alfred University. It truly uses Alfred's history of equality and creativity through the arts. It's the perfect marriage of two of our greatest strengths."

"(D2D) brings out the potential in students as well as Alfred University. It truly uses Alfred's history of equality and creativity through the arts.."

— Dan Napolitano '93/'98

A woman with short brown hair, wearing a blue button-down shirt, is seated at a wooden table in a dimly lit room. She is holding a small, dark object with both hands and looking through a magnifying glass. On the table in front of her are several items: a large, reddish-brown ceramic vessel on the left, a small pile of rolled-up documents or scrolls in the center, and a dark, rounded ceramic bowl on the right. In the background, a stained glass lamp with a warm yellow glow is visible on the left, and a framed portrait of a man hangs on the wall. To the right, a small, dark statue of a family (a man, a woman, and a child) is placed on a shelf. The overall atmosphere is one of quiet study and historical discovery.

Searching for pieces of AU history

The Steinheim – Alfred University's famous museum – was built stone-by-stone, just as the varied and eclectic collection within it grew piece by piece. And piece by piece, over the years, the collections in the Allen Steinheim Museum disappeared.

BY SUE GOETSCHIUS

Some of these artifacts were given away or stored for safe-keeping. Others simply walked away, souvenirs of a late-night dare fulfilled.

Now, Lenka Clayton, artist and the Theodore Randall International Chair in the School of Art & Design, wants to restore the collections – at least through photographs.

Clayton has launched what she calls the “Amnesty for the Lost Artifacts of the Steinheim Museum Project,” something she hopes to complete by December when she is scheduled to return to England.

She’s been soliciting leads on lost artifacts from alumni, local historians and area residents. She’s conducting interviews, trying to track down where pieces of the collection might have gone. Her interest, she stressed, is not in reclaiming the artifacts for Alfred University, but in documenting them in their new surroundings through photographs, just as photos from bygone days catalog what was once within the Steinheim.

“An eclectic cabinet of curiosities” is how Clayton, a documentary artist, describes the Steinheim in its heyday. “The Steinheim housed an extraordinary collection that included birds, shells, corals, fossils, plants, pottery, glass, American Indian articles, oil paintings, statuary, shoes, stuffed animals, basketry, crockery, costumes, ancient and historical implements, relics, rocks and minerals, and other curios and curiosities, including the skeleton of the first woman prosecuted in Allegany County for murder.”



Above: An archival photo of one of many displays in the Museum.

Facing page: Lenka Clayton prepares to photograph artifacts in the Special Collections room. Behind her are 19th Century portraits of Jonathan Allen, Abigail Allen, and their son, Alfred.

“There are rumors as to the whereabouts of many of the artifacts,” said Clayton, who has been collecting the tales since her arrival in Alfred. “A stone lion sits in a garden in Hornell. Some coins are safely stored in the attic of a former faculty member, a portion of the mollusk collection is in a museum in Philadelphia, and two of the oil paintings hang in the Fasano House, Alfred University’s new Welcome Center.”

How the bits and pieces of the various collections became dispersed is not a happy tale.

Construction on the Steinheim – “stone house” in German – began in the 1870s, when Prof. Ida Kenyon decided to construct a residence on what was then a hillside overlooking the campus of the fledgling university. The Alfred Select School was founded in 1836; by 1857, Alfred University had come into being from those early roots.

Kenyon completed the basement, and then gave up the project. Jonathan Allen, the second president of the University took it over. With memories of English and German

castles as his inspiration, but no formal plans or blueprints, Allen began constructing the castle using 8,000 different varieties of stone collected within a three-mile radius of the museum, Clayton’s research found. Allen is said to have wanted “to show men and women what sort of earth we live on.”

As his collections grew, so did the museum. Allen simply added on to the structure. Clayton said Allen reportedly said “if there was anything in the world like any portion of the building, he would immediately tear that portion down.”

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“The Steinheim housed an extraordinary collection that included shells, corals, fossils, statuary, pottery, stuffed animals and other curios and curiosities...”

–Lenka Clayton, Theodore Randall International Chair in the School of Art & Design

[Clayton's] interest... is not in reclaiming the artifacts for Alfred University, but in documenting them in their new surroundings through photographs.

The interior was just as unique, and a collection all on its own. The woodwork, shelves and cabinets were “made from more than 700 varieties of wood, many with histories of their own,” said Clayton. “There is a railing... made from the spars of vessels sunken by the Merrimac in Hampton Roads, on a piece of the stairway Colonel Ellsworth was shot, a limb of the apple tree under which (Union Army General Ulysses S.) Grant received the surrender of (Confederate Army General Robert E.) General Lee and many other historic relics.”



An archival photo showing an interior view from the second story of the Steinheim.

For those who want to share information...

Lenka Clayton sees the amnesty as a chance to celebrate the individual journeys that each artifact has managed to travel and will continue to travel in the future. She sees the story of the Steinheim collection as an emblematic tale of how we remember, collect and lose our own history and how the collection once whole, now lives on in the private homes, attics and garages of individuals.

She hopes to complete the project by December when she is scheduled to return to England. If you have any information, leads, thoughts, rumors, stories, ideas or artifacts, please contact Lenka Clayton: by e-mail at lenkaclayton@web.de; by telephone at 607.871.3546, or by mail at P.O. 520, Alfred, NY, 14802. Anonymity is absolutely guaranteed to all participants. You need not give your name.

More information about Clayton and her work may be obtained by visiting her Web site:
www.lenkaclayton.co.uk



Left: An early 20th century hand-tinted postcard.

Below: A current view of the Steinheim, now home to the Robert R. McComsey Career Development Center.

For more than 50 years, the “museum was an inspiration to thousands of students and visitors who travelled from all over the country to visit,” Clayton said.

The Museum, she noted, was the first museum to open in Western New York and at one time it had the distinction of being the second-oldest college science museum in the country.

But with Allen’s death in 1892, the museum’s champion was gone. Over the next 50 years, the museum began to crumble and the stories began to grow. Students dared each other to make midnight forays into the museum, and to prove it with a piece of the collection. It became a rendezvous place for young lovers (back in the days when men and women had separate residence halls, and illicit visits by students of the opposite sex resulted in disciplinary action).

As the structure became more and more dilapidated, the collection was threatened and what Clayton called “uncoordinated rescue efforts” began, leaving “artifacts strewn around various departments of the University and other undocumented safekeeping places in the village.”





Left: Flagship U.S.S. Connecticut leads the fleet as it steams out of Yokohama Harbor, Japan, Oct. 25, 1908.

The Fleet, 16 U.S. battleships painted a blinding white with golden accents, circumnavigated the globe at the behest of President Teddy Roosevelt from December 1907 to February 1909. Ostensibly a gesture of friendship, the Fleet was really a demonstration of America's growing naval power as it visited ports around the world.

It started as a way to celebrate their bicultural marriage, and their sons' bicultural heritage. After graduating from Alfred University in 1961 with a degree in biology, Stephen J. Levine received his DDS degree from Fairleigh Dickinson's School of Dentistry in 1964. After completing graduate work in prosthodontics at New York University, Steve entered the U.S. Navy and served as a dental officer at the U.S. Naval Base in Yokosuka, Japan, for three years. While there, he fell in love with the Japanese culture, and Michiko, the woman who would be his wife.

Married in 1970, they have two sons: Jonathan, a 1995 alumnus of AU who now lives and teaches in Japan, coaches his school's kendo team and is married to Chihiro, a native of Japan. They have given Steve and Michiko two grandchildren, Naomi who is 5 and Jouji who is 2½ years old. Their other son Michael, also married, is an officer with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, who spends much of his time aboard a NOAA ship.

More than 20 years ago, Steve and Michiko began collecting memorabilia – postcards, medals, invitations, guidebooks, photographs, theater programs and other souvenir items – commemorating the October 1908 visit of the Great White Fleet to Yokohama, Japan.

Steve says the voyage was intended to “re-establish American might on the world stage of military power. When Roosevelt said ‘Speak softly but carry a big stick,’ he was referring to the Great White Fleet,” explains Steve. Nonetheless, countries, including Japan, welcomed the Fleet's arrival. With six months' advance notice, Steve says, what resulted was “the biggest party Yokohama ever threw for visitors.”

It was during the early 1980s, when tensions between the U.S. and Japan were high over trade imbalances created by the influx of Japanese-made cars in the American market, that Steve and Michiko began collecting postcards celebrating the Great White Fleet, and a time when their two countries were cordial.

“I'm glad we started collecting when we did,” says Steve. They were able to amass a sizable collection before others entered the market. By 1996, memorabilia was beginning to appear on E-bay, which both made their search easier, and more competitive as other collectors became interested.

While the Levines have collected the full gamut of memorabilia relating to the Great White Fleet in Japan, it is the postcards that perhaps most intrigue them. Steve calls ephemera “the accidental archive.” In an article on Great White Fleet ephemera Steve wrote for DARUMA magazine (No. 52, Autumn 2006) he said,

P a p e r b r i d g e s : ephemera spans

“Most would agree that the postcard is one of the most ubiquitous of written messages and likewise, that the postcard is one of the most ephemeral of written records... the

postcard might, in fact, turn out to be a historical document and a most unique graphic representation of an important event, one that might not necessarily replicate itself in printed accounts of a more enduring nature.”

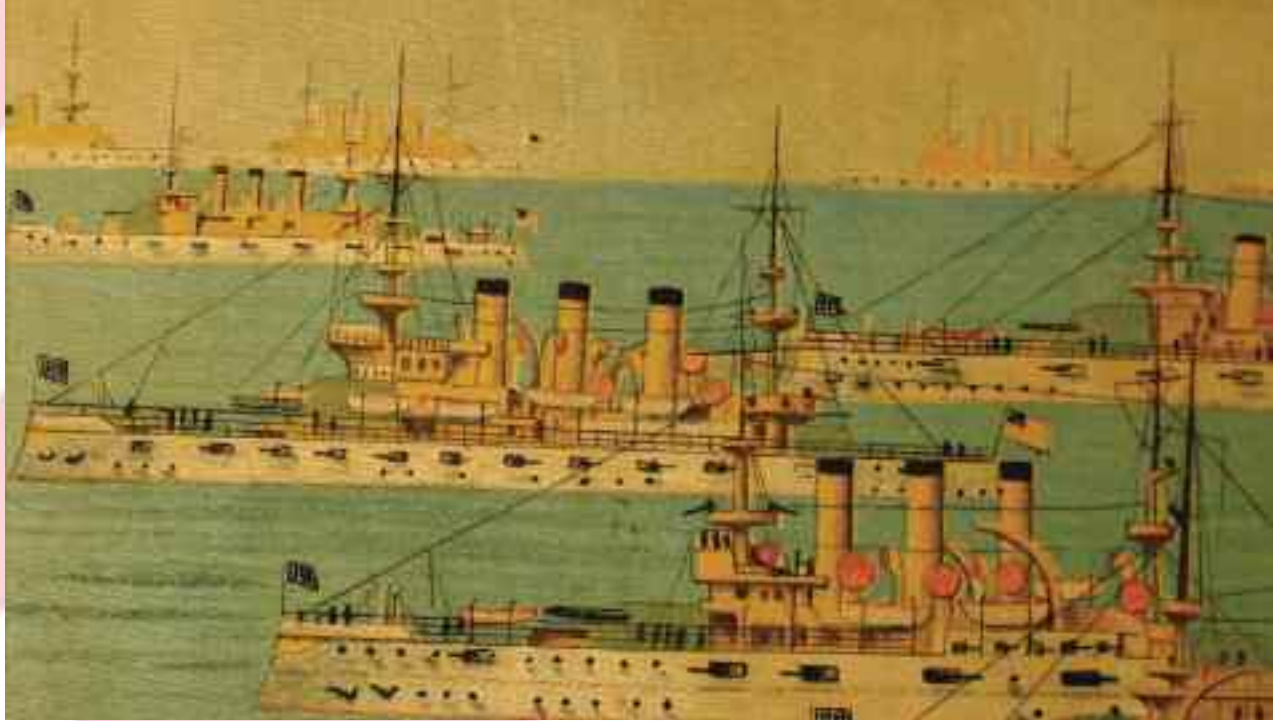
Postcards, he said, were just beginning their “Golden Age” 100 years ago. Technology had advanced enough to permit more rapid printing of postcards, capturing events, rather than just duplicating formal portraits, and the variety of postcards he and Michiko have collected demonstrate that.

With the 100th anniversary of the Great White Fleet’s voyage approaching, the Levines found others interested in their collection. More than 30 images from their collection are included in a book by the Naval History Center.

Items from their collection are centerpieces of a current exhibition at the History Archive Museum in Yokohama. Steve and Michiko gave a lecture at the Museum in September, and were featured in an article in *Yomiuri Shimbun*, one of Japan’s major newspapers, published the day after their lecture.

“We are absolutely amazed at the attention all this has gotten,” says Steve, “It has given us even greater pleasure than we imagined in being able to share this with so

many.” The Yokohama exhibition closes at the end of the month, but already, a museum in Tokyo has expressed an interest in showing the Levines’ collection, as 100-year-old pieces of ephemera forge solid bonds of friendship between Steve and Michiko’s two nations.



Top: A silk tapestry depicting the arrival of the Great White Fleet.

Above: One of the many commemorative postcards from Steve '61 and Michiko Levine's collection.

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BY SUE GOETSCHUS

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AU conducts first-ever downstate commencement ceremony

Seventy-nine graduate candidates received AU degrees in education-counseling and education-literacy teacher during the first-ever commencement ceremony of the University's downstate program on Sept. 20.

University a 'Great School at a Great Price'

AU continues to be ranked among the top master's degree-awarding institutions in the North on *U.S. News and World Report's* listing of "Great Schools at Great Prices." In the *US News and World Report's* "Best Colleges 2009," Alfred University is ranked second among institutions that offer the best academic quality for the price of attendance.



Building rapport, and a bus shelter

Alfred University and Alfred State College students arriving by bus are now welcomed at the Alfred Plaza, a new bus shelter completed by students at the two schools that share this small Southern Tier village.

State to fund high-temp materials testing lab

State Sen. Catharine Young (R-Olean) announced in May a \$4 million grant to Alfred University to create a high-temperature materials testing laboratory to support materials-based companies, primarily those located in New York.



COB ranks among the best

The University's College of Business ranks among the nation's best for Master of Business Administration programs, according to *The Princeton Review*, which features the school in its just-published 2009 edition of its "Best 296 Business Schools."

New York State Poet coming to campus

Jean Valentine, who was named New York State Poet earlier this year, will read from her work at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 20 in Susan Howell Hall. Her visit to Alfred is jointly sponsored by the Division of English in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, and the Writing Center.



Architect's rendering of McGee Pavilion

McGee Pavilion in final design stages

The School of Art & Design is entering final stages of design on a \$10 million addition to Harder Hall, to be known as the McGee Pavilion in honor of the late State Sen. Patricia K. McGee. The new 20,000-square-foot McGee Pavilion will house exhibition spaces, a student gallery, a flexible studio spaces for ceramic, and a suite for the integrated electronic arts, including a sound studio, video studio, interactive digital studio and editing facilities. The new space should be ready for occupancy by the spring semester of 2011.

Manley Memorial Trust funds lighting lab

AU has received a \$25,000 grant from the F.T. and Anna C. Manley Memorial Trust to create a lighting laboratory which will complement facilities in the existing Miller Performing Arts Center and the planned proscenium theater. The lighting laboratory will serve as a functional classroom for teaching and training theater students in lighting technology and professional practices, using both contemporary and historic lighting equipment.



Remember

*those warm,
wonderful
early summer
days in Alfred?*

It was a time for winding down; a time to relax and set aside all the hard work and reflect upon all you accomplished throughout the year. It was also a time of friends and the things from which memories are made.

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1934  REUNION YEAR!

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1936

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1938

Beth (Mauro) Bumke, daughter of **Warda (Vincent) Mauro**, writes that her mother died on March 7, 2008, in Carlsbad, CA. "Even though she left the area many years ago, Alfred and AU always had a very special place in her heart," said Beth. "Several members of my extended family and I gathered in Alfred the weekend of June 14 for a memorial service and celebration of Mom's life. It was wonderful to be there, in the town that Mom loved so much."

1940

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Your Class Correspondent writes about **Terry Galanis Sr.**: "Residing in Williamsville, NY, he spends the winter in Naples, FL. He is still active in a business (Sealing Devices, Inc.) he started in his home in the 1960s which now has 170 employees with his son (Terry Jr., an AU trustee) as CEO. They sponsor the 'Galanis Awards' given each year to five family businesses qualified as private enterprises chosen by his son and some Alfred Business College individuals. Recipients are given original glass pieces made by the Ceramics College at luncheons, alternating each year between Buffalo and Rochester. Terry unfortunately lost his wife in 2000 but has four children, nine

grandchildren, and 12 great grandchildren to fulfill his life."

More from **Charlie**: "**Laura (Oaks) Weiss** was one of nine people nominated for Volunteer of the Year Award at Camp Pendleton. She is the chief cutter of the Camp Pendleton Libraries, where she cuts animal masks and shapes for the children of the Marines and other military stationed there. She received a volunteer pin and three certificates of appreciation."

Charlie reports that **Laura** resides in Oceanside, CA, "where she lives with her daughter and son-in-law, with two sons residing in Michigan and Oregon. After attaining her library degree at Geneseo, **Laura** married **Irv Weiss** in 1942, but, unfortunately became a widow in 2005. **Laura** and her daughter publish a monthly family newsletter with pictures in color, no less."

"**Lewis Blackmer**, retired after 40 years as a parish pastor plus two tours as a U. S. Army chaplain, is now enjoying life in a retirement village in Monroe Township, NJ, with his wife **Ruth**. They celebrated their

65th anniversary last August at a party given by their daughters and grandchildren. Still enjoy dancing even approaching 90 years."

"Widowed with four children, seven grandchildren and two greats, **Odette (Anderson) Amyx** resides in a retirement community in Houston, TX, where she maintains a 3,000-book library, plays competitive bridge, and attends all the cultural activities in the area. Interestingly, **Odette** spent her freshman college year in Paris, France, her sophomore year at Alfred, and then attended Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, where she graduated with two majors, French and science."

"**Ginny (Engbers) McCune** and her husband **Homer** have moved into the Kendal Retirement Home, Ithaca, NY; their daughter, a professor at Cornell University, was most helpful in the move. **Ginny's** greatest sorrow in the move was leaving a 50-year-old wildflower garden."

"After leaving Alfred, **Malcolm Hill** spent his working life in the tool and die field, first with a relatively small shop and then with Chevrolet in Tonawanda, NY. Although



Kathleen Dispenza '05 and Bob Sinclair '43 share more than their alma mater. They frequently cross paths at The Covington – an Episcopal Home Community, in Aliso Viejo, CA, where Kathleen is marketing director and Bob is a resident.



Betty Lou (Ogden) Crowley '52 and husband Bill gather with children and grandchildren this past summer. See story page 22.

volunteering for both the Navy and then the Marines during WW II, it was determined that he was both colorblind and had a back problem, which kept him out of the service. Lucky, in a sense. He resides in Vienna, IL."

1942

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"Oh, what a beautiful 65th reunion for the class of 1943 we celebrated in June!" writes your **Class Correspondent**. "Everything was superlative. Spouse Warren and I agreed it was the best reunion we had ever attended at Alfred University. The planning and management of all the events were masterful. The food was superb. The servers were pleasantly efficient and smartly attired. The AU students who were guides and shuttle

drivers were very courteous and helpful. Even the weather cooperated, with just a few transient showers. All the above, plus seeing and talking with old friends ... what more could one ask?

"The attendees from our class were **Bob Sinclair**, **J. David Broudo**, **Bob Starr**, **Isabel Riggs Geibel**, and your correspondent. David came with his lovely wife Barbara. Bob Starr was accompanied by his son, **Daniel R. Starr '77**, who, like his father, has a Ph.D. in education. Isabel came by herself, driving solo from her home in Colorado, and becoming, so to speak, 'a legend in her own time.' Your correspondent was accompanied by Warren, and our son Dave and his wife

Charlotte. We could not have made the trip without their encouragement, care, and ever-present help.

"At the Community Carnival Picnic meal on Friday, our '43 table welcomed the addition of **Janet Seely '52**, and **Alfred L. Ploetz '41** and his wife Grace. That evening, the Welcome Back Party at the Knight Club was a festive throng of people and music.

"Saturday A.M., we listened to Dr. Edmondson's cogent remarks at the President's Welcome at the Powell Center. Then we proceeded to the Alumni Association Awards Picnic at the Village Bandstand. Several awards are given annually to honor alumni for achievements in their careers, or service to society, bringing eminence and distinction to the University. The Lillian T. Nevins Award for Lifetime Service to AU is reserved especially for those who have worked 'to promote the highest interests of Alfred University and alumni.' Two classmates have received this prestigious award: **Art Powell** in 1993, and **Bob Sinclair** in 1995.

"During the class photo sessions following the picnic, I caught a glimpse of **Ed 'Shifty' Gere '48** and talked with him briefly. His wife, **Doris Hill Gere '45** was at a distance, but time came for the photo shoot, and then almost everyone dispersed. Glad that you could both be at the reunion, Doris and Ed, as everyone seems to know one or both of you.

"An innovation this year was the Alumni Association Wine Tasting event held Saturday afternoon at the Fasano House. Several Finger Lakes wineries were represented for sampling, and many alumni came to do just that. Light refreshments were served and the guests could keep their etched AU wine glasses. Fun and good fellowship prevailed! (All in moderation, natch.)

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We are always delighted to hear from you, but your classmates and friends look forward to it even more. Our goal is to have as many alumni names as possible listed in Class Notes within each issue of the *Alfred Magazine*. So keep your notes, postcards, photographs, and e-mails coming.

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"Our dinner Saturday evening was in 'Le Cordon Bleu' class: beef Wellington, plus delicious, appropriate sides. Dessert Extravaganza, held in Alumni Hall, was an island of all kinds of goodies that boggled the mind, and extended the girth!

"Before finishing this reunion review, I wish to mention two additional Golden Saxons who were there. One is **Bill Crandall '42**, and the other is his older sister, **Hilda Crandall Rowley**, who graduated in 1935! Congratulations to this very special AU alumna.

"Bob Sinclair, in a post-reunion note, writes that he had breakfast Sunday morning with some longtime Alfred associates and good friend **Joe Fasano '54**. Bob traveled from Alfred to the Rochester area, where his two sisters and a brother and their progeny reside. He spent a week there, visiting family and friends and treasuring the time.

"**Emma Jo (Hill) Potter** is the widow of James Harry Potter, a very innovative and distinguished scientist in the area of thermodynamics in mechanical engineering. In 1980, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers established an annual gold medal award in his honor, given to a scientist for achievement in this specialty. This year the meeting will be held in Boston in November. Emma Jo is considering the possibility of attending with her friend Grace Bruno. We do hope circumstances are favorable for their being there. Our best wishes go out to them, and felicitations to Emma Jo for this singular honor awarded her late husband.

"Isabel Geibel continued her 'legend' appellation by driving from the reunion to Oklahoma to visit relatives there. Thence it was back to Colorado, where she's resuming her busy life of social and war veteran related activities. Wish I had her productivity level!

"We were very sorry to read in the May '08 issue of the Magazine that classmate **Winslow Anderson** had died. He was certainly one of the most illustrious and visionary ceramic and glass artists of our time. After his wartime service, he was hired as the first full-time designer by Blenko Glass. He created new functional designs in vibrant colors, which greatly enhanced Blenko's reputation. In 1953, he went to work for the Lenox China and Crystal Co., as both designer and design director. He retired in 1980, and returned to his original West Virginia home, where he spent the rest of his life.

"What is going on in your world in these days of uncertainty? Like me, you're probably hoping that goodness will prevail,



Members of AKO participated in their annual spring luncheon on April 5. On hand were (seated from left) Gail (Newcombe) Brown '84; Billie (Furlong) McNabb '00, Lisa (Poloncarz) Davis '91, Helen Darrow '73, Mary-Lou Cartledge '91, (standing from left) and Barbara (Falkey) Rickard '65, Tamara (Taby) Durant '93, Kristin (Potter) Leete '93, Penny Dunn '00 with baby Molly, and Rita (Bonning) Murphy '73.

that faith, love, and family will help us cope with whatever problems we may have to face. And please remember to keep in touch with ye olde correspondent here. Thanks."

1946

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Your Class Correspondent writes: "A conversation with **Jean Moore Adams-Moiseichik** of Hector, NY tells us she had a serious and unusual accident in July. While crossing the street to attend a concert in the park, she fell, breaking both wrists. Although she was also cut and bruised, the wrists have been a problem, severely limiting her mobility. Thankfully, she says, her husband John proved to be an excellent nurse and she looks forward to increasing activity. Her daughter, who lives in Rochester, NY and has a cottage on Seneca Lake, has been on hand. Her two sons live further away but there are grandchildren and one great-grand-daughter to bring cheer. Imagine her problems with hair-dos and buttons!

"On the brighter side of health conditions is **Billie Dunbar Donaldson**. She works part-time, walks a mile a day, keeps two greenhouses full of flowers, and mows her lawn. Living in Branchport, NY, she undoubtedly shovels snow, too.

"Although I had hoped to be in Alfred for reunion '08, family affairs took precedence. We had four graduations, one on each academic level: a grandson who was

valedictorian of his high school class, a grandson with a B.S. in horticulture, a daughter-in-law with a master's degree in elementary school counseling, and another grandson with a Ph.D. in engineering. Luckily their ceremonies were not on conflicting dates. Isn't it a joy to see your young people on their way?"

1947

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1948

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Your Class Correspondent writes: "The lucky 13 made it to the 1948 alumni 65th reunion at Alfred U in June. They were: **Millicent (Albert) Casey** and husband, **Roxanne Robards**, **John Seidlin** and wife, **John Rice** and wife, **MJ (Coats) Rice**, **Jeanne (Morgan) Holman**, **Dorris (Weaver) Gentsch**, **Edwin (Shifty) Gere** and wife, **Ray Posluzney** and grandson, **Grace (Congden) Kerr** and son, **Norma (Jacox) Stoneham** and husband, **Miriam 'Mimi' Tooke Polan**, and the lucky

13th, Correspondent Donald B. Polan.

"Grace's son, Robert, won the 5K alumni run. He's been working overseas and was home for a visit at the time of the reunion. We really enjoyed the two youths who came with their elders. More should do this.

"Let's hear from those who did not make the 65th reunion. Where are you and what takes up your time?"

1949 AU REUNION YEAR!

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Your Class Correspondent writes: " 'It is basic, our need for story,' " a quote from a recent AARP magazine, reminded me of listening to Medicine Story at a Medicine Wheel gathering in upstate New York. Medicine Story is the Keeper of the Lore for the Wampanoag Indians and a very wise man. He was talking to us about the importance of telling our story, our own story. 'Our story' is the fascination that draws us to the Class News. Maybe there will be news of someone I know, something that stirs our memories of the days we spent at Alfred — Alfred, a big part of my story, your story, our story. From our perspective as octogenarians, we've all led fascinating lives! What stories you all must have to tell! This may be your best chance to see your story in print.

Time for memoirs, '49ers. There is lots of room for them in this column.

"Margie Mould Komitor, ex-49, now '50, wrote to correct your correspondent on the 'assisted living' bit, stating strongly that she lives independently in her own apartment. Apparently she joins many others at dinner. One evening, seated with someone new, she was asking the newcomer her story, where she was from, etc. Long story shortened; the woman turned out to be from my hometown and just weeks before she had been at a high school reunion with me. We are all connected.

"I also connected with another classmate this past winter. As my 80th birthday approached, I decided it was time to hit the road before rust and corrosion took over. Not being sure how long I would last each day behind the wheel, I planned easy stages to this first long road trip in 40 years. My first stop was with Sue Pike Normoyle in Huntingdon Valley, PA. Great choice! For two days we shared memories of our days in nursing, our hard times at Philadelphia Children's Hospital, our memories of Dr. Koop (C. Everett, chief surgeon at Philadelphia Children's when we were there and later surgeon general of the USA), the fun we had at Willard State on Seneca Lake. Stories of Sue's long career as a school nurse-teacher and her love for working with children. Sharing our lives since our last meeting at Alfred at our 40th Reunion. This, of course, reminds me that June of '09 will

be our 60th Reunion. We have nine months to prepare for that one! The southernmost point on my 3,000-mile journey connected me with Gini Shaw Moore ex'49 in Rotunda West, FL. Gini was in the ceramic arts college, roomed at the Brick on third floor and lived only two miles from Willard State. Her house became my home away from home those summer weekends at Willard. Since Gini has retired from the Postal Service she and her husband Tom spend most of their time volunteering in their community and helping their son raise their granddaughter.

"Jane and Art Hazlett sent news that Frank Elliott has a granddaughter attending AU. How about more news, Frank?

"Don't forget. Mark your calendars and make your plans to be in Alfred NEXT JUNE for the big 60th."

1950

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Class Correspondent Herb MacDonell heard from David Crump: "We live in a tiny hamlet on the coast, 30 minutes south of San Francisco. I have retired from conducting the Essential Experience Workshop and am pleased that the man who managed the Philadelphia has taken over. I did the Workshop nationally for 28 years.

"In recent years I threw a lot of clay pots, but have now taken up oil painting. We travel a lot, mostly cruising Alaska, South America, Mediterranean. Have toured Turkey, Greece, Russia, India, China, and Japan. Lived in Italy twice for six weeks. Have visited 40 countries. On a recent drive through the south, stopped in Seagrove, NC and visited four AU potters at their studios.

"I still delight in getting back to Alfred. It was my home from age 12 until I graduated. I have seven children, 15 grandchildren, and a third great grandchild on the way. Also, am well and happy and grateful."

William Patrick Dougherty is an Andover, NY, farm boy who grew up to become superintendent of Elmira Heights (NY) schools. He retired in 1988. Bill married Mary McCarthy, a school teacher from Addison, NY. They live in Elmira and have a



Carol Dunham Sheets '53, left, was joined at AU Reunion 2008 by her children Lynn Kalber and Ross Kalber

daughter, two sons, and a 7-year-old grandson. Bill, a Roman Catholic deacon, is a volunteer chaplain for Arnot Odgen Medical Center, Elmira and the Elmira Heights Police Department and Rotary Club.

1951

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Paul Flurschutz writes: "I am now happily retired from my job as dean at Cayuga (NY) Community College. I still enjoy teaching and am a part-timer in math at the college. My wife, the former Margie Leschak, was at Alfred Tech and was a cheerleader for Alfred. She is a retired teacher but still subs and is a real estate broker. We have one son, Mark, who is a golf pro."

1952

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Your Class Correspondent reports: "**Bill McClurg** says he has moved from Venice, FL, to Louisville, where his two oldest daughters live. Bill says that he has a balance problem and has gone into a retirement center he calls the Yellow House because that's what it is. Mailing address is W.B. McClurg, 901 Blankenbaker Parkway, Eden Terrace Apt. 3204, Louisville, KY 40243. E-mail is bill.mcclurg@nsightbb.net.

"**Brad Kinsman** says he had open heart surgery in 2004 to replace an aortic valve, but is now fit. A dental problem made him give up playing his horn but he has joined a small ensemble playing the violin. He played with a square dance combo at Alfred. In September he planned a visit to Billings and Albuquerque to visit his youngest.

"**Betty Lou (Ogden) Crowley** wrote after returning home from a week-long cruise of the Canadian maritime provinces, going from Boston to Quebec. Earlier in the summer her whole family (see photo page 19) got together for a surprise birthday party for her youngest child at a nice spot overlooking Seneca Lake and Watkins Glen. As for her home, she and her husband have recently had their house and all the outbuildings painted, new bathroom

cupboard and fixtures installed and enjoy sitting on their patio, glasses in hand, while they watch the grass grow on their three-acre spread. Keeping AU in the family, she reports that one son, class of '85, has purchased 23 acres of land overlooking Seneca Lake and may start a vineyard. Her daughter, class of '86, is busy transporting two athletic sons to multiple events. Betty Lou writes from waeoc4721@gmail.com.

"**Don Boulton**, president for life of our class, spent three weeks during the summer at St. Andrews University (and golf course, of course) in Scotland as a visiting professor, his seventh annual visit. He and his wife, Rosemary, took a riverboat trip from Moscow to St. Petersburg and gloried in the sights while comparing Russia's wealth and poverty. On the home front, this is his final year on the AU Alumni Council.

"**Val Cushing**, who can't quite grasp the principle of retirement, e-mailed after teaching a week-long workshop on wheel thrown pottery at Anderson Ranch in Snowmass, CO, near Aspen. The director of the clay program at the ranch is **Doug Casebeer**, a former student who got his MFA at Alfred in 1984. Among his recent houseguests were **Matt and Nellie Melko** (both '51) who were returning from a scholarly conference in Nova Scotia. Val is at cushingve@frontiernet.net."

A dialogue between **Val Cushing** and **Norm Schulman** '58 was featured at the 21st N.C. Potters Conference, Asheboro, last March.

Also, Val's work was on display at The Artisan Gallery, Northampton, MA, from Feb. 1-March 9, 2008.

Wally Higgins says he and his wife, **Norma (Miller)** '51 continue to grow older day by day without much change. Wally is busy

working in his ceramics business and is preparing a display of his handmade clocks in Alfred. Details from him at higginswally@yahoo.com.

1953

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Your Class Correspondent **Carol Sheets** writes: "Sorry to start the column with the news that **Carl Peterson** (Lambda Chi) died on Aug. 30. We talked quite a bit five years ago when Carl was in charge of our 50th reunion, and he asked if I would do calling for him. Then he wasn't able to attend due to health at that time. Speaking of reunion, our 55th was June 13 to 15. There were only five of us from the 1953 class (and spouses) or in my case two of my children — **Lynn Kalber** and **Ross Kalber**. Our class was joined together with every class over the 50th (Golden Saxons). We had a President's Council Breakfast, all class Alumni awards picnic, Golden Saxons photo, Saturday afternoon activities, wine tasting, which we all enjoyed (at the former Delta Sig house which has been wonderfully restored), Golden Saxons dinner, dessert extravaganza, and Sunday closing breakfast. We were kept busy the whole time. I'm sorry that more from our class didn't attend.

"I received a long letter from **Marilyn Richard Synnestvedt**, and she said she would certainly like to hear from some of our classmates. She's been busy traveling this past year: Marilyn has been making summer trips (she lives in Oklahoma), starting with a University of Rochester Alumni trip in 2005

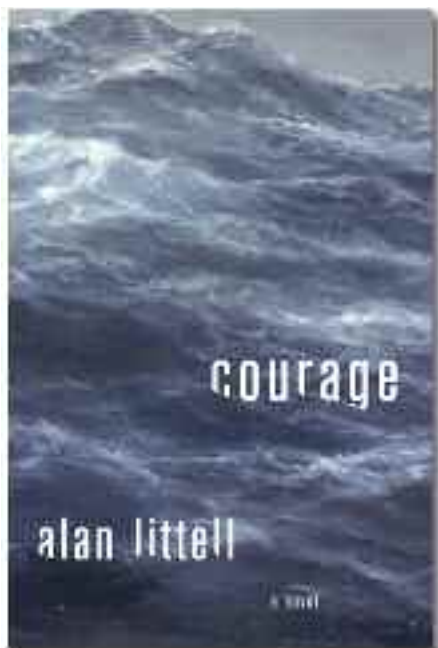
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"Courage" by Alan Littell '53

(she also graduated from the Rochester's Eastman School of Music) to Italy, Austria and Bavaria, and then in 2006 on an Elderhostel trip to the Hudson River Valley in New York. She said one of the instructors, **Lucien Mott**, was an Alfred alum. In 2007, she traveled the Columbia and Snake Rivers on a sternwheeler, and then this year flew to Orlando visiting a museum with Tiffany works of art, including some ceramics. She also visited one of her daughters in Colorado, cliff dwellings in Manitou Springs, etc. Then she drove to Ohio and Pennsylvania and through parts of New York State.

"I would also like to hear from other classmates."

Last spring, **Alan Littell** released "Courage: A Novel of the Sea" a paperback publication released by Brillig Press, owned by Martin Moskof '52.

Since then, Alan was approached by St. Martin's/Dunne to rework the book, described on the jacket as "A powerful novel of a storm at sea and the crew that tried to survive it," which will be released in late November 2008 as a hardback novel called "Courage."

A Sept. 1, 2008 review by Publisher's Weekly reads: "An authentic-feeling ocean adventure, this slim novel is as much about the craft and lifestyle of seafaring as it is of the sea itself. The story involves a cargo ship in distress during a storm 150 miles off the coast of Ireland in the winter of 1950, and a second ship that sends part of its crew on a

rescue mission. The protagonist, John Driscoll, overcomes a childhood fear of the water to follow the path of a life at sea. Throughout the book, Driscoll, who is dispatched to save the shipwrecked crew, comes to symbolize an attraction to the sea felt by many of the salty characters. Littell's affection for the lifestyle is palpable, and he's especially adept at turning mariner jargon into sharp-edged if strangely musical prose. Readers lacking at least a nodding acquaintance with the seagoing life will want to take a pass, but those with saltwater in their veins will not want to pass this up."

1954 AU REUNION YEAR!

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William Tatem, retired from the Composites Division of Lydall, Hoosick Falls, NY, is a deacon at Trinity Church, Watervliet, NY. He, his wife, Sandra, and daughter Catherine, were all ordained deacons in 2006. Bill works part-time as an administrative assistant at St. Andrews' Episcopal Church, Albany, NY.

1955

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Your Class Correspondent writes: "Bob Amdur and his wife Judy along with your class correspondent and wife Mary Jane, enjoyed a return visit to the campus in time to see some of the fall colors on the hillside. Many trips were taken down familiar trails, along with a few new ones. We stayed at the Saxon Inn, a very nice stop in Alfred for those who have not been there. However we did notice the coffee cups were made in China! What a statement on the campus of the best ceramic engineering school in the world.

"President Edmondson was very gracious in making time for two 'old' alumni to share his thoughts and listen to us. A private bell concert was given for us with some of us making it to the top of the tower. I have pictures so you know who at least one of the climbers was.

"A special treat was a tour of Parish Hall (Ag-Tech campus as we remember it); it was

named for Mary Jane's father. We had seen it a number of times, but this was the first time we had an opportunity to get a tour. It was an experience for us as well as the staff to meet some of the family.

"A trip to Niagara Falls followed since Judy had never been there. Since it was my old home town I lead the way, but it has changed in 50+ years. Trips on the Maid of the Mist, and up-close views of the Falls, and good food were enjoyed by all."

Editor's Note: "Had a most pleasant visit in mid-September with your Class Correspondent **Dick Phillips** and fellow alumnus **Bob Amdur**. They stopped in the office while in Alfred visiting old haunts and checking out the campus and downtown. What a treat it was to chat for a few minutes!"

Martin Floch is Diplomat of the Year for 2007 for the Flowood, MS, Chamber of Commerce, and has been elected to a two-year term as one of its directors. Mort and his wife, Sharleen, own and operate Premiere Properties, a real estate company in Brandon, central Mississippi, and have just built a new home there. If you are visiting in the area, give Mort a call. Premiere Properties, Brandon, MS 39047; www.MississippiHomeTours.com; samandmort@aol.com; 601.992.LIST (5478), 601.992.1112 (FAX); 888.992-LIST (toll free)

1956

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Your Class Correspondent writes: "**Stu Berger**, retired from Xerox since June of 2000, has been re-elected president of the Citizens for Better Government in New York, Inc. (CBGNY, Inc.) CBGNY, which is headquartered in Rochester, is a non-partisan group whose mission is to free the processes of New York government of political influence."

1957

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Your **Class Correspondent** writes: "One of the highlights of our 50th reunion was the parade and the fabulous job Pat Fahey, **Joan Harnett** and all the rest of the crew did on our float. A real bonus for me was visiting with **Mary Singleton Tabor** at the Saxon Inn. We hardly knew each other in 1954-55 but by the time the weekend was over I felt that I had known her for years. That was special. Although I do stay in touch with **Sue Schmedes** and **Phil Baker**, it's always fun to spend time with them.

"Just last week, I got a call from **Russ Fahey** and he and Pat were here in Lake Placid for a golf outing. They came over to my place on an island in Lake Placid, we had some drinks (great wine, Russ), and then went for dinner in town. Great to see them again so soon and had it not been for reunion it probably wouldn't have happened."

"After the hustle, bustle, and joy of our 50th class reunion, Bonnie and I have settled down to the nice routine of weekends at our place on Long Beach Island in New Jersey where I test wits with the fish who often win, go crabbing, or just short trips on our pontoon boat in Barnegat Bay. We are (were) looking forward to Labor Day weekend there with Bonnie's family including her 91-year old mother."

Elliott heard from a number of other classmates:

Georgia Jones wrote "A note for the class of 1953 — my sister **Roxanne (Jones)** and husband **Richard Homer '52** are alive and well and still living in their beautiful seafront home in Southwest Harbor, Maine.

From **Stan Ren**: "This has been a most busy year for us. It started with going to my 50th-year class reunion at Alfred where it was extremely enjoyable seeing old classmates and meeting classmates I didn't know at the time because of different fields of study. Participating in the class St. Pat's parade is something my wife and I will never forget nor the CD made of parade and old events so graciously sent us by Alfred. Can't say enough about how accommodating and helpful all Alfred staff and personnel were... I'm hoping that all that attended the 50th had as good a time as my wife and I did and

may the wind always be at their back."

News from **Tom and Norma Klinder**: "In 1957, I took off for Australia for a 12-month holiday. While there I met this lovely lady and got married in 1958 (May 3). We came back to the USA and I finished my senior year at Alfred. We spent the next 12 years moving all over the country during which time we had three kids. Then an opportunity came up with a Canadian glass company to open a plant in Australia. We left for Australia in 1970, having spent a year with the Canadian company in Vernon, British Columbia. Our fourth child was born there so we have three Americans and one Canadian.

"The past 38 years have been spent in Sydney, Australia working mainly in the glass industry. I retired in 1998 and have been enjoying being a lazy 'slob' since then. We do get back to the USA every couple of years to visit our oldest son and his family in Fremont, CA. This year was a bit special as we also spent a day and a long lunch with **Dave and Claire Wilcox** in Fremont. There was lots to catch up on as we hadn't seen them in five years. We couldn't make the reunion as our trip was suddenly planned in early June. We were offered a free house and two cars to use if we lived in the house for the four weeks the owner was in Germany. It worked out very well.

"We have been in contact with **Judy Webber Chase '59** and **Judy and Hal Geller '59** quite recently and over the years have seen **Bill '57** and **Jackie Rhodes '59** here in Sydney.

Phil Lau writes: "It has been a busy summer for us so far. After the reunion at Alfred we had taken two vacation trips abroad. One was an unforgettable cruise to the spectacular fiords and the colorful villages along the Norwegian coast. Besides keeping fit at the Y we have been playing quite a bit of golf and tennis... The reunion was indeed a very well run and enjoyable event for those of us who attended. It was wonderful to see so many of my classmates and good friends **Lyle Slack** and his wife **Beth** and enjoyed the hospitality at their home in Wellsville."

Elliott says **Camille** and **Stan Harris** were to spend two weeks in August at their place on the Atlantic, shortly to be joined for a belated celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary by their three children and four grandchildren. "It's very difficult to coordinate grade school schedules in three states (North Carolina, Arizona, California) at this time of year, so we had to celebrate it late, rather than in May or June. We did

celebrate it with you all in Alfred, of course, and then the Lambda Chi Alpha reunion at the Pocono Manor in early June."

Bruce Boulton reports: "Ann and I have recently returned from Washington, DC where we attended the wedding of our first grandson, **Russell**, who recently returned from Iraq after his 15-month tour with the 1st Infantry Division. He is now in Capt's school at Ft. Sill, OK where I attended my artillery school training. It was a military wedding with an Honor Guard in attendance at Ft. Myers, VA. A moving experience for all who attended.

"I would like to again thank all who helped make our 50th Reunion a memorable experience and encourage all to make an effort to come back to AU at least every other year as part of the Golden Saxons. Our Love to you all with fond memories of our times at Alfred."

From **Jim Sproul**: "A note of interest; **Woody Hausler** has moved from Grand Island, NY to Hattiesburg MS."

Dave Wilcox notes: "**Tinker (Forbes) '57** and I continue our yearlong travels celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary. Our careers have blessed us with opportunities to live in and travel all across the good ole US of A and many parts of the world leaving us with wonderful friends and relatives all across the country and the world. Therefore, rather than burden them with travel to our home in Sun Lakes, AZ for a daylong celebration, we decided to take our 'celebration' to them. Space doesn't permit covering all the wonderful visits we've had but examples include visits with a wonderful Jewish couple in Israel helping **Saadia** celebrate his 80th birthday, travel to Italy with our eldest daughter and son-in-law, joined our class for the 50th reunion at AU, and just returned from an exciting REI adventure travel to Nicaragua with our Guilford, CT-based second oldest grandson. Before returning to our home in the Phoenix, AZ area in October, we will have completed RV travel across Canada, hopefully including a visit with classmates **Al '57** and **Arlene '60 Carsten** in their paradise in Powell River, BC.

Phil Baker reports: "I have traveled to West Africa (Ghana, Mali, Togo and Benin) and especially to the fabled city of Timbuktu! So now I can say that I have visited each of the seven continents (I even enjoyed a scotch on the rocks — the 'rocks' being pure Antarctic ice) along the way. Doing lots of volunteer work for Barack Obama in Virginia."



Four couples who met "through Lambda Chi Alpha gathered this summer for a weekend to reminisce (front, from left) Sherry Volk '66, John Dudley '66, Betty Dudley; (back, from left) Bob Volk '65, Pat Smith, Jay Smith '65, Kathy Wilcox '66, Rodger Wilcox '65.

Lambda Chi Alpha Lakeside Reunion 'We had it all.'

"As we reluctantly parted after a spectacular weekend, someone commented, 'We had it all!' From a quiet time at the head of Seneca Lake near Geneva, where we sat, enjoying each other and the view, to a spectacular thunderstorm, to a candlelight dinner (necessary because power was out at Belhurst Castle), to a lovely boat ride, delicious barbecue...

Four couples who met at Lambda Chi Alpha at Alfred University nearly 50 years ago, became reacquainted and shared the joys and challenges of their lives as Jay '65 and Pat Smith, Rodger '65 and Kathy '66 Wilcox, John '66 and Betty Dudley, and Bob '65 and Sherry '66 Volk met for a delicious weekend hosted by Jay and Pat.

More than six months ago, Jay began sending out e-mails to men who had been brothers at Lambda Chi at the same time he was. A date was set for mid-July and the four brothers mentioned above were the ones able to clear their calendars for the weekend... The hope is that with next year's date already set, July 17-19, 2009, others will be able to schedule the time to meet.

Folks brought photos and we laughed at some of our college years' foibles and admired our young, slim, dark-haired selves ... We played ladder golf, sipped the fruit of the vine and diet drinks, and watched a thunderstorm roar in from across the lake. Saturday evening was capped by a delightful and unusual dinner at Belhurst Castle in Geneva, as the thunderstorm interrupted the power, which was not restored during the time we were there.

Sunday morning was gorgeously blue and white (sky, lake, clouds, sails) as we boarded the Smiths' pontoon boat for a leisurely cruise up the canal to Waterloo. Who would have guessed that we would spot the African Queen (replica) and a canal-side restaurant advertising "Worms," as we chatted, enjoyed the wildlife, and learned more about each others' lives over the years?

Upon our return to the state park where Smiths' boats are moored, we sauntered back to the lakeside, where Jay fired up the grill, and we dined in the sweet summer air, enjoying each other, the sun, the breezes, the lake, and the time. The hope is that next year's gathering will attract more participants and be bigger, though it could hardly be better, as we "had it all" during our fine and pleasurable weekend this year. — Sherry Volk '66

1959 **AU** REUNION YEAR!

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Ken Price had a show — "In the City: Works on Paper" — at the Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo, NY, last winter.

1960

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Barbara Parker writes: "In January 2007 I organized a reunion for Alfred Nurses, class of 1960, aboard Princess Cruises' 'Caribbean Princess,' sailing to the Eastern Caribbean. Attending were: Bobbi (Schanley) and John Parker; Joanne (Kessler) and Tom Ingle '60; Jean (Newman) and Rick Riddle; Suzie (deChristopher) Rossi; Elise (Halsey) Innet (and daughter); Janet (Gobel) and George Grosser; Janet (Nielson) and Marshall Natapoff; Joyce (Harrington) and Rudy Ciritto; Louisa (MacConnell) and Bernie Ivan. A great time was had by all and we look forward to having annual get-togethers."

1961

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The city of Yokahama, Japan's History Archive Museum will display the collection of Stephen J. Levine and Michiko's artifacts generated by the visit of President Theodore Roosevelt's Great White Fleet of 16 battleships to that city in October 1908 at the event's centennial celebration. It will run from August through October 2008 and consists of about 100 artifacts including postcards, medals, pamphlets, photographs, and other commemorative memorabilia. (See story page 14)

Joel Moskowitz's Ceradyne company has opened a factory in China to make molds for solar panels. The company is also developing some cosmetic formulas and is looking to do more in the area of alternative energy.



On a recent trip to Italy, newly acquainted tour companions, Michelle (Miller) De Ritter '74 and Phil Vance '66, soon discovered they had more in common than a love of travel! Here posing with their spouses are (from left) Paul De Ritter and Michelle and Phil and Cindy Vance.

1962

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In May, Robert Klein was awarded an honorary doctor of humanities degree by Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ, prior to his delivery of the commencement speech for the class of 2008. He is currently on a tour of small comedy clubs in preparation for his ninth HBO film.

1963

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Republican Dick Fero ran uncontested last November for a second term from the 1st Ward of the Shelbyville (IN) City Council.

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Joe Fasano '54 visited the "Moving Wall," the traveling replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, DC, when it came to Wellsville, NY, this past spring. He says "It was a breathtaking experience." While there, he did a stone rubbing of Howard J. Schnabol's name.

"I thought that maybe Howie's classmates want to know that someone still cares about him. He was an outstanding person. He lost his life in a helicopter crash while proudly serving his country."

Ben Eisbart is vice president of human resources at OmniSource Corp., Fort Wayne, IN.

Jim Bushman wrote an article in the Feb. 1, 2008 edition of Ceramic Industry entitled "Brick & Clay Record: The Evolution of the Low-Set Brick Plant." He has more than 40 years' experience in the service, engineering, design, and development of kilns. He is currently an independent technical consultant to the brick industry. He can be reached at 412.480.6294 or by e-mail at JimDBushman@yahoo.com.

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Gene Bourne writes: "I am living in Santa Fe, NM and after closing my furniture restoration business of 10 years I am now a realtor, helping people make real estate decisions that will add to the quality of their life. My wife and I enjoy long-distance walking, mostly in England, Scotland, and Wales, including coast to coast. However the last couple of years we are working on the Camino de Santiago, a pilgrimage in northern Spain and hope to finish the final 125 miles next year.

"What really got me to respond ... was the story that included Carlos Chang '02 and his talking about how close-knit and



Still a "team" after all these years! This group of guys who either played or coached basketball at AU from 1961-65 (yes, basketball had been invented by then) gathered on campus during Reunion Weekend 2008 for a "team" photo. They are, from left: (sitting) Henry Landman '63, Joe McLarney '61, Mike Benedict '62, Bob McDonald, Coach Bob Baker; (standing) Pete Rowan '64, Keith Tombs '64, Ed Post '61, Ed Mandell '65, Howie Gabe '65, Coach Cliff Dubreil, and Loren Eaton '63.

personable the AU community is and how after spending time in industry and at larger institutions he has found people to be pompous and condescending. It really made me stop, remember many of my experiences and how fortunate I was in being able to go there; and sad because it is all too true how cold and inhuman some people can be. They may have not been the best years of my life — for they are still to come — but there was a tremendous amount of caring, and when it comes down to it that is all we want." THE WALKING REALTOR, Ask Me Why! 505.660.3954, GEBSF@ATT.NET

Paul Bernhardt of West Goshen, PA, received a National Excellence in Teaching Award from the National Council on Education in Ceramic Arts, Louisville, KY. The award is presented to an individual who has demonstrated excellent teaching skills and who has influenced the careers of students. This is the first time the award has been

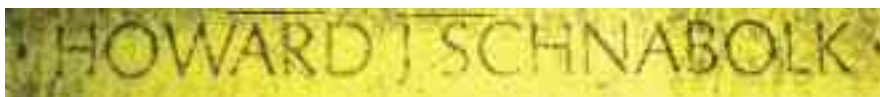
given to a high school teacher. He taught pottery for many years at the Main Line Adult Night School and currently teaches at the Chester Springs Studio. In retirement, he continues to expand his artistic endeavors with classes on figure drawing and plein-air painting while still devoting his time and creativity to clay.

Mary McGuire is the director of women and family services and is responsible for the development and management of Colunnters of America's new emergency family shelter, Rochester, NY.

Peter Johnson was the featured artist at White River Gallery, Montague, MI for the month of September 2008. He has a studio in Fruitland Township where Peter-the-Potter wine goblets, nesting bowls, table accessories, plates, and punch bowls serve as staples in the inventory.

1971

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The stone rubbing of Howard J. Schnabolk's '65 name from the "Moving Wall," the traveling replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, DC



School of Art & Design Dean Joseph Lewis, second from right, was in attendance at the opening presentation of the "Alfred International" MFA exhibition.

AU MFAs featured in Beijing exhibition

"Alfred International," the first-ever Master of Fine Arts exhibition to be held in an international venue, was held at the School of Design, China Central Academy of Fine Arts (CAFA) in Beijing, People's Republic of China in September.

"One of my goals as dean of the School of Art & Design has been to bring more of an international focus and to enhance the international reputation of the school," said Joseph S. Lewis, who has been dean since 2004. "A significant way to do that is to bring the work to other countries, other cultures."

Beijing and the China Central Academy of Fine Arts were logical choices for Alfred University's first international exhibition, said Lewis. Through the efforts of the School of Art & Design faculty, there have been student and faculty exchanges for a number of years with CAFA, including the development of a ceramic program at their City Design campus that is overseen by Lee Somers '99, '06, and connects students with local production factories.

The ground work has been laid to offer an Alfred University Master of Fine Arts degree in electronic integrated art at the school in Beijing, Lewis added. "This is also an excellent learning opportunity for our MFA students, some of whom are on site assisting with the project, to see firsthand how international exhibitions are handled, expand their global awareness, and hone their public speaking skills.

The 2008 MFA graduates whose work is being exhibited include: **Ceramic Art:** Rebecca Chappell, Benjamin DeMott, Paul Donnelly, Elizabeth Emery, Michael Fujita, Mark Hochstedler, Shawn Murrey and Joseph Page; **Glass Art:** Mark Hursty and Jacqueline Knight; **Sculpture:** Joseph Bigley, Dallas Kavanagh and Christopher Purcell; **Electronic Integrated Art:** Zorica Colic, Qiusha Ma, Nicole Rademacher and Moliu Zhang.



Pete Cohon writes that he has closed his San Francisco law office and will be returning to Israel to retire in Tel Aviv (where he spent his junior year abroad at Tel Aviv University) in mid-October 2008. He urges all of his Alfred friends to come visit the State of Israel for the vacation of a lifetime.

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.

He is an elected member of the American Law Institute and a North Carolina commissioner on the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. He also serves as the adviser to Campbell's Moot Court Association and coaches many of Campbell's award-winning appellate Moot Court teams. Richard teaches contracts and commercial law at Campbell.

Columbia River Mental Health Services has appointed **Jeff Kassel** financial officer. He has 20 years' experience in financial management and administration, including 20 years in the nonprofit field.

Bill Riker owns Riker Art Glass in East Providence, RI, and teaches students in the Rhode Island School of Design's continuing education program.

Jackie Grabin is co-president of Arrow Exterminating Co., Inc., Lynbrook, NY. She has a 19-year-old son.

Nancy Cushman owns Seasons Gift Shop in Norwich, NY.

Alfred State College faculty and staff welcomed this year's incoming freshman class of 1,400 students during the 15th annual New Student Convocation. One of the program speakers was **James J. Grillo**, SUNY distinguished teaching professor, ASC Business Technology Department.

1972

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Edward Eberle served as juror for the 2008 Intercollegiate Juried Art Show in the Manderino Library's Gallery of Fine Art at California University of Pennsylvania. Edward has been awarded fellowships from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts and from the National Endowment for the Arts. His work has been published in numerous ceramic references. He is represented by Concept Art Gallery, Pittsburgh; Garth Clark Gallery, New York; and Perimeter Gallery, Chicago.



Getting to and from the festivities during Reunion Weekend 2008 was sometimes half the fun as these alums can attest. Here (from left) Nancy Schafer '77; Kate (Schroeder) Bruce '78; their "driver" Kathleen Ennis, a junior psychology major from Succasunna, NJ; and Mary (Liebel) Shaddock '78 get ready to take off for a trip around campus.



David Keller '72, proud grandfather of two beautiful grandsons.

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Sara Strong has been promoted to director of auctions at WCNY-TV, Syracuse, NY.

Artist **Marilla Palmer** was profiled in an article in the April 1, 2008 edition of *Art News*. She lives in Brooklyn with husband

Peter Zarembo of the rock band the Fleshtones, and their son, Sergei. Her new works were featured in a show last spring at Fringe Exhibitions, Los Angeles.

Piero Fenci presented "Chasing Beauty" to the Nacogdoches Art League, Nacogdoches, TX, last spring.

State University College at Oneonta Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs F. Daniel Larkin recently announced the promotion of **Kay Benjamin** to the rank of associate librarian.

1973

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Ronald W. Kaplan is CEO and director of Trex Co. (outdoor living products), Houston, TX.

Bill Nelson is director of new business development for MacDermid Autotype, manufacturer of high-performance films for the graphic arts industry, Rolling Meadows, IL.

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A new book by **David Gruder**, Ph.D., D.CEP, Integrity Revolution, LLC psychologist and integrity development specialist, recently won two awards. The book, "The New IQ: How Integrity Intelligences Serves You, Your Relationships and Our World," provides a practical antidote to the self-indulgence and abrogation of social responsibility that are the underlying cause of today's massive absence of integrity at all levels of society. To read more about the book and Gruder's awards, go to:
<http://www.prweb.com/releases/2008/06/prweb1004724.htm>

1976

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Paintings by **Aija Sterns**, who has lived in the Charleston, SC area for 15 years, were on display at the Plum Elements Gallery, Charleston, last spring.

Matthew Rothbeind, an attorney with a private practice in Carthage, NC, has been named to the Primer Banco Local Advisory Board. He has lived in Pinehurst, NC for 10 years with his wife, Barbara, and their two daughters, Elizabeth and Jessica.

John F. Sperling, MD, was elected vice president of the Medical Executive Committee of Faston-St. Luke's Healthcare, Utica, NY. He is with the Mohawk Valley Surgical Associates PLLC, New Hartford, NY, with practice limited to general and vascular surgery.

1977

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Terrance J. Hogan was promoted to senior vice president and general manager of Aleris

International, Inc., a global leader in aluminum rolled products and extrusions, aluminum recycling and specification alloy production, headquartered in Beachwood, Ohio, a suburb of Cleveland.

Artist and educator **Neil Tetkowski** was honored at the first Distinguished Alumni Awards ceremony at Grand Island (NY) High School. He is director of the art galleries at Kean University, Union, NJ. He also is 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.

He writes: "I've been working in the studio all summer preparing for my upcoming solo exhibition of all new ceramic sculpture ... in Manhattan at HPGRP Gallery ... in the Meatpacking District."

David D. Gibbons was appointed special adviser to the chairman and CEO of Promontory Financial Group, a global consulting firm for financial services companies headquartered in Washington, DC.

Current work by artist **Ira Sapir** was on display last winter at Rosenthal Fine Art, Chicago.

1978

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Ron Sofo, the first graduate of the MS.Ed. College Student Development program at AU and currently superintendent of the Freedom Area School District, Freedom, PA,

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had a solicited manuscript published in the Harvard Educational Review entitled, "Beyond NCLB and AYP: One Superintendent's Experience of School District Reform," volume 78, number 2, summer 2008. The article, based upon five years of successful teacher-led school reform initiatives, argues that schools need bottom-up solutions more than top-down mandates if they are to prepare all students to meet 21st century workforce demands and academic standards. The essay offers a window into the complex process of instructional reform at the classroom, school, and district levels. Ron has also co-authored a book, entitled "No Bad School: On the High Road to Educational Reform," 2005, Bangor ME: Booklocker Digital Press.

Evan Goldstein and his wife, Christine, have taken over the ownership of the East Moriches Wine & Liquor Store. Evan remains owner of Evan Goldstein Horticultural Enterprises.

Akio Takamori was featured in an article, "Glazes of Glory," which appeared in the Jan. 1, 2008 edition of *Art & Antiques*.



"The Wedding," a sculpture by Varda Yatom '88, was displayed in The Art Show of the Art Dealer's Association of America, Park Avenue Armory, New York, Feb. 21-25, 2008.

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Arnie Zimmerman presented a lecture on his work and influence this summer at the Archie Bray Residence Center, Helena, MT. He has had numerous one-person exhibitions in the United States and Europe,

and his work is permanently held by major museums across the United States, Europe, and Asia.

Jillian Barron is president-elect of the Washington (state) Defense Trial Lawyers. She is a shareholder with Sebris Busto James of Bellevue, WA. She assists employers in developing effective legally compliant employment policies and resolving problems.

1980

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Your Class Correspondent, **Mark Brostoff**, was awarded the Outstanding Teaching Award from the Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs for the 2007-08 academic year. Mark is an adjunct faculty member specializing in health care marketing, government operations, and emergency management.

New Fairfield's Sculpture Barn, fast emerging as one of Western Connecticut's most innovative centers of fine art, brought together the multi-generational works of Glenn Zweygardt, AU professor of sculpture emeritus; Philip Douglas Heilman; and the Barn's own **David Boyajian**, to focus on construct, discipline, and the territory of invention. "EVOLUTION CONSTRUCTED," ran June 14-Aug. 23, 2008 at the Sculpture Barn which combines a gallery, sculpture field, and contemporary sculpture classes in David's atelier. David founded the Sculpture Barn five years ago

with his partner. His current studio assistant **Matt Rink '07**, also exhibiting in the sculpture field, joined him and Zwegardt for an "Artist Walk & Talk" on July 20.

Sheila Caulkins is chief of staff in the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office.

Mark L. Whitman is York (PA) City Police Commissioner.

1981

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In the July 11, 2008 edition of the *Frederick (MD) NewsPost*, reporter Marge Neal writes: "As an undergraduate student at Alfred University in New York, Frederick resident **Stephen K. Heine** appreciated the importance and value of community service." To read the full article featuring Steve, go to:

www.fredericknewspost.com/sections/news/display.htm?StoryID=77377. Steve was recently named to the AU Board of Trustees.

Kathleen Barrett is a member of the team of professionals at Lois Schneider Realtor, Summit, NJ. Kathy has five children ranging in age from 11 to 22.

Paul Willsea and **Carol O'Brien** operate Willsea-Martin Studios from their home in the Bristol Hills near Canandaigua, NY. Their signature pieces are Pyramid bowls and vases.



During a visit to campus to deliver the Scholes Lecture, Kathleen Richardson '82, right, was joined by AU Trustee Beth Judson, left, and Alexis Clare, professor of glass science.

1982

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Jeanne Hickey writes: "Just a note to say how much my husband, my classmate **Kay Vigiani**, her husband and I all enjoyed the alumni event (Aug. 13, 2008) featuring the Rochester (NY) Red Wings at Frontier Stadium. The buffet and seat selections were both wonderful and I'm sure everyone

present had a great time. Many thanks to all those who worked so hard to put on this program. Be assured that it was a great success."

Kathleen Richardson, director of the School of Materials Science and Engineering at Clemson University, was elected to the grade of Fellow of the Society of Photo-Optical Instrumentation Engineers (SPIE). SPIE Fellows are recognized for making outstanding contributions in the field of optics, electro-optics or related scientific, technical or engineering areas.

Kathleen also presented the annual Alfred University Samuel R. Scholes Award Lecture on campus last spring and was given the Scholes Award.

Marion Belanger's "Continental Drift/Iceland" photographs were displayed in an exhibit at the Scandinavian Folk Festival this summer in Jamestown, NY. Marion received American Scandinavian Foundation and Guggenheim fellowships to photograph Iceland's geothermal sites.

Lynn Newcomer became principal of Woodland Elementary School, Cameron County (PA) School District, last winter. He has 26 years of service in the district, mostly as a Spanish teacher and the last few years as assistant high school principal.

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Carol Urbaitis is dean of Students Services and Enrollment Management at Finger Lakes Community College, Canandaigua, NY.

For the first showing of the school year, Olin Art Gallery, Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio, welcomed an artist with a wide range of interests and media as **Mary Jo Bole** presented "Through the Hourglass." To read a full report on her art and show, go to: <http://media.www.kenyoncollegian.com/media/storage/paper821/news/2008/09/11/Ae/Death.Examined.In.Hourglass-3426429.shtml>

1983

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At its 44th commencement exercises last spring, Jefferson Community College awarded State University of New York (SUNY) Chancellor's Awards to

School of Engineering alumni: opinions please

Alumni who received an undergraduate engineering degree at Alfred University are asked to go to engineering.alfred.edu/survey to fill out an online survey about their educational and career experiences. The survey is being conducted by the Kazuo Inamori School of Engineering as part of its efforts for continuous assessment and improvement. Input from this survey is an important part of the School's accreditation efforts. Five of the engineering programs (Ceramic Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Glass Engineering Science, Materials Science & Engineering and Mechanical Engineering) are currently accredited by ABET, the main accreditation body for engineering programs. Our sixth program, Biomedical Materials Engineering Science, will seek accreditation for the first time during the next cycle in 2011-12. The survey will run through Jan. 30, 2009.

distinguished faculty and staff, including **Matthew R. Lambert** of Watertown. Matthew, student support counselor in the Advising, Career and Counseling Center, received the Chancellor's Award for Professional Service.

David Dahlquist of Des Moines, IA, has been commissioned by the Wisconsin Arts Board Percent for Arts Committee on campus to create a project consisting of a row of lighted pillars, inspired by the "sticking tommies" (candle-like devices used by early lead miners) to line the entrance to Ullsvik Hall at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville.

Eddie Dominguez's ceramic sculpture and prints were on display this past summer in "Cultural Landscapes," at the Wyoming State Museum, Cheyenne. He is an assistant professor of ceramics at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.



Rachel Goldenberg '95 married Andrew Schiller on May 24, 2008. AU alums on hand included (from left) Lynn (Peters) Telford '95, Victoria Rentz '94 (maid of honor), the bride, Ellen Sawtell '95 (bridesmaid), Sidney Cherubin '96, and Jennifer Swinton '95.

1984 REUNION YEAR!

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Dr. Susan Rogers is executive vice president and general manager of WXXI (public broadcasting radio and TV), Rochester, NY. In addition to her responsibilities at WXXI, Susan is an advisory board member of the Women's Leadership Center at AU, an industrial advisory board member for the Department of Information Technology at Rochester Institute of Technology, and a member of the board of directors for Women Helping Girls of the American Association of University Women. She is also an instructor at the University of Rochester where she teaches a class on "Broadcasting in the Digital Age." She resides in Brighton with her husband Scott. They have two sons, Kit, 20, and Greg, 23.



Tracy Hyde married Jebb Remlius on July 26, 2008. On hand for the event were (from left) Jason Sargenti '98, Tracy, Jaimee (Hall) Blaskovitz, and Erica (Manville) Tawes, all class of 1997.

Rachel Lutz Jessup is banking officer and branch manager for NBT Bank of Oneonta (NY). She is a board member for the Future of Oneonta Foundation, treasurer and active member of Main Street Oneonta, and a member (first female) of the Oneonta Rotary Club. She lives in Oneonta with her twin daughters, Kacey and Jamie, and her son, Andrew.

Kevin Stirnweis owns Light Design Neon in Chelsea, MA. With sales of neon signs plummeting, he says it's a tough time to be in the neon business. He was featured in an article which appeared last spring in the *Boston Globe*.

Gregory Cole was one of 11 alumni honored by Jamestown (NY) Community College as one who has distinguished himself as an educator. He is an information technology instructor at Erie 2-Chautauqua-Cattaraugus BOCES. He also manages leadership competitions for Skills USA. He is a member of the Tri-County BOCES Education Association and active in the Dunkirk-Fredonia Lions Club, Northern Chautauqua Soccer League, Habitat for Humanity, and Rails to Trails.

Richard Dolan was mentioned as among the "giants in the field of Ufology who have crafted and molded it, who have brought the scientific method to bear" in an August 2008 article: "UFOLOGY — Cult Lifestyle or Scientific Discipline," which appeared in *The American Chronicle*. In the article, Ufology is described as "the scientific study of unidentified aerial phenomena and extraterrestrial entities and their technology, sociology, psychology, and purpose for the benefit of Mankind."

1985

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Carrie Stewart and Greg Leshé, two artists from South Orange, NJ, have transformed their shared passion for art and antique collecting into a new business venture named Stewart Leshé Collections, LLC.
www.stewartleshe.com

Kristin Barrett-Anderson writes: "Finally writing a first-ever report to Alfred on what we're doing ... married to **Michael-Dean Anderson '86** ... Yes, we met at Alfred in the Performing Arts Department. He was directing, I was acting, he cast me in a play and the rest is history. Kids: Rachel Anderson (21) and Maxwell (19)... I work for John and Bezie Madden of Cazenovia, NY. Bezie is an Olympic Gold-Medalist Equestrian Show Jumper and John is her trainer. They travel all over the world, all year long and compete at the top events while purchasing and training young horses along the way. Bezie returned to the Olympics in Beijing (actually Hong Kong for the equestrian events) after competing on the U.S. Gold Medal Team in Athens 2004. It is an incredible place to go to work (I manage the business out of the office/stables in Cazenovia, NY) and these are wonderful people to work for.

"Six years ago, we started the Syracuse Invitational Sporthorse Tournament. Every fall we bring the best show jumpers in the world to Syracuse to compete for over \$400,000 in prize money. It is an enormous

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Recognize your classmates' achievements

The Alumni Association presents awards annually at Reunion to alumni and friends of the University who have contributed to Alfred, their workplace and society in general. Please help us recognize those individuals for their efforts and achievements by nominating them for an Alumni Association Award.

Nomination forms are available for download at www.alfred.edu/alumni/awards.html. Nominations are due by Jan. 1, 2009.

- **Alumni Award for Distinguished Achievement** – given to honor alumni whose achievements in their profession, career or avocational pursuits or service to society bring honor and distinction to AU.
- **Alumni Award for Distinguished Service** – given to alumni in recognition of loyalty and commitment in service to Alfred University.
- **Abigail Allen Award for Service to Women** – given to honor an Alfred alumnus/a in recognition of distinctive career achievement, community service, or avocational pursuits that have improved the quality of women's lives.
- **Lillian T. Nevins Award for Lifetime Service to Alfred University** – given to honor alumni who have rendered outstanding service to Alfred University.
- **Honorary Alumnus/a Recognition Award** – given to a non-graduate in recognition of interest, allegiance and service to Alfred University and alumni, that the recipient may be evermore one of us.

Nominations may be forwarded to the Alumni Relations Office, Welcome Center, One Saxon Drive, Alfred, NY 14802. You may e-mail nominations to alumni@alfred.edu or fax your information to 607-871-2391. Please contact us with any questions at 607-871-2144. We thank you for your support and assistance!

event of competition, receptions, clinics, demonstrations, shows, and fanfare – where performing arts, stage, and production education definitely come into play.

“Michael went on from Alfred to get his master's degree in health and physical education and will be starting his 17th year as a teacher and coach at his high school alma mater, Jamesville-Dewitt. Now that the kids are not kids anymore, he's finding more time for acting in regional theater during the summer months.”

Steve Loucks is faculty adviser for the Jacksonville (AL) State University Potters Guild.

Virginia Scotchie, professor of art at the University of South Carolina who teaches ceramics, presented a program this fall as part of the annual Tuminello Visiting Artist Lecture Series at McNeese State University, Lake Charles, LA.

Lynn Dixon-Noone, RN, is director of risk management at Robert Packer Hospital, Sayre, PA.

Susan Munyon, marketing assistant for Saint-Gobain Ceramics, in Worcester, MA, has been named a Fellow by the International Microelectronics and Packaging Society.

1986

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Chautauqua County (NY) Sheriff **Joseph A. Gerace** was honored with the Good Scout Award by the Allegheny Highlands Council, Boy Scouts of America. Joe lives in West Ellicott with his wife, Gina, and their seven children.

An article appearing in the April 16, 2008 edition of the *Loudonville (NY) Spotlight* noted that **Deidre Gatta** “is transforming everyday objects into pieces of art one room at a time. She owns Artistic Designs by Deidre which serves residential and commercial clients and offers a variety of services from design consulting to plater finishes and studio art. She lives in Bethlehem, NY, with her husband and two teen-age daughters.

Patricia A. Smith has joined the James Prendergast Library Board of Trustees, Jamestown, NY. Patricia is president of Management Strategies, a management-consulting and capacity-building organization which works primarily with non-profits.

Mike Talbot is sanitation supervisor for the city of Auburn, NY.

Bill Pilat, head men's lacrosse coach, is in his 21st season on the Roanoke (VA) College sidelines. He lives in Roanoke with his wife, Diana, and their 14-year-old twins, Emily and Will.

1987

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Mark Dillon writes: “First, a sad note. **Michael Kessler '84** passed away in June. Mike was a Lambda Chi Alpha brother. He suffered from a respiratory problem. He is survived by his mother, ex-wife, and four children. Michael was a very unique individual with a huge heart and hilarious sense of humor. He will be sorely missed by many.

“On a more positive note, **Rob Schilling '90** joined me at Bio Med Sciences. Rob and I are both Lambda Chis. Rob is operations manager for the company while I remain president. You can see www.silon.com for more details about Bio Med. Rob had been working in the glass industry since getting his ceramic engineering degree. We both live in Lehigh Valley (PA) and had been in touch off and on over the years. We ran into each other at a restaurant — he was looking to make a career shift and I was looking for someone to help manage the day-to-day tasks of running my business. We are both very pleased with the new relationship.”



Members of the class of '99 now residing down south got together for Labor Day weekend. In on the group photo were (front row, from left) Shannon and Drew Hamilton; Rick, Cameron, and Shaunna Tobin; Rebecca Hellinger; and (back row, from left) Dan, Kinsey, and Cole Hamilton; Ally, Josh, Luke, and Chris Markotich; and Thuy and Russ Patterson.

Linda Crumb is interim vice president of patient services at Cayuga Medical Center, Ithaca, NY.

Nitin Padture, professor of materials science and engineering at Ohio State, and his team are developing a technology to coat jet engine turbine blades with zirconium dioxide, commonly called zirconia, the stuff of synthetic diamonds, which will combat high-temperature corrosion.

Patricia Andrews '87, '90 writes: "I have opened a new practice in Ithaca, NY at Tioga Place (www.spiralenterprises.4t.com) in the commons as a psychiatric nurse counselor. Referrals are always welcome. Also I have four grandchildren now from 8 years to 18 months of age. (three boys and one girl). I live in Spencer, NY and have a companion, Hank Laman. I am known to many under my married name (Nowetner), now back to maiden name (Andrews). E-mail me, love to hear from you. Patricia_376@msn.com

1988

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Babcock Galleries exhibited art work by the internationally renowned sculptor **Varda**

Yatom in The Art Show of the Art Dealer's Association of America at New York's Park Avenue Armory Feb. 21-25, 2008.

Brent Bruun is vice president for business development for KVH Industries, Inc., Middletown, RI.

Julia Galloway is associate professor and chairman of the School for American Crafts at Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, N.Y.

1989 REUNION YEAR!

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Class Correspondent **Andrew Weller** reports that he is the new dean of admission at Cheshire Academy, a grade six-12 boarding and day school in Connecticut. He now lives in New Haven.

He also reports that **Cathy Bissoon** was installed as magistrate judge of the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania on Aug. 1, 2008. She was director and former group head of the law firm Cohen & Grigsby's labor and employment practice group in their Pittsburgh, PA office.

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Kyle Reicher was profiled in the June 2008 edition of California Home + Design magazine. He owns and operates Ferrous Studios which employs 10 metalworkers in Oakland, CA.

Twenty-five sculptural pieces, ranging widely in size, texture, shape, and emotional impact, by **John Bisbee** were featured last winter in an exhibit entitled "Bright Common Spikes," at the Portland (Maine) Museum of Art. The sculptures were all made from one type of object, ordinary nails of all sizes known in the building trade as bright common nails.

Kerstin Nichols was selected as the featured craftsperson for the 2008 Traveling Exhibition of the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen Retail Galleries. She is juried in metal and creates unique jewelry and sculptures that reflect her passion for nature and natural processes. Her display, entitled "Intimate Details and Continuing Conversations," was on view during the month of June. Kerstin has run the metal program and studio in the League's education department, Craftstudies in Hanover, NH, since 1991.

"Reach," a public sculpture by **Mark Warwick** was unveiled on DePauw University's East College lawn in Greencastle, IN last fall.

"**Charlie Raptis** used to be a corporate man, but he is now excited about being a diner gentleman." That's how an article in *The Sun News*, posted on MyrtleBeachOnline.com begins. Charlie, the father of four, is set to open Prince Creek Diner in Murrells Inlet, SC, this October. Folks in and around his neighborhood are already coming by to read his sample menu posted at The Shoppes at Tournament Boulevard at 11907 S.C. 707, where the eatery will be. To read the full article, go to: <http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/living/food/story/570764.html>

Jeff Mora and **Michelle (Cheeseman) Mora '93** had a baby girl named Lia in September 2007. "Joshua, 4, is a great big brother."

1991

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Jasmine Lellock '00 and Josh Hertz '99 trekked the Inca Trail in Peru this past summer.

Dr. Christopher Moretti has been promoted to full professor in the Mathematics Department at Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, OK, where he has been a faculty member since 1997.

Video artist **Torsten Zenas Burns**, whose work has been screened nationally and internationally, teaches in the new media program at Purchase College State University, Purchase, NY. He curated "Hhorrautica," a video program for the 2008 Stuttgarter Film Winter Festival for Expanded Media.

1992

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The Rev. **Dr. Paul Samuel Briggs** is pastor of Antioch Baptist Church, Bedford Hills, NY.

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Your Class Correspondent writes: "Doug '93, '94 and I welcomed a little girl, Haley

Elizabeth, into the world on March 19, 2008. She joins her brother, Derek, who is 3."

Tracy also reports: "**Vaughn Matacale** and Sarah had a daughter, Morgan Elizabeth, Feb. 15, 2008. She joins her brother, Mitchell Evan, who is 2 years old. Vaughn has a new job as a physician with University Health Systems in Greenville, NC."

Sculptor **Monika Kaden** presented her work at: CASA Contemporary Fine Art, Santa Fe, NM, this past summer. "When Casa de Estrellas bed-and-breakfast owner Jay Payne took a television crew to the Shidoni Foundry for a look-see, he ran into Monika. He fell in love with her graceful sculptures of dancing women and invited her to exhibit in his fledgling gallery ..."

Frank Bai-Rossi is assistant principal at Penfield High School, Penfield, NY.

Scott Crist is Cattaraugus County Bank Jamestown (NY) branch manager and vice president of business development and lending. Scott and his wife, Shelly, live in Bemus Point, NY, with their two children.

James Klein and partner David Reid, who operate design and production studio KleinReid, were featured in a February 2008 article, "Thinking Through Design," which appeared in *Ceramic Monthly*.

1994 REUNION YEAR!

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Mark Klinger is a partner in DirectBuy of Buffalo, NY. He lives in Cheektowaga, NY, with his wife, Sabrina, and son Brayden.

David Oliver is the new principal of East Middle School, Auburn, NY, the school he attended as a child.

Matthew Green is a partner in Mengel, Metzger, Barr & Co. LLP, serving clients in Elmira and Ithaca, NY. He is the commissioner and a coach for the StarWish Baseball League, an organization devoted to those ages 5-21 who have disabilities that prevent them from playing or being successful in a typical league. He is also treasurer and executive board member of Five Rivers Council Boy Scouts.

Lori (Hirsch) '94 and **Aaron Henry '95** had a little girl, Jossalyn Elisabeth, on Feb. 20, 2008. Jossalyn joins her two big brothers Jonathan and Bradley.



Mark Klinger '94

1995

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Seth D. Finkell has joined Lemery Greisler LLC, Albany/Saratoga Springs, NY, as a principal attorney with the firm's corporate and business law practice.

AU Alumni **Samantha Henneke**, **Bruce Gholson '97**, and **Cynthia Bringle '64** joined top North Carolina Potters to celebrate North Carolina Heritage Weekend June 5-8. Selected pottery artists exhibited their work in the lobby of the Progress Energy Center for Performing Arts, Raleigh, NC.

A Martin Dibner Memorial Fellowship in fiction has been awarded to **Ben Kostival** of Saco, Maine. The Maine Community Foundation awards the fellowships annually to promising Maine writers seeking to develop their writing skills. To read the full write-up, go to:
<http://www.alfred.edu/pressreleases/viewrelease.cfm?ID=4855>

1996

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Giovina M. Lloyd '96, '97 has been named acting vice president for business and finance at AU. She had served as assistant vice

president since July 2004. For the past year and a half Giovina has also performed independent consulting work.

Heather Jones, instructor of fine arts, has been appointed to the Genesee Community College, Batavia, NY, faculty.

1997

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Tracy Hyde was married to **Jebb Remelius** on July 26, 2008, in Cohasset, MA. She writes: "I've been teaching middle school science for six years after getting my master's at UMass-Amherst. I am living in Northampton, MA. I came here eight years ago because it reminded me of Alfred, green hills and artists. I love it! It was great to spend the weekend with my Alfred friends and spend more time with their kids, Fritz Blaskovitz, 6, and Ella Tawes, 1 1/2. I'd love to catch up with people so drop me an e-mail : tracyhyde@gmail.com.

Alfred grads **Devin Krug** and **Peira Moinester** have released a new album with their band In Flight Radio. "The Sound Inside" can be purchased on iTunes, Amazon, and BestBuy.com. *Filter-Mag* says "Brooklyn quartet In Flight Radio's blend of angular, atmospheric alt-rock has been perfected on their sophomore effort 'The Sound Inside.'" The band tours the East Coast regularly with shows in Boston, Philly, upstate New York, New York City, and more. For music and info go to Myspace:
<http://www.myspace.com/inflightradio>

Andrew Fogarty Esq. has joined the New York Health Plan Association as director of government affairs.

1998

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Your Class Correspondent reports: "My sorority sister, **Rachel**, and her husband, **Brian '96**, were blessed with another son! Logan Riley Kenyon was born Jan. 30, 2008. He weighed in at 7 lbs. 7 oz., 20 inches." Rachel says: "Big brother Nathan turned 2 in May and loves being a helper.

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Logan is growing so much faster than Nathan did that I fear the 'little brother' title won't always belong to the younger one. Brian is celebrating his 10th anniversary with Vesuvius (Pittsburgh). He doesn't travel as much, but is still scheduled to go to China in July. He's now a senior research associate and works with several other AU grads, including **Joe Atria**, **Mike Tindale**, **Mark Snyder**, **Mike Wallace**, and **Timothy Nedimyer**.

Natalie wrote: "I got to see both boys during Reunion, and am excited! It'll be a mini-Omicron Spring 1996 Pledge Class Reunion: Me, Rach and **Jenn Goehle**. They are coming with two children each — Jen has two girls, and I'm hoping I can introduce Izzy-Bell, our English bulldog to the group!"

"This is the first time I have written into Class Notes, ever," writes **Rachel (Smith) Buono**. "My career has been in the field of purchasing, starting with Philips Lighting (Bath, NY), Whirlpool Corp. (St. Joseph, MI), and is now at The AES Corp. (Ithaca, NY). I work as a regional sourcing manager leveraging large dollar spends in our 10 power plants to obtain optimal pricing, savings, and terms and conditions.

"I married Sean Buono on Jan. 20, 2007. We had a small ceremony in Corning, NY, and **Alissa (Dodds) Green '99** was the lone AU alumnus in attendance! Sean and I live in Big Flats, NY, raising his 11-year-old daughter and riding our 100th Anniversary Harley Davidson Fat Boy every chance we can."

Jeff Schmuki is visiting associate professor of ceramics at DePauw University, Greencastle, IN. He recently received a Pollock-Krasner Foundation grant.



Rachel Smith '98 married Sean Buono on Jan. 20, 2007.



Evelyn Faulkner '06 married Edward Bysiek III on June 21, 2008, in Olean, NY. Dozens of Alfred friends were on hand for the event and gathered for a group photo. They are: (front row, from left) Soojye Pusateri '06; Kim Donius; Yasmin Green '07; Bonnie McDermott '06; Dr. Laura Greyson, professor, AU Social Sciences Department; the bride; Ann Faulkner; Dr. Nancy VanKuren '80; Sarah Williams; (second row, from left) Amanda Jones '08; Dominick Fiordimalva '06; Bonnie Ye '06; Dejoran Campbell '06; Nina Belfield '06; Dr. Charles M. Edmondson, AU president; Dianne Kruse '80; (third row, from left) Jeremy Stephens '06; Amanda Pinto '05; Dr. Brian Pinto '06; Meagan O'Brien '08; Tim Faulkner '04; and Mark Williams '78.

Julia Galloway is associate professor and chairman of the School for American Crafts at Rochester (NY) Institute of Technology.

Jason Gray, whose collection of poems "Photographing Eden: Poems" will be published in October 2008 by Ohio University Press/Swallow Press is winner of the 2008 Hollis Summers Poetry Prize. His poems were selected from about 500 submissions. Jason, journals manager for Ohio State University Press, is the first Ohioan to win the prize, established in 1997. He co-edits the online journal Unsplendid (www.unsplendid.com).

Neal Fegan sculpts velocipedes, vehicles usually having two or three wheels propelled by a rider. Neal has been building the steel-tubed cycles in Big Sky, MT for two years. He creates his works under the name Montana Transport Authority. He was featured in an article, "Reinventing the Wheel," which appeared last spring in the Bozeman (MT) *Daily Chronicle*, prior to his move to Portland, OR. You can see and read more about his works at www.montanatransitauthority.com.

1999 AU REUNION YEAR!

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Class Correspondent **Mike Christakis** heard from **Rebecca Hellingner**: "I've been working at FirstHealth of the Carolinas in Pinehurst, NC for over three years now as an operations analyst focused on labor productivity and decided it was time for another life challenge. After a confusing application process (it was so much easier going straight from high school to undergrad!) I started grad school at UNC-Chapel Hill in August and am trying to get back in school mode after nine-plus years. I'm going for my MHA - master's in healthcare administration. I've been working in health care for 12 years and it seemed like

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the right time to further my education. I've always talked about getting my master's - now I'm actually doing it! It will take three-plus years part-time, mostly online, but there are required days on campus at the start of each semester. I still expect to have a busy social life, although my travels might be somewhat limited now ...

"Speaking of travels, I was in Connecticut, New Jersey, and New York in July and saw Wendy (Volk) Chadbourne, Nicole (White) Kennedy and Yantee and Rachel (Sosland) Slobert. In North Carolina, I continue to see Chris and Ally (Heitzman)

a regular basis. I also saw Russ and Thuy Patterson and Dan and Shannon (Ervey) Hamilton over Labor Day weekend. So many benefits of living in the sunny south!"

Alleghany Meadows was featured in an article which appeared this spring in *The Philadelphia Inquirer* entitled "Art hits the road, and sells." The article details how mobile galleries are allowing artists to take their work to the people. Alleghany's "gallery" is a converted 1967 Airstream trailer.



Stephanie Forsey '04 married Jake Martin '04 on Aug. 11, 2007. Many AU friends were in attendance. They included: (front row, from left) Jen Baltrush '03; Michlene Miller '04; the bride, Stephanie (Forsey) Martin; Jacob Martin '04; Gabrielle (Gaustad) Povelaites '04; Laura Mirabito '04; (second row, from left) Andrew Hurd '03; Matthew Kleehammer (AU student freshman year 2000-01); Melodie Schmitt '04; (third row, from left) Matthew McNamera '04; Becca Sorkin '04; Matthew Gifford '03; Brad Coyle '04; Darren Manter '04; Michael Nicholas '04; Jeffrey Povelaites '04; Doran Sheftall '05; Patrick Bell '04; Charles Brit '04; Matthew Hall '00; and Harlan Brown-Shaklee '04. Markotich and Rick and Shaunna Tobin on

2000

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Your Class Correspondent Jasmine Lellock and Josh Hertz '99 moved to Delaware, where Josh will be a professor at the University of Delaware. They prepared for the move by trekking the Inca Trail in Peru in August. Jasmine is still working on her Ph.D. in English at the University of Maryland.

Jasmine heard from Mike Pellicciotti who reports that: "my sister, Anne Pellicciotti '12, started her first day of classes today (8/25/08) at Alfred."

She also reports: "Jillian Kule '01 and Joseph 'Benny' Benedict '02 have announced their engagement. A June ('08) wedding was scheduled at Peek 'n Peak Resort.

And she also reports that Scott and Mary Beth (Bruder)

Ryfun welcomed their first son on Jan. 28, 2008.

"Tyler is now 7 months old, 20 lbs, and a total beach baby. We are loving parenthood, even with no sleep!" says Mary Beth.



Tyler Ryfun

Deborah Pickering '03 also wrote in to Jasmine. "I do have an update on my life. I married Adam Mendzef on June 7, 2008 in Sodus Point, NY. Also, we had a son, Colin Richard. He was born on June 28, 2007."

Brad Gigliotti writes he is an assistant lacrosse coach at the University of Michigan for the Men's Varsity Club Team. "I have been there for six years and this year we won our first-ever national championship in the MCLA (Men's Collegiate Lacrosse

Association). It completed a perfect season of 20-0.

"Outside of coaching I have also completed my master's in teaching of physical education at Wayne State University in Detroit, MI. I spent this past year substitute teaching looking for that opportunity to get my foot in the door for a long-term job.

"... I will be getting married to Bridget Hogan on June 28, 2008. Interesting Note — I proposed to her after an Alumni Lacrosse game this last fall on Merrill Field."

Tresta Wightman is an art teacher in the Unadilla (NY) Valley School District.

"**Packard Jennings: The Pitch of Dissent**" was on display last winter at Catharine Clark Gallery, San Francisco.

Corrine Malloy writes: "Helena Marie Malloy was born on June 3, 2008, to **Corrine (Brink) Malloy** and **Christopher Malloy** of Fort Collins, CO." Corrine is operations manager for Scott Barber, Inc., a men's sportswear company in Loveland, CO, and Christopher is owner of Malloy Patina Studio, a bronze patination studio, also in Loveland, CO.

Work by The Ladies Auxiliary was featured in "Resurgemus," at Cornell University last spring. The Ladies Auxiliary is a women's organization dedicated to preserving and promoting the homely aesthetic. Its founding members are AU Art School Alumnae **Mrs. Eyre (Sarah Snow)**, **Mrs. Klein (Erin McNally)**, and **Mrs. Orienter (Leila Nelson)**.

2001

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Alice Zebracki '01 married **Rob Stage** in Buffalo, NY. A number of friends from both Alfreds — AU and ASC — were on hand: **Mike Clements (ASC)**, **Carmen Andrews '00**,



A number of Alfred alums attended the June 7, 2008 wedding of Deborah Pickering '03 and Adam Mendzef. Gathering for a group photo were (from left) Jen Hyde '04; Leigh (Damiano) Strait '03; the bride, Deb (Pickering) Mendzef '03; Colin Mendzef (son of bride and groom); Brian Strait '03, Adam Mendzef (groom); Allison Rieck '02, and Brandi Backus '03.

Sean and Kelly (Johnson) Scherr, Jenn (Knapp) Woodhams '00, **Matthew Woodhams, Jill Woodhams '04**, **Nikki DiCarlo '01**, **Beth Merrill '01**, **Alice and Rob, Paul Podsiadlo (ASC)**, **Jim Proulx (ASC)** and **John Enright (ASC)**.

Class Correspondent Kizzy Parks heard from **Alice (Zebracki) Stage**. "I moved out to Milwaukee last year when I got a promotion at work. (Alice is the order services manager for Cooper Power Systems, handling North American markets.) In April I came back to Buffalo (NY) to get married! Yes — I'm a married woman now. I married **Rob Stage** (the internship coordinator for Herzing College) — he's from Horseheads (NY), but he lives in Milwaukee now too (he moved out here just after I did). We got married at St. Martin's in Buffalo and we went on a very fun and relaxing cruise to Key West and Cozumel for a week. The wedding was absolutely perfect! A little rain, but I hear that's good luck. **Sean Senhouse '01** and **Beth Merrill '01** were in the wedding ceremony.

Korean Artist Hoon Lee explored one of his native country's oldest and most sacred art forms in the opening show of the season this fall at the Grand Valley State University Art Gallery, Allendale, MI. "Function or Submarine: New Work by Hoon Lee" was a look at ancient and modern techniques in ceramics. Lee has been the ceramics program

coordinator of the Art and Design Department at Grand Valley State since 2004.

2002

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Michael Jones McKean reports: "In the last 18 months I have had solo exhibitions in New York City, Miami, Houston, Kansas City, Chicago, and Italy. My work has appeared and been reviewed in such noted publications as *Art Papers*, *Flash Art*, and *The New York Times*. I was recently awarded an Artadia Award and the prestigious Nancy Graves Foundation Award. I have also had numerous residencies including fellowships at the MFAH Core Program, Houston; the Bemis Center for Contemporary Art, Omaha, NB; the

Provincetown Fine Arts Work Center, Provincetown, MA; and the Archie Bray Foundation, Helena, MT. I live and work in Richmond, VA, where I am an assistant professor in the Sculpture and Extended Media Department at Virginia Commonwealth University."

Ceralink Inc., a materials engineering and technology development company, Troy, NY, promoted **Patricia Strickland** to the position of CEO. **Dr. Holly Shulman '87** is founder and president of Ceralink.



Patricia Strickland '02

Thea Augustina Eck writes: "I received my MFA from the School of Art & Design at the University of Michigan in April 2008. While at Michigan, I received two graduate student research grants from Rackham Graduate School and the Dybvig/Redstone Award from the School of Art & Design." This past summer her work was featured in the "Polar Attractions" show at the Peabody Essex Museum in Salem, MA. In addition, she will be traveling to Copenhagen, Denmark this fall on an American-Scandinavian Foundation Fellowship 2008-09 to do art work based on two polar archives, the Danish Polar Center and the Arctic Institute.

"Ocular Hedonism: **Jonathan Bridges**" was exhibited by the ceramist this fall at the Greenlease Gallery, Rockhurst University, Kansas City, MO.

2003

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Morgana Fall is a ceramic engineer/inventor with Ceralink Inc., Troy, NY, holding one patent with three pending. She recently was given a 40 Under 40 Award by the Albany (NY) Business Journal. **Dr. Holly Shulman '87** is founder and president of Ceralink.

Glass artist **Carmen Lozar** is a faculty member at Illinois State and Illinois Wesleyan Universities.

Lindsay Olson is a manager for The Bonadio Group, Rochester, NY.

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Laurie Thorpe writes that she and **Peter Pincus '05** got engaged in May 2008 and are planning a June 2009 wedding.

In completion of their master of science degrees in mental health counseling and clinical art therapy at Springfield College last spring, **Laura C. Woods** and **Amy E. Espowood '05** exhibited their artwork at the William Blizzard Gallery in Springfield, MA.

Robert Francischelli is school psychologist for the Jasper-Troupsburg (NY) School District.

Mike Garguilo trained to be an astronaut for one week last June at the Honeywell Hometown Solutions Space Academy for Educators program at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center, Huntsville, AL. He was one of 300 educators from 17 countries selected for the camp. Mike teaches science at Sleepy Hollow Middle School, Sleepy Hollow, NY.

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Kansas City (MO) artist **Jesse Small** was featured in a article appearing in the Aug. 10, 2008 edition of *The Kansas City Star* entitled "Going Global Kansas City sculptor is in demand in China, New York, Des Moines and Dubai." In June 2008, he was completing his largest project so far, a \$120,000 commission from New York City's 1 percent for arts program. He designed 12 sets of elevators doors at a Department of Health facility on Staten Island. On July 31,



Hannah Patterson '04 and **Ryan Raynes '04** were married on July 7, 2007, in Estes Park, CO. Many Alfred graduates, all class of 2004, attended the wedding, including: (top row, from left) Nick Becker, Bobby Rosenstock, Sherri Jones, the groom, the bride, Pat Bell, Kerry Gerrity, Keith Phalon, Scott Perdan, and (bottom row, from left) Melissa Mayo, Sara Alway, and Yael Sidel.



Rachel Evans '04 married Geoff Carr on May 3, 2008.

Jesse received word that he won a commission to create an outdoor sculpture for a new hospital complex in Des Moines, IA. He was scheduled to leave in September for a three-month residency in Jingdezhen, China.

Jen Serchia had an art opening at the Brooklyn Collective Spring Event, May 17.

2006

Jessica Giuricich and Christopher Reger '06, '08 have recently become engaged and moved to Elmira, NY, where they are both working for the Elmira City School District.

Amanda Martin has joined First Niagara's insurance agency as a client service agent. She lives in Fairport, NY.

Melissa G.G.R. Jones and Ada Van Hecke were two of the four artists whose work was featured in the "In Process" show at the Mattawoman Creek Art Center, Marbury, MD this past summer.

Nathan Prouty is an artist-in-residence at The Clay Studio, Philadelphia.

2007

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Ben Fino-Radin of Providence, RI, creates installations, wearable items, and sculpture. His works have been shown in the Current Gallery, Baltimore, the Kathleen Cullen Gallery, Chelsea, New York City; and the Stairwell Gallery, Providence.

Cassandra Clark reported to Officer Development School, U.S. Navy, Newport, RI, and is to be assigned as an instructor in Navy Nuclear Power following graduation.

Graphic artist Kalie Stiffler has joined PAPA Advertising, Erie, PA, providing support in design and production art for print and Web projects.

2008

Leslie Emery of Lansing, MI, has received a fellowship in genome sciences at the University of Washington, Seattle.

The Kenan Center Gallery in Lockport, NY, selected 29 artists from Western New York to participate in the Niagara Frontier Art Exhibit, July 13-Aug. 24, 2008, including Allison Wilton of North Tonawanda.

ENGAGEMENTS

Tim Bassette '91 to Jennifer Fox
Jillian Kule '01 to Joseph "Benny"
Benedict '02

Laurie Thorpe '04 to Peter Pincus '05
Jessica Giuricich '06 to Christopher Reger
'06, '08

MARRIAGES

Evelyn Dull '81 and Paul L. Hoffman, July
13, 2008

Rachel Goldenberg '95 and Andrew
Schiller, May 24, 2008

Steve Sparks '97 and Elise Eskew, April 5,
2008

Tracy Hyde '97 and Jeb Remelius, July
26, 2008

Rachel Smith '98 and Sean Buono, Jan.
20, 2007

John Hartmann '98 and Anna Forslund,
June 14, 2008

Jason Nathaniel Kellogg '99 and Emily
Anne Baldwin, Sept. 22, 2007

Marie Elizabeth Nestor '99 and Thomas
Russell Martell, Oct. 20, 2007

Catherine McIntyre '99 and Kirk Barker,
Aug. 23, 2008

Deborah Pickering '00 and Adam
Mendzef, June 7, 2008

Andrea Olewnik '01 and Gregg Espach,
Aug. 11, 2007

Alice Zebracki '01 and Rob Stage, April
2008

Kelly Pelton '02 and Kyle Robinson, Oct.
7, 2007

Karine Syvertsen '02 and William J.
Richards, May 25, 2008

Stephen A. Fiorelli '03 and Janine Gabriel,
July 7, 2007

Deborah Pickering '03 and Adam
Mendzef, June 7, 2008

Stephanie Forsey '04 and Jacob Martin
'04, Aug. 11, 2007

Rachel Evans '04 and Geoff Carr, May 3,
2008

Melissa Buck '05 and Chad Winant '06,
May 31, 2008

Meghan Welch '06 and Michael Addario,
May 31, 2008

Evelyn Faulkner '06 and Edward Bysiek
III, June 21, 2008

Laura VanCott '07 and Ian Adkins '07,
May 31, 2008

BIRTHS

Jeff Mora '90 and Michelle (Cheeseman)
Mora '93, a daughter, Lia, September
2007

Meredeth Glenn '91 and Patrick Turner
'93, a son, Bennett Atticus Turner, Feb.
9, 2007

Vaughn Matacale '93 and Sarah, a daughter,
Morgan Elizabeth, Feb. 15, 2008

Tracy Lazarony-Rudd '93 and Doug '93,
'94, a daughter, Haley Elizabeth, March
19, 2008

Lori (Hirsch) '94 and Aaron Henry '95, a
daughter, Josselyn Elisabeth, Feb. 20,
2008

Emily (Bologna) '95 and Jeffrey Balcom, a
daughter, Hannah Evelyn, March 2,
2008

Brian '96 and Rachel '98 Kenyon, a son,
Logan Riley Kenyon, Jan. 30, 2008
Richard '99 and Shaunna Tobin, a son,
Cameron Thomas, May 30, 2008
Allyson '99 and Christopher Markotich
'99 and , a son, Lucas Anthony, July 4,
2008
Sarah (Scavone) Scott '00 and Charlie
Scott, a daughter, Hannah Beatrice, Oct.
18, 2007
Corrine (Brink) Malloy '00 and
Christopher Malloy '00, a daughter,
Helena Marie Malloy, June 3, 2008
Jennifer (Czapla) Romesser '01 and Corey,
a daughter, Rachel Evelyn, July 12, 2007
Deb (Pickering) Mendzef '03 and Adam
Mendzef, a son, Colin Richard, June 28,
2007

DEATHS

ALUMNI

Gladys C. Fidler '28, May 28, 2008
Marco Jac Andover '30, Oct. 9, 2007
Maretta (Wilcox) Phillips '30, June 22,
2008
Ruth (Potter) McGraw '31, April 24,
2008
Barry Lederer '31, May 31, 2008
Miriam F. Waitkins '32, Nov. 30, 2007
Robert L. Fleischer '32, Jan. 5, 2008
Saxone (Ward) Gregory '34, May 11,
2007
William A. "Bill" Hidwig '35, Jan. 31,
2008
Ruth Mouton '35, Oct. 4, 2008
Mildred Butler Zimmerman '36, July 9,
2008
Warda (Vincent) Mauro '38, March 7,
2008
Olaf M. Loytty '39, Feb. 10, 2008
Concetta M. LoPresti '39, April 4, 2008
Seymour "Smig" Smigrod '39, July 3,
2008
George M. Feldner Sr. '41, March 1, 2008
Zeno Zabawsky '41, April 18, 2008
Mary Petre '42, Aug. 9, 2007
Marion Agnes Swanson '45, June 21,
2008
Charles Peter Brady '44, March 7, 2008
Marion Swanson '47, June 21, 2008
John Leo Kane '49, July 9, 2007
Joseph Charles Crispino '49, Aug. 5, 2007
Bette Kaufman Graham '49, Aug. 23,
2007
Peter Adam Slusarski '49, Sept. 17, 2007
William L. Simpson '49, Dec. 18, 2007
Mary (Marshman) Lounsbury '49, July 6,
2008

John D. Tournaud '50, January 2008
John E. Stark '50, Feb. 13, 2008
John E. "Jack" Gardner '50, March 28,
2008
Howard S. Brasted Jr. '50, April 8, 2008
Erving Russell Mix '51, Sept. 19, 2007
Sanford L. "Ted" Church '51, Dec. 15,
2007
John Adams '51, May 17, 2008
E. Ronald Tostevin Jr. '52, March 13,
2008
Louis Kohl '52, May 29, 2008
Carl Peterson '53, Aug. 30, 2008
Miles H. Cook '54, March 8, 2008
Edward B. Russell '54, Aug. 14, 2008
David G.. Howe '55, March 20, 2008
Dr. Richard S. Goodman '55, May 20,
2008
James Whitley Pentecost '56, March 6,
2008
Sidney S. Landau '56, June 10, 2008
Sandra (Johnston) Hutson '57, July 16,
2008
William Nicholas Karn M.D. '58, Feb. 12,
2008
Douglas Klosen '60, July 16, 2008
John P. Ganas '60, July 23, 2008
Janet (Long) Iorio '60, Aug. 13, 2008
Larry Hunt '60, Aug. 30, 2008
Paul Cohen '60, Sept. 3, 2008
Dorothy (Lang) Jones '63, Jan. 22, 2008
Neal Paul Anderson '63, '66, May 5, 2008
Carl F. Ross '64, Aug. 20, 2007
Daniel Gilluly '64, Sept. 6, 2008
Robert A. Kokott '65, June 2, 2008
Barry J. Lederer '66, May 31, 2008
Bruce E. Jackson '67, May 19, 2008
Robert J. Lucia '68, Feb. 18, 2008
Gary D. Root '68, June 19, 2008
Elizabeth Reed Young '70, Feb. 18, 2008
Charles Van de Merlen '71, Feb. 15, 2008
Gilbert "Gil" DeMare '72, July 24, 2008
Philip Merriman Lade '74, June 9, 2007
Carl F. Ross '74, July 20, 2007
James P. Harrigan '79, Dec. 24, 2007
Steven Charles Lesser '74, May 28, 2008
Sandra (Jenkins) Schupp '82, Aug. 12,
2008
Dr. Josef C. Lapp '83, April 26, 2007
Michael Kessler '84, June 2008
Dorothy L. Pettit '86, April 14, 2008
Robert Wilmot '86, Aug. 2, 2008
Michael Cotter '89, July 29, 2008
John H. Webster '95, July 24, 2008
Daniel C. Raynor '03, Oct. 12, 2007
Thomas Argentieri '08, Dec. 9, 2007

FACULTY/STAFF

John Steven "Steve" Mayes of Alfred died
June 18, 2008. He was an associate
professor of mechanical engineering who

joined the faculty of the Inamori School of
Engineering in 2000. A 2007 recipient of
the Joseph Kruson Trust Fund Award for
Excellence in Teaching, Dr. Mayes is
remembered with affection and respect by
his students and colleagues. The family
requests that donations may be made in
his name to the Union University Church,
29 North Main St., Alfred, NY 14802. He
is survived by his wife, Debra; a daughter,
Stacy; a son, Mathew; as well as his
parents, a brother, and a sister, all of
Yorktown, VA.

Ernest Lewis Enke of Wellsville died Aug.
26, 2008. He taught economics,
accountancy, tax, and health planning and
management from 1973 until his
retirement as professor emeritus of
accountancy in 2001. Gifts may be made
in memory of Dr. Enke to support the AU
College of Business, payable to Alfred
University, c/o Susan Sellberg, Director of
Advancement Services, One Saxon Drive,
Alfred, NY 14802. Other suggested
memorials include the Shepherd of the
Valley Lutheran Church; the David A.
Howe Public Library, Wellsville; or Jones
Memorial Hospital Fund, Wellsville. In
addition to his wife Bonnie, surviving are
one son, Evan (Jennifer, AU Head
Women's Soccer Coach) Enke of Almond;
three daughters, Catherine (Joseph) Turcer
and Elizabeth Enke, both of Dublin, Ohio;
and Karen (Eric) Telfeyan of Guilderland,
NY; and four grandchildren.

Dr. Ronald S. Gordon, who was dean of
what was then called the School of
Ceramic Engineering and Materials
Science at Alfred University from 1999
until his retirement in July 2003, died
Aug. 31, 2008. He is survived by his wife,
Joan, to whom he was married for 45
years, and five children.

FRIENDS

Lila Gagen Church, 98, who was a nurse
at Crandall Health Center for several
years until her retirement in 1974, died
June 12, 2008. She is survived by a
daughter and two sons, six grandchildren,
13 great-grandchildren, and one great-
great-grandchild. Donations may be made
to Jones Memorial Hospital, 191 N. Main
Street, Wellsville, NY 14895, c/o Judy
Burt, Community Relations.

Edna F. Monroe Pelton, July 10, 2008.
She worked at AU for more than 30 years.



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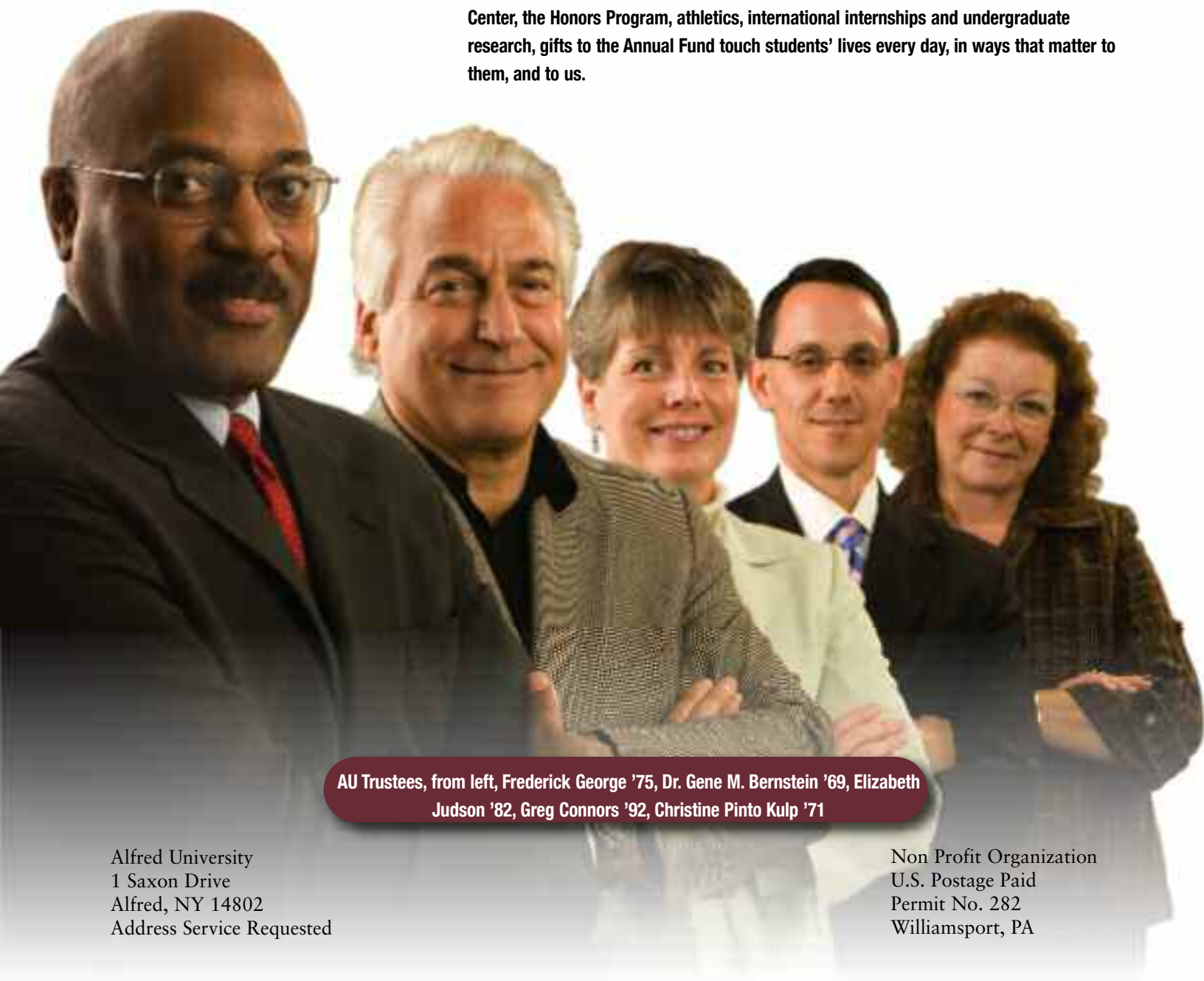
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