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THE NEW RESIDENCE HALL IS DONE
AND FRISBEEES FLY AGAIN ON THE
RENOVATED QUAD.

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PLUS Kenya and France anniversaries, NCAA triple jump champion, ODK national leader

Color Coded: As the 2014-15 academic year got underway in late August, members of the various first-year colleges donned coordinated t-shirts and launched themselves into First-Year Cup competition, designed to forge college identity, help the newest Laurentians learn about St. Lawrence, and encourage them to become engaged with University life by earning points for attending events on campus.



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On the Cover: A new residence hall bordering a renovated Quad was not the only change that greeted Laurentians at the start of the fall semester; for others, begin on page 28. **Photographed by Tara Freeman**
Above: "Unwritten Letters" by Tandazani Dhlakama '11 of the National Gallery of Zimbabwe was part of the show that celebrated the 40th anniversary of St. Lawrence's Kenya Program. For more, see page 22.

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A Word From the President

From granite to green—the Quad's purpose



THE CHERISHED ST. LAWRENCE Quad is curiously undivided, tracing no paths, labyrinths or walkways across its plane geometry. This square field is also notably different from the equivalent flat places on other American campuses for its unadorned interior and exclusive greenness. Its simplicity is exceptional. The Quad features no fountains, statues or structures. There is no monumental gate or obvious entry point, which makes sense because there is no brick wall or iron fence defining its perimeter. It is just an expansive main lawn, slightly tilted to the sunrise. Its unusual subtlety, nevertheless, is loaded with moral significance and community meaning.

Many American colleges were intentionally placed on the edge of the rural wilderness, often before there were good roads to get there. St. Lawrence's history took root in this venerable tradition. On the surface of this frontier heritage, these choices of location seem prudent because land was cheapest there and the ideal of undistracted learning was best accomplished when stu-

dents stayed at impossible distances from denser, hurried populations.

There is much more to this story, however, than older economies can explain. In fact, the St. Lawrence Quad reflects a deeper and longer perspective about the workings of a college, something more than a once-quaint remnant of pastureland.

In the earliest years of building American colleges, the founders always aspired to the conditions of paradise. In their design and purpose, the builders wished to leave bold statements to their posterity, though usually without the means of grand architecture. No matter what building ambitions were imagined, the first colleges reserved in their plans some untouchable, unbuilt ground as a central educational necessity. They gave priority to their green spaces.

The dream that a wilderness contains within it "paradise" is very old, actually traceable linguistically and mythologically to Assyrian and Persian sources; the word "paradise" itself is derived from an ancient tradition of setting aside a park-like royal enclosure. The idea of paradise as a garden later emerged in the more familiar narratives set down in Jerusalem, Athens and Rome. The belief that in the midst of an incomprehensible wilderness there can be a garden, a place of sanctuary, was a powerful physical and metaphysical theme of unexpected variation; it gave hope through centuries of inescapable, hard human experience in the chaos of a wasteland.

Paradise seems a far country, yet never far from home. From desert monasteries to medieval universities, the quadrangle, the cloister, and the close were ways of remembering the quest for meaning in the wilderness. To find the serenity and freedom of a garden, the richly explored premises of both Dante and Milton, brings together a thematic coherence that is our institutional extension of paradise, a place as simple as a lawn but also a place to find a reliable corner of one's mind.

W. H. Auden's 1931 poem "O Where

Are You Going?" reminds me of what we believe St. Lawrence students may apprehend as they come casually into the Quad from stone steps or a sitting wall:

*"O do you imagine," said fearer to farer,
"That dusk will delay on
your path to the pass,
Your diligent looking discover the lacking,
Your footsteps feel from
granite to grass?"*

THEY ARE INDEED WAYFARERS, OF MIND and dream, passing with diligent looks "from granite to grass." And the grass becomes a consulate of paradise.

College courtyards and university quadrangles perpetuate the green imagery found in the oldest conviction that an academy of learning requires a time and place of ample leisure. Only in a fleeting moment of paradise is it possible for the mind to strive for freedom and, ultimately, to have a chance of surpassing the mind's limits. The motive of the Quad in all its activities today—whether frisbee games or chairs in a circle—is freedom; and once we have known that, we ought to fear its loss. I know this from an office window overlooking the Quad, for there is no more beautiful sight than a student sprinting across the grass, hands outstretched under a long-tossed ball. The young legs run as if the earth has no end and the land is forever green. The unbound, measureless free play of intellect still matters.

The Quad expresses its paradise motif in which students dream of themselves as better than they are. The Quad is a beloved memory for us of other years and for no better reason than it recalls a freedom that for the rest of our lives we are somehow trying to regain. The memory of walking across the Quad in sunshine or moonlight, of heeding the horizon line of the Adirondack hills, is akin to what Josiah Royce once described as the pause in the day given as "a principal glimpse of the homeland of the human soul." ■

—WLF

Letters

A memory of Peter Van de Water

In early spring 1972, I received a call from the president of the Horizon Corporation in New York City. He wrongly assumed that I, as director of planning for St. Lawrence County, would be pleased at the news of Horizon's purchase of 25,000 acres of Adirondack forestland in the Grasse River headwaters. Horizon's plan was to build dams and golf courses and subdivide the land into thousands of building lots to be sold nationally to private investors.

A furor of state and national significance developed over the proposed scheme. Local newspapers expressed unbridled support for the proposal, which, it was asserted, had the promise of transforming this Adirondack "wasteland" into a magnet for new home buyers and recreation seekers. But a groundswell of opposition also quickly emerged, and it was through this controversy that I met Peter Van de Water '58, whose death was noted in the summer issue of this magazine.

A decision was made to organize against the proposal; Citizens to Save the Adirondack Park was formed and Peter was elected its president. The CBS Evening News ran a story in which a canoe appeared, quietly slipping through still water, Peter in the stern, talking about the value of the Adirondack wilderness. It's the vision of Peter in that canoe that lingers most in my mind... a man at home in the wilderness environment he loved, arguing for its protection.

The battle, which we won, played a huge role in New York State's decision

to create the Adirondack Park Agency to ensure that no large-scale development such as this would be on the park's horizon. There will forever be a lot of Peter's spirit in that Grasse River we fought so hard to protect.

Richard Grover | Canton, New York

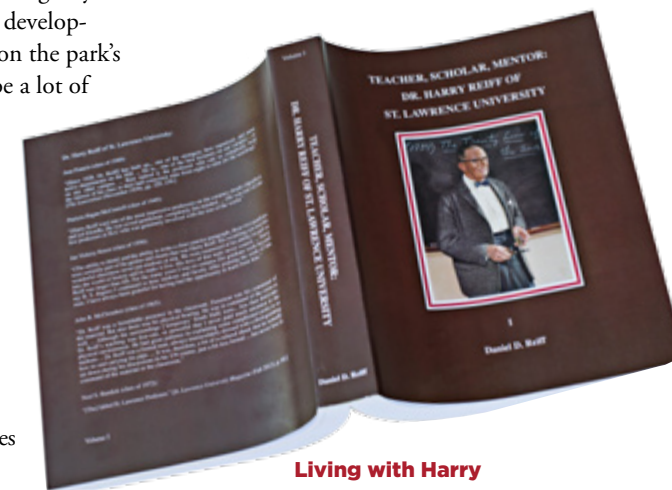
In the days of housemothers

I was touched by the remembrance by Jane Wendt Wilson in the Winter 2014 Class Notes for 1957 concerning Mrs. O'Brien, the housemother at Gaines House.

Elizabeth "Bessie" O'Brien was my grandmother. She was born in 1892, and could remember celebrations marking the end of the Spanish-American War. In the late 1940s, after raising two daughters, she started a career when most people would be thinking about retirement: she came to Canton to become a housemother at St. Lawrence, where one of her daughters (my mother) had graduated in the Class of 1943. The stories recounted in the note certainly ring true: Gram had no-nonsense standards, and when she was in charge, she usually got her way. She eventually retired for real around 1960, and lived well into her 90s.

Thank you for the unexpected reminder of how people can touch other people's lives, even so many years later.

Michael Sheard | Memphis, Tennessee
The writer is Rutherford Professor of Mathematics, Emeritus.



Living with Harry

I want to most heartily recommend Daniel Reiff's book on his father, Professor Henry Reiff, *Teacher, Scholar, Mentor*. It is a wonderfully rich book, full of photographs and letters and other documents that give a deep and wide-ranging sense of Harry and his multiple achievements and his personal life.

Reading the book, I felt I was living with Harry and his times, culminating in his early years at St. Lawrence, bringing the University alive, too. I roomed in the Reiff house at 84 Park Street in the 1950s, when I was an assistant professor of English at St. Lawrence, and can testify to Harry's devotion to the University.

Edward Clark | Medford, Massachusetts
The writer is professor of English, emeritus, at Suffolk University. The book about Professor Reiff is available from brewerbookstore.com.

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1 Citing security concerns in Kenya, St. Lawrence has suspended its study program there for the fall 2014 semester.

The University is just one of several colleges to take this step, based in part on U.S. State Department travel warnings. Arrangements have been made for the students who were enrolled, with eight of the 14 opting to undertake a Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE) program in neighboring Tanzania.

“Over the next several months, we will assess all the possibilities of resuming our

program in January 2015, making student safety our unequivocal first principle,” said President William L. Fox ’75 in a campus announcement. “Our facilities and staff in Nairobi will be fully supported during this period of evaluation.”

2 Michael Farley, professor of music, has been appointed the Birdsong Professor of the Arts.

This professorship is funded by Terry Burns ’69 and Lynn Birdsong ’68 to recognize and support the work of a distinguished, tenured professor in the arts who demonstrates love of learning in scholarship and performance or exhibition, but

even more, in inspiring and motivating students to explore and achieve.

3 Three different arboretum tours are now available to those visiting campus, thanks to an Innovation Grant, one biology professor and three of his students. The point of origin for all three is Payson Hall, home to St. Lawrence’s Office of Admissions, where tour-takers can pick up colorful maps with descriptions and stories of more than a dozen trees and other points of interest along each route. Karl McKnight, professor of biology, who teaches ecology and botany,

led the project beginning in 2011, with significant input from his students Margaret Harrington ’14, Brett Ford ’14 and Korey Devins ’13.

4 Robin Lock, Burry Professor of Statistics, has won the American Statistical Association’s National Waller Distinguished Career Award, which honors lifetime achievement in teaching statistics. He is the first-ever recipient of the award. “Everyone who has been involved in statistics education in the last three decades has interacted with, and been influenced by, Lock,” said the ASA announcement.



Professor Koon Wins a Fulbright

THE PHYSICIST’S RESEARCH COULD HAVE IMPORTANT IMPLICATIONS IN THE MICROELECTRONICS INDUSTRY.

Daniel W. Koon, professor of physics, has been awarded a Fulbright U.S. Scholar Grant to travel and research for six months in Prague, Czech Republic. This is Koon’s second Fulbright scholarship; he received one in 1981 to travel and research in what was then West Berlin. He is taking a sabbatical leave in 2014-15 to conduct his research.

For 20 years, Koon has been measuring and mapping the resistance of silicon wafers, which is an important quality-

control issue for the semiconductor industry. The measurements allow him to characterize how a specific shape and the placement of electrodes on a microchip affect how much of the specimen is sampled by the measurement, how much error will result from misaligning the electrodes, and how much heating can skew results.

“These results could have very important implications in the microelectronics industry, where smaller and smaller devices drive the need for ever more compact resistance probes,” Koon said. “By making precise calculations for a variety

of cross- and cloverleaf-shaped specimen geometries, based on theory developed by myself and colleagues (at universities in Denmark and Prague), I hope to provide a wide overview of which geometrical shapes and electrode placements provide the most accurate, most tightly focused diagnostic, as well as reducing unwanted effects.”

In anticipation of being awarded the grant, Koon spent the last year teaching himself Czech. Cultural exchange, he said, is also central to the Fulbright program. ■

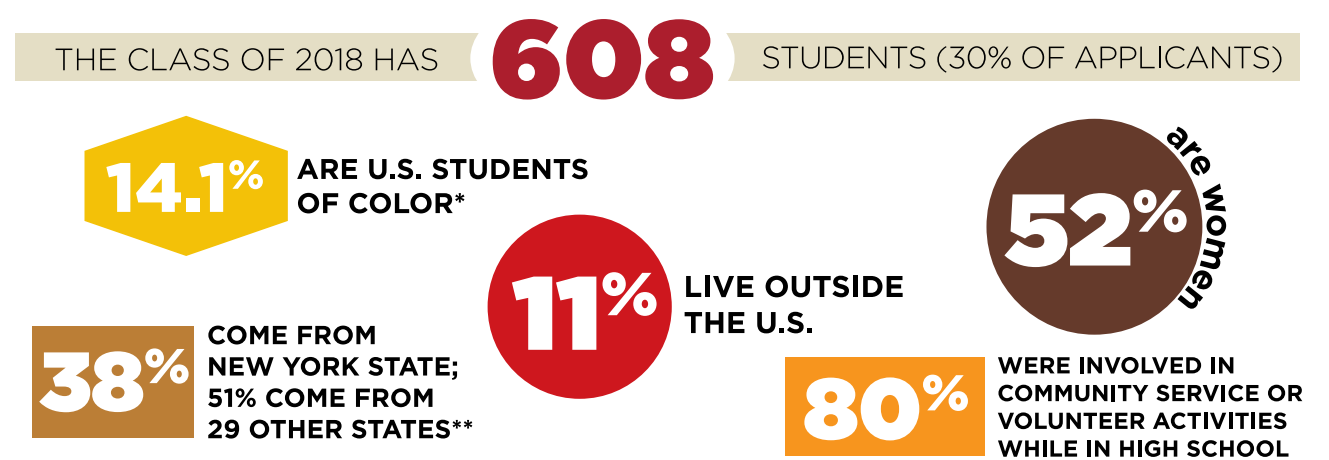
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Another Saint Lawrence Sighting

Saint Lawrence keeps turning up all over the world. Usually he’s associated with churches, but sharp-eyed readers have found him on street signs, pubs and apparently abandoned buses in India, among other places. Last spring, on a visit to New Orleans, Director of Employee Recruitment, Training & Affirmative Action Macreena Doyle discovered this stoic, tonsured representation gracing a side-street restaurant and promising “divine food until 2 a.m.” Doyle says her server had no idea where either the St. Lawrence River or St. Lawrence University is, but delighted in telling the tale of how Saint Lawrence was martyred on a gridiron.

by the numb#rs



*Tied with the entering Class of 2016 for highest percentage ever. **Historically, more than 50% of entering St. Lawrence students came from New York State, but that has not been the case since the Class of 2004 (entering in fall 2000).

LAURENTIAN REVIEWS

We provide information on books by alumni and others on a first-come, first-served basis. Books that do not receive attention here will be recognized in a future issue.

1 Thriller writer **Chris Angus '72** is out with his latest, *Winston Churchill and the Treasure of Mapungubwe Hill* (Yucca Publishing, 2014). "Indiana Jones meets King Solomon's Mines," writes the publisher of this fact-based adventure tale that ranges from the Boer War to World War II and swings from aristocratic England to the depths of wild Africa. Will Churchill's past come back to haunt him?

2 In *The Death of Perry Many Paws* (self-published, 2013, available through Amazon), **Deborah Bessey Benjamin '73** has crafted a "whodunit" novel about a successful small-town children's author who, with her group, Women of a Certain Age, plunges into a murder investigation. Issues of curiosity, secrecy, protection and trust ensue.

3 A multiple past winner of the Independent Publisher Book Award, experimental writer **Mark R. Brand '01** has released *Long Live Us* (Chicago Center for Literature and Photography, 2013). In this fictional work, dystopian speculative visions from the Great Recession include a family tensely waiting out a meningitis scare in a quarantined home and the "new naughty" contraband among rebellious teenagers, starchy carbohydrates.

4 Historian **Teri Podnorszki Gay '81** has written a memoir, *The Wife Who Came with Workboots* (Dorrance Publishing Co., 2013), about rural life in Upstate New York with her husband, John, an engineer and land surveyor. It covers growing up in Glens Falls; mentions her college years at St. Lawrence;

and delves into the tests and trials of adulthood and "embracing life and aging in the 21st century," according to a publishers statement.

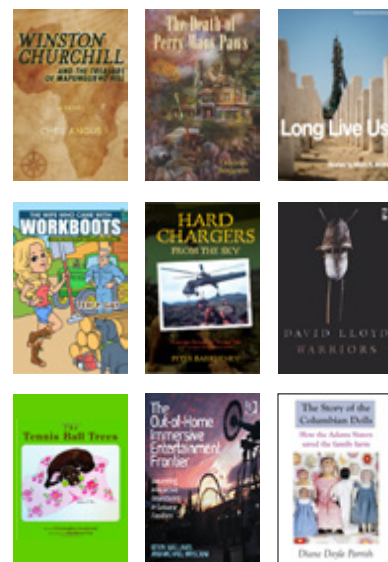
5 **Pete Henry '66** has written a novel, *Hard Chargers from the Sky* (self-published, 2014), which can be located on Amazon Kindle. A historical novel about Lt. "Rye" Anders and his passage through the Vietnam War, it is based on real events that Henry, a decorated veteran of the war and Agent Orange survivor, experienced in 1967-68 as an artillery officer. "Bold dialog and true-life actions, many unreported, are the foundation for the book," he says. "Armchair generals in Washington devise a crazy strategy, an experiment. A pattern has been set for wars that follow."

6 Better late than never, we call attention to a collection of poems by **David Lloyd '75**, director of the creative writing program at Le Moyne College. *Warriors* (Salt Publishing [London], 2012), "The historic and domestic subjects are drawn from myth, history, popular culture, family, the animal world and the environment," according to the publisher's website. "In addressing public and private conflicts and transnational borders, *Warriors* uses an array of forms: the sestina, the parable, the lyric, the narrative, the poem sequence."

7 **Christopher Lockwood '68** remembers when he would fall asleep reading stories to his children. So he's written a whimsical tale that's light, entertaining and short enough to keep a tired parent awake. *The Tennis Ball Trees* (Maine Authors Publishing, 2013), Fannie the Labrador retriever loves tennis balls. But how can she guarantee herself a steady supply of her favorite toy?

8 *The Out-of-Home Immersive Entertainment Frontier* (Gower, 2014), co-authored by **Michael Mascioni '76**, includes a detailed overview of the Digital Out-of-Home Entertainment sector as well as exclusive interviews with over 60 executives directly linked to the creation and development of one of the fastest-growing technology sectors. These forms of interactive technology are transforming the customer experience in shops, cinemas, museums, almost any environment where consumers are congregating. Mascioni is a market research consultant, writer, and conference planner in digital media.

9 **Diane Doyle Parrish '54** is the author of *The Story of the Columbian Dolls: How the Adams Sisters Saved the Family Farm* (self-published, 2013). More than a story about a doll, this is a memoir of a family and a tale of two sisters (one of whom was the author's grandmother) becoming large-scale entrepreneurs in an era—the late 1800s—when most women did not work outside the home.



The President in Full

Since last summer, countless daily observers walking near the center of the St. Lawrence campus have taken in the complex stages of building a new residence hall as forms and details change slightly each day. They stop and admire the steep elegance of the stone masonry, the roof pitch complementing the geometry of other buildings, and the windows looking like ink drying on a new page, about to reveal a story.

What exactly do they think we are constructing? Just another building?

In essence, the work being observed during our seasons of construction is not really about the building, in the end, because the building becomes a surrogate for a larger theory of our distinctive kind of education at St. Lawrence. Surely, as architects learn right from the first day in design school, form speaks to function, function to form. The tipping point between these design terms, however, is decided if one follows or dominates the other, thus losing the main point of balance. John Ruskin, one of the first great English critics of art and architecture, puts it simply, "We require from buildings two kinds of goodness: first, the doing their practical duty well; then that they be graceful and pleasing in doing it."

So, what are we building and what is the theory behind our design? Here is my answer: We are building friendship. That's it. That's all. The practical duty of our new residence hall is to create a space for what is arguably the most intense and memorable part of the St. Lawrence experience. While not a measure of a student's record or good standing, having and being a roommate remains the single-most common and central feature of life at St. Lawrence. No longer is there one course or one book that every student will forever know in a lifelong intellectual solidarity. The days of seniors taking Moral Philosophy from the college president are from a long yesteryear ago. But every student, no exceptions, will share with all other students the power of producing friendships, often starting with the space occupied by roommates.

Most students entering liberal arts colleges today have never shared a room at home, never had a roommate, except for sleepovers or summer camp. This part of the college experience is often tricky ground to cross when students first arrive. And yet, to my utter delight, I hear repeatedly from students at St. Lawrence that they have had the same roommates for more than one year. It is often typical of them to form ritualized common habits, such as sharing dinner together every night at precisely the same time. They become part of each other's families, connecting with parents and siblings other than their own, absorbing unfamiliar stories and customs.

What do roommates teach other? Naturally, if they are in different majors and live in the same room, there is the added benefit of learning a little something extra in the unfinished conversation of the liberal arts life, more than an individual can learn alone. Despite differences, there is always the unplanned academic cross-pollination in a double or triple. It is a quiet, immeasurable process, but I am convinced it's present and effective.

The most valuable lessons of the roommate experience are very personal. After all, roommates enter into circumstances that check



In residence

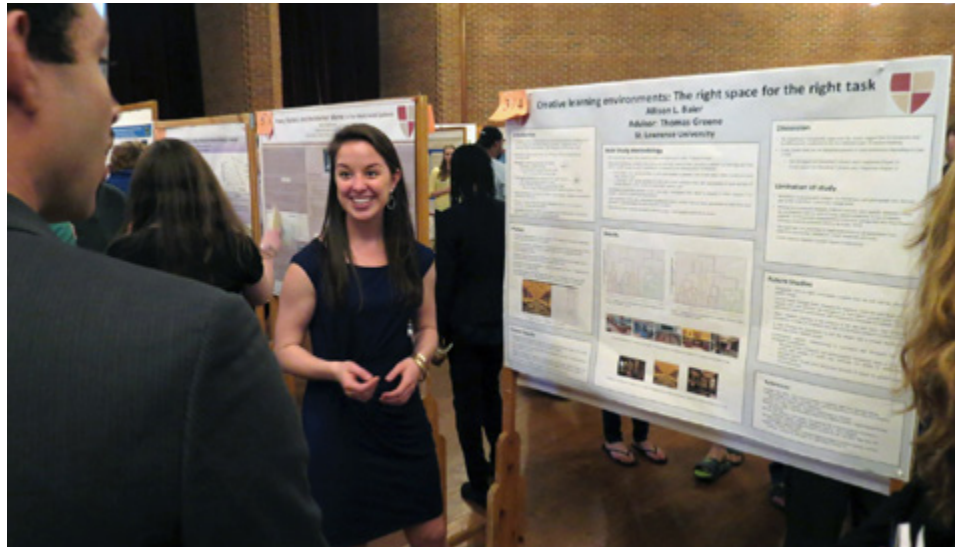
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privacy at the door. Each must risk the intimacy of close quarters, which may exceed the previously shared openness of living with family members back home. The results over time show an increase in emotional awareness and a capacity to discern subtleties in human motives, whether altruistic or manipulative. In this way, students attain critically important life skills, practicing the quality of persuasion and rhetoric on each other, realizing the significance of empathy and thoughtfulness, accepting the tease, enjoying the inside joke, or finding the strength in humbleness.

Put differently, from a wise teacher in the time of my graduate studies, to be fully educated we require "the perpetual suggestion of a saving contrast, because there is not enough difference in our lives to give us that help." There are some things only a friend, a roommate, can say that will correct a misapprehension or a careless thought. It can happen without a word being spoken. Maybe it's only by turning down the music or putting the sour socks in the laundry bag.

I had a total of five roommates during my four years at St. Lawrence. One of them died much too soon, and with him the world lost a combined brilliance and caring that I still draw upon, particularly when I walk past our old room on campus. But the rest of us remain in touch, often several times a year. We know a lot about each other and we like what we know. Not long ago, a new student told a staff member that the reason she loves St. Lawrence so much is that she had found her "soulmate school." We understand what she means. Behind her belief is the transcending commitment of St. Lawrence to be an excellent roommate school. And that's what and why we are building. ■

—WLF



From St. Lawrence's Festival of Science to an orphanage in Ghana, Allison Baier has already made her mark on the world.



The 2013-14 president of St. Lawrence's Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK) circle has received the most prestigious award given to a student by the national leadership honor society.

Allison Baier '14 Named ODK National Leader of the Year

WELL-KNOWN CAMPUS FIXTURE HONORED
AT ODK'S NATIONAL CONVENTION.

Allison Baier '14 received the General Russell E. Dougherty National Leader of the Year Award at the honorary's 48th biennial national convention and centennial celebration, in June at Washington & Lee University. With the honor comes a \$4,000 scholarship that she can use toward graduate-level study.

Baier said she was "deeply humbled and honored" to have been chosen for the honor. "As the outgoing president of St. Lawrence University's Kalon-Kixioc Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa, I spent the year encouraging my peers to

recognize that ODK membership is not only an honor, but also an obligation and a privilege to work together for the betterment of our community and ourselves," she said. "My success would not have been possible without unwavering support from my mentors, colleagues and friends at St. Lawrence."

Baier, of Bow, N.H., graduated magna cum laude with honors in both psychology

and music. She was a Tanner Fellow recipient in 2012 and used that funding to volunteer in a rural orphanage in Dodowa, Ghana, for four weeks, assessing the benefits of music as a therapeutic tool for addressing mental health issues in orphaned children. That's when she experienced how music can change children's lives.

In the fall 2013 semester, Baier organized a benefit

concert for the Red Rose School, a primary school in Kenya founded by Kenya National Assembly member Ken Okoth '01. Her goal was to raise money for basic school supplies and musical instruments to help the school develop a creative arts program. She plans to pursue her Ph.D. in clinical psychology and hopes to study music therapy and its potential in trauma work and recovery. ■

Penalty Box

A file conversion problem resulted in an error in the printing of the Arabic headline on page 8 of the summer *St. Lawrence*. The headline, which translates to "Arabic Over Lunch" and refers to Arabic language conversation tables on campus, should read thus:

St. Lawrence regrets the error.

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@nicolewhaat

@StLawrenceU is #MyTopCollege because **#laurentian4life** is not just a phrase.

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@clarker66

"The ability to build relationships with professors who dedicate an enormous amount of time **mentoring students** outside of the classroom is what made my experience as amazing as it was at St. Lawrence."

Burgundy Magoon '12



@StLawrenceU @Forbes SLU is #MyTopCollege b/c of the **people I can proudly call my family.** @SLUDanceTeam @SaintsXCTF

@saintsyee11

#MyTopCollege is easily @StLawrenceU. I found everything there I was looking for, and so many more. **Amazing community/family.**

@MrChemGeek



Skiers for Life

TWO LAURENTIAN COUPLES HAVE FOUND ONE SECRET TO LONGEVITY.

By Shayla Snyder Witherell '11

If there is a secret recipe for staying physically active well into your seventh decade and beyond, at least two Laurentian couples have perfected it. For Bob '59 and Doris Kloppenburg Ferry '56 and John '59 and Pat Linderoth Taylor '61, it seems that

that recipe includes equal parts of love and encouragement from each other, starting from their time at St. Lawrence, plus a large dose of fresh powder and cool mountain air.

Bob, who is 82, and Doris, 79, learned to ski at St. Lawrence. Doris found herself at the Snow Bowl fearfully meet-

ing her physical education requirement. "I didn't like skiing," she says, "but when Bob fell in love with it, I realized I needed to learn to like it too because I did not want to sit in the lodge." Slowly gaining confidence, Doris finally conquered her fear in the 1970s when she reached

the bottom of an Olympic course in Innsbruck, Austria, and realized she was OK.

After a career in banking (Bob) and teaching (Doris) in Rhode Island, where they also owned a retail store, they retired to Fort Myers Beach, Florida. But during visits with their daughter, who shares their love of skiing and had moved to Colorado, they became ski instructors. Doris taught at Breckenridge for 10 years and Bob at Breckenridge for eight and Copper Mountain for 12. "I could help ladies who were terrified like I'd been," Doris explains. They ski in Colorado for up to 35 days a year, continuing to teach close family and friends and getting together with friends who call themselves the "Over the Hill Gang."

When they aren't skiing, they stay busy playing tennis, biking, kayaking, sailing and dancing. They have competed in Senior Olympics tennis, in mixed doubles. "God provides us with the strength and inspiration to stay active," Doris says, but they also couldn't do it without encouragement from each other. A mentor, who was still competing in tennis when he was 100, proved to them that "We don't need to accept limitations at any age," Bob says. "People need to keep going and using their minds and talents after they retire."

JOHN TAYLOR, 77, AND Pat, 75, would agree. Their love of skiing from an early age brought them together; they met in 1958 at first aid training for the Snow Bowl's ski patrol. They have been

volunteer ski patrollers at Whiteface Mountain and co-chairs of the first Whiteface Giant Slalom.

After retiring from General Motors and Electronic Data Systems respectively, John and Pat have lived for 22 years in Colorado, which, along

internationally to compete in Europe eight times and in Canada in the Nordic World Masters. They enjoy encountering new people as much as they do skiing.

"We are not couch potatoes!" proclaims John, just after completing a bicycle

her interests in hiking and alpine flowers, and John have established a nature trail and created signage identifying local flora. Pat recently completed a term as president of the local library board, whose main project this year is the completion



Bob and Doris Ferry (opposite page) and John and Pat Taylor have in common a six-decade-long dedication to skiing—and apparently to favorite apparel colors as well.

"People need to keep going and **using their minds and talents** after they retire."

BOB FERRY

with Utah in Pat's opinion, "has the best snow conditions in the world." They are in a position to judge; as frequent travelers, they seek out excellent skiing and hiking locales around the world. During the season, they are on the ski trails up to five times a week, and particularly enjoy back-country hut trips that involve Nordic skiing at up to 12,000 feet in the Rockies. They started competing locally in Nordic competitions before branching out nationally and

tour of Colorado with their daughter and son-in-law. "Home is a place to eat dinner and rest a while before setting out again."

Nestled in Summit County, Colorado, they have no excuses not to get out, with endless miles of hiking and biking trails and numerous opportunities to volunteer for their community. John is past president of several organizations, including the State Invasive Weed Advisory Board. Pat, combining

of the new Breckenridge Library.

The Taylors make fitness and healthy eating a priority. They look forward to their five daughters' and their families' visits, and get out on the trails with them regardless of the season.

Despite a few replacement hips and knees that temporarily slowed them down, the Ferrys and Taylors rarely stop for long. Their recipes for staying active share the white of mountain snows

and the scarlet and brown of their St. Lawrence bonds. But the true secret ingredient may be the knowledge that retirement is a time to retire only from your professional life, allowing you to redirect your energy in new ways. ■

Shayla Witherell, a skier herself, is St. Lawrence's assistant director of donor relations. Her reflections on studying in France appear on page 18.

Carlisle Pledge Supports New Women's Basketball Locker Room

By Joe Keniston '05, M'07



Thanks to Preston Carlisle '52, the Saints women's basketball program will unveil a new locker room this year.

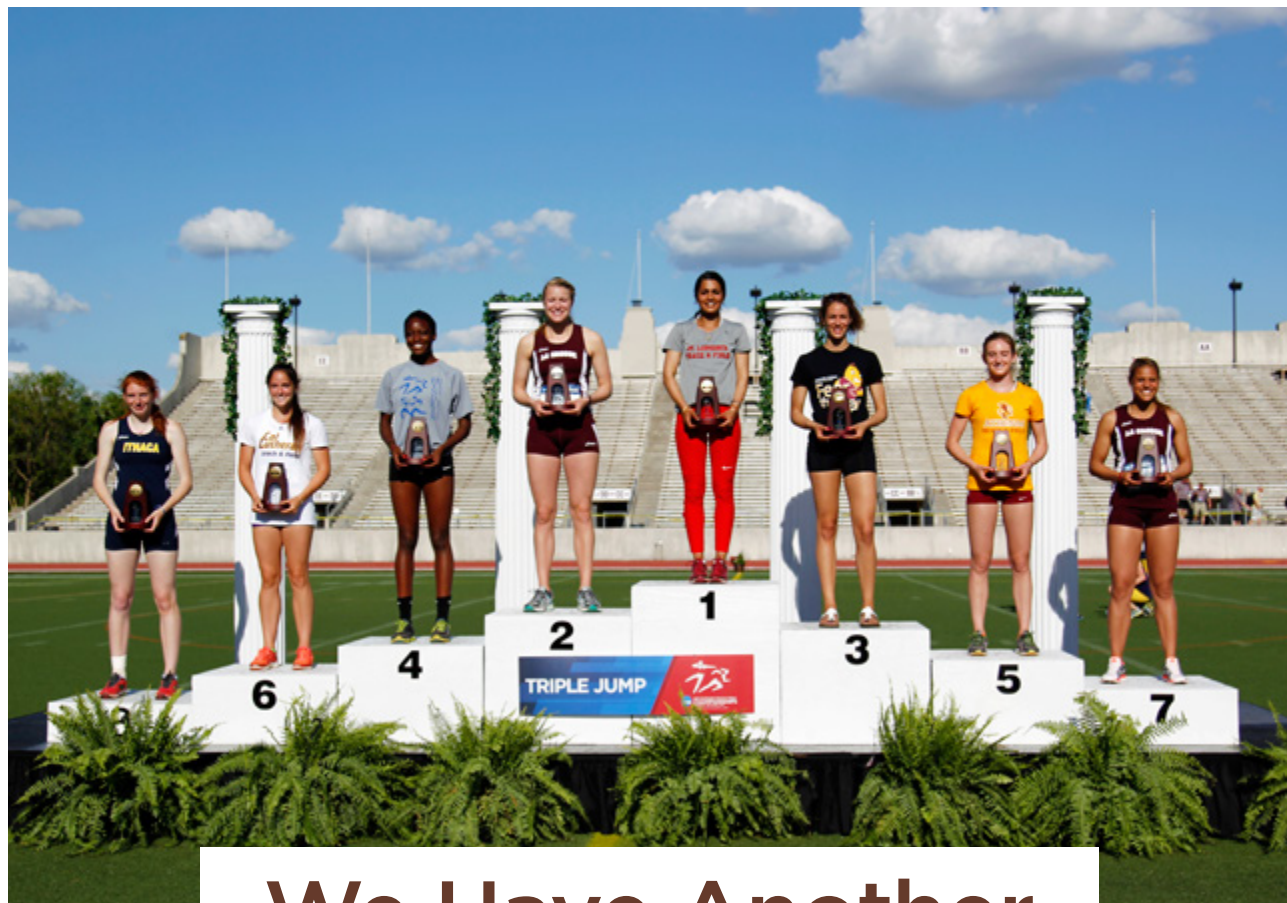
Carlisle, a North Country attorney, made a commitment of \$100,000 to the room, and has challenged other alumni and Laurentians to support this and other athletics projects.

"Preston has been exceptionally generous toward our department's needs for nearly two decades," said St. Lawrence Director of Athletics Margie Strait M'73. "He has helped fund renovations to Burkman

Gymnasium and the Appleton Golf Course clubhouse, and he supported ongoing program enhancements for our student-athletes, including the Senior Student-Athlete Awards Dinner"

Carlisle was the recipient of the 2014 Scarlet and Brown Award, given annually by the Athletics Department to a member of the St. Lawrence University network who supports the mission of the department as it pertains to academic and athletic success as well as student-athlete development and experience.

"Preston and Joan have a strong presence in the North Country," added Strait. "We are fortunate to call him a friend."



We Have Another National Champion

DIVYA BISWAL TAKES THE CROWN IN TRIPLE JUMP

By Wally Johnson

“Carpe diem” may be a little too narrow to describe Divya Biswal’s 2013-14 track season.

The junior did seize the moment at the NCAA Division III outdoor nationals, becoming the fourth individual in St. Lawrence women’s track and field history to earn an individual championship with a win in the triple jump. She joins **Karen Lamora** (400 hurdles, 1997), **Wendy Pavlus** (5000 indoor, 2010 and 2011) and **Alyssa Pirinelli** (shot put, indoors and outdoors, 2010), and she did it in dramatic fashion.

Divya, who hails from Ottawa, Ontario, and whose full first name is Divyajyoti, had the second best jump nationally during the outdoor season prior to the championships. She dis-

played a flair for the dramatic and some mental resiliency in the NCAAs, taking the early lead but slipping into second on the second jump of the three-jump finals. Then, jumping last as the preliminaries leader, she flew 12.47 meters to capture the title. It was her second All-America finish of the championships, after finishing fourth in the long jump. She was named the Outstanding Field Performer of the 2014 championship, the first such distinction for a Saints athlete.

The triple jump title was the crowning glory of a spectacular season, which began in December with the start of indoor competition. Divya was the Outstanding Field Athlete in both the Liberty League and New York State Collegiate Track Conference indoor championships, win-

ning the 60 hurdles, long jump and triple jump in the league meet and the hurdles and triple jump. She also took second in the long jump at the NYSCTC meet. She was named the NCAA Atlantic Region Field Athlete of the Year for the indoor season and went on to finish third in the NCAAs in the triple jump indoors.

She repeated as Liberty League and NYSCTC Outstanding Field Athlete award winner outdoors, winning the 100 hurdles and sweeping the long and triple jump titles, and was again Atlantic Region Field Athlete of the Year for the outdoor season. She set St. Lawrence records in both the long jump at 5.91 meters and triple jump with her NCAA mark.

All this when she was just a junior.

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Divya Biswal '15 joined a long line of Laurentian women track and field individual national champions when she captured the title in the triple jump last May.

“My last meet as a Saint will be **defending my national title** on my home track, which is more than anything I could have ever hoped for.”

DIVYA BISWAL '15

“Divya is a phenomenal talent and a tremendous competitor,” says women’s head coach Kate Curran. “She brought out her best when the chips were down. She’d spent all season putting herself in a position to fire on all cylinders when it counted.”

Divya’s track season did not end with the conclusion of NCAA competition in May. She headed to New Brunswick in late June to compete in the Canadian National Championships, where she finished fifth in the triple jump. A fall semester in New York City with an internship at the investment firm Angelo Gordon, arranged through the firm’s Fatma Luy '12 and made possible by John Angelo '63, precedes the start of her final collegiate indoor track and field campaign in January.

Having won a title and competed in four straight NCAA championships, Biswal is looking forward to more, particularly since St. Lawrence will host the 2015 NCAA Outdoor Championships in May. “My last meet as a Saint will be defending my national title on my home track, which is more than anything I could have ever hoped for. Until then

I’ll be training hard to go into that meet fully prepared,” she exclaims. “The NCAAs have been an amazing experience,” she adds. “In track and field there are a lot of extenuating circumstances; it doesn’t matter what you did prior to a championship meet. The only thing that matters is how you perform on the day. So to finally have it all come together at the right time is amazing.”

Her goals in track and field established, she has embarked on a new plan for her professional future. “I came to St. Lawrence hoping to pursue a career in medicine, but over the past year I have made the decision to switch to finance,” she says. “I chose St. Lawrence because I thought it had a lot to offer as a close-knit campus but also academically in addition to having an outstanding track and field program. Being able to do research as an undergrad is basically unheard of at most bigger schools. Most important, though, I recognized that I’d be able to make a direction change because of all the resources our school has to offer and how helpful all the staff are, and finally because the alumni network is incredible.”

And when there is some down time in a very busy life, she enjoys hiking. “I also really enjoy tutoring chemistry,” says the biology major. “But my favorite would have to be fishing.” ■

BE OUR GUEST, TWICE

St. Lawrence University is proud to announce that it is hosting not one but two national championship events in spring 2015: **men’s and women’s alpine and Nordic skiing, at Lake Placid, and men’s and women’s track and field, on campus.** For more: www.saintsathletics.com.

To-Do List

No 1

JOHN MEAGHER ENDOWMENT FUND CONTINUES TO CLIMB

To ensure that students with documented disabilities and accessibility needs continue to meet their fullest potential, St. Lawrence University seeks to raise \$1,000,000 to establish the John Meagher Endowment Fund to **support its Office of Disability and Accessibility Services**. Several alumni, parents and friends have made generous commitments to this important effort, and the fund total stood at about \$362,000 in mid-July. For more information or to discuss a gift: **Chad Tessier**, ctessier@stlawu.edu or 315-229-5519.



No 3

BETA TEMPLE RESTORATION FUND CLOSES IN ON GOAL

With over \$450,000 in commitments, the Beta Temple Restoration Fund nears its established goal of \$500,000. Work is slated to begin soon and the restoration is scheduled to be **completed by May 2015**. All donated funds in excess of the construction costs will establish an endowment that will provide for future maintenance and enhancements. For more information: **John Pezdek**, jpezdek@stlawu.edu or 315-229-5540, or **Allen Splete** '60, amsplete@yahoo.com.



No 5

CHAPEL RESTORATION FUND HELPS LAUNCH PROJECT

Immediately following the October 2013 fire that destroyed the Gunnison Memorial Chapel spire and damaged much of the chapel’s interior, students, alumni, parents and friends began to ask how they could help restore the chapel. In response, **the University started a restoration fund to help with costs** above and beyond what the University’s insurance would cover. Since that time, over \$59,000 has been contributed. The first phase of the restoration efforts has begun; for details, see page xx. For more information: **Kim Hissong**, khissong@stlawu.edu or 315-229-5837.

A portion of the funds raised has been contributed by parents of members of the Class of 2014, through the Senior Parent Initiative, whose goal has been to maximize support from parents of seniors by creating a sense of identity and enthusiasm for a single project. Last year’s chosen project was Gunnison Memorial Chapel. A drive led by University Trustee George Cochran, parent of four Laurentians including Charles '14, contributed nearly \$13,800 by mid-July to the chapel restoration. Parents of 2014 seniors continue to donate. For more information: **Chad Tessier**, ctessier@stlawu.edu or 315-229-5519.

No 2

KDS ALUMNAE FUND GROWING

Since its inception approximately two years ago, the KDS Alumnae Fund has received over \$62,500 in gifts and an additional \$12,000 in multi-year pledges. More than 25 percent of the goal of \$250,000 by the house’s 50th anniversary in 2019 has been reached. KDS sisters have fully met the dollar-for-dollar \$25,000 challenge match made by Chris Koski '79 and Hilary Valentine '89 at the fund’s inception, allowing, among other projects, **expansion of and renovations** to the upstairs bathroom, and window coverings throughout the house. For more information: **Kim Hissong**, khissong@stlawu.edu or 315-229-5837.

No 4

ENDOWMENT SOUGHT FOR SUSTAINABILITY SEMESTER

The Sustainability Semester (www.stlawu.edu/sustainability-semester) embodies St. Lawrence’s commitment to reflective thinking and experiential learning. The students delve into **complex and challenging environmental issues** through intensive study and hands-on experience and can further their knowledge through a paid, project-based summer internship. Foundation grants funded the first two years of the program. Now, the University seeks \$2 million to endow it. For more information: **Sue Regier**, sregier@stlawu.edu or 315-229-5915.



“DON’T MESS IT UP.”

A professor’s stern admonition at the dawn of the France Program in 1964
launches a half-century of **international study growth.**

INTRO BY NEAL BURDICK '72

Fifty years ago

St. Lawrence began its first international program, in France. “The future of St. Lawrence’s Junior Year Abroad program depends on each of you making a success of this inaugural year,” Oliver Andrews Jr., head of the modern languages department, told the 21 students as they set off for their nine-day ocean-liner crossing of the Atlantic in September of 1964. “Don’t mess it up.”

Evidently they didn’t. For today, St. Lawrence has more than 20 programs in 18 countries on six continents, plus many more options through the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP), as well as five off-campus programs in the U.S. “Junior Year Abroad” no longer applies, with academically rigorous short-term, semester and year-long programs available, and first-years through seniors eligible for some. Preference is no longer given primarily to language majors, as was the case with the program in France and those in Austria and Spain, which followed quickly. Today’s programs span a wide range of disciplines and are open to students in every major.

As on campus, internships, research and other forms of experiential learning have become key components of off-campus study. And St. Lawrence has crossed the 50 percent participation threshold, with about half of each graduating class studying off campus for at least a semester and many more for shorter durations at some point in their college career. In no small part because those 21 pioneers didn’t in fact screw it up 50 years ago, the University has since become a national leader in student participation in semester-long programs. ☺

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We’ve got it covered:
Until fifty years ago,
almost all St. Lawrence
students went to class
in just one place:
Canton, New York.
In 1964, Rouen, France,
was added. Look
what that started.

In recognition of all of this, in the next few pages we acknowledge the two milestones that were at the hub of this year's Reunion Weekend, the 50th anniversary of that first program in France and the Kenya Program's 40th.

What lies ahead? Long-term, we can foresee St. Lawrence adding more programs in more countries, and even higher percentages of students taking advantage of these enriching opportunities. As the world grows ever smaller in ever larger ways, we will be able to say with ever more certainty that the education St. Lawrence provides is truly global.

Water Lilies on Walls

REFLECTIONS ON FIRST-YEAR ENCOUNTERS WITH THE FRENCH

By Shayla Snyder Witherell '11

Memories from France return to me outlined in Monet's impressionist brushstrokes. The weathered grey gargoyles and saints of the Cathédrale Notre-Dame de Rouen glared at me from their perch on the multi-faceted façade, their countenances becoming warmer as winter days lengthened to the brighter days of mid-spring.

When I think of Paris and of Giverny, the water lilies float on walls of the Musée de l'Orangerie and reflect in the water under the Japanese bridge. The iconic cliffs at Étretat, their mottled white, black and grey layers, tower above the blue sea lapping at their base. At the end of my four short months on the Global

Francophone First-Year Seminar, I hiked to the top and stood on the precipice of those cliffs. I realized then how fleeting our time is, compared to the millennia sketched in the stratigraphy of that weathered chalk.

I was not always at such ease. With the 50th reunion of the France program, I was compelled to read my journal of those four months. Six years had flown by since I had returned home and put it away, enough time to be critical of and fascinated by the thoughts of my 19-year-old mind as I worked through the challenges of living abroad.

My second night in Québec, I found myself wandering the foggy, slush-filled streets. Weighted down with soggy pant legs, elementary French and rising panic at being lost, I wondered if I had made the right choice. Maybe a small-town girl from rural New York State wasn't meant to try this experience. Safely in the home of my Québécois family, frustration oozed onto my journal page; on the verge of tears, I scribbled, "I feel clueless!"

My first-ever airplane journey shortly after that night took me to Rouen. I decided to walk as much as I could. I walked half an hour up the narrow, winding streets to *la fac* at Mont-Saint-Aignan every morning, choosing the Rue Raffetot, a steep incline that left me breathless and matched my uphill battle with the French language as I struggled to be myself around my host family.

In time, both my understanding and expression of French and my endurance for climbing the hill improved. On Sunday afternoons in the Place du Vieux Marché, I was symbolically warmed by the proximity of the historic flames under the cross where Jeanne d'Arc was burned. In Paris in March, I walked for miles one chilly yet sunny afternoon with a map as my only companion, exploring the Latin Quarter. On a Saturday morning in April, I connected with my host mother as we explored Rouen's Musée de la Céramique together and laughed at a silly joke that I had come up with. The terrified girl on the dark streets of Québec who couldn't ask for directions in French had changed.

One semester is fleeting in the history of the 50 years of St. Lawrence's oldest international study program, as is 50 years in the history of Rouen, where Monet painted the cathedral built centuries before his time. Yet the transformational powers of the program, and all of St. Lawrence's off-campus programs, lie in those transferrable acquired lessons that last a lifetime.

I wish I could say that my desire to go to France was more profound than a superficial interest in Monet, Jeanne d'Arc and the beauty of the French language. I often wrote in my journal, "I can't believe that I am really in France," after visiting iconic tourist attractions. Now I realize that those sites are just added bonuses, landmarks on the canvas surrounded with the skillful splash of light and dark colors. The challenges, the successes and the lessons in that place are the final composition, a priceless piece commissioned from choosing to walk the steep uphill climb that is studying abroad.

Shayla Witherell is St. Lawrence's assistant director of donor relations. Her Global Francophone First-Year Seminar took her to Québec, France and Senegal in spring 2008. Her story about two "Laurentian for Life" couples who still enjoy skiing appears in the Sports pages of this issue.

The Franco-Laurentian Connection

FIFTY YEARS IN FIVE MINUTES

By Roy Caldwell

The following is adapted from remarks offered by French professor Roy Caldwell at a banquet during the France Program's "affinity reunion" on campus on May 31, 2014. He began by explaining that in order to learn about the program's early history, he "climb(ed) into the stacks of ODY, where I consulted dusty Gridirons and yellowed copies of The Hill News."

These, I think, have been the directors: Andrews, Carlisle, Jones, Pommerat, Garrity, Pierce, van Lent, McHugh, Dargan, Caldwell, Stipa, Romey, Jockel, DeGroat, Weiner. The teachers have been much more difficult to recall. Little trace remains of them in University publications. Only some names survive. M. Virolles, our first literature professor, received an honorary degree from St. Lawrence in 1980. I heard some of you talk about him yesterday.

Then my memory brings forth the names of Messieurs Bâtard, Javet and Maurice; Madame Orange, still guiding our students through the labyrinth of French grammar; Mlle. Turgis, Madame McDonell, and Messieurs Le Brozec and Chérif Aidara. I learned of a certain M. Noisette de Crossard, whom I never knew but who left a noble impression on those students who worked with him. But especially I remember, as do many of you, the late Éliane Pigache, heart and soul of our program from the early '70s until the first years of the current millennium. Let me ask you to recall, too, her husband, the good Dr. Pigache, Bernard, the most generous and considerate of all human beings. How I wish he were here tonight.

In *The Hill News* of May 7, 1964, an article by Carole Ashkin-aze '66, a member of the initial program, reports that Professor Oliver Andrews of the Modern Languages Department had just returned from a six-week tour of France, where he visited other programs in the hexagon, met with city and university officials in Rouen, and planned the course of study for the St. Lawrence students arriving in the fall. Dr. Andrews was interviewed by the editor of the newspaper *Paris-Normandie*, who described St. Lawrence as "one of the most famous American universities," and hailed the participants in the program as "brilliant students." The Franco-American collaboration was off to a great start.

Another article reports that 25 students had been selected for the "JYP" and that Dr. Andrews, accompanied by Dr. Robert Carlisle of History, would direct. It further notes that the group would be departing in early September for Le Havre—now get this—aboard the *Aurelia*, a student ship. The Atlantic crossing lasted nine days, and there were French language courses every morning. How the students of this first program spent the rest of their nautical and pedagogical experience has been lost in the mists of time. I cannot fathom why no one has made this into a



In his France Program Reunion Dinner remarks, Prof. Roy Caldwell commented that "Much has remained the same, but many things have changed." These pictures, taken on Rouen's Rue Saint Romain in 1964, the program's first year (top), and 2014, portray that truth.

movie: the student ship steaming toward a year in France—a romantic comedy, wouldn't you think?

Other articles through the 1980s surprised me with how strong the tradition proved, how little changed over the first 25 years: An initial period in Paris, then off to the thoroughly modern buildings of the University of Rouen, excursions to Mont-Saint-Michel and the Loire, and the glorious year-end trip to the south of France. Students took eight courses, which lasted all year long, including the famous optional course, in regular university classes shoulder-to-shoulder with "real" French students. And, of course, there were the family homestays, since the beginning the pillar of our program: my French brother, my French mother, said the students back then, and say the students still today.

In a series of remarkable articles from 1964, '65 and '66, student writers recount in *The Hill News* their adventures in France. I recognize it all: the university buildings are filthy and full of smoke; French students lounge in the corridors and distribute political pamphlets, showing little inclination to practice intercollegiate sports or go to fraternity parties. Our students rave about the pastries, the cheeses, the warmth of French families. And then, as now, they love to travel. France's generous vacation schedule permits excursions all over the continent.

Much has remained the same, but many things have changed. In 1966, 34 students went to France; this fall we are sending eight. Half of those in 1966, 17, bought scooters; others regularly hitchhiked. Today, I hazard to say that none will purchase scooters and none will hitchhike. Those perilous transportations have long since gone the way of the *Aurelia*.

By the mid-90s, most students no longer wanted to stay the year, but only a semester, so we let that happen. The opening

BOTTOM PHOTO: TIM WHEELER '15



month-long stay in Paris, beloved of students to whom I have recently spoken, was eliminated, replaced by a two-week homestay in Norman villages, and then that too was dropped. The year-end trip to the Midi was guillotined as well, giving way to enriching and more seriously academic excursions into Senegal and Tunisia. Back on the campus in Mont-Saint-Aignan, we left the School of Letters, hazy with smoke, for the clean air of the Place Colbert; and now most of our students never experience a French professor lecturing to hundreds of students in an amphitheater. We still go to Paris and Mont-Saint-Michel and Versailles and Chartres, and we still see the Bayeux tapestry, but most groups never visit the châteaux of the Loire Valley, or have long afternoons to wander the more obscure neighborhoods of the City of Light.

And you know what else has changed? Back when students took the good ship *Aurelia* out of the port of New York, even back when they took jetliners from Kennedy International, embarking for the whole year, we went away and were truly away. We committed to a radical experiment of rupture from what we left behind. There was no flying home for your sister's wedding, or even for Christmas. Students didn't even call home that often. There was no following on Facebook or tweeting exactly what went down at last night's hockey game or campus party.

Talking this weekend to you, former students of the program, I hear variations on one central theme. France was transformative, some say; I grew up in France, say others; I became who I am in France, say others still.

My dear friends, has the transformational character of the experience in France also changed?

I am not sure. I hope to return to the next France Program affinity reunion to see the newest program veterans, and hear what you have to say about what the France Program has meant in your life trajectories.

Former students of the France Program, for your intelligence, your curiosity, your courage, and your flexibility of mind, I salute you!

Professor Caldwell has directed the France Program six times, and served as the coordinator on campus, engaged in recruiting and orienting, for most of his 27 years on the faculty.

'Solidified in the Kenyan Sun'

LESSONS FROM EAST HALL AND EAST AFRICA

By Ned Breslin '88

I pulled up to registration for the 2014 St. Lawrence reunion and paused. East Hall, where it all started in 1984, was just down the street. So I headed that way first. No need to register too fast....

I walked down Romoda Drive and smiled as memories came flooding back. The 1984 East Hall class, along with our counterparts in Sykes, was one of the earliest adopters of the "freshman experience" that evolved into St. Lawrence's First-

Year Program and has become common nationwide. Students and professors tried to imagine and execute a collective class experience that transcended any particular department, which, in hindsight, is a liberal arts education in action. We stumbled, learned, were vulnerable and made some magic.

As I approached the building, I reflected that the lesson of trying new things, being vulnerable and collaborating across disciplines had served me well when I went to Kenya, and has continued to do so for more than 25 post-St. Lawrence years.

I placed my hand gently on the East Hall entrance but then withdrew it, heading back toward registration and the weekend ahead.

Reunion was special to me because the Kenya program was rightly celebrated. I was able to reconnect with Paul Robinson, Howard Brown and David Lloyd, program directors and professors whose guidance was so crucial to me and set me on my global water and sanitation career path, visionaries whose contribution to the world and to students is immeasurable. I see their fingerprints on my path so clearly, and I celebrated that realization with them privately, and publicly on a stage at Carnegie.

And I was not alone. I saw generations of St. Lawrence Kenya alumni with that rare look in their eyes that were focused on

Start Date WHEN OUR PROGRAMS BEGAN



influencing the world for the better. That look was solidified, in part, in the Kenyan sun.

I was honored to receive an Alumni Citation and spoke openly about how St. Lawrence was central not only to my career path but also to my healing. I was perhaps one of the hungriest students ever to walk up Romoda Drive, having failed as a high school senior to get into any college, including St. Lawrence. I spent the following year resolutely focused on being accepted by SLU, hoping they would take a chance on a broken young man whose years of physical, emotional and sexual abuse at home had taken a serious toll, a toll I hid from all, as most survivors do.

St. Lawrence allowed me to breathe for the first time, and to stitch together a new narrative that propels me forward today. I opened up about this side of my past in front of hundreds of alumni at the citation awards ceremony, and was greeted with warmth and support.

I smiled, felt embraced and headed home shortly thereafter, thankful for having walked through that entrance at East Hall 30 years ago, thankful for having walked through the deserts of northern Kenya, and thankful for having been given the space to heal and grow in the North Country.

Ned Breslin is CEO of Water for People, which works to bring clean water to Africa, Asia and Latin America. The "stage at Carnegie" appearance he mentions was for a seminar on philanthropy that he presented during Reunion Weekend.

'From Outsider Eyes'

KENYA, AMERICA, AND TRANSFORMATION

By Natasha Haverty

Reunion Weekend this year marked a big moment in St. Lawrence history: the 40th anniversary of its study program in Kenya. The first group of students travelled from Canton to Nairobi in January 1972 for a two-week program, but since 1974 it's been a semester-long experience.

Alumni in attendance included two members of Kenya's National Assembly, as well as several founders and CEOs of nonprofits devoted to bettering the lives of people in Kenya.

Late in the fall of 1971, Peter French, professor of government at St. Lawrence, was in a bit of a bind. He'd wrangled the funding and gotten the administrative go-ahead to take 15 students more than 7,000 miles across the earth, to Nairobi, Kenya. The trouble was, he needed to find the students.

"Getting the first 15? Not so easy," he says, adding that it was much easier to find women. "Women are bigger risk-takers than guys," he explains.

Ann Cheney '74 was only 19 when she decided to apply. She says she'd dreamed of going to Africa since she'd seen it on a globe in her primary school classroom.

But Cheney almost couldn't go, because when she made the trip to New York City to get her vaccines, they wouldn't administer them because she wasn't 21. So she had to go all the way back a second time, with her mom. She still remembers to this day, "They said 'is this your daughter,' and she said 'yes!' And they said 'is it okay if we give her this yellow fever shot,' and she said 'yes!'"

At that time, collegiate study abroad programs were long established in countries like France and England. But this was one of the first programs to propose going to Africa.

French says once that first group of students came back, it was a much easier sell. "They remember every story," he says. "And most of them will say it's something that changed their life."

Since that first group went in 1972, some 2,000 students, a few from colleges other than St. Lawrence, have gone through the Kenya Semester.

On Saturday night, Kenya program alums fill one of St. Lawrence's gyms. Music blares from the speakers as steam rises from metal pans of food—the University's dining services staff has cooked a real Kenyan dinner.

Paul Gilbert '72 is another alumnus of the first group to go to Kenya. He landed in Nairobi in 1972 wearing a purple polyester shirt. He says the Kenyan people he met there had three big questions for him. The first two: "Why are Americans going to the moon, and how come Americans shoot their presidents? It was just over eight years after the Kennedy assassination," he points out.

Gilbert says the third question was the one he didn't really have the answer to: "Why black American students don't talk to white American students, and why the white American students

were not talking with the four or five African-American students that were travelling with us."

Gilbert says he still thinks about that experience to this day. He says it took a group of people from a completely different culture to help him notice what he took for granted in his own. "Sometimes you see things from outside eyes looking in," he notes.

Leila Mohammed '11 is one of the 70 or so students from Kenya who have come to St. Lawrence on a full scholarship. She remembers her first winter in Canton, and the first time she saw snow.

"I was like, oh goodness, there's actually ice falling from the sky—it was a good thing! I was just super-excited. People were inside; I was outside. But then after a week I was like okay this just has to go! I was putting my sweater or hat over my face and people were commenting on it."



Leila had just graduated from the University of Southern Maine with a Master of Public Health degree. She says in her whole four years at St. Lawrence, she didn't see her family once, but she was rarely homesick, because of the community she'd met.

"I'm really grateful that I've been able to work with people who are doing the right thing at the right time in Kenya," she says. "We want to be part of something that can positively impact the world, in one way or another. Whether you work in Canton or in Africa, it doesn't really matter!"

Although she had job offers in the States, in June Leila flew back to Mombasa, Kenya, where her family still lives. She plans to stay there. ■

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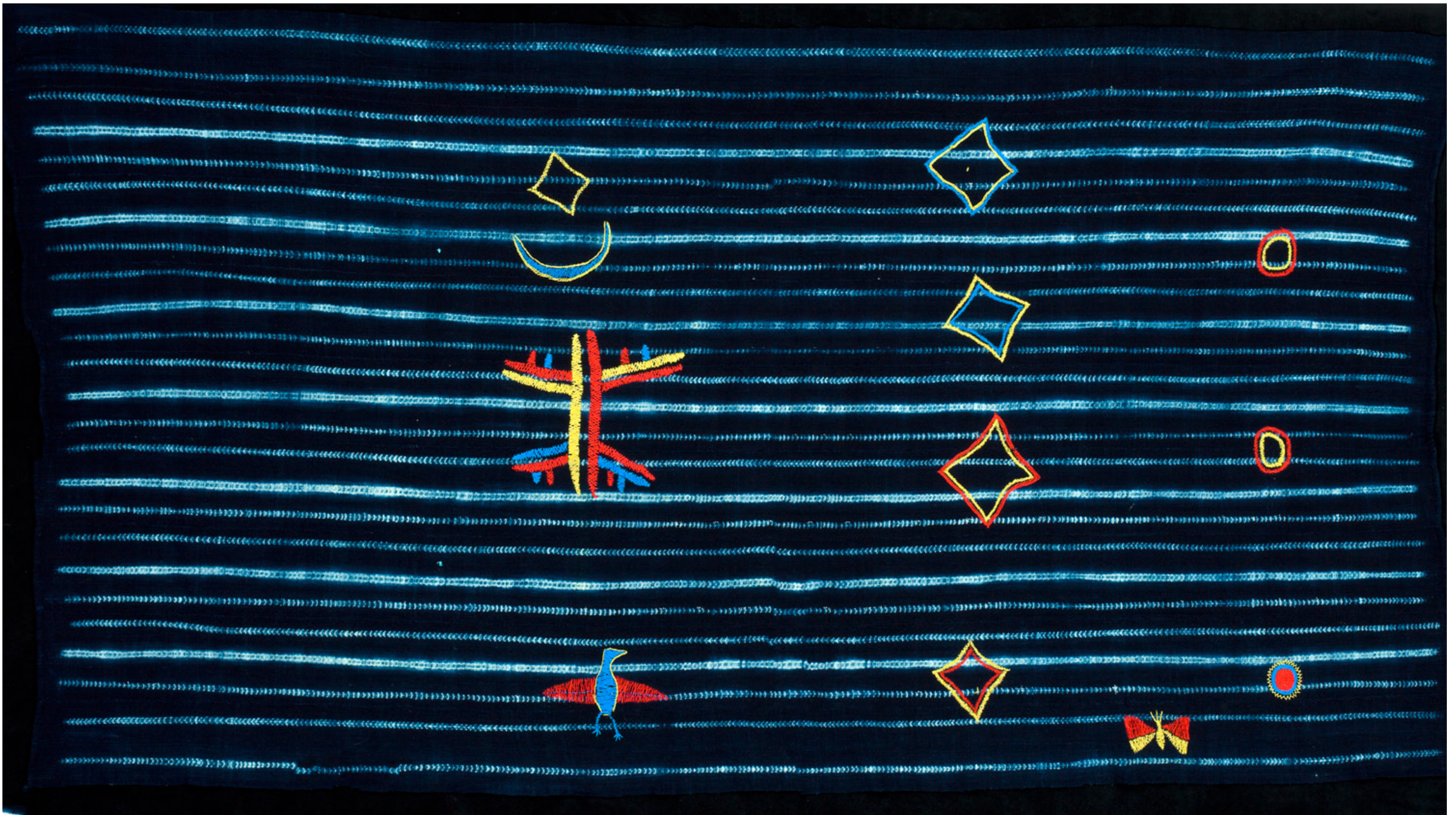


O God of all creation

This title and first line of Kenya's national anthem, composed in Swahili as "Ee Mungu nguvu yetu" in 1963, the year Kenya became independent, serve as a backdrop for these photographs from St. Lawrence's collection. They were part of a Brush Gallery exhibition in conjunction with Reunion Weekend's 40th anniversary observances of the Kenya Program.

Thanks to gallery director Cathy Tedford and Associate Professor of History Matt Carotenuto for their assistance with this presentation.

Children walk to school near the semi-nomadic village of Ong'eli. They are carrying jerricans filled with water to boil corn and beans for a shared lunch. They also have sticks of firewood to contribute. COPYRIGHT BOMA / DAVID DUCHEMIN



African textiles “are used for special occasions—funerals, initiations, marriages, and coming-of-age celebrations,” says Christopher Roy ’70, Professor of Art History and the Elizabeth M. Stanley Faculty Fellow of African Art History at the University of Iowa. “Both men and women weave, men on narrow-band,

horizontal warp, double-heddle looms, and women on wide-band, vertical warp, single-heddle looms.” This Dafing ethnic group embroidered men’s weave from Burkina Faso is from the University’s Christopher Roy ’70 and Nora Leonard ’69 Roy Collection of West African Textiles, which the Roys gave to St. Lawrence in 2007.



A Rendille warrior returns to his village with his cattle, above. As the severity of drought increases in Northern Kenya, the warriors are often forced to walk for weeks in search of water and grazing terrain. RIGHT: Beading is the responsibility of women in Kenyan pastoral culture; they make necklaces and headdresses for themselves and for their families. COPYRIGHT BOMA / DAVID DUCHEMIN

The Brush Gallery exhibition is part of a larger project to create a digital archive of the Kenya Program and document the longstanding St. Lawrence-Kenya connection; see <http://digital.stlawu.edu/ksp>, where you can also learn how to upload photos and donate other documents online.



NEW WORLD LOOKS ON THE OLD CAMPUS



LAST SUMMER, THE CENTER OF THE “OLD CAMPUS” SWARMED WITH CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY AS THE UNIVERSITY COMPLETED OR ADVANCED SEVERAL PROJECTS. ➡

THE HISTORIC CORE GETS A MAKE-OVER

The new \$14 million residence hall, which features a glass bridge commons area, an **indoor-outdoor café**, and geothermal heating and cooling, is being put to its intended purpose by 152 undergraduates. ■ The renovated Quad offers **additional green space**, a level area in the center (much to the delight of Ultimate Frisbee players) and terraced steps leading to a promenade alongside Gunnison Memorial Chapel. ■ Chapel work in the wake of the October 2013 fire continues, with a goal of reopening the chapel by Commencement 2015. At press time, the wooden pews and floors were being repaired, while the interior walls were being cleaned and painted. Chief Facilities Officer Daniel Seaman says the University intends “to **restore the spire**

and rooster weathervane as an exact replica of the original.” ■ The Herring-Cole renovation is complete. Cole Reading Room, a study and reading space, has been restored to its original beauty with **refinished woodwork** as well as new lighting, carpet, and reading tables and chairs. ■ It’s important to note that all of these projects have been done, or are being done, on the strength of thoughtful gifts to the University. The chapel restoration, while financed primarily through insurance settlements, has benefitted from the support of numerous Laurentians who gave to a special fund, and particularly from the Senior Parent Initiative. A significant gift from Trustee James W. “Jay” Ireland ’77 and Valerie Lanigan Ireland ’77 made the Herring-Cole work possible.



Completed on time and on budget, the new residence hall houses mostly seniors and juniors, with a smattering of sophomores in spacious rooms. Geothermal temperature control trims the University’s energy bill. The brick promenade between it and Noble Center, with its benches and low-pollution lighting, replaces an asphalt driveway and parking area.



We don’t know whether these students all live in the new residence hall; regardless, they’re enjoying the instantly-popular indoor-outdoor café, which fuels them with coffee, breakfast items, and made-to-order sandwiches, paninis and salads.





(Top) the new residence hall features spacious, airy common areas in the "bridge" between its two sections, from which there are views that had never before been possible. (Above) Leveling, retaining walls, steps and lighting give the Quad sharper definition. (Left) with its pews removed for cleaning and repair in the aftermath of the 2013 fire, Gunnison Memorial Chapel takes on a distinctly European look. (Opposite) Alumni of certain eras may remember when Cole Reading Room looked like this, backpacks, water bottles and laptops notwithstanding.

Q&A Taking on the Beltway

TWO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS – SEPARATED BY POLITICAL IDEOLOGY, AGE AND CONGRESSIONAL CHAMBER – HAVE TWO THINGS IN COMMON: BOTH ARE ST. LAWRENCE ALUMNAE, AND EACH SAYS WOMEN CAN HELP UNTANGLE THE GRIDLOCK IN WASHINGTON.

Susan M. Collins '75, R-Maine, was first elected to the U.S. Senate in 1996; Rep. Katherine M. Clark '85, D-Massachusetts, was elected to the House of Representatives in November 2013. Over the summer, they spoke about their time at St. Lawrence, their legislative priorities, the political gridlock in Washington and the role of women in politics today.

How did St. Lawrence prepare you for the office you hold today?

Collins: “St. Lawrence gave me the opportunity to do an internship in Washington, under the supervision of Government Professor Rick Guarasci. That led to a job as a legislative aide, (and eventually to my running for office).”

Clark: “St. Lawrence offered small seminar-style classes that really allowed for robust debate and a deeper analysis of the issues. The number one question I got when I was running for Congress was, ‘Why would you want to go there?’ We just can’t accept the status quo; we are supposed to be deliberative body.”

What are your thoughts on partisan politics today?

Collins: “Washington has certainly changed over the years, and not for the better. There’s plenty of fault on both sides of the aisle. It’s sometimes difficult to find people who are willing to actually solve problems.”

Clark: “Congress is broken in many ways, but it’s about forming relationships and finding that issue where you can work with someone across the aisle even if you don’t agree on many other issues. St. Lawrence really helped me find that ability. That was a great lesson that I hope to be able to use to knit Congress back together again.”

What are you doing to combat partisan politics?

Collins: “The shutdown of government last fall represents the low point to me. It was such a failure to govern. I put together a group that I call the Common Sense Coalition, a group of 14 senators – seven Republicans, six Democrats and one independent. That gives me some hope because we did pave the way to an earlier opening of government than otherwise would have occurred, and we’ve stayed together and are working together on a number of issues.” [For more, to go <http://swampland.time.com/2013/10/16/women-are-the-only-adults-left-in-washington>.]

Clark: “I’ve just recently filed a bill with a Republican-led co-sponsor. We have to start making relationships and friendships that may not be the typical ones you think you’re going to find.”

What is the role of women in Congress and national politics today?

Collins: “I don’t think it was a coincidence that, last fall after I outlined a plan to reopen government and encouraged us to work together, the first calls I received were from women senators. We obviously don’t all think alike, and we span the ideological spectrum. But I do believe women have a more collaborative style, and that could be very useful in helping to end the gridlock that is plaguing Washington.”

Clark: “(Women) bring a perspective as mothers, as daughters that is different and important. The focus of my work in politics has been, how do we support an economic agenda that is positive for women and therefore really good for families?”

What are your top legislative priorities?

Collins: “There’s a lot that we could do through tax and regulatory policy to encourage small businesses, which are the job creators of our country, to start up, grow and create more jobs. A second priority is making sure our workforce has the skills that it needs. Four million jobs in this country are going begging because potential employees do not have the skills necessary for those jobs. It could take a big chunk out of our high employment rate if we did a better job of training and educating people for the jobs that are in demand. A third and very important priority to me is bio-medical research, (particularly) into Alzheimer’s and related diseases. Spending on this would save us not only tremendous suffering, but also health care dollars.”

Clark: “The first bill I cosponsored was the Paycheck Fairness Act, which addresses the pay gap that exists for women doing the same job as men. I’m the mom of three boys, and I think that women who will be doing the same jobs as my sons when they grow up should be paid the same amount.”

Senator Collins, what did you think of Congresswoman Clark’s election?

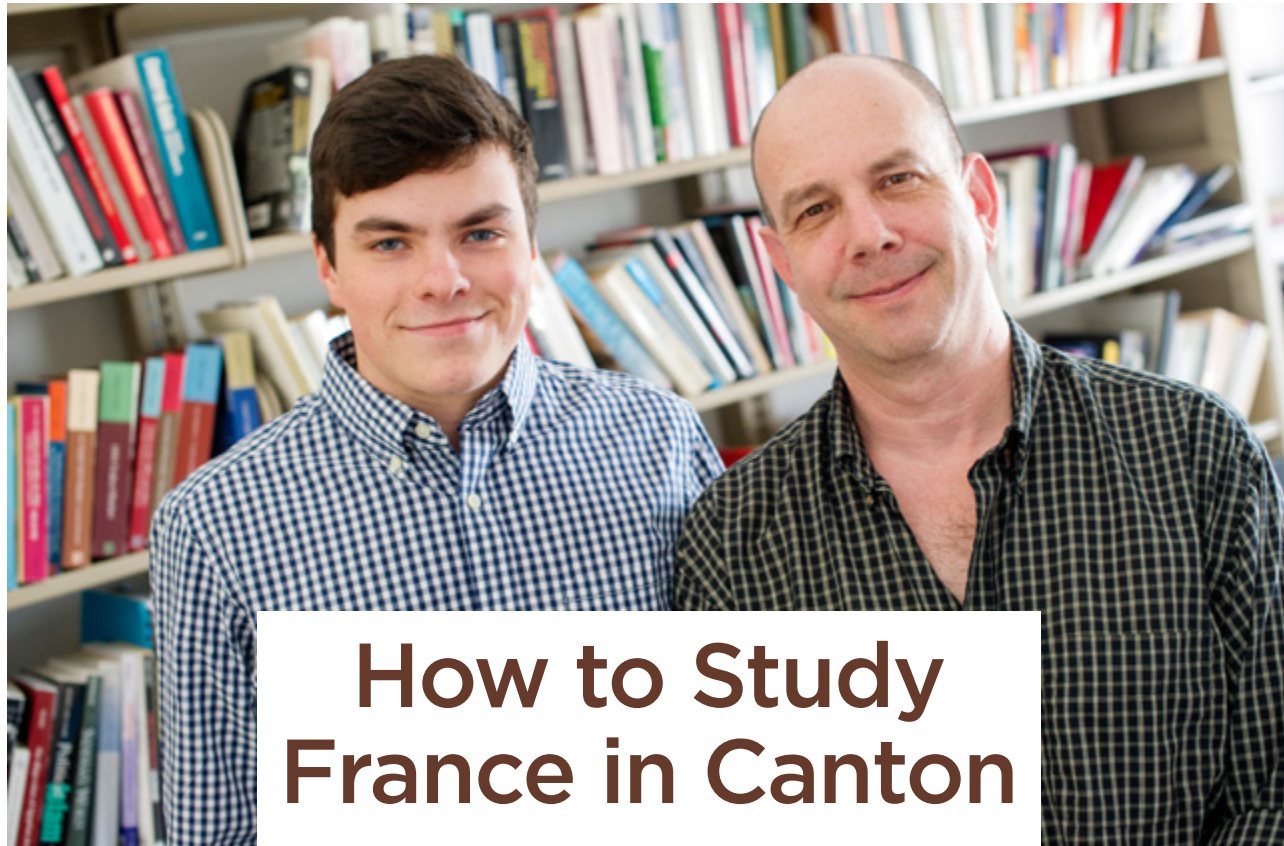
Collins: “I was delighted to see another St. Lawrence grad in the Congress. We met very briefly at the State of the Union Address, and chatted at a White House ceremony celebrating the Boston Red Sox as the World Series champions.”

Rep. Clark, do you plan to work with Sen. Collins?

Clark: “I’m hoping that we can work together and that we can be role models for St. Lawrence students. Public service, the incredible privilege of being able to serve your country, is a great career that I hope St. Lawrence students will consider.” ■

We feel safe in saying this is the first “selfie” ever taken of two Laurentian members of the U.S. Congress, by Rep. Katherine Clark '85 (D-Mass) of herself and Sen. Susan Collins '75 (R-Maine).





How to Study France in Canton

(HINT: WIN A FELLOWSHIP)

By Nicole Eigbrett '14

Phil Duggan '15 (above left) spent summer 2013 scouring historical archives and translating French newspapers, but he never left Canton. He was awarded a Daniel F. '65 and Ann H. Sullivan University Fellowship, one of dozens of students who are granted stipends to live on campus and pursue independent research with a faculty mentor each summer.

As a history major focused on French postcolonial studies, Phil investigated French newspaper coverage of the Lebanese Civil War.

"Assistant Professor Howard Eissenstat (above right), my major adviser, promotes fellowships and advises students every summer," Phil explains. "I wanted to do scholarly work, see Canton in the summer and meet studious people."

Phil also worked with primary sources. "I went to the National Library archives in Ottawa, Canada, and scanned microfilm for four days," the Buffalo, N.Y., resident recalls. "This was my first time

working with primary sources, and it made me feel like a true historian. Sometimes little articles revealed cool editorials you wouldn't find anywhere else. My eyes were exhausted after reviewing three years of French newspapers."

The fellowship prepared Phil for St. Lawrence's France Program in fall 2013. He says, "Learning about recent political history was one of the best things about the summer. One of my goals returning from France has been to re-do my translations."

Thanks to further encouragement from Eissenstat and funding from the history department, Phil accomplished that return sooner than expected. He received the Vilas History Scholarship fund and the Robert B. and Susan G. Carlisle Research Award to spend ten days in Nantes in late May 2014.

"As a harbor city, Nantes was where colonial ships would dock between voyages," Phil explains. "Many of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs' original documents

are stored in a special archive there. I examined correspondence among French officials from 1916 to 1926 concerning the development of Lebanon. It's crazy how mere telegrams created a nation for millions of people."

All of this helped shape his senior thesis, which he calls "an analysis of France's role in Lebanon through the lens of a fascinating, though overlooked, French diplomat named Robert de Caix."

After the trip, Phil continued reading academic articles and maintained his French language proficiency while working with Francophone refugees seeking asylum in Buffalo. He acknowledges how invaluable these hands-on experiences were, saying, "It's great that St. Lawrence has unique scholarships and mentorships to promote research of uncommon topics." ■

A writing intern in the University Communications office in spring 2014, Nicole Eigbrett is spending this year in Pittsfield, Mass., as an AmeriCorps volunteer with Habitat for Humanity.

FROM THE ARCHIVES



For nearly 90 years, St. Lawrence has been building residence halls off and on (before that, students mostly boarded with families in town). Men's Residence (later Sykes) was well underway in this fall 1930 composite, following by five years the first "dorm" on campus, its all-women's neighbor Dean-Eaton. The structures in the distance were all part of St. Lawrence's Agricultural School, today's relocated SUNY Canton. Still in use by St. Lawrence are Cook (later Piskor) and Payson Halls, both visible behind the rather flimsy-looking derrick.

CLASS NOTES



You on You: This is your half of the alumni magazine. Be part of it—send news to your class reporter.

1940

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Next Reunion: 75th,

May 28-31, 2015

1941

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Next Reunion: 75th, 2016

1942

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Next Reunion: 75th, 2017

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Next Reunion: 75th, 2018

I had a pleasant phone conversation with **Helen "Pixie" Persons Robbins**. Several months ago she moved in to a continuing care retirement community in Cary, North Carolina. She is well and active, doing tai chi and other activities there and would enjoy hearing from classmates at 3216 Glenhope Court, Cary, NC 27511 or 919-234-1293. Her e-mail remains PIXIEROBBINS@gmail.com.

She and I both enjoy the comfort of a "CCRC," which guarantees progressive care from independent living to assisted living to skilled nursing or memory care as needed. Our children appreciate that they will not have to search for and pay for a nursing home as we get older.

1944

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Next Reunion: 75th, 2019

Platt Wheeler reported that he and his wife, Marilyn Merrill '45, trace four generations as proud

Laurentians. Some 25 family members, some currently enrolled, have association with St. Lawrence.

1945

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Next Reunion: 70th,

May 28-31, 2015

Recently I had a very nice telephone conversation with Walt Hluch '47 (Navy), who has had some problems with his back. He turned 91 and regrets not walking with his wife, Peggy, who does a two-mile hike every day. Good for you, Peggy.

I also talked with Art Hilkert '47 (Navy), who had been in the hospital but was home and doing well. It's so good to talk about "old times" at SLU. Those 40-below-zero temperatures we had are great conversation topics!

Paul Durkin and Bell Herndon '47 continue to email in the "Navy Loop," which is always fun to read.

Sorry to report that **Marilyn Carter Metsger**, an original member of the class, died in January. She lived in Florence Lee Cottage her freshman year with **Pat Ulrich Janney**, and then in the Tri-Delt House. She was very active in Arlington, Va., where she volunteered for the Fairfax Hospital and St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Our condolences to her two daughters.

Here's a little bit of nostalgia: Remember the Eskimo, which had

great ice cream? It was on Park Street, next to the Canton Library, which was next to the Post Office on the corner. Across the corner was the Sugar Bowl, a great hang-out after shopping at the Bing Stevens Store for anything from a pencil to a sweatshirt with an SLU logo. On Main Street were a clothing store, a bank, the Barr Pharmacy, the California Fruit Store, Peggs's Jewelry Store, Ann's Dress Shop and then the *Plaindealer*, which printed the *Scarlet Saint* along with the weekly Canton paper. Newberry's five-and-dime was next and then, in later years, a liquor store on the corner. Jim's Grill was around the corner.

Across the street were a shoe store and then Crump's, where lots of beer was available, along with pickled eggs. At the end of the street was Kaplan's Department Store. Back near the Sugar Bowl corner, there was Ike Noble's shoe store and then one of the most popular "dating places," the famous "R." Remember the slanting floor? I think beer was ten cents a glass -- is that true?

On the other side of Main Street, next to the Post Office, was the movie theater! Then Billy's, a restaurant, another bank, and the *Commercial Advertiser*, which printed our *Hill News*. Next were the Canton Diner and then the Town Hall. At the end of the street was the Harrington Hotel, and across the river there was a path to Bullis's Hill, where one could go "mini" skiing. The Model Steam Laundry, where many of us had our laundry delivered, was around the corner.

Only a couple of these remain. I hope that this brings back memo-

ries and I hope that you will let me know what I have forgotten. Maybe you can add to this trip down memory lane?

Keep well and happy.

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Next Reunion: 70th, 2016

Gloria Wright Lyng, of Hilton Head Island, S.C., passed away on May 22, 2014. She graduated with a B.S. in psychology and was married to the late Kenneth H. Lyng. Gloria will be remembered for her love of tennis, gardening, bridge, animals, the New York Giants and the New York Yankees. Our condolences go out to her family.

1947

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Next Reunion: 70th, 2017

1948

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1949

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Next Reunion: 70th, 2019

Kathleen Roselle, wife of **Jim Roselle**, wrote the University that Jim is the co-author of a book, *The Best Times of My Life*, that covers his 60 years of broad-

casting at WJTN Radio, Jamestown, N.Y., 40 years of broadcasting from the nearby Chautauqua Institution, and his personal story. While at St. Lawrence, Jim broadcast the play-by-play of football, basketball and baseball over KSLU, Kathleen noted.

1950

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Next Reunion: 65th,

May 28-31, 2015

The University has learned that **Gil Maurer** was honored at the New York Botanical Garden's 33rd Annual Founders Award Dinner in May. The Hearst Corp. director has served on the garden's board for almost 30 years. He accepted the honor for the company's support of the garden's green initiatives.

"Hearst's relationship with the New York Botanical Garden goes back a long way," Gil said. "Hearst Corp. and the Hearst Foundations have been an investor and partner of the garden for decades. We bring shared values to the task: education, preservation, conservation. And, perhaps most important, a deep appreciation of beauty and wonder."

1951

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Next Reunion: 65th, 2016

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Next Reunion: 65th, 201

Bob Scott called to say that he and **Hank Larsen** often would call **Ed Attarian**. They miss their calls with him and send their best to Mary Lou and the family. Bob

is doing well and enjoyed the cold winter in New Hampshire.

Sadly, **Beverly Lee Parkes**

Smith died on April 22, 2014.

She had been an administrative assistant at the Pomperaug Health Department in Southbury, Conn. I remember her in tennis gym class and playing bridge on the floor in the Kappa lodge. Best of all, when I drove her up to a St. Lawrence reunion and on a trip to Florida, I talked her into going to her high school reunion (Roosevelt in Yonkers, N.Y.), where she reunited with her prom date, George Smith. They happily married, and she brought him to a St. Lawrence reunion, and we were all so happy for them. She had three children: John, Susan Martino and David.

Peter F. Brucato Sr. also passed away on April 22, at age 92, and **William Christopher O'Riley** died on April 14, and was interred in Arlington National Cemetery. For more on both, see "In Memory." Our deepest sympathy goes to all the family members of our deceased classmates.

1953

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Next Reunion: 65th, 2018

Karen Pflugheber Gunnison died on May 20. Her obituary is in the "In Memory" section of this magazine.

Do you remember the young physical education teacher who came to SLU when we were sophomores or juniors? Jean DeLand stayed in Canton for many years after she married John Hardy, an optometrist. She and I crossed paths several times. She and "Jack" moved to Saranac Lake in 2001, and I then had the opportunity to hike and cross-country ski with my former "phys ed" teacher. Jean died on May 27.

If "no news is good news," then there should be lots of good news out there! Send me some for the next issue to share with our classmates.

1954

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Next Reunion: 65th, 2019

I called **John Youker** to see if he and Barbara were planning to be in Canton for our 60th reunion, and John led me through a delightful afternoon at the Youker home in South Glens Falls as we watched videos of the Youker travels. Barbara and John started their amazing journeys after they both retired from teaching and their children had begun their own careers. Travel experiences within the continental U.S. led to the European river tours, which John admits did not "reach the promise of the ads." At this juncture, Overseas Adventures Travel (OAT), dedicated to educational experiences in groups of 16, came to John's notice. Through OAT, they have reached 47 foreign lands in addition to most of the U.S. They began with the Greek Islands. A sampling of other adventures includes Scandinavia, England, Russia, Africa, Macchu Pichu, Tibet and Honduras.

The video I found so enthralling was of a 16-day journey to the southernmost tip of South America, including Easter Island, Rio de Janeiro, Patagonia and Tierra del Fuego.

Reunion 2014 was another large success thanks to hard-working staff who plan it, push it and proudly show off our campus in transition. It's tough enough to handle 1,200 people, but the

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YOUR ALUMNI COUNCIL

CAMELOT IN CANTON



Late in my college years, I was delighted to discover the Arthur window in Gunnison Memorial Chapel. One the sanctuary's first, the window portrays the legendary British king and his capital of Camelot.

As I begin my work as president of the Alumni Executive Council, I've been drawn to the metaphor that that lovely old window presents.

Connections between Canton and Camelot are conspicuous. The ancient capital is a symbol of fidelity and integrity with a dash of adventure, while our North Country college is all those things made real. Just as Camelot is described as mystical, we know St. Lawrence is magical — the wonder of the Laurentian experience transcends generations.

St. Lawrence, then, is our Camelot. On the Alumni Council, carrying that metaphor forward, we believe we are all Laurentians for Life. To support our conviction, we work with visionary and inspiring spirit for our University in these ways:

- We engage alumni through SaintsNetwork events, Reunion and social media
- We recruit prospective students
- We support the University's focus on helping students prepare for careers

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- We support the New York City Semester
- We raise funds to support the University through a silent auction program and SaintsWear, a line of clothing and accessories at Brewer Bookstore
- We work to recognize alumni achievements and to select alumni to serve on the council

And we're not going to let up.

As we approach our 100th year of service to St. Lawrence in 2015, we plan to extend our reach:

- We will expand the council from 35 to 50 volunteers by 2016
- We will seek new revenue through innovation and creativity
- With staff and faculty partners, we will engage alumni through career networking and affinity gatherings in Canton and around the world

It's a privilege to lead this dynamic legion of volunteers. I'm humbled to serve the college to which I owe the foundation of my education, the skills I use every day as a journalist, my best friends, and my family.

Edward J. Forbes '02
Alumni Executive Council President

Ed Forbes began his term as president in June. He lives in Mount Kisco, N.Y., with his wife, Emily Hunt Forbes '04, and their daughter, Caroline. He is the senior digital editor at lohud.com and *The Journal News* in White Plains, N.Y.

amount of work in progress was mind-boggling. Congratulations to President Bill Fox '75 and the folks at Alumni Engagement for a wonderful celebration. We had 33 classmates and spouses on hand, in addition to another 16 guests.

Those who made it to reunion were **Bill** and **Barbara Bell Bartlett**, **Tom** and **Marion Flotow Clement**, **George Clift**, **Howard** and **Sally Mason '55 Crowell**, **Bob Daly**, **Jack** and **Mimi Grow**, **Bertha Harri Harte**, **Waddie Kalil**, **Dave** and **Janice Shonka '56 Karlen**, **Dick** and **Connie Doughty '55 Knies**, **Rod** and **Priscilla La Croix**, **Hal** and **Nancy Lansing Hoffmann-Lennon**, **Tom** and **Sistie Sime '55 Lewis**, **Peter** and **Alida Isham '56 Millham**, **Paul** and **Elizabeth Morss**, **Jack** and **Sue Palmer**, **Ty** and **Peg Carlton '55 Prior**, **Gerry Regan**, **Dick** and **Ann Robie**, **Gail Seamans**, **Frank** and **Mimi Shields**, **Fred** and **Vivian Stein**, **Martha Cheney Thomas**, and **Bud '53**, **Dave** and **Joyce Sullivan '55 Thompson**, **Dick Thompson**, **Dorothy Nicks Topping** and **Bob**, and **John** and **Gretchen Underhill**.

But the largest showing by our class was the 59 percent who contributed to the reunion fund drive. That figure enabled us to take the "Scarlet and Brown Participation Award." Nice going, fifty-fours!! Thanks for your support.

I can't close this edition without noting the deaths in the month before Reunion of three popular guys who will be missed—**Larry Schneible**, **Claude Richer** and **Chuck Bradbury**. For more on Larry and others who passed on earlier in the year, turn to "In Memory." I know classmates will join me in extending our most heartfelt sympathy to the families of these Laurentians.

1955

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Next Reunion: 60th, May 28-31, 2015 (Cluster with '56)

At the end of May I accompanied my husband, **Dick '54**, to Canton, where he celebrated his 60th

reunion. If you'd told me when I was a student that I'd be there for a 60th, I'd not have thought it possible for anyone that ancient to possibly hobble back, but there we were. Actually, there were more than 30 from '54, and seven of us from '55. I hope that won't outnumber our returnees next year for OUR 60th, next May 28-31.

We caught up with **Joyce Sullivan Thompson**. Radiating her familiar warm and caring presence, she instructed me to take notes, so I dutifully did, figuring, rightly, that she knows all about this job of class reporter, having done it for nearly 60 years. She's surrounded at home by several of her five daughters, who not only live in her town, but also on her street!

Rit Lennon, who came to share festivities with brother **Hal '54**, is tanned, hearty and still very active. He said that he'd had a heart attack many years ago and had veered into a healthier lifestyle. He skis, plays golf and tennis, and paints watercolors (which I enjoy greatly, too), but no longer flies. He also enjoys traveling with his

wife, **Nancy**, and helps his children with a family catering business which specializes in healthy food and has the unlikely name of **Roly-Poly**. He said that the family jewelry business is now run by his son and nephew.

As we strolled across the verdant campus to dinner he reminisced about a youthful venture working as a roughneck in the oil fields. It was not too profitable, for he arrived home, hitchhiking, with 35 cents in his pocket. When he saw I was taking notes, he threatened to stop talking.

Peggy Carlton Prior and **Ty '54** and **Vivienne "Sistie" Sime Lewis** and **Tom '54** were at Pub 56 (bistro between Hulett and Jencks dorms) on Friday night as we all played SLU Trivia. Do you know the month and day in addition to the year of the founding of St. Lawrence? We didn't (it was April 3, 1856), but when the emcee called for the words to the alma mater, our table, including the **Lewises** and **Peter '54** and **Alida Isham Millham '56**, stood up and belted it out, to the applause and extra points of the (very

youthful) judges! **Sistie** and **Tom** visited St. Lawrence's Sustainability Farm since their granddaughter, **Michaela Lewis '15**, is involved in environmental science.

Peg Prior said that they had moved a bit ago from Sarasota to Spring Hill, Florida. In the summer they migrate way up north – to North Carolina. They have five children, none of whom graduated from St. Lawrence. Their families are spread from Florida to Alaska, and they have a granddaughter at **William & Mary**.

Jack Elmer, our class's lone Canton resident, showed up at several functions looking tanned, fit and smiling. He often carries the banner in the alumni parade alone, I think, but not this year!

Sally Mason Crowell, there with husband **Howard '54**, was also fit and smiling, but reported having tripped and broken her leg earlier in the year and having to spend months putting no weight on it. She said that when she went to the grocery store she would push the cart and **Howard** would push her. Apparently, the excellent logistical skills that made him a general didn't extend to the aisles of Safeway! They were proud on the way to Canton to have seen their grandson graduate from Annapolis.

Sally said that they had recently gone through what so many of us have: moving to a retirement home, one that **Howard** had been instrumental in founding. They had to go through the torturous process of donating, throwing out, wishing stuff on kids and putting boxes into storage to be sorted later.

On a sadder note, I had word that **Kenneth G. Stark** of Hyde Park, N.Y., passed away on April 4.

Aside from the reunion, I have had several welcome emails. One came from fellow Long Islander **Graham Glover**, who wrote that after living in the Huntington area for 36 years he has moved to the North Fork, his old stomping ground. Following a very serious

bout of babesiosis, a malaria-like disease caused by deer ticks, he and **Esther** moved into a new condo community in northern Jamestown, near Riverhead. While in Huntington, they raised three sons, including **Rick '84**, who happily all live nearby. His brother-in-law, **Chuck Luyster '62**, and **Chuck's** son **Todd '93** are also grads.

Graham has had several serious surgeries, but "All in all, doing OK." What we all hope for at this stage! He has, however, increasingly become the caregiver for his wife, which has curtailed the traveling they had enjoyed here and abroad, including many years in time-shares in Barbados and Mexico. Their lives have included church, library (board president) and historical organization (trustee) involvement. He has devoted major time for several years to landscape and travel photography, with shows, exhibits and contests in many venues. He sends a big "Hi" and shares this long-held belief: "Faith, Family and Friends - when you have those, everything else falls into place." Wise words to live by, indeed.

Jane Carpenter Patterson emailed from Smyrna Beach, Fla., noting that a number of classmates belong to P.E.O., a philanthropic and educational organization, and that she finds it "gratifying to be helping young ladies further their education through loans, grants and scholarships." She reported on a St. Lawrence party that **Bud Garlock** and **Ann Clough '56** had hosted in their rented condo on the beach. **Bill '59** and **Jan Fowle Bigelow '57** and **Bill Plimpton** and **Sandy Steinkuller '59** also were there, enjoying redfish and trout that **Bud** and **Bill** had caught.

Finally – our reunion, next May. We are joining forces with the Class of 1956, so you'll get to see not only our classmates but also friends from the year behind. We'd hoped that '54 would also join us, but those folks feared waiting an additional year. **Doris Kloppen-**

burg Ferry '56 (she's in the Sports pages in this issue) is chairing the reunion for 1956 and is super-organized and full of ideas. Their parade theme, which we'll piggy-back on, honors the Saints and the Sinners. The Saints are having a special reunion, so we should enjoy some wonderful and nostalgic singing over the weekend.

If you'd like to help with planning or calling folks to see how they are and if they can attend, please let me know. And do put a big circle around the last weekend in May to revisit your alma mater, old St. Lawrence. If we don't return for our 60th, then when?

Please keep in touch – drop me a line and see your name in print!

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In the next several columns there will be updates about our 60th reunion. Our illustrious planning chair, **Doris Kloppenburg Ferry**, has already started planning. (For more about her, see the Sports pages.) Be ready to assist her so this reunion will top even the last one in 2011. The theme is "Saints and Sinners, An Affair to Remember."

Since **Doris** and **Connie Doughty Knies '55**, the class of '55 planning chair, were both at the 2014 reunion, they started to coordinate 2015 reunion activities. We are clustered for this reunion. **Doris** has already contacted **Hundley Thompson** to return as master of ceremonies plus "play the devil" in the parade, along with **Winnie Pisani Thorn** to activate the Sinners, and **Jan Knost** to contact the Saints. All classmates need to determine whether

they will wear the halos or pitch forks that will be available for participation in the parade. Our goal is to three-peat the Hervey Cup.

Winnie has sold her home of 36 years and is moving into a three-bedroom townhouse on Catskill Creek, which flows into the Hudson River. It is a huge change to downsize, but she won't have all the yard work, pool, and terraces to deal with. She is looking forward to the visit from her daughter, **Stacey Thorn Shields '83**, and granddaughter, **Siena**, age 6.

Hundley tells me his business, **Rose Chauffeured Transportation**, has received two notable awards. *Limo Digest* named **Rose** its Operator of the Year, Large Category, and they also received the **Wake Forest Family Business Center of the Year Award**. **Hundley** started the business five years before the end of his radio career in 1985. Now, 29 years later, with 54 vehicles including motor coaches, **Rose** does business up and down the East Coast. **Hundley** asks, "Retire?" and answers, "I can't, I'm not tired."

Bob Ernst reported from New Jersey, where he was camping for approximately nine weeks in Cape May Courthouse. "It changes the air in my head," he said. "Like everyone else, time is catching up to me but I keep running as fast as I can." For 15 years, he has traveled to St. John, USVI, at Thanksgiving to visit his daughter. When he attended his grandson's graduation in the Boston area, he visited **Leslie Zittell Jose**. They went out for lunch and had a great time reminiscing.

Leslie is very involved with her activities at the Natick Senior Center. The *Boston Globe* covered her experiences with the Sages and Seekers, groups of high schoolers at a local private academy. She has recently been involved with technical high schoolers who represented two socioeconomic levels. Now, she is part of the "Bridges" program, which is for fourth graders. **Leslie** says it is so rewarding to see how the seniors bridge the gap from

one generation to another. She has worked with college, high school and elementary students. She even shared her expertise at needlepoint with fourth graders, and they were fascinated

Her senior center sponsors chair volleyball, six chairs per team. They use a beach ball. Leslie says it is therapy along with socialization and great fun. They play different towns. She is most proud of her daughter, Leslie, a registered massage therapist.

Len Combi and Carolyn spent most of last winter on Sanibel Island, Fla. They had a delightful visit with Doris and Bob Ferry. To celebrate Len's 80th birthday, the entire family, which includes six adults and six grandchildren, will be going to Lake Como in Northern Italy. Len keeps in touch with **Russ Harter**. Marilyn and Russ were planning a summer cruise to Scandinavia and St. Petersburg, Russia.

Sue Belden Rice says, "I take one day at a time now that my motto is that life begins at 80!" Three of her four children were able to celebrate her big birthday in Vermont. She is still working two days a week as a clinician at Counseling Service of Addison County and volunteers at Open Door Clinic for patients with no health insurance. Some are migrant workers, so she is working on her Spanish. She spent four weeks at the Sarapiquí Conservation Learning Center in Costa Rica, where she volunteered. She had a homestay with a wonderful Costa Rican family and considers it one of her best experiences. She might do it again since her daughter is now living in Costa Rica part of the year. She is our volunteer extraordinaire!

Jewel Breiner Hall writes that her and Stan's brewery, Cooperstown Brewing Company, has been sold to Northern Eagle Distributors, a subsidiary of the Budweiser Corp. She said it is wonderful to know that their beers, with the original names

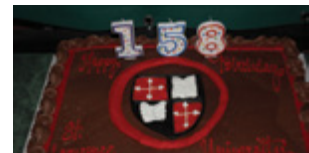
and recipes, will continue. Jewel has spent a month in California, Arizona and Florida.

Barbara "Andy" Direnga Hart and Bern had a visit with **Elaine "Tiger" Rhodes** and Pete **Schriever** in April in Florida on their way home from their winter on the sunny shores of Hillsboro Beach. They had a nice visit with **Nancy Hoyt Patterson** in Punta Gorda, Fla.

Don Heithaus receives an award for the most days skiing last winter - 40. He now has 11 grandchildren. After a recent trip to Toronto, they traveled through Canton and SLU on their way to visiting at Tupper Lake.

I had a wonderful phone call with **Dave Joy** and offered my condolences on the passing of his lovely wife, Barbara. She had been ill for many years. Dave is well and enjoys his new home with all the activities like golf, shows, plays and a pub. His three grandsons are in college. He is planning some traveling and hopes to attend the reunion.

John Houx (he used to go by "Jack") is an actor with more than 15 years of experience. His current play is *Tuesdays with Morrie*. John has a grandson, age 7, who may be a future SLU hockey player.



The Charter Day celebration in Los Angeles for St. Lawrence's 158th birthday was a success. We had every decade represented from the 1950s to the 2010s. Yours truly, **Mary Jane Hastings Smith**, Beth Day Totin '57 and **Camey Baldanza McGilvray '57** represented the '50s. Our guest speaker was Trustee **Barry Phelps '69**, who gave us an update on what was happening on the campus. A good time was had by all - goodies, birthday cake, and an SLU trivial pursuit game. Special thanks to **Rick Hasse '76** for obtaining the venue and planning the event.

Our grandson, **Christopher '18**, is a Laurentian this fall, and as of mid-summer was looking forward to playing on the men's soccer team. We are planning trips to Canton to watch the team play.

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George Ruscoe and his wife have been living in Florida since 1971. He retired from the City of Daytona Beach 15 years ago and credits his success there to his education at St. Lawrence. Gardening occupies him now.

Werner Frank Item and Sheila live in Newport, R.I., and have been sailors for 35 years. Now they have a power boat, ski some, and look after grandchildren several days a week. He did finance and program management for Raytheon for 39 years. Prior to that, he worked at Bendix in Teterboro, N.J., following in his father's footsteps. Frank says that his accounting and management classes at SLU put him into position for these positions.

Ray Robertson lives near Potsdam, N.Y., and is happy in his country surround. He was in the military, taught math (his St. Lawrence major) at Clarkson, built a house and provides vegetables for his table from his own garden.

Joyce Hotaling Kent remains in her rent-controlled apartment near Gramercy Park in New York City. While studying at the University of Denver in 1958, Joyce took a student trip to the Middle East and was stranded for over a month because the agency could not pay for the return airfare. The group nevertheless continued to travel to Syria, Turkey, Jordan, Israel, Rome and Paris until October, when her father sent money

so she could sail from Le Havre to New York. She lived at times with **Rosemary Ireland Travers** and **Nancy Olenhouse Laplante** on the Upper West Side. After graduate school she took a job in an after-care clinic for the mentally ill. Then she went on to Columbia for training to become a psychotherapist. Joyce sees a few clients yet.

Artist **Leon LeBeau** graduated with a major in psychology and a minor in English. He taught high school English for 11 years in Malone, N.Y., during which time he earned a master's degree. After Leon accepted a position in St. Lawrence County, teaching art, he developed an interest in pottery and took classes through SUNY. Next came a two-year position as an employment counselor with the Department of Labor, then one as a vocational rehabilitation counselor with psychiatric and mentally challenged clients. Later he worked with the physically handicapped. Upon retirement he audited drawing classes at SUNY Potsdam. He and Penny had moved to 25 acres not far from Potsdam, where they raised chickens and children. Now, Leon teaches what he has learned, first low-fire pottery and then stone-ware, and teaches watercolor with the SOAR program, Stimulating Opportunities After Retirement. His inspiration is the seasonal wonders of the natural North Country environment.

Lee Whitney and wife Julie Beaver '58 look forward to visits at their son's vacation home in Park City, Utah. They have spent 13 winters in Vero Beach, Fla., with summers in New Jersey. He is in touch with **Bill Barden** and **Richard "Tinker" DeGraff**.

Diane Preussner Glover and Tom '52, after having lived in Rowayton, Conn., for 50 years, find it time to downsize. She substitutes in K-5 classes in Greenwich and is on the Board of Directors for Senior Housing, a 23-unit development sponsored by her church. Diane enjoys bell-ringing. Tom is still doing caricatures, specializing in sketching faces onto golf bodies. She recalls rooming with **Nancy**

Robinson Bradtmiller at Gaines House junior year.

Kathryn "Kitty" O'Keefe Nardiello and Don '55 introduced Diane and Tom to each other at the Tick Tock on a blind date that year.

Camey Baldanza McGilvray continues with the creation of wood, wire and paint sculptures. Her works will be shown in Santa Monica, Santa Barbara and Palm Springs this year, and she plans a trip to Garfield, N.J., for her 61st high school reunion.

Ronald "Obie" O'Brien keeps a busy schedule of performance of his magic show: St. Louis in July, South Korea in August, China in September, England in November.

Sue Rich Parker and Jim visited central Europe in May. They expect to sell their lake property in northeastern South Dakota, but will continue to use it until the transfer. A remote and beautiful spot it is, where they grew potatoes and other vegetables for years. Instead of vegetables, they planted an apple tree this year.

Recently honored by the town of Amherst, N.Y., was **Philip Morey**, who has served on the governing board of the MusicalFare Theatre and many of its committees for 17 years. He chaired the "Songs for Tomorrow" campaign for the major expansion of the theatre, which attracted new corporate and individual donors and raised more than a quarter-million dollars. The MusicalFare's cabaret and lounge expansion funded "The Colleen and Phil Morey American Songbook Series" of programming.



Jan Zetsche Finch (left) visited with **Mary Bowers Hunter** (right) and husband **Dard** at Sea Ranch, Calif., and I was there too. We visited a unique chapel built to suggest waves of the sea. Mary remains in charge of lettuce at the Sea Ranch Community Garden, which involves planting the nurslings and overseeing their nurture.

With sadness we note the passing of **Donald Christiana, Louise Welton Biernacki, Ralph "Packy" MacFarland, Mary Ann Fitzpatrick Griffin, Walter Wilmshurst** and **Donald Wilcox** over the past several months. Their names all appeared in the "In Memory" section of recent issues.

I had the good fortune to visit family in Texas, Florida and California, solidifying family ties. And three girls I met in Saigon in 1958 met together again in Palm Desert, Calif., in May.

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Thanks for **Bob Lyle** for several tidbits of information. Lois and Bob enjoyed Fiesta Week in San Antonio, and learned that Texans know how to celebrate. The occasion was a celebration with some of Bob's high school classmates from Bush Park High School, an American school outside of London. Although he was not, most students were military dependents from all over the United States, and for the last 20 years they have held a reunion every two years somewhere in the country. It was great to hear that physical therapy is helping Bob tremendously.

Bob sent news of two fellow residents of Simsbury, Conn. **Ray Jennings** is a veteran and has been active with the American Legion. At a large Memorial Day event, Ray was the Master of Ceremonies. Congratulations to Ray, and to all veterans from our class and beyond.

Heartiest congratulations also to **Fran Jeffers Gauthier**, who Bob says was named a "Home Town

Hero" of Simsbury. Chosen by the Board of Selectmen, the historical society, the business community and a former hometown hero, the title represents recognition from one's peers for service to the community. Fran volunteers for the annual Jack Bannan Turkey Trot, at Red Cross blood drives, at the Community Farm of Simsbury, and at the Foodshare Truck at the First Church of Christ. One particularly satisfying effort is her commitment to children's eye screenings with the Lions Club. Superior equipment allows for the detection of conditions often missed at other screenings, especially in very young children. Modestly, Fran says, "I like to help out where I can."

Most of us can recall vividly a college professor, an incident or a confrontation. **Jan Featherly Heithaus** recalled a memorable moment from South Hall. She and Don '56 took history with the famous Dr. Harry Reiff. They sat together in the first row, and one morning, Dr. Reiff confronted her, "Hrumpff, Miss Featherly, I see you don't have your book!"

"It was a great big book," Jan recounted, "so naturally and chivalrously, Don slid his book over to me. Dr. Reiff stood back and said, 'Well, which one of you wants to take the rap?'" That moment was among many which led her and Don to remember him as their greatest teacher—tough, entertaining, accomplished, and a bit intimidating.

Judy Lennon Cashman wrote from Bellingham, Wash., where she and Vince '55 were celebrating their granddaughter Hazel's graduation from high school. Judy is delighted that she and Hazel are in the same time zone now that Hazel attends Bates College. Congratulations to Hazel also for the publication of her first book, a children's story called *Raincoat Man*. Let Judy know if you would like a copy.

It must have been a memorable and proud weekend in New York City for **Wendy Colassard Segard**. She traveled from California to greet her granddaugh-

ter's plane from Paris and take her to begin her summer dance program at the New York City Ballet with a full scholarship. On the same weekend, she heard another granddaughter, from Oregon, sing in Carnegie Hall.

I-95 is getting a workout from Phil and **Barbara Blair Nangle**. Reunions, graduations and birthdays mean travel. That's what you get for living in North Carolina! First, a trip to the Connecticut shore with friends from their old stomping ground and then on to Maine for granddaughter Jessica's high school graduation and daughter Michelle's birthday. After only a short time at home, they headed back to Connecticut for Phil's grandson's high school graduation. July took them to Rochester, N.Y., to visit family and then to the St. Lawrence River for a memorial service for Barbara's nephew.

Lois Langtry's frozen shoulder in the winter turned out to be arthritis, which was improved with therapy. Back problems are helped by the water aerobics she teaches in the winter and a gym membership which she and Ken share. A 1-year-old great-granddaughter provides pleasure, a few mornings in the real estate office keep her in touch, and weekly Scrabble games with friends keep her mind sharp. Gardening is a bit more difficult these days, but she still does a lot of canning and donates much of it to family and local charities. Travel over the summer was limited to a wedding in Minneapolis.

Liz and **Paul Fideler** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last year with a six-city trip through Central Europe: Potsdam, Berlin, Prague, Vienna, Salzburg and Innsbruck, plus a few days on Lake Como. In the spring, Paul returned to Vienna to present a paper on British utilitarianism in colonial India at the European Social Science History Conference and toasted the town with friends at Freud's favorite spot, Café Landtmann. After 45 years on the Lesley College faculty, Paul has retired. Congratulations on a distinguished career in education, Paul!

I would like to thank **Jack Buchanan** for his willingness to help my roommate's grandson, Matt Dudley '14, by reading a paper Matt was hoping to publish and offering some suggestions. Jack spent some time in South Carolina, at an international battlefield archaeology conference and then touring battlefields with friends who are local authorities on the Revolution in the Carolinas and Georgia. He recommends traveling by overnight train from South Carolina to Penn Station. Summer plans included a trip to Germany to see Susi's family, and visiting in Paris and Dordogne with friends and colleagues.

Jack let me know that **Richard Collins** died on May 22. Jack said, "Dick and Della were neighbors of ours in Vetsville, and for about the past decade Dick and I had exchanged e-mails. They lived in a retirement home in Gig Harbor, Wash. Della plans to stay on as she has many friends there, a daughter nearby, and a son in Seattle. Their other son lives in Albany, N.Y." For more on Dick, see "In Memory."

Ed Myers sent me a detailed recollection of the ATO Hawaiian party of 1957, relived a bit in our reunion last year. It certainly evoked many memories. I know he sent it along to a number of brothers and has received responses in the form of other recollections of that memorable event.

It was a two-graduation year for **Claire McGarrahan Strang**. Granddaughter Emma graduated from high school and prepared for the University of Rochester. Her grandson, Matt Dudley '14, graduated from SLU and headed for Abu Dhabi on a fellowship from NYU. Although it was great to have him here for four years, meaning frequent visits from Claire, I will miss seeing her whenever the Laurentian Singers perform or Matt is being honored in some way. We are trying for a roommate reunion. We can manage to get **Barbara Blair Nangle** there, but **Carol "Scotty" Kleinsmith Newton** is the major hurdle. How about it, Scotty?

Reunion was its usual hectic self. **Hal Robertson** and I represented our class, but Hal alone attended the Honor Guard dinner, his attempts to get **Dick Meili** to come having proved unsuccessful. Seated with a number of student hosts, he regaled the group with accounts of beanies, signs, "The Wall," the L Club and overcuts. They shared tales of their studies abroad. Hal and Betty plan to spend a month or so in the Keys and south Florida next winter. No special trip was planned for last summer, although they greatly enjoyed a cruise from Southampton, England, to Iceland and Norway last year.

All my children and one spouse had a cluster reunion, but Christy McKinnon Cooper '84 and John Cooper '83 were moving to

another house that weekend, making the trip impossible. However, Cathy-Anne "Kitty" Hughes Morrison '83 and Michael McKinnon '83 were able to come. It was terrific to see them and visit with their friends who returned. We must concentrate on making our next reunion an imperative. Schedule it now!

One of the last events of the weekend is a Service of Remembrance at which the names of Laurentians who have died in the last year are read. Far too many names this year from our class and others held special meaning for me. I hope you read "In Memory" in the magazine each time; more often information appears there. The names read for our class were **Ellenjane Beattie Booth, Robert J. Bray, Robert D. Curtis, Daniel S. Day, Martin Marino** and **Peter E. Van de Water**.

Until next time, friends, be well, drop me a line whenever you have the time, and contact that classmate you remember with a smile.

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I received a nice letter from **John McIntyre** telling of his many adventures since leaving St. Lawrence 54 years ago. Soon after graduation, he served as a captain in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He married Ravena Green from North Carolina, and has three children and five grandchildren. They have come back home to New Hampshire, where they reside on Lake Winnisquam in Laconia.

He worked for 34 years with Tyco International, where he became a division head and officer of the company. His division designed, manufactured, installed and maintained trans-oceanic underwater fiber optic telecommunication cable systems for commercial and military use. A long-time director of Revere Copper in Rome, N. Y., he and his family enjoyed many wonderful moments in the North Country.

John owns and operates rental properties in New Hampshire, Maine and California. His life style is "nomadic" with lots of international travel. He and Ravena winter in Santa Barbara, Calif., and ski often at Lake Tahoe. Summers are spent back home and "Down East" in York Harbor and Moody Beach, Maine.

Another nice letter came from **Douglas Campbell**, telling of an exciting summer trip to Europe. He and Diana planned to take a Black Sea cruise from Istanbul to Turkey's North Coast, then to Odessa, Romania and Bulgaria before returning to Istanbul, then London for five days before heading home.

Robin McNallie writes that he has long been retired from the English department faculty at James Madison University. He continues to both teach and attend classes in the Lifelong Learning system at JMU. He and his wife, Chris Edwards, enjoy travel, last summer journeying across Canada by rail.

Sadly, our class has lost three of its members in the past few months: "**Bill**" **Bailey Jr., Irving Smith** and **Ronald H. Woods**. For more on them, turn to "In Memory." St Lawrence has also been notified of the death of **Robert C. Waite** on July 16, 2013.

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For this issue, we have three classmates who either have never sent an update or who haven't done so in years!

Dave Crystal is still practicing law in New York City and as an arbitrator for the Financial Industry Regulatory Association. He's been married to Judy for 49 years; they have three sons and four grandchildren. He shoots skeet, trap and sporting clays in the winter.

Jonathan Levine, after teaching at Hunter College for 10 years, worked for the New York City Board of Education as an administrator for over 20, then ran the largest wine-tasting society in the City for 25 years. He wrote a wine column for close to 25 years, and is chairman emeritus of NYC's largest organization of wine communicators. "Since retiring from the wine business," he told me, "I teach bridge to a few students and am on the board of my co-op (was chairman for more years than I want to remember), and my wife and I travel a lot."

The third silent classmate is **Doug Lawrence**. He writes, "After graduation, I married Jane Ferner '60 and spent nine years in the Marine Corps, five in a fighter squadron flying the F8 Crusader in Beaufort, S.C., and (from) a number of aircraft carriers. During this time, we had one son." After the Corps, Doug joined IBM in human resources, retiring 28 years (and three more children) later, only to join Shared Medical Systems (SMS) in Malvern, Pa., as the head of human resources.

"After six years," he continued, "I again retired and we moved to Scottsdale, Ariz., but returned to Rhode Island when the grandchildren came along." During this time he rejoined IBM in their Global Services division, and spent another 13 years doing contract HR work. He is now "totally retired."

I thought **Mark Harran** had retired a lot of times, but maybe Doug has him beat! Mark writes that he has fully recovered from last year's health problems. He has resigned from several boards so most of his time is spent on the farm, making hay in the summer and maple syrup in the winter/spring. He does, however, remain president of the Connecticut Maple Association and VP of the International Maple Syrup Institute. He travels to the 13 "maple states" and four maple-producing Canadian provinces and was looking forward to meetings this fall in Nova Scotia.

Beth Anne Freilich Gordon is still showing greyhounds. They have four. Beth Anne and John live in New Mexico, and the dog shows range from Ft. Worth, Texas, to southern California. That's a lot of driving! Once again, Beth Anne just missed seeing **Carole Sperzel Clark** while she and Bill wintered in Palm Desert, Calif.

In April, **Craig Ruhm** and Ellen rented a house in Phoenix. "It was special to spend a lot of time with my son, Chris," Craig said.

In June, **Ken Shilkret** saw his granddaughters' annual dance recital and then headed to South Carolina for golf before seeing the U.S. Open in Pinehurst, N.C. When

home, Ken keeps busy at the American Legion.

Sandee Huebenthal Fleisher proudly wrote of a new grandson, born in April in Fairbanks, Alaska. **Tim Stevens** and Kathy spent the summer at their cabin in our 49th state; their granddaughter spent three weeks with them in June and their grandson did the same in August.

Jim Pritzker enjoys spring and summer in New England - walking, biking, kayaking and lots of events with their five grandchildren. In early June he attended a bi-annual reunion at Honeywell, where he worked his entire career in their computer division. He says "Hello to my SLU classmates."

Pat Linderth Taylor continues to be a frequent traveler. In June she went to France with two of her granddaughters and then she and John '59 planned a trip to Iceland in July. For more on the Taylors, see the Sports pages.

Natalie Beaumont was looking forward to a folk dance trip to Ireland in July. In August, **Steve Anderson** planned a week at Chautauqua Institution in New York and then a week in the Poconos with six grandsons and their parents.

For the past several years, **Gordy Brown** and Maria have spent December to April in Panama City Beach, Fla., which is like a second home with all of the friends they have there. Wanting a change of routine, they planned their first-ever trip to France for May: Sight-seeing in Paris, high-speed train to Avignon, and then touring the French Riviera with a day trip to San Remo, Italy. Sounds fabulous!

I know you all join me in expressing our sympathy to **Jack Van de Water** upon the loss of his brother, Peter '58. (See "In Memory" in the last issue for more on Peter.)

Thanks for your updates and please do continue sending them in!

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Bev Beyer Stautzenbach tells of a wonderful mini-reunion of the Class of 1962 Pi Phi. On June 5, she and **Cindy Larsen Verruso-Dudeck, Marian Katz Schenke, Katie Chase Danis, Pat Conly Tufenkjian, Sue Vosseller Dreghorn, Ginny Sigafos Herrick, Phil Vico Gold** and **Bonnie Baker Landino** converged in Williamsburg, Va., from Florida, Michigan, New Jersey, Connecticut, Chicago, Tennessee and Pennsylvania for a journey back in time. Bev writes, "Our personal journey was the main focus of the weekend, as we caught up with each other's lives over the years since we last met and, as is always the case with our reunions, tested each other's memories and created lots of laughter with stories of our years at SLU."

Bev lives in Venice, Fla., with husband Mark. They were planning a couple of weeks in August at their Adirondack house with kids and grandkids. The whole family (19 people from six households in five states) was together in Venice for Thanksgiving last year.

Colby "Moke" Walton reports he received a clean bill of health in early April: cancer-free!! He's feeling great and getting back into good conditioning fast. He and Claudette got away for a great three-day visit to Charleston, S.C., arriving as the Spoleto Festival began.

Willoughby Richardson sent a very newsy tome, which I am forced to whittle to fit my page! For Christmas and New Year's he returned to Germany to visit his son in Munich, but also spent some time with **Barry Swanson** in Frankfurt. He enjoyed a father-

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Email photos to Sharon Henry at shenry@stlawu.edu.



SAEs from the Class of '63 who enjoyed a reunion in Florida last spring were, from left, **John Reddy**, **John Mason**, host **Joe Jiampietro**, **Frank Taylor**, **Gene Simonsen**, **Dick DesReis**, **Chuck Ross** and **Pete Kross**.

son bonding weekend to Pilzen and Prague and hiking through snowy woods in Mittenwald, with side visits to Garmisch and Oberammergau. Once home, he spent February and March on a car trip around our country. He visited Peggy LaRock '63 and **Jim Blanchard** in Madison, Wis., where he also saw Kent '65 and Mary Ann Fuller. Then he headed for Steamboat Springs for a few skiing days with Jane Schwartz '63 and **Bill Schaffer**. His return trip took him thorough Albuquerque, where a lady friend joined him for the southerly return back east. They took in the vastness of the Southwest, visiting White Sands National Monument, Carlsbad Caverns, Pecos (of Judge Roy "The Hanging Judge" fame) and San Antonio ("Remember the Alamo") among other iconic American venues.

Ron Rencurrel and Evie have two skiing stories. In February, they met Dave '61 and Karen McDonald Walton '63 and **Gary Gibson** and Gayle at the Landgrove Inn in Vermont to ski and play for a few days. This is an annual event they have done for five years! Then in May, while in Colorado, they took a side trip to visit the Schaffers, and on Memorial Day, Bill skied his 137th day of the season. The next day, they all took a 20-mile bike ride (all downhill) along the Roaring Fork River to Basalt for lunch. SLU- educated, they smartly took the bus back to Aspen!

In June, Ron played in the Saints Hockey Alumni and Friends Golf Outing at New Seabury Country Club on the Cape. He was paired with Sam Sammis '60 and Jinny. Despite help from Jinny, who

kept them in the game for a while, they fell way well behind the younger teams.

Speaking of annual get-togethers, **Kate Griffin** reminds us that each fall **Sandy Brown Lepore**, Diane Peterson Reynolds '64 and Leigh Berry '64 meet for a hiking and biking vacation. By the time this report goes to press they will have met for the 23rd year for the exercise and the requisite chatting and laughter.

Kate tells us that the Sackets Harbor Historical Society, of which she is a board member, hosted Matt Dudley '14 as a speaker in June. Kate and Matt first connected in Canton during our 50th reunion in 2012. Matt was giving a talk on the War of 1812, titled "Agent 13 in the North Country." He has expanded on his research with financial support from St. Lawrence that allowed him a month in the Archives of the Indies in Seville, Spain, as well as time at the Chicago History Museum. His Sackets Harbor presentation was on the War of 1812's General James Wilkinson, titled "For King and Countries: the Remarkable Life of an Occasional Spaniard and Fair-weather Patriot." The talk received rave responses by local War of 1812 experts.

Anne Henehan Oman enjoyed home-and-home visits with **Linda Cassidy Kline**. They met at Linda's West Coast Hunting-ton Beach, then Anne's East Coast Fernandina Beach (no sunburns, I hope!) They had a great time doing watercolors on the beach, by the river and in the marshes, and then exploring the Okfenokee Swamp.

Rather than current events, **Bruce Boss** provided a nostalgic note recalling our freshman life in "Men's Rez," now Sykes. He and **Peter Kermani** lived across the hall from one another, immediately next to the cafeteria. Among other things they played bridge and cribbage and shared their love of classical music. Bruce recalls Peter entertaining their hallway by putting his stereo in his doorway on Saturdays and playing Bruno Walter's rendition of Mahler's Second Symphony.

Bruce thanks the Kermani family, whose musical interest inspired a gift toward the Peterson-Kermani Recital Hall at St. Lawrence. Bruce recalls our freshman year as the best year of his life; he still has his scarlet beanie with the '62 on the front.

While on a transcontinental train trip from California, whose last leg was on the *Lake Shore Limited* eastbound from Chicago, George and **D.D. Cushman Harrington** captured a photo of a passenger car belonging to the Adirondack & St. Lawrence Ry. Co. She planned to meet **Pat Chester Burd** in Kennebunkport, Me., where they both own summer cottages.



Dave Daniels sent this picture of himself with one of his tennis team members, Camille Burger '18. He's been the Longmeadow (Mass.) High School girls' tennis coach for three years, having been a math teacher there until retiring in 2000 (upon which he taught math at Western New England University until 2011). "I did not influence Camille to apply to SLU," he says. "In fact,

when I asked where she was going, she grinned when I told her that I went there. She fell in love with St. Lawrence from the first visit." Last November, Dave added, he and his wife went on a Viking cruise from Prague to Paris through Germany, and met Paddy Mackenzie '76 and John Duford '74 from Rochester, N.Y.

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A big thank-you to all who responded to the eblast sent out by the University! It was great to hear from you. Please continue to share your news.

What a pleasant surprise to hear from **Sally Vian Flinn**. Sally left St. Lawrence after freshman year and finished her B.A. at the University of Oregon. After graduation, she moved back home to Hawaii, married, had four children and became an insurance agent. Her especially great friends from St. Lawrence are **Pat Warne Randall** and **Grace Napolitano Zanazzi**.

Janet Ghattas and John Hand are conducting their 23rd program to Senegal, West Africa, where they were Peace Corps volunteers from 1962 through 1965. The dates are December 28, 2014-January 13, 2015. They welcome Laurentians to be among the five participants. Please contact them when you are in the Cambridge, Mass., area. They would love to see you!

Nancy Palmer Appich spent two weeks in June on Sanibel Island, Fla., at her annual family reunion. After a restful reunion, she and grandchildren spent several days at the Disney parks! Nancy and her KD group (**Helen Badger Druce**, **Betsy Barratt Lutz**, **Vivien Easton Bower**, **Jean Sutherland McKee**, **Ann**

Newnham Lloyd, Ann Breitner O'Reilly and three KDs from other classes) meet every winter in the Orlando area.

Chris Hopf-Lovette visited **Jackie Thompson Lois** in Venice, Fla., and spent a fun afternoon and had a dinner with **Janet Lefkowitz Schotz**, who lives there. Chris and Emmett Mahoney also took a trip to Italy with her sister, Barbara, and Linda Hopf-Pope '68 and her husband, David Pope '67. They rented a villa in Impruneta and took self-guided tours of the area. According to Chris, they had "a terrific time (if you cancel out the clever thief who deprived me of my money and iPhone as we got off a train at our first stop in the Cinque Terre)." Chris posted lovely pictures of her Italian adventure on Facebook.

Gerry Hamburger writes, "I'm a kid again, living with my wife, Cathy, in Bucksport, a small town in Maine. We have a cabin in the woods with occasional bears, deer, but no moose yet. We've been stocking our pond with brook trout and have succeeded in attracting loons, great blue herons and eagles."

Gerry has retired from a teaching position at New England Institute of Technology in Warwick, R.I. He says he's busier now than when he was working.

Ken Gross received two prestigious awards this year! He was honored by the Automotive Hall of Fame with a Distinguished Service Citation, and his 2013 book, *Sensuous Steel: Art Deco Automobiles*, earned him the International Motor Press Association's Ken Purdy Award. Congratulations, Ken! Kayla, 18, is at Lynchburg College and Jake, 19, drove back to James Madison University in time for rugby practice. Son Chris is still rocking and rolling with the Spin Doctors and Jeremy, 44, lives in Boston, where he creates computer programs that help doctors and hospitals interface.

Doug Brown and Mary Lou M'73 celebrated their 50th anniversary by treating themselves to a Vermont Bicycle Tours (VBT) bike and barge trip in the Netherlands. They had a wonderful time. Doug's ski

team won the local bar/restaurant race series for the fifth consecutive year. Congratulations!!

Gene Simonsen writes from Vero Beach, Fla., that he's enjoying paradise there with golf, tennis, and more. He said **Joe Jiampietro** organized a fantastic SAE reunion last spring; to see who was there, check the picture on the previous page.

I received the sad news of the death of **Margaret Kane Holtman**. "Max" was an accomplished horsewoman who was a member of our riding team. She was a teacher, docent and world traveler. She will be missed by her family and friends.

Thank you again for all your letters. I do like writing this column. Enjoy the winter and keep in touch! Life is good!

1964

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Writing this only a few weeks post-Reunion, there is a flood of information to share rather than the usual trickle, so be forewarned this time there you only get a tributary. Next time or two, we'll visit more of the streams and ports of call on an amazing weekend. You all got the Reunion Book, so I won't be sharing so much of the personal for a bit: you have the resource for that right at your fingertips.

If you were there, I don't have to tell you what a great time it was. If you missed it, we missed you. And be assured your name came up in the "remember whens." (**George Corsilia's** twice within a few hours to this reporter, for example.) Forgive me if I misrepresented, missed or misreport news and views. I wished all weekend that I could clone myself to ferret out all the interactions and stories and visit all the venues. I'll be happy to print retractions and corrections for things I misheard or misremember!

Some of our core of veteran attendees this year included **Sandy Coventry Palmer**, **Larry Cohan**, **Sheila Caulley Hill**, **Dave Niles**, **Kathy Mangion Mofield**, **Sue Mildner Walters**, **Tom Burke**, **Diane Friday Fisher**, **Kathy Shipway Crumb**, **Don Rose**, **Diane Peterson Reynolds**, **Eugenia Anderson-Ellis**, **Jeanette Pike Mayo**, **Patty Paige Malvik** and **Sheila Rorke**.

It was also gratifying to see so many "first-timers," including **Bob Goodfellow**, **Dave Guttman**, **Edie Schmidt Kilgour**, **Janet Olsen Myrin**, **Ken Kinlock**, **Jean Crayton Simes**, **Marietta Kiley Teret**, **Barb O'Brien Bouchey** and **David Buettner**.

Some class members were accompanied by their brave non-Laurentian spouses, including **Bob Gardner**, **Charlie Freeman**, **Carolyn Garlock Curley** (though Pat is a parent), **Rich Glazer**, **Brenda Ball Knight**, **Rick Wilkins**, **Rick Williams** and **Charlie Smithers**. Then there were those who brought their spouses from other classes: **Carol Pratt Hecklinger** (Dick '65), **Mary Lou Sprague Madsen** (Russ '65), **Susan Parsons Wolfe** (Mike '65), **John Haskell** (Patty Dain Haskell '65), **Jeff Bijur** (Mary Fishel Bijur '65) and **Al Walden** (Elaine Wintsch Walden '63.) **Harvey Meer** was accompanied by his lovely daughter, Vanessa. Our single class couple was **John** and **Linda "Bim" Runey Walsh**. And in other SLU connections, **Leigh Berry** roped in former faculty spouse Tom Coburn, and **Janet Allen McFarland** went home from events with many good wishes to "our" professor, George.

It was impressive to see the journeys many people made, but most impressive was **Ken Kinlock**, who arrived from France. **Grant White** and **Barbi Zinner Reed** were among the Californians. **Jeff Bijur** had made a different, but very difficult journey - one of recovery from a horrendous pedestrian-vehicle accident last year in New York City. It was terrific to see him looking in fine form. Many, like **Edie Schmidt Kilgour** and **David**

Guttman, also stopped in their travels to visit other friends and family while they were "in the neighborhood." **Sue Rose Bullock** and **Janet Allen McFarland**, Canton residents, had the shortest drive (and probably the comfiest sleeping accommodations).

Without a massive workload and prodigious herding skills by **Nancy Current Martin** and **Carol Pratt Hecklinger** over the last year, the weekend could never have moved so seamlessly from high point to high point. Words of praise for their strength and grace fall far short of giving any sense of what they managed to do. Fortunately, a small army of callers encouraged classmates to attend and to get ready for our days in the sun, and once we were there more "soldiers" took on vital roles.

Our sixty-six official celebrants, and a few like **Jan Plumadore** who joined for only an event or two, spent a weekend filled with laughs, hugs, ceremonies, memories, friendships made and friendships renewed, and food, food, food. We could have gained the old "freshman 15" in a single weekend. The college's Dining Services gets at least three more stars since our days of bread, Jello and mystery meat at Men's Rez.

What no one could have planned for was a weekend of beautiful North Country sun by day and cool late-spring evenings. That made all of the outdoor activities including hikes, golfing, tennis and a trip to the Thousand Islands both possible and pleasant. Picnicking and ice cream on the greens were a quiet, cool respite to the other activities. Walks to venues (when we weren't being ferried by our golf cart guides) enabled us to enjoy the crisp Adirondack air and the University's lovely plantings. Side trips downtown and out of town were easy. Perfection: especially for sleeping in a dorm without air conditioning.

Thelma Ketelsen McNulty, Yonnie Garbaccio Robinson and Barbara Thurston Shilkret were our Hospitality Suite's sweetest angels, labeled by me the Terrific Triumvirate. Barb particularly needs props for planning the looped slide show that played all weekend with pictures of the "us that was" from the four yearbooks of our college years to a suitable soundtrack organized by **Ginnie Wolfe Manuel**. The show went all weekend and we never tired of trying to find ourselves, roommates, classmates or teammates.

Memorabilia lined the tables, with pictures from Spring Weekend to Tock caricatures (**Sue Parsons Wolfe's** and **Diane Friday Fisher's**), Dean-Eaton candids and a Frosh pin. Great wine with personalized "Aged to Perfection" labels provided by wine master **Jim McCormick**, as well as other beverages, was available there all weekend. Eventually we were able to display our prize-winning Hervey Cup from Saturday morning's parade and drink some of our prize champagne, too.

As to the traditional parade: **Denley Rothmann Rafferty** was our parade maven, with the support of the aforementioned McCormick. Denley took on the all-important role also of chief worrier as we tried to do three things simultaneously: sing "Hats Off to Larries," doff our caps and beanies, and do a facsimile of the twist! We were all accoutered in magnificent "Aged to Perfection" Class of '64 t-shirts donated by **Al Walden** and dressed (where we could find and fit into them) in our '60s fashions. We even reused the signs highlighting our campus memories made for our 45th Reunion, stored all that time in **Kathy Shipway Crumb's** garage! **Rich Glazer**

and **Bob Simpson** held our class banner and led us to the reviewing stand before we went in to the arena for the Alumni Awards recognition ceremony.

At the ceremony, **Nancy Current Martin** was one of the three alumni to receive citations from the Alumni Council for her activism as a "citizen of the world." In her acceptance, Nancy noted how she had been able to do things that allowed her to "follow my heart" and "feed my soul." Fortunately for the world at large, she was giving back to many organizations including Best Friends and Earth Watch. Nancy cited the value of her St. Lawrence education with its spirit of learning and giving back. Over and over in this uplifting ceremony, those receiving awards mentioned how St. Lawrence had been the reason they had become committed to learning as well as to the joy of helping others.

A number of the events at reunion focus on the 50th-year class. On Thursday at a special reception at MacAllaster House, we were able to have time with Lynn and Bill Fox '75, St. Lawrence's first couple, before attending a special dinner in our honor. Meeting the Foxes, it was easy to see in person how the University has been in warm, capable, thoughtful hands for the last few years.

The reception was followed by a special buffet dinner for the Class of '64 at Eben Holden Dining Hall. Among attendees not already mentioned were **Fran Lytle Clay, Steve Munn, Barrie March, Scott Manuel, Marty Holmes, Abby Woolsey Rowley, Mick Harrington, Sue Brouwer Baird, Brian Hart, Carolyn Ball Baldwin M'64, Charlie Smithers** and **Alden "Red" Harwood**.

I'm nearing my column limit, so look for the next issue to include more details about the Service of Remembrance, our induction into the Honor Guard, musical events, and more.

In the meantime: attendees, see what these short snips from the weekend bring back for you: Merchandise Madness, bagpipers, drawing a pig personality test, Professor Coburnicus, 3 a.m. bathroom sharing, balloons, new diplomas, toilet plunger door holder, heart stones, chapel bells and "Chapel Bells," golf cart guides, door codes, Dean-Eaton beds, Ralph's IV Buggy, OB's freshman sign, poetry, Japanese Garden, new dorm rising, new names for old buildings, Murderer's Row! Add your own and send them to me.

Last is a standing ovation for Kim Robinson Hissong '94, executive director of annual giving and Laurentian engagement. She kept us on task, found answers, located resources, answered late-night emails, and held us all up when we were falling apart. And she did it all with humor, patience, grace and aplomb. Bravissimo, Kim.

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Dick ("Doc") Clinchy, vice president of sales and marketing at Antangent Medical LLC, CEO and founder at Emergency Medical Resources LLC, and EMT and paramedic at Emergency Medical Services, was in Juba, South Sudan, in 2013. He and his wife live in Navarre, Florida. Be sure to check out photos of Doc on Facebook.

Jean Sotherden Clune posted that she and Jim have been traveling both alone and with their two adult children, spouses and five grandchildren.

My son, Parker, and his wife welcomed their second son, Leon, in March. In the last year and a half, we have gone from no grandchildren to five grandsons, including Tori '96's stepsons Aiden and Ian, in the blink of an eye. What joy!

Please send news for this column; our classmates want to hear from you.

1966

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Reamy Jansen writes that on May 17, his son Gab was awarded an MBA from Vanderbilt University. Reamy and his wife are living in Lexington, Ky.; he is teaching memoir-writing and is excited about his retirement.

I journeyed to Albany, N.Y., in early June to help celebrate Coach Bob Ford's retirement from coaching the SUNY Albany Great Danes for 44 years, after a few years at St. Lawrence. They love him there, and even named the football stadium for him. The only three SLU footballers there were myself, Bill Van Wie '67 and John F. Meyer '67. It was great to reminisce with Bill and John and catch up on old times and gaps in between.

Lyn Bedell writes that she is serving her second term on the Alumni Executive Council. "If you are interested in learning more about the council, or have an interest in getting involved, or perhaps have some suggestions,

please let me know at lyn@slu-alum.com or call me at 239-777-5202," she says.

Peter Henry has published a novel, *Hard Chargers from the Sky*, about the Vietnam War, of which he is a veteran. For more, see "Laurentian Reviews" in the "On Campus" section.

Keep those cards and letters coming in.

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I'm sorry to have to report sad news this time of two deaths.

Bruce G. Crawford passed away on April 14, 2014, at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N. H. For more about Bruce, turn to "In Memory."

On April 5, 2014, after a seven-month struggle with pancreatic cancer, my husband, John, passed away. I was his main caregiver and later had the help of Home Health and Hospice nurses, a godsend. As you can imagine, I have been very busy with settling his affairs and now updating all of my own. I continue to be active in AAUW on Whidbey Island, Washington, just finishing two years as VP of membership and preparing to take the role of publicity chair. I will be visiting friends in Montana soon and then flying east to see my mother in October, so the calendar is filling up already. Thanks to all the classmates who sent kind messages of condolence.

Lori Strauss Bantz wrote after returning from the Alumni Executive Council's spring retreat at Canaras. She's in her fourth year with the council, and says, "You can be very proud of your alma mater in the 21st century! If you're interested in being nominated for the council, or want to support

St. Lawrence more informally, I'd be delighted to hear from you at lbantz13@yahoo.com."

Steve Blankstein, who has been living in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., since 1999, says he would love to hear from any college friends who are in Florida. You can contact him at sblankstein@comcast.net.

Steve is not the only one who would welcome some contact from classmates. Your class reporter would very much appreciate some, too!

1968

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Well, we have a competition going on: **Phil Needham** writes, "Although I would not want to take the honor away from **Dominic D'Angelo** as the oldest member of the class, I will be 73 in February. I accomplished this by entering St. Lawrence in 1960, then leaving to serve a full term in the Peace Corps (Kabul, Afghanistan), returning to graduate in '68." Phil certainly looks fit in a picture he sent of him cycling in Mallorca. He has four silver medals in the Senior National games and will be competing next year with the hope of getting gold.

OK, step up if anyone in our class is older than 73 as of February—and you can duke it out with Phil.

A convoluted way to get news (but I'm not proud): **Michael Richman** wrote that on Burton Gershater '69's Facebook he noted that **Bob Brewer** was running for district attorney of San Diego County in California. I looked online and read Bob's concession (the incumbent won). It looks as though Bob waged a good campaign and is to be commended for his efforts.

I heard from **Leanna Abrams Landsmann**, who writes "A+ Advice for Parents," a weekly column

syndicated by United Features. She helped launch the Canandigua New York Lake Watershed Alliance Education Program and is co-chair of the Scripps Florida Council in Jupiter. Leanna is on the board of greatschools.com, and when out in California at a meeting she visited archeologist **Julia Costello**, who lives in Mokelumne Hill, epicenter of the state's gold mining past.

Leanna says, "Jules is involved in many aspects of 'Moke Hill's' historic restoration and could be the unofficial mayor." She said they called John Kelly '69, who gave them an update on the "End of the Road" Ranch and the SLU-originated geological expedition that was about to descend.

It is indeed poignant to attend the weddings of the children of classmates in whose weddings we participated. My SLU roommate **Susan Doscher Underwood** and husband Bob hosted a gorgeous outdoor nuptial in June on an island near Charleston, S.C., for their older daughter, Liz Underwood '03, to Brian Murphy. I chatted with Karen Diesel '66 and Bill Bruett '66, whose daughter had married the previous weekend in Vermont.

I caught up with **Nancy Olpp Thurber**, who has lived in Jasper, Ga., since 2002. She is on the board of the Bent Tree Foundation, an organization dedicated to the school children of Pickens County, to the caring and temporary housing of lost pets in Bent Tree, and to helping improve the quality of life for local residents. Prior to retiring in 2008, Nancy was a contracted provider with the Georgia Department of Family and Child Services. She keeps in touch with Dick '67 and **Kathy Sanger Phillips**, who split their time between Sarasota, Fla., and Eastham, Mass.

I wish I could publish all the darling pictures and names/ages of classmates' grandchildren that arrive via email and holiday

cards. There's no room, but your name will be published if you are a *great-grandparent*. **Bernie Campanella** had written of this achievement a few years ago—does he win??

If I do not hear from you, your punishment will be to read about my summer trip to Ireland in June. So you'd better email me your news.

1969

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Sue Hubbard Broderick checked in after 10 years. She and Bob do western-style square dancing several times a week, and have even gone to state conventions in North Carolina and Florida. Sue is still a contracted clog dancer at the Tennessee Fall Homecoming (at the Museum of Appalachia), and this October will be her 15th year at this wonderful bluegrass/old-time music event. In 2009 they bought an RV and have taken many great trips - Alaska, the Canadian Maritime provinces, and this summer to Wyoming and Montana. Sue keeps in touch with **Margaret Timmons Gittis** and **Janice Treggett**. **Jim** and **Charlotte Saucier Mahoney** visit each year in Florida. Sue was back in Canton (her hometown) recently and was amazed at how much the campus has changed.

This is old news, but **Rob Sylvester** wrote to the alumni office that he was in Norwich last summer for a Sigma Pi reunion at Jim Benedict '67's camp on Chenango Lake. He said it was a fun weekend of golf, fishing and imbibing. After I got the note I saw Jim and chided him that he hadn't given me a heads-up so I could meet (for 10 minutes) and get some news for the column. Next time!

Volunteer
Today!

Is 2015 your Reunion year? **We need your help!** More than 200 alumni volunteered to help with Reunion Weekend '14 and made it a huge success. Sign up to be a planning volunteer or development volunteer and encourage your classmates to return to campus and participate in your class gift. Alumni.stlawu.edu/volunteering

Alumni Executive Council member **Bob Rood** wrote that the council is always looking for alums to become involved. You can contact Bob or me, and I will relay the message to him, if you are interested in being nominated for council membership.

The last news to report, unfortunately, is the loss of a class member, **Margaret "Meg" Yandon White**, who died in March. **Susan Jenkins Selcke** was in contact with her for many years. They were part of that very small first Junior Year Abroad program in Spain, in 1967-68. Others were **Janet Kellock Russell, Betsy Bramley Cirelli, Jean Dygert, Janet Kelly Gummere, Judy Mishkin Miller, Bruce Weiss** and **Paul Barker**.

We send our condolences; for more on Meg, see "In Memory."

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Sue Knauerhase Riley wrote, "I visited **Abbie Gardner Moynihan** at her home in Rowayton, Conn. Nancy Perro Murgalo came to visit as she lives nearby." They had a wonderful time catching up on over 40 years of news. Sue later saw Nancy at a Starbuck's (where else?) in Manhattan, where Nancy works in human resources, training new managers.

Sue also found her way down to Florida to visit **Helen Frank Ross-Pollock** and **Al Pollock** '68 in Sarasota. They raised a glass, or more, celebrating their success as a team selling real estate on Anna Maria Island, just north of Sarasota. Helen is promoting our 45th reunion next year!

Frequent contributor and Alumni Council member **Heidi Hansen** came through with news of the Class of 1970 mini-reunion in Vail, Col. Heidi and husband Jack

Pfeilsticker hosted **Wendy Van Romer Dunster, Al and Sue Gemberling Olszewski** and

St. Lawrence Trustee **Tom and Connie Harris Saddlemire**. Heidi writes, "Dinner was served on a set of St. Lawrence University plates given to Heidi by **John Finley** at a previous reunion." She added, "For two years, Tom waited for this reunion so he could display his custom powder skis inscribed



with 'Snow Bowl, St. Lawrence University,' the SLU shield, his name and ski specs. Of course, they were scarlet and brown!"

Jan Hunt Williams and **Chris Brandy** also represent us on the Alumni Council. Chris, in turn, represented the council at a February Laurentians-in-Residence event on campus, including a dinner and panel of alumni sharing their career experiences and advice with students. Jan can tell you more about the Alumni Council and its work: williamsjh48@gmail.com.

Andy Kaye returned to the San Francisco area from a golf trip to Hilton Head Island via Northern Virginia. Andy and Janet's kids are very active in high school and AAU sports in Alamo, Calif., Justin in basketball and Emily in softball and cross country. College visits were to be an important part of the summer vacation.

Rick Lajeskie, still hard at work (!) at Ranbaxy Pharmaceutical Inc., was also in the D.C. Metro area picking up daughter Allison after her third year at American University. Kathy and I check in on Allison for the Lajeskies, and it seems like only yesterday that she returned from a semester in South Africa, at the University of Cape Town. Rick and Steph did manage to visit her and found roughing it with "only Four Star" lodging to be the substance of

many stories around the campfire.

The "Usual Suspects" gathered to celebrate, not having seen one another in a while, our 66th birthdays. (Who remembers?) This year's venue was Rangeley Lake in Maine. **Jeff Kellogg** is about to retire, **Randy Bobb** is easing into it, and **Keith Besse '69** and **Dave Beisler '69** both asked "what are you waiting for?"

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In a recent email, **Bill Hayman** reported, "life is good." A life-long skier, Bill once taught skiing at the Snow Bowl. Upon retirement after 37 years with Nationwide Insurance, he is again teaching, now at Jay Peak in Vermont, this time as a certified instructor. "My encore career, teaching skiers, has brought my life full circle," he said. Bill's wife, **Chrystal M'74**, also recently retired after 26 years teaching middle school physical education in Potsdam. He and Chrystal now spend most of their time between Potsdam and Jay Peak when not visiting their kids and grandchildren in Minnesota and Florida.

It was great to hear from **Perry Vockrodt '72**, who noted that he has stayed in close contact with **Marty Buckoski** since graduation. The most significant news of his recent past is his son's wedding in Prague, Czech Republic, in 2013. While attending a ceremony in New York City honoring World War II Navy veterans, he stayed with his old roommate **Jim Benedict**, and then visited Jim's camp in Norwich, N.Y. He also sees **Mark Witman**, and had recently made contact with **Dennis Szymanski '70** regarding another Navy veterans' event.

Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business has ranked **Michael W. Hatch** as a leading lawyer in his field in 2014. Hatch specializes in real estate law. He is a partner at **Foley & Lardner,**

LLP's Milwaukee office and is also a resident of Milwaukee.

So that your classmates can learn what you've been up to, please send me your news.

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Next Reunion: 45th, 2018 (Cluster with '73 '74)

"Will you still be sending me a Valentine, birthday greetings, bottle of wine? If I stayed out till quarter to three, would you lock the door? Will you still need me, will you still feed me, when I'm 64?" Surely, all of us remember these famous lyrics; they seemed so comical way back when they were written. Not so funny now, eh? I've received lots of news from a whole bunch of 64-year-olds; here's to all of you!

Paul Patrick sent word that all those years of listening to his son's band (he's the drummer) in the basement have finally paid off. "Young Rising Sons" have just signed a record contract and have a very catchy video on YouTube. You can check out the song at www.youngrisingsons.com.

Another proud Papa is **Preston Smith**, who watched his son **Derek** graduate from Yale University in the spring. Preston chose to stay on campus to take in all the tradition that an Ivy League school evokes. He remarked that the last time he had stayed in a dorm room was sophomore year in Rebert Hall, when his neighbor was the late **Chet Baltz**. ("Makes me a little sad and a little happy thinking about him...")

Jane Terrell '73 and **Kevin Barry** sent word that they are now full-time at their Scraggy Neck, Cape Cod, home. They had a wonderful mini-reunion with **David '71** and **Joyce DeRosa Kay** and **Dale**

Grant and **Ed Dick**. Apparently, they are all making plans to spend a good chunk of the winter on the west coast of Florida. Kevin and Jane's son, **Thomas**, is a student at The George Washington University and in conjunction with his global health policy major has studied in Switzerland, Morocco and Senegal.

Peter "Boomer" Brennan has certainly managed to stay in touch with his SLU hockey buddies. He and **Tim Pelyk** meet regularly for local hockey games (Boomer's son **Tiger** is a participant), he keeps **John Hutzenlaub** in the loop as much as possible, and he resends emails to me from **Mike Keenan's** assistant coach in Russia. Mike texted me to say he was thrilled to be asked to do the commentary for MSG-TV coverage of this year's Stanley Cup Finals between the New York Rangers and the L.A. Kings. Mike coached the 1994 Rangers to their first Stanley Cup in over 40 years, and was in New York City in June for a 20th anniversary celebration with the team.

Mike Flanigan and **Anna** missed most of the horrendous winter weather last year by spending it at their place in Florida. Likewise, **Holley Onion** and **Terry Moran** have a summer place that Terry built on a Vermont lake property. They are both well and enjoying their two grandchildren. Who says hockey players aren't smart?

After receiving the spring 2014 issue of this magazine, **Erni Williams Johnson** wrote to ask me to identify the Kappas who were featured in a photo. She has fond memories of many from our first year on campus. You might remember she was married to **Paul Hamlin '70** before graduating. She still sees Paul regularly as they share three of her five grandchildren.

She wrote, "I communicate at Christmas with **Kathy Ertell** and **Cindy Winans Kamsler**, so I hear about their Pi Phi network too. **Leigh Dibble Desens** has a house in Orleans, where I went to a Pi Phi gathering a few years ago, but not since. My primary SLU connection in 'recent' years

is through my son, **Scott Hamlin '93**. You will remember him as that cute little baby boy who hung out with me in the UC circa 1971-72. This year he turned 43. He and his wife, **Cathy Quinn '91**, are the parents of my oldest grandson, **Evan**, who is 13(!). It's pretty amazing when all one's children are 40+ and my granddaughters (9 and 10) are my co-Taylor Swift fans." Erni is still teaching at Cape Cod Academy and thoroughly enjoys living on the Cape. She and husband **Daryl** will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary next year.

Life here in Northern Virginia has been quite busy, what with moving my 88-year-old mother here from Woodstock, N.Y., witnessing daughter **Molly's** graduation from Syracuse University on Mother's Day, driving to **Kiawah Island, S.C.**, in late May for a family vacation and then to **Queens** in early June to help move **Molly** into her first apartment, and flying to **Colorado** in mid-June to deliver **Mom** to my sister for a few months. Whew! Glad I'm not 64 (yet). "Send me a postcard, drop me a line, stating point of view. Indicate precisely what you mean to say, yours sincerely, wasting away. Give me your answer, fill in a form, mine for evermore. Will you still need me, will you still feed me, when I'm 64...?"

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I'm surrounded by what seems like hundreds of mover boxes and am facing the grim reality of downsizing - where am I going to put everything??? I'm now back in the Northeast (new address above), trying to unpack and



During Reunion Weekend observances of the 50th anniversary of the France Program, one of its directors, Emeritus Professor of French **Edward Pierce**, center, reminisced with several alumnae who were on the program during his first tour as director, 1974-76. From left are **Patricia "Tish" Silcox Mum** '77, **Martha Nielsen** '76, **Karin Washburn Henry** '76, **Diane Doty** '76 and **Linda Carbone** '78. Professor Pierce also directed the program in 1980-81, 1986-88 and 1995-97. During the summer of 1997, he established the program study tour in Dakar, Sénégal.

settle in while also getting ready for a vacation trip to Peru and Ecuador—life is never simple!

Sue Ellis emailed, "I love reading about others in our class. I moved to Maine shortly after graduating, worked on schooners in Penobscot Bay for a few years, helped found the local food co-op store and ran it for eight years, then started Coastal Documentation, which works with boat owners to document their boats with the U.S. Coast Guard. In 1989, I married **Duke**, and we have three kids, all grown now at ages 22, 23 and 31, as well as two grandchildren. I volunteer with a youth mentoring non-profit, **Trekkers**, in my county; with the town of **St. George**, where I live; and with the **Cooperative Fund of New England**, where I serve as treasurer and on the loan and executive committees. **Duke** and I live a pastoral life that includes horses, chickens and a big garden. I love the gardening in summer and a bit of traveling in winter, now that the children are all through college. We work hard, play hard and live the life of **Riley** every day."

Our 40th reunion was GREAT! The weather was spectacular, and 75 people, including class members, spouses and friends, attended. For seven classmates, it was their first reunion. Two traveled long distances: **Haruyoshi Udagawa** from Japan and **Robert Tippin** and his wife, **Robin**, from Australia. Many of us stayed in **Gaines College** (we knew this as **East Hall**) and had a wonderful time reminiscing in the common room and looking at pictures in yearbooks and "pig book."

Our reunion class broke several fundraising records—we raised \$920,323 (from 192 classmates) which more than quadrupled our previous record, and we were awarded the **Saints** class gift award and the **Manley Society** class award.

On Friday, in front of **Jencks Hall**, we held a tree dedication

HABARI GANI? SWAHILI FOR “WHAT’S THE NEWS?”

As readers of this column may have already heard, the KSP has been suspended for the fall 2014 semester due to security concerns in Kenya. For more on this decision, see the announcement in the “On Campus” pages.



The KSP's 40th anniversary celebration was well attended with upwards of 200 program alumni on campus. They came from across the country and as far as London and Nairobi. Also in attendance were eight of the program's current and former directors, staff from the Karen center, and two former SLU Kenya scholars now serving in Kenya's National Assembly. One of those, **Ken Okoth '01**, received the Sol Feinstone Award for Humanitarian Service for his commitment to the empowerment of children through education. **Ned Breslin '88** (KSP fall '87), who is CEO of Water for People, was awarded an

alumni citation for his work to improve access to clean water and sanitation. Both delivered seminars as part of the weekend's events, and Ned expresses some of his thoughts in the Kenya Reunion pages earlier in this magazine.

From campus, Associate Professor of History **Matt Carotenuto** (KSP spring '98) writes, “Launched in conjunction with the 40th anniversary, the Kenya Program Digital Archive Project offers an important way to document the rich connection between St. Lawrence and Kenya. Alumni can contribute by commenting on photos, and donating materials to help us ensure that the SLU-Kenya story is preserved for future generations.” View materials already preserved and learn how you can participate at (<http://digital.stlawu.edu/ksp/>). Video taken at the reunion will also be available on this site.

Prof. Carotenuto also wrote of an April campus visit by Denis Goldberg, a South African activist who rallied against apartheid in the 1950s and 1960s. “Goldberg spoke to over 100 students, faculty and others,” Matt told me. “He discussed his role in the struggle against apartheid, what it was like to stand trial with Mandela, and how the struggle over inequality and the legacies of apartheid in South Africa are far from finished.” Dana Professor of Art and Art History Obiora Udechukwu facilitated Goldberg's invitation and Associate Professor of Sociology Abye Assefa coordinated the event.

Asenath Okal Dande M '94, who was a Swahili fellow at St. Lawrence 1992-1994, is the founder and CEO of the Hitaji Development Initiative (www.hitaji.org), a non-governmental organization in Kenya. Asenath writes, “HDI's mission is to foster economic development, empowerment and independence for disadvantaged and vulnerable women and girls from poor families in Rongo and Nyatike sub-counties of Migori County. We are recruiting board members and volunteers with experience in education, reproductive health and fundraising. Write to contact@hitaji.org or find me on Facebook to learn more about our work.”

Brendan Hayes '04 (KSP spring '03) is head of social franchising at the Nairobi office of Marie Stopes International, a London-based organization focused on sexual and reproductive health. He lives in Nairobi with his wife, a pediatrician, and their two young children.

If you haven't already, be sure to check out (and join!) the KSP Facebook page, www.facebook.com/groups/6790476858/#

As always, your news and photos are welcome. I look forward to hearing from you. *Tutaonana!*

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ceremony in memory of our deceased classmates.

We saw the new dorm, then under construction on the Noble Center side of the Quad but now occupied, and the beginnings of the Quad renovation (www.stlawu.edu/new-residence-hall), and noticed the absence of the Gunnison chapel steeple following the October 6, 2013, fire (www.stlawu.edu/news/gunnison-memorial-chapel-fire-updates). For more on these projects, turn to pages 28-33.

Thank you to the planning committee (**Anne Ferris Cassidy, Pat Romeo-Gilbert, Lew Leathersich, Judy Long Bixler, Ann Cheney, Anne Joslin Slater**), development committee (**Lee Bailey, Melissa White Baltz, Bob DiPalma, Katherine Feeney Fenlon, Steve Goldberg, Patricia Nash Gomer, James Hutchinson, John Krieger,**

Kathy Krieger, Lew Leathersich, Joanne Iadarola Masone, Rich Patterson, Russ Steenberg) and all those attending for a successful reunion.

Many classmates who could not attend provided updates to me or to the reunion committees, so I will start with their news:

Rob Campbell retired from his career in banking and he and his wife, Diane, live in Carlsbad, Calif. They enjoy taking advantage of what the area has to offer.

David Rohrdanz and his wife, Leslie, live in California, where he practices medicine and is working part-time in anticipation of retirement.

Jean Schofield Taylor recently retired from her job as a claims adjuster for The Hartford. She and her husband, William, live in Connecticut and are looking forward

to having more time to visit family in Minneapolis.

Barbara Fuchs Brown lives in Ada, Mich. She has her own tutoring company and tutors 25 to 35 students per week in math. Reunion Weekend was one of her busiest times as her student clients were finishing up their school years. She has four children and six grandchildren.

Mary Santaferra Wiles retired from her position as brewmaster for the Budweiser (Anhauser-Busch) brewery in the Syracuse area. She now works for Brooklyn Brewery, a craft brewery in Brooklyn that makes a maple beer, which ties in with husband Karl's maple business. She and her family were on a trip to Iceland during the reunion.

Joanne Abraham McKenzie was a casino controller at one of the Atlantic City casinos for 34 years, and loved it. She reported,

“I am sad to say that because of the economy, we closed our doors in January. I am actively seeking employment, which is difficult after 34 years with the same company, not having to do this job hunting for so long! I have one daughter, 28 and in her third year of teaching third grade. She loves it and is a gifted teacher.”

Kathy Maguire Langston is parish secretary and bulletin editor for St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Penfield, N.Y. Her son is a sports trainer for the New England Patriots, so she and **Bill Langston** are now avid Patriots fans.

Deb MacIntyre Armer and Alan live in Denver, Col., but lived in Chicago for 23 years. They are hoping eventually to go back to the Midwest-Chicago area, where their three children live.

Maria Brucato Edelson was unable to make the reunion

because she was traveling in Asia. She is a consultant.

Nancy Winter Traynor had planned on attending, but their oldest daughter and her husband were expecting their second child in May. Nancy retired from teaching to be the day-care provider for her granddaughter three days a week. She also supervises student teachers for Virginia Wesleyan College. Nancy's other daughter is a travel agent, while her son is married and has his own auto maintenance business. Husband Larry '75 is still flying for FedEx, primarily Asian trips that originate in Anchorage, Alaska. Next year is Larry's 40th, so hopefully they will make it to campus for that reunion.

The year 2013 was exciting for **John Affel** and Ellen Flagg '75. Their grandson was born in June, and their Newfoundland, “Michael,” won Best in Breed in the Purina National Dog Show in November. John is passionate about Newfs and among other events early in 2013 helped “Hero” earn his championship and spent a week showing dogs in Michigan. John and Ellen also had a trip to London with the CSISA group of which John has been president for the last six years.

Now onto news from reunion attendees:

Ann Cheney is living in Portland, Ore., working at a community college only five minutes from home as an associate project manager. Reunion was very special for Ann since it was not only our 40th class reunion but also an “affinity” reunion for the Kenya program in honor of its 40th anniversary as a formal program. She was the only sophomore on the inaugural 1972 trip to Kenya. She's also on page 27.

Joan Darrow Corey lives in New York City with her husband, Dick. They have one daughter, who is getting her Ph.D., in biomedicine in Barcelona. Joan joined the St. Lawrence Board of Trustees in

2013. She was happy to be back on campus for Reunion and to visit with classmates.

Joanne Iadarola Masone and husband Jino '72 live in Annapolis, Md. They recently celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary and have two children and five grandchildren. She enjoys spending time with them and traveling with Jino, as well as doing things she did not have time to do before she retired.

Lucy “Leppy” Park Horn was thrilled to make her way to our 40th reunion, stopping overnight in Utica to spend time with **Christine Lewis Spano** and **Donna Maffei D'Eredita**. She was reminded of all the trips driving back and forth to school. It was 7-8 hours from her home in Villanova, Pa, and many a winter break she would have to stay over in Syracuse, enjoying the hospitality of the Maffeis, due to snowstorms and drifting on Route 81! It was wonderful for her to catch up with yours truly, **Darla Maffei** and **Andrea Joline Joliat**, all on her hall freshman year in Dean-Eaton. To look back on the last 40 years is daunting, she said, but for 34 years Leppy and husband Gary have lived in Paoli, Pa., in their “starter” home. Their two children are both married and they spend time visiting them in Vermont and New York City. Leppy has a small booth in an antiques cooperative in Frazer, Pa. She enjoys searching for merchandise and is learning a lot about antiques.

Melissa White Baltz is a lawyer in Jackson, Miss. She plans on retiring at the end of this year. She is looking forward to traveling and spending more time with her extended family. Her son was on the West Coast for the last two years, but has started grad school at the University of Missouri / Kansas City, closer to home. She had a great time at the reunion, - not having been back to campus since our 10th. She was not sure what to expect, but now plans on our 45th in 2018.

Yoshi Udagawa wrote soon after returning home to Tokyo, “I am pleased to have seen many familiar faces after many years. After leaving Canton, I stopped by



When Associate Professor of Philosophy Baylor Johnson, second from right, had a retirement party in May, many of his former students traveled to Canton for the occasion, including **Hal Thomas '74** (left) and **Jack Whittier '75** (right), from Sacramento, Calif., and Englewood, Col., respectively. Also pictured is **Will Madison '15**. Photo: Theresa Kusak Smith

Chapel Hill and Richmond to see Don and Vivian Makosky, who are living in Henrico, Va. They are fine and leading wonderful lives there. I now return to my normal life to take my grandson to his kindergarten every morning. I hope to be able to see you again. Please remember the Tokyo Olympics in 2020.”

Our class has a “SLU Class of '74 - 40th reunion” Facebook page - if you are on Facebook, search for that page and please ask to join. It is a closed group so only the group members can see the postings. If you have difficulty with it, please get in touch with me.



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In other news, Dr. **Michael Lilburn** was honored as Penn State's Department of Animal Science's 2014 Poultry Science Distinguished Alumnus in May. He earned both his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees through Penn State's nutrition graduate program, and is a professor in Ohio State University's Department of Animal Sciences.

There will be more updates in the next magazine, for I have run out of space—a first for this column! Those of you who attended the reunion you can still send me your updates and impressions. Those who did not, we still would like to hear from you.

We hadn't heard from him in a long time, so **Mark Taylor** wrote to say that he has been living in Philadelphia since graduation

and has kept in touch with a few classmates, including **Lorna Ness**, St. Lawrence President **Bill Fox** and **Jim LoScalzo**. At the February alumni gathering at the Princeton-St. Lawrence men's hockey game, Mark caught up with **Bill "Lefty" Petruska**, who is living near New Brunswick, N.J.

Mark is starting his term as a member of the Alumni Executive Council. He noted, "If anyone is interested in being nominated for the council, or wants to support St. Lawrence more informally, please contact me at marketaylor85@gmail.com. I look forward to seeing many of you in May!"

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It was so nice to hear from **Tom Marcinkowski**, who noted it had been a while. He wrote that he's been promoted to full professor of environmental education at Florida Institute of Technology.

Sue Eichman North has quit her job and started a contracting gig with a pharmaceutical company in California, Nektar Therapeutics (oncology drugs). She said, "The study I'm working on is metastatic breast cancer. I will continue to do clinical study management, but as a contractor rather than an employee. Although this role is full-time, I'm hoping when it ends to be able to pick up several part-time contracts to keep me fully employed." Sue is a member of the Alumni Executive Council and says, "If you're interested in being nominated for the council, or want to support St. Lawrence more informally, please contact me at snorth100@hotmail.com."

Great to hear from **Betsy Ammer Teitler**, who wrote that she and David live in Rye, N.Y., where they have raised three sons: a senior at Union College, a freshman at Elon University and a junior at Rye High School. "For

the record, I don't feel a minute older than the day I left SLU; the calendar is just plain wrong," she wrote. "Happy big birthday year, class of 1976!"

Jim Mayhew and his wife traveled from Vancouver, Wash., to Vail, Col., to see his daughter, who teaches first grade. He met up with Brett Heckman '77 and Anne; he said Brett had just rehabbed from shoulder surgery and that "My daughter and Brett's daughter attended Colorado University at the same time, so we have met two or three times a year for the last eight years." When he wrote, he was planning to meet Duran Field '75, Gepe Zurenda '75 and Peter Hunt '75 in the Adirondacks for what is affectionately termed "water ski camp" at Duran's camp. Duran has become an accomplished "air chair" skier, Jim pointed out, noting, "He can perform back-to-back flips on the chair."

Scott McClelland provided family news: Their oldest, Scotty, 29, is in Bend, Ore., at architectural school; Matty, age 27, works for a firm in San Francisco that represents the buyer or seller of commodities like sugar and coffee; and Sophie graduated from Middlebury in 2012 and works for the Nature Conservancy.

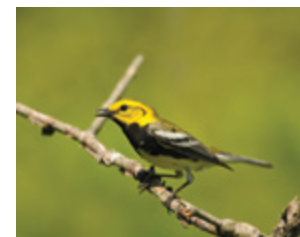
Aims Coney and Terry went skiing at Killington, Vt. -- in June. "Only four months now to wait until ski season resumes," he said at the time. He completed his first marathon, Boston's, in April.

Jane Delmonico Cummings's husband, Bill, has accepted a position as the chief operating officer for the Mideast Region of Dairy Farmers of America, based in Medina, Ohio. So they will be moving, if they haven't already, from Manlius, N.Y., to the Cleveland area, joining fellow Tri-Deltas **Josie Lowden Chapman**, **Pris Menzies Keller** and me.

I spoke with **Brenda Hensler Reiter** recently. She was quite busy planning two big events: the wedding of her oldest son, Eric,

in Cabo San Lucas, Baja Calif., in November (250 people!), and the 40th reunion, in Vienna, Austria, of her "semester abroad" group... where she met her husband, Garland Reiter!

Brian M. Henry wrote that he went to two weddings involving Laurentians: Tayt Brooks '97 and Nancy Driscoll on March 29, 2014, at the Olympic Center in Lake Placid, and Mackensie Rohrs '10 and Jacob Greene on April 12, 2014, in Albany, N.Y. Brian retired from full-time work in 2003, and has been working part-time jobs since. "I managed to get laid off in early January from a part-time job," he said; "that is not an easy thing to do." Brian began another part-time job as a grant writer for the Towns of Benson and Hope in Hamilton County, N.Y., on July 1. He still gets to SLU hockey games.



"My bird photos have been getting published much more regularly than in previous years, so somebody is looking out for me," he added. He sent a couple of his favorites, shown here. Twelve of his bird photos will be included in the 2015 calendar of the Adirondack Mountain Club (www.adk.org). "It's a miracle that I'm still getting published," he said, "because I refuse to alter/crop any images after-the-fact with a computer." To see more of

his photography, go to vireo.ansp.org/search.html.

Brian and Helen have a son, Christopher, who graduated from RIT in 2009. "I actually (gasp) encouraged him to go to Clarkson, but he wanted a more urban area," Brian confessed. "He followed in my footsteps and works for the New York State Thruway Authority/Canal Corp. in Albany."

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I am bequeathing the honor of "Guest Reporter" for this issue on **Mark Wakefield**, who is celebrating his retirement from his Cleveland law firm and kindly wrote, "No encore career as of yet, but I am actively looking. Retirement is good so far, enjoying our two grandchildren, lots of travel and catching up with classmates. I was lucky enough to get to Lyon, France, for a week in early May, since my youngest, Carly, was on the UVA semester there. We followed it up with a week in Florence, Italy (which I last visited with **Jill Scott Jablonski** in 1976!). Thanks to **Lynn Ruane Tuttle** for some wonderful culinary suggestions in both locations; Lynn and **Warren Tuttle** were traveling themselves, recently, to Bermuda.

"I just missed **Nancy Dayton Houston**, who was departing Florence after a visit she won from her local PBS station. Later, I found she was still traveling - this time to Japan! Nancy wrote, "We spent 50+ hours in transit, flying there and back, for Steve to give a 20-minute talk at a four-hour conference session. Not complaining though. It gave us an excuse to get to Japan!"

I was happy to have some news this cycle, but Joel Collamer '78 and I have agreed if class news gets meager, we will move toward rumor and innuendo!

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In early April, I received this career change update from **Tad Acker**: "The printing business has done me in...say hello to the newest commercial real estate licensee. That's correct; after 35 years away from school, I tackled the requisite 60 hours and aced the test!" Tad searched for a medium-sized full-service commercial real estate company focused on Fairfield, Conn., and Westchester, N.Y. He found Pyramid Real Estate Group and joined them. Pyramid specializes in retail, office, multi-family and industrial/flex realty. We wish Tad the very best of luck with his new career venture!

Joel '77 and **Darcy Rieman MacClaren** celebrated Memorial Day with a BBQ at their Madison, Conn., home in late May, attended by numerous alums: son David MacClaren '11, **Michelle De Luca** and **Henley Smith**, along with Bill "Prep" Weston '75 and his wife Hope and family, who were visiting from their home in New Jersey, and your reporter. The weather was beautiful and the crowd enjoyed a contest of yard game skills between the millennials and the boomers - which the boomers won, of course! Two Roads Brewery products were represented, following a tasting and interesting tour at their resurrected factory building in Stratford, Conn., enjoyed by your reporter and **Barney Stevenson**.

Peter Doering is one of the principal co-founders of the brewery (www.tworoadsbrewing.com). He was approached by his future partners about capitalizing on the widespread demand for craft

beer by starting a craft brewery. Obviously someone was paying attention during English class; the first line of Robert Frost's poem *The Road Not Taken* was the inspiration for the brewery's name. Since their start, demand for their product has been growing and with successive rounds of investment they have expanded from 40,000 barrels a year, and for 2014-2015 have plans to expand capacity to 140,000 barrels.

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For information about becoming a reporter for this class, please contact **Sharon Henry**, 315-229-5585 or shenry@stlawu.edu, or **Kim His-song**, 315-229-5837 or khissong@stlawu.edu.

For her final column, **Kim Hoffmann Amoroso** writes:

It was both a sad and happy day on May 18 when my youngest child, Megan '14, graduated from St. Lawrence. It was a gorgeous day and the ceremony was great. All the speakers were amazing, and Grace Potter even sang for us. It will be sad not having an excuse to visit campus as much as I have been. I will have to think of a new one!

Several classmates were also on hand to celebrate the graduations of family members. **Chris Koski's** nephew Hunter, **Gard Holby** and **Anne Funkhouser's** son Jack, **Meg Friske Montgomery's** son John ("Monty") and **Bill Kaiser's** daughter Carey are the ones I knew about. If I've left anyone out, I'm sorry. It was great to find out that they had incredible experiences and will continue to be active alums for many years to come. I wish them all the best of luck!

Christine Saroski Hand-Gonzales says her new book, *A Book of Questions to Jumpstart Your Career Search*, is out. It's the fifth book in her series for career and college planning. See www.college-path.com and Amazon.com for more information. Chris's books are available in paperback and eBook formats, at www.pr.com/press-release/567269.

Calling All Washington, D.C. Alumni

Coming January 6-11, 2015:

SLU Connect—DC

[#SLUConnectDC](https://twitter.com/SLUConnectDC)

This January, students will experience all Washington, D.C., has to offer, and we need your help! Career Services is looking for area alumni to help host events, teach seminars and offer their expertise on panels.

For more information, visit www.stlawu.edu/career-services/event/slu-connect-dc or contact Carleen Pallante at cpallante@stlawu.edu.

To my KDS sisters: The Alumnae House Fund made possible several exciting projects over the summer: exterior painting, replacing the letters over the door, remodeling the third-floor bathroom and downstairs powder room, buying a rug for the front date room, and having drapes made for all the downstairs rooms. Stop by next time you are on campus.

I love writing this column, but I think it might be time for another member of our class to take over. It might provide a new perspective and reach a new group of people. If you are interested, please contact the University as explained at the head of the column.

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I am struck by the number of people who mentioned sons and/or daughters who have attended or are now attending

St. Lawrence. We have made a noteworthy contribution to our alma mater by passing the SLU legacy on to our progeny.

With the help of the Alumni Office staff I have determined the number of "Chips" we have sent to the North Country. For the next edition there will be a prize for the classmate who not only shares something for me to print but also comes closest to guessing how many of our kids have made St. Lawrence their college choice.

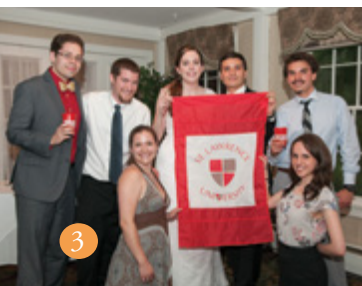
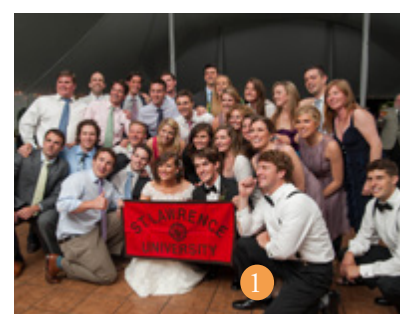
Mike Ranger wrote that his daughter Maggie graduated from Denison last spring and that son Alex '17 completed his first year at St. Lawrence. Mike is a St. Lawrence trustee, and as of May, **Earl A. "Trip" Samson III** is also on the Board. Trip is excited about this new connection with St. Lawrence. It will make the treks to Canton to see his son Henry '16 even more frequent.

Trip and Allyson have been married nearly 30 years and have worked together for over 15 years in their investment management business. Trip and I laughed at how our perceptions change with age...beach in Rhode Island or



We Celebrate

WEDDINGS



1 - Jimmy Balben '07 and Stephanie Resavage '09, June 14, 2014, Geneseo, N.Y.; 2 - Christopher Barone '06 and Amanda Ruddick, July 27, 2013, Basking Ridge, N.J.; 3 - Mihnea Tudoreanu '09 and Catherine "Kate" Farrington '09, June 30, 2013, Springfield, Vt.; 4 - Andrew Leiser '11 and Haley Feickert '11, June 28, 2014, Peterson-Kermani Performance Hall, St. Lawrence University; 5 - Jakob Garrow '08 and Elizabeth Wetmore '08, December 31, 2013, Captiva Island, Fla. The groom's parents are Gail Allen '77 and Mark Garrow '78.; 6 - Liz Hollenbach '00, M'03 and Eric Tremble '02, September 15, 2013, Charlotte, Vt.; 7 - Tim LeRoy '07 and Kristen Leatherbee, June 28, 2014, Groton, Mass.; 8 - David Lloyd '08 and Chelsea Nuffer '10, October 5, 2013, Atlanta, Ga. The bride reported that Laurentians present ranged in class from 1959 to 2010 and outnumbered Clarkson alumni 27-3.; 9 - David Zdarsky '04 and Lisa Mantle '04, October 6, 2012, Buffalo, N. Y.; 10 - Caroline Foster '07 and Sean McKibben, June 29, 2013, Basin Harbor Club, Vergennes, Vt.; 11- Whitney MacClaren '09 and Daniel Orawiec, August 17, 2013, Madison, Conn. The bride's parents Darcy Rieman '78 and Joel MacClaren '77 and brother David '11 were among those on hand.



OTHER MARRIAGES:
Tayt Brooks '97 and Nancy Driscoll, March 29, 2014, Lake Placid, N.Y.
Mackensie Rohrs '10 and Jacob Greene, April 12, 2014, Albany, N.Y.
Avery Scoville '07 and Sarah Graves, June 14, 2014, Grafton, Vt.



New Beginnings

FUTURE LAURENTIANS

Bishop: Todd '03 and Ellen Lerrigo '03, a daughter, Emma, April 18, 2014.
Dudro: Anne Campbell '98 and Chris, a daughter, Ellie, April 17, 2014.
Duncan: Jason '85 and Amy Richards, a son, John David, May 13, 2014.
Hansen: Katrina Franz '06 and Erik, a daughter, Gretchen Amelia, February 16, 2014.
Kerper: Joe '00 and Dawn-Marie Webster '96, a son, Chance, April 14, 2014.
Maher: Kat Bagley '07 and Colin, a son, Ronan Patrick, April 17, 2014.
Morehouse: Samantha Deon '11 and Corey, a daughter, Rory Elizabeth, May 16, 2014.
Myers: Gregory '00, a daughter, Charlee Evelyn, December 4, 2013.
Panday: Colleen Callahan '06 and Prajwal '05, a son, Suryan Callahan-Panday, October 14, 2013.
Platt: Booth '00 and McKenzie Barnes '00, a son, Fisher, March 2014.
Tapscott: Marc '05 and Jackie Steger, a son, Charles Robert, May 3, 2014.

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NYC for the summer? I imagine most of us would now vote for the beach!

Donna Dittman Hale, who resides in Williamsburg, Va., wrote that she runs Common Purpose Solutions, a consulting business serving nonprofits and healthcare. She is working with an HRSA-funded tele-health project and a free clinic in southeastern Virginia. If that were not enough, she is also a trainer and team leader for a citizen emergency response team. Donna is “always looking for Saints in the area or those who are passing through.”

Loring Kinder Strudwick lives with husband John and children Jane, Andrew and Ian in Lake Forest, Ill. She is the dean of admissions and a math teacher at Lake Forest Academy, where her husband is headmaster. She remains in contact with **Martha Reichert McGinn** in St. Albans, Vt., easier now since Loring’s daughter Jane is at UVM. She sees **Nancy Petrick Novit**, who also lives in Lake Forest. She made a trip to St. Lawrence last year with her youngest son, Ian, and was impressed with the athletics facilities, particularly the squash center!

Donald P. Thompson, DVM, wrote that following graduation he attended veterinary school at Cornell, graduating in 1984. For nearly 30 years, Don practiced both large and small animal medicine and surgery in northern Vermont, with a view of the slopes at Stowe as the backdrop. He sold that practice in 2013 and purchased a similar practice in Pagosa Springs, Col. He practices “integrative medicine, utilizing acupuncture and Chinese herbal medicine extensively as complementary modalities.” He has lectured twice in China on traditional Chinese medicine topics, and has taught veterinarians in North America who are just starting their careers in these pursuits.

Sue Eliot Stoller wrote that her and **Dave Stoller’s** daughter Katie ’06, who lives in Rochester, N.Y., would be making them grandparents in October. Sadly, she also reported that they had a fire in their home of 23 years in New

Canaan, Conn. Although they lost 98% of everything they owned, no one was hurt and out of the ashes a happy change in location and lifestyle has evolved: They have purchased a condominium in downtown Stamford, Conn.

Brian Desrosier travelled to Canton for the alumni soccer game the last weekend in April, with **Mike Reisman**. At the annual awards banquet, Mike presented the **Robert Van Etten** Ultimate Teammate Award to Austin Roney ’15 for the second consecutive year. Coach Bob Durocher was roasted with the Timex Award “for the coach who “takes a licking but keeps on ticking.” Neither Brian nor Mike were “impact players” in the alumni game but they “looked fabulous in the team picture.” They did win the first annual foosball tournament, “no legs required,” despite the fact that they were a shell of their former selves in this venue as well. Apparently the competition was weak, although intimidation was employed!

Brian hears periodically from **Chris “Gibo” Gilbert**, who reports that life is good on the West Coast.

It was so nice to hear from **Tom Williams**, who is the proud grandfather of three. Tom contends that “young people do invigorate you in middle age...until you become exhausted!” Tom has lived with his family in Binghamton, N.Y., for 30+ years, working for BAE SYSTEMS (formerly GE, then Lockheed Martin). They have survived the economic downturn and a flood that destroyed the previous plant. He and his children enjoy St. Lawrence hockey games at Cornell, where they are dumped on by the home fans.

Roger Brandt wrote that **Laurie Boardman Curley**, Ed Brandt ’82, Dan Boardman ’86 and Doug Boardman ’98 are all doing well. His son Ryan Brandt ’09 had just visited campus for his 5th reunion; I think Roger may have been a little stunned that even his son is racking up the

years since graduation. Roger and Mary Jo’s daughters Kylie and Allison are both recently married, while youngest daughter Linnea is enjoying her junior year at The College of the Holy Cross.

Lynne Van Zandt wrote that she has been fortunate to be back at St. Lawrence a lot recently, to see daughter Maggie ’15. See what I mean about the Chips, folks? Lynne commented on how much Maggie loves St. Lawrence and how uncanny it was to have her spend a semester in London, as Lynne had. She reports that the campus looks beautiful and that Maggie is in the new residence hall (see page 28) this fall. Lynne was happy to see Garry ’79 and **Betsy Craig Weischedel** over Family Weekend 2013, so that accounts for yet another “Chip.” Are you all counting?

Diana Prescott Zais wrote how thrilled she was that her god-daughter Anne Buck ’18 is meeting fun people while getting a “great education” at St. Lawrence.

I was thrilled to hear from **Joan Beckerer-Jones**, another Carnegie Hall first-floor resident our freshman year. When she wrote, Joan had just returned to Hampstead, N.H., for the summer, where she and Mike ’78 have lived since 1988, with the exception of three years spent in The Netherlands, 1994-97. She was returning from wintering in Miami, where Mike has enjoyed a “post-retirement gig” with Royal Caribbean for the last five years. This has enabled them to enjoy some fun and interesting cruises. Last August, they took their family to Alaska, and last March, they went to the Galapagos on a Celebrity Expedition. On a Caribbean cruise in December of 2010, they ran into **Mike Reisman** and his family.

Christine Bastedo Brunner follows panda births in captivity, and was lucky to spend time at the San Diego Zoo in February, visiting Xiao Liwu, a panda born on Chris’s birthday in 2012. While there, she and husband Rich visited the USS Midway Museum, where a helicopter from the USS Enterprise (her brother served on that aircraft carrier) resides, and were pleased that the company that her Dad had helped to found, Gyrodyne, was mentioned. Chris keeps in touch with **Janet Jasinski Swinnich**, **Rebecca Shelmidine Buckingham**, **Carolyn Cushman Noble** ’79, **Nancy Davis**, who attended St. Lawrence through sophomore year before transferring to Cornell.

Joan’s three offspring are “employed and off the payroll, mostly!” Joan is kept busy with three grandchildren and “occasionally building a stone wall!” She has been in regular contact with **Nancy Davis**, who attended St. Lawrence through sophomore year before transferring to Cornell.

Facebook reconnected me recently with Andy Kohn ’79. Andy gave me rides home early in my St. Lawrence career, and we became good friends. Time, distance and life got in the way of keeping in touch, so it was nice to find each other after far too many years. Our conversation picked up just about where it left off; it seems we haven’t changed much either!

Shari Supernault Worthington wrote that “after years of avoiding classrooms” she “relented and jumped back in” as an adjunct professor at Worcester Polytechnic Institute and as Entrepreneur-in-Residence (also a teaching position) at Clark University in Worcester, Mass. She teaches marketing and entrepreneurship courses at the graduate and undergraduate levels, while also running her tech marketing agency, Telesian Technology. She loves teaching, and says, “The students are smart and motivated and full of new ideas for products and companies, making the job a whole lot of fun.” She gave a TEDx talk in April: “Psychology, Neuroscience, and Behavioral Economics: Why Most People Don’t Get Marketing.” By this writing Shari and her neighbor **Emily Phalen Lynch** have probably taken their intended cruise to Alaska and train ride to Fairbanks.

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Nancy Pollock Gallagher has lived in Chicago for 20 years with her husband and two sons, 11th and 8th grades. She travelled to St. Lawrence with her oldest a year ago; the trip was particularly special because her niece, Kim Pollock ’15, is a member of KDS, Nancy’s old stomping ground.

Nancy sees **Kathy Ellis Nerger** about twice a year when Kathy travels to Chicago to visit her in-laws. Kathy’s sons are grown, so she is enjoying travelling with her husband. Although they haven’t seen each other much, she also keeps in touch with **Robin Maddox** and **Cheryl Lake**.

John Fowler wrote of his pride in son Pierson ’14, who graduated last spring with a double major in economics and performance and communication arts. Pierson, captain of the men’s lacrosse team, was named an Academic All-American and with Sam Marvin ’14 was selected to play in the North-South Senior Game over Memorial Day Weekend in Baltimore, Md. (for a picture, see the Class of 2014 space). He took a job with Fenway Sports Management, thanks to the wonderful support he received from professors, mentors and the St. Lawrence athletics department.

John was moved by President Fox’s meaningful address to parents of the Class of 2014 at the graduation ceremony. He also spoke highly of the Commencement address given by J. Robert “Monty” Montgomery ’14, son of Dr. Robert “Bob” Montgomery ’82 and Meg Friske ’79. See www.stlawu.edu/commencement/robert-montgomery-14-remarks-graduates for the full text of Monty’s speech.

Bill Spragins also attended the NCAA Lacrosse Championships in Baltimore, and reported that the weekend had a decidedly St. Lawrence flavor to it. Along with Pierson Fowler ’14, **John Near’s** son, Jack, ran first midfield for Notre Dame en route to the national championship game, while Peter ’79 and Anne MacKenzie’s son, Teddy, started for Denver, which fell to Duke in the semis. And Salisbury coach Jim Berkman ’82 had his team back in the Division

III national championship game. Bill said it best: “Wow – what a weekend for SLU lacrosse!!”



I conclude with a feel-good story from Bill. He and **Bill** and **Peggy Maass Jansen** celebrated at the finish of the 15.6-mile “Heavy Half” Leadville Marathon in Colorado on June 15. Team Jansen, including daughter Elizabeth, hiked the half-marathon, peaking at 13,100 feet, in honor of their son and brother Robert, who used to run the full marathon before being lost in a mountaineering accident outside Aspen in the summer of 2012. It was so uplifting to see them both smiling again after walking in his honor.

Thanks, everyone! Remember the challenge for the next edition: drop me a line about your life and include your guesstimate on how many Chips our class has sent to St. Lawrence. I hope many accept this challenge and vie for

a “great” memento. Does anyone want to wager that our class has sent more Chips to St. Lawrence than the classes that preceded or succeeded us? Yes, I am stirring the pot!

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Correcting an error in our spring edition, **Pam Starke-Reed** provides this update on her children: Sascha acquired her master’s in special education and began teaching special education and coaching in Fairfax County, Va.; Edward is in New York City, working for Sport195, a web-based platform for international sports coverage; and Abby is a junior at Wesleyan University.

1982

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“It’s the most wonderful time of the year....” You know: back-

to-school!! Well, THIS year, it’s empty nest, wonderful for a few Laurentians, myself included. Our youngest, Hannah, has headed off for freshman year at UVM, along with **Cathy Turck’s** step-son, Cory.

Now that we part of the Cata-mount family, I’ve noticed a lot of SLU/UVM overlap. **Chuck Schwer’s** son Erich graduated from there last spring. And at orientation, I learned that the vice provost providing two humorous and spot-on seminars on college transition matters was Ann Stevens ’84. Must have been that awesome SLU education that made her such a great presenter.

Scott Craighead and Lisa Pridgeon ’83 are also trying out the empty nest thing. Their youngest, Lauren, started her freshman year at NYU in Paris (I know—everyone say “aww-wwww”). Son Matt ’16 is keeping the family name alive and well on campus. And Scott ’72 and **Lisa Thorpe Brown’s** daughter Jenny ’14 graduated from “The Candle in the Wilderness” in May, thus ending the Thorpe/Brown Larryland legacy for now. Not that that will keep any of them from visiting campus, thank goodness!

Another new SLU grad, Robert “Monty” Montgomery ’14, son of **Bob Montgomery**, was awarded the prestigious Doug Brown Award, given annually to a senior woman and man who

Caldwell ’82 Named to Prestigious International Board



Robert Caldwell ’82 has been named to the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) international board of trustees, making him the only secondary school advancement professional on this governing body. Pictured with his family on Nantucket Island, Caldwell is director of advancement and external relations at the Holderness School, Plymouth, N.H. He represents CASE’s District 1 on the international board, and also serves on the district’s board of trustees. District 1 encompasses New England and the Canadian maritime provinces.

Prior to taking on his current role at Holderness, Caldwell served Hebron Academy in Maine as the assistant head for advancement and external relations. From 1999 to 2002 he was executive director of the Dartmouth College Fund. He developed his early fundraising career at both of his alma maters, serving St. Lawrence as assistant director of annual giving in 1989 and his high school, St. Andrew’s College in Aurora, Ontario, where he was an assistant to the executive director of the St. Andrew’s College Foundation and also served on the teaching and coaching staff. Caldwell also served the Canadian Department of National Defence as a pipes and drums instructor. He was a search and rescue officer in the Canadian Coast Guard between 1984 and 1988.

exemplify a well-rounded St. Lawrence experience, through both academics and co-curricular activities. As a magna cum laude grad, with a double major in English and math and a study-abroad jaunt in New Zealand just for good measure, he also found time to be a Tanner Fellowship recipient, solo-hiking all 46 High Peaks of the Adirondacks and studying outdoor writing; and to work with/for/be in Admissions, Thelmo, Orientation, Beta and more! If he doesn't need a short break before jumping into his next passion, I might need one to recover from reading his accomplishments!

Down in Fairfield, Conn., **Bill Bergner** and Helen Carter '83 were kept busy with two graduations. Their second eldest son, Doug, earned his alumni status at Endicott College, while son number three, Peter, became the last of the three Bergner boys to graduate from the Canterbury School. Peter earned his stripes last spring and made his mom a little weepy to be ending the Bergner legacy there!

Life seems to be mellow for the rest of you, so DO report in. Happy fall! Until next time...

1983

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Superlatives can't describe the incredible weekend of our 30th reunion. The little things St. Lawrence provided, the bountiful receptions, the organization were just magnificent. The golf carts were terrific; the transportation made the weekend relaxing and kept our energy up for the late-night socializing. Check out the photos and updates on our Facebook page!

A refueling station was created by the RV set up behind Lee. **Lissa Scull** and **Dave Short**,

Karen Follett and **Dick Taggart**, and Mike Edson '84 were the hosts. They were blocked out of the Hoot Owl due to the long lines (thanks to the 5th reunion) but gathered with **Ken Nelson, Greg Gulino, Dan and Mary Pat Fatti Suits, Rob Frese, Carla Barbaresi Edson, Sue Howard, Steve Lawler** and others to create our own fun under the bright Canton stars. Tales of antics during the Vienna program and of those frat parties were prime topics. However, what is said in an RV stays in an RV!

Part of this group also attended the wedding of Dan and Mary Pat's daughter Genevieve on Memorial Day. **Eve Connor Perni** came up from Florida to attend the wedding and she and husband Andy spent the summer sailing their boat along the coast of Maine. **Lisa Pridgeon Craighead** and Scott '82 were also there.

Many of the Sigma Pi team were at Reunion: **John Quinn, Tony Spencer, Walt Connors, Scott Clark, Tom Warner, Rob Wallace, Bill Spencer, Robert Baird, Kevin Appleton, Frank Albanese, Craig Gleason, John Green, Todd Chamberlain, Dan O'Neill, Dave Helgans, Doug Hart, Tom Sherman, John Gigantelli, Steve Kuno, Bob Phinney, Gary Sheldon** -and me! Paul Edison '84, John Lawson '84, Doug Taliaferro '84, Paul Wetmore '84, and Jeff Caso '85 came as well. A photo of the group is on the Facebook page. The house is now the site of the Torrey Health and Counseling Services. Campus Safety & Security is located in what was once the home of the Western Party. (Yes, we all know it is ironic.)

Sarah Brand Kelly wrote that she was sorry to miss the big reunion and promises to make the next one!

Lissa Short and **Laura Taylor Patrick** wanted me to express their thanks to everyone who made a financial gift in honor

of our reunion. As of July 15, we had raised \$316,122 and had a 37% class participation rate. We surpassed our fund-raising goal - but were badly beaten by our younger cluster-mates of '85 and '84. We want revenge for the 35th!

Lissa has started her term as vice president of the Alumni Executive Council. Their mission is to increase alumni engagement with and support of the University. If you're interested in getting nominated for the council, or want to support St. Lawrence more informally, please reach out to Lissa at lissashort1@hotmail.com.

Speaking of reunions, five years seems like a long time to wait for another great reunion. Many classmates have expressed the idea of an unofficial gathering in 2018, prior to our official "35th cluster" in 2019. I will keep you posted in the coming notes. I think it is a great idea!

I received a nice article about **Don Rodbell**, a professor and chair of geology Union College. (Union was the national champion in DI men's hockey last year, so I am a bit envious writing this!) Don has been taking students to Peru since 1996 and will lead a team of researchers in a new project to drill lakes to acquire long records of climate change. Lake Junin is among the oldest lake basins in Peru, with a sediment record going back 250,000 years. Students will be participating in the study and Don was instrumental in gaining grants totaling \$2.6 million for the project.

The Class of 1983 saw eight Chips head for campus this fall! Proud parents are **Jennifer Carroll Archie, Todd Datz, Alice Antonelli, Robert Koshgarian, Laura Taylor Patrick, Mike Quinn, Tony Spence**, and a Laurentian couple, Steve '84 and **Carol Baird Rich**.

Cindy Roach Gianniny's son Jack won the New York State Boys Golf Championship in June. I have met Jack and he is a very humble and polite young man.

One of my favorite moments from Reunion was the phone call from **Frank Albanese** that he had a flat tire while arriving. Frank's car requires a unique set of tires, which were only available in Potsdam. I drove with Frank to get the tires. Many a road trip had gone through Potsdam. It was a fun trip down Memory Lane.

Please continue to send updates. I am one of the few reporters who did not take notes, so the special moments, connections, hugs, and handshakes are a wonderful collection of memories.

During the weekend, I took a photo of the chapel. The sky was bright blue, and it was beautiful. It's missing its steeple, and as I left campus I thought of that photo. I thought of how the great memories of our college days and our reunion would again be just that—memories. It's almost as if the school is not complete without our class roaming the beautiful campus. It's like the chapel without the steeple, still beautiful but so very incomplete. Stay connected, call a classmate, share an achievement, and don't hesitate to ask any of your SLU family for help. A classmate reminded me of that a few days after reunion. He called to help me. Thanks, Walt.

1984

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While driving the familiar route through the Adirondacks to St. Lawrence for our 30th Reunion, I pondered the variously attributed quote, "We do not inherit the world from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children." It was a fitting reminder that while our class was returning to campus to reminisce and reconnect with those with whom we shared formative years, a university focuses forward - on our children offering

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a world to their children that is better than they found it. The opportunity to connect with our own classmates and other Laurentians ranging from Honor Guard graduates to current students aptly demonstrated this continuum.

The Sustainability Semester site tour was a highlight for me, a geology/environmental studies major who went on to practice environmental law. The tour was brightened by the presence of retired geology professor John Bursnall, as we recalled the idiosyncrasies of the early 1980s geology and geography departments. Each semester program student spoke about their experiences and the impact the semester might have on their lives. What an incredible opportunity to view the world as seen by our children! And, I must also add, what impressive young adults thriving through their St. Lawrence education.

Reminiscing, reconnecting and meeting people we hardly knew during our years at St. Lawrence were also a large part of the weekend. It was great to learn

that **Jim and Marea Berni Tumber's** son, Andrew, had just graduated from Johnson & Wales University's College of Culinary Arts, after battling health problems for the past year. Hopefully, Marea will be able to make it to the next Reunion with Jim!

Dana Dining Center provided lots of opportunities to meet classmates. **Cindy Hatch Belski** recently retired from a successful banking career, and is enjoying a second career as an antique dealer on the Massachusetts North Shore, where she lives with her husband, Matt. **Kim Lehigh Crabill** and Harold, a financial services advisor, are raising their two daughters in Portland, Maine. **Lori O'Marah Bean** lives in Perrysburg, Ohio, with husband Paul. They have two sons, both in the arts; one is a senior at NYU, majoring in music composition and theory.

I had numerous opportunities over the weekend to chat with Stephen Stoecker '83, Erin Fish '85 and Thomas Wanamaker '85, comparing remembrances of ROTC, foreign languages and experiences working overseas. This

increased my appreciation of St. Lawrence's cluster reunions.

I ran into **Rich Hamilton** while taking a stroll down memory lane in Brown Hall and Bewkes, before the "contrast tour" of the Johnson Science Center. Rich has lived in "SoCal" (southern California) for 18 years; he is president and CEO of Ceres, a role he humbly describes as "work in BioTech."

I also had a good talk with **Charlie Roth**, who is a principal consultant with CA Technologies, a software development company. We were unable to recall how we knew each other during school; it took my husband to narrow it down to our geology majors.

Chris Mesolella described Reunion as "fantastic!!" Chris and wife Karen spent most of the weekend with Charlie, a fellow Beta, and **John Richards**, a Rebert hallmate freshman year, when Rebert was the first "coed freshman" hall at St. Lawrence. We sometimes take our strong alumni ties for granted, but Chris explained that Karen was "very impressed with the loyalty shown

by the alumni... [and the] deep appreciation of the fraternity and sorority houses." (Another contributor, who shall remain anonymous for this purpose, hinted that the boys of ATO and Beta were planning a comeback during the all-class picnic. I think a plot is brewing!) For Chris, sitting in Dana on Friday night recognizing faces from long ago was a weekend highlight. "As much as the faces may have changed, they've really stayed the same," he said.

Bradley Van Dussen had us laughing during the reception before the final dinner in "Leit... something Field House. I always called it 'Augsbury.' Go figure." Me, too, and if only there had been signs to locate "Leithead...."

Brad set up a Facebook page for our Reunion (www.facebook.com/SLU30th), which I recommend checking out and adding your own photos from the weekend, if you haven't already. It was there that I discovered that **Ann Ziebarth** was at Reunion, though I did not see her. Apparently, Ann and I must travel to other coun-

tries to meet; I last saw her while we were both working in Ukraine about 20 years ago. #SLUReunion on social media will also lead to lots of fun posts and pictures from the weekend.

Doug Beckerman planned on attending Reunion, but work demands derailed that plan. Doug had recently joined the executive team as director of finance of a retail technology solutions provider, Spencer Technologies, outside Boston. Here's hoping he can make it back to campus soon.

Thomas Keating's drive to campus follows a route similar to my own. He writes, "I have always been spoiled in my geographic approach to St. Lawrence: North Creek, Indian Lake, Blue Mountain Lake, Long Lake, Tupper Lake, Colton and Canton. The drive is spectacular." Tom tried to commandeer one of the ubiquitous golf carts upon arrival, but was forced to walk into town in search of old haunts remaining from our school days, like the Hoot Owl, Sergi's and Morgan's Ice House. Sadly, others, like Journey's End, the Mine Shaft and McCarthy's, are gone.

Tom made full use of the opportunities to reconnect at Reunion. He ran the 5K with **Doug Morrison** and **Tim Shea**, a physician, and compared Ragnar experiences; he saw **Mike Edson** at Brewer Bookstore; **Dayton Haigney**, a freshman floor mate, near the Sullivan Student Center; and **Steve** and Alumni Executive Council Secretary **Jacquie Hasper Kuno** near Gunnison Chapel's construction zone. He renewed debate on topics from Henry Crimmel's logic class and Joan Donovan's debate team with **John Richards**, a founding partner of the D.C. law firm Trout Cacheris & Janis. Meanwhile, **Cheryl McFadden Adler** enjoyed the festivities while her husband, Ed, chaperoned one of their children.

Finally, Tom claims **Laurie Reilly Bebb** has invited all of us traveling from the south to St. Lawrence to stop by for a cup of coffee as we pass through the Albany area. Laurie, did you know this?

All were duly impressed by the changes on campus, new residential buildings and plans for a terraced, leveled quad (for more, see page 28). Tom added that a tour of the "smart" Johnson Science building by retired Dr. Tom Budd, who remains the men's hockey game announcer, was capped off by his prediction that St. Lawrence will soon have a championship team. Go, Saints!

During the extraordinarily beautiful weather Canton blessed us with at Reunion (wait, wasn't it always perfect while we were there?), Tom discussed the less generous weather often encountered on our Outing Club hikes in the Adirondacks with the late professor John Green, who, on each hike, would assure him, "Tom - when we get to the mountain top the sun will be shining." Tom is certain that the sun was indeed shining each time they summited a peak, though my recollection differs, with the weather on top even more frightful than in the valleys.

Tom's reunion experiences again left me pondering the quote about borrowing the world from our children. Being introduced to President Fox and his wife, Lynn, led to this recollection: "It reminded me of my very first experience at St. Lawrence. This gregarious man served pizza in Sykes. Only four people could sit in each eating booth. This older 'pizza' gentleman sat down with us and told us funny stories. He put us at complete ease on our first day. When he left he shook our hands and said, 'By the way, my name is Frank Piskor.'"

Jacquie Kuno sent me this wrap-up: "It was great to see so many of you. **Jeff Seitz** and I, as co-chairs, received many heartfelt notes about the wonderful times experienced by those lucky enough to attend. We are sorry some could not be with us - if that's you, please remember, our 35th is only five years away and (we hope) you'll be able to make your way to Canton for another

celebration together at the very special place where we all began."

The St. Lawrence of our youth, especially the professors and others who forged bonds with us and prepared us to enter the world as adults, continues to develop those bonds and prepare today's young adults for the world's challenges. Reunion gave our classes a chance to re-connect, but the vibrancy of the University and the current student body makes me confident that the world will be in good hands when we return to our children.

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Reunion was a huge success! We were clustered with the Classes of 1983 and 1984, which added so much to the festivities....from the gathering Friday night at the Canton Club to the open-houses at the sororities and the Saturday dinner followed by a trip back down to the Club and the Hoot Owl! The campus has changed in so many wonderful ways, with many new buildings and the makeover of the Quad (see page 28). But the friends never change! We enjoyed seeing so many familiar faces (I don't dare use the word "old"!).

Thank you to those who made the effort to return to campus, and a big thanks to **David Ball** and **Donna Winston** for leading the charge with fundraising as well as **Tom Myers** for all his behind-the-scenes planning. Our class was recognized at the awards ceremony. I'd like to thank the contributors in honor of our 30th reunion for helping set a record for participation.

Joining us from far away was **Anne Robertson** from Scottsdale, Ariz., via Albany, where she met up with **Susan Hunt McDowell**. Annie is a managing director of public relations at the

Lavidge Company, in Phoenix; she moved there from the East in 1995 and also worked as a reporter and columnist for the *Phoenix Business Journal* and in PR at a national animal healthcare company. Annie enjoys riding hunter/jumper horses and still competes in shows with her horse, Kazan. She "would love to hear from SLU folks visiting the area -- Greater Phoenix is a world-class resort destination!"

Following the reunion, Annie, **Laura Danforth Barnes**, **Susan Hunt McDowell** and **Stephanie Porta Eisele '84** met up with **Patty Garry Baynes** at The Sagamore in Lake George. Needless to say, Annie had a great trip East!

Craig Somerby and **John Stichter** drove up together for Reunion. John's oldest daughter is Sarah '15.

We saw many classmates who had children entering St. Lawrence this fall: **Tracy Van Hoven-Hoyt** and Sherman '82's daughter **Noel** along with **Gale Barlow Hagele's** daughter, **Elizabeth**; **Laura Precourt Howell's** daughter, **Gibson**; **Donna Winston's** niece; **Susan Nicolais Weaver** and **Bob Weaver's** son, **Michael**; and **Sheryl Mustion Lincoln's** daughter, **Courtney**. Imagine their Family Weekends! **Chris Hurd** returns to campus frequently to visit his daughter, **Waverly '17**.

Chris Steffen, **Jim Taylor**, **Bob Hazen**, **Bill Helene**, **David Ball**, **Jed Stevens**, **Sally Beach Herreid**, **Kristin Johnson**, **Nancy Theis Weed**, **Susie Biedermann**, **Timmermann**, **Katy Knowles Sadler** and **Liz Reid Lawson** were many of the familiar faces back in Canton! **Katy** recently moved from Australia to New York City and met up with **Liz**, who flew back from California to Connecticut, where she visited her mother before their road trip to Canton. **Tracy** lives in Boston but commutes to Philadelphia for her job. She is married to **Sherman Hoyt '82** and has two kids. **Kirsten Elmore Meister** came from Annapolis, Md., where she is a group fitness instructor and practices yoga as well. **Gale**

Barlow Hagele and **Kirsten** made the trip north together.

Jason Duncan was unable to attend due to the May birth of his second son, **John David Duncan**.

Fritz Bedford lives in New Hampshire with his wife, **Linda Purinton**; they have three daughters, including **Monica '17**. **Fritz** attended a SLU-Dartmouth hockey game last winter with **Bill Quinn**. He writes, "Bill is an attorney in Concord, N.H., and among his many activities coaches a local swim team. I am also coaching for the North Country Aquatic Club in Hanover (where my youngest daughter swims) so we see each other at meets."

Fritz was "developing software and got caught up in a quasi-legal non-compete contract when the company I worked for was purchased. So, I taught mechanical engineering for a year at Norwich University before starting my own company. It's much better, the work is more interesting and it is the right place for me to be. I did find out I liked teaching and that not everybody knows thermodynamics." Both **Fritz** and **Linda** have returned to swimming; **Fritz** holds the 50-meter butterfly short course national record for the 45-49 age group, and the 50 and 100 backstroke world records for the 50-54 age group. He keeps up with **Bill Quinn**, **Mike O'Neil** and **John Mosher**.

Sue Weaver, who is on the Alumni Council, writes that if you're interested in being nominated for the council or want to support St. Lawrence more informally, you can contact her at snweaver5@gmail.com.

Reunions are a great time to reconnect with old friends. We would love to hear from the rest of you as well. Please reach out to either **Michael** or me at the above emails or find us on Facebook.

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Thanks for keeping in touch; please send me your news via Facebook or email.

Tim '84 and **Maria Stephens Shea** attended the 30th Reunion, which they said was a blast. Their daughter, **Emily**, is a first-year at UNC Asheville. Their son, **Jacob**, had just completed his first triathlon. **Maria** is owner/president at Just One Small Step Life Coaching Services.

Jonathan Clark and **Alice Smith Clark '88** have a son, **Jonathan** (aka **Jack**), who graduated from the Salisbury School in the spring and is a **Chip** - he enrolled at St. Lawrence in August. He's interested in studying business and pre-law.

Michelle Herron Frechette and **Rod's** oldest child turned 21 last spring and the other three are not far behind. Their escapades keep the parents busy as they try to put two more behind the wheel. When **Michelle** turned 50, **Rod** and her best friends were over-the-top fun with a surprise party and a day full of lovely memories! The joint law practice for **Michelle** and **Rod** continues to help criminal clients all over New Mexico. **Michelle** is looking for ways to expand the services they provide, such as consulting with families to help identify good mental health and treatment programs.

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Again I begin with an apology for missing last issue. I can't really blame it on lack of news, so I'll blame it on a serious case of procrastination. I enjoy hearing from classmates and putting together this column, but I'd be happy to pass it on to anyone who has better deadline skills! Just let me or the Alumni Office know if you'd like to take over! Not only

will my feelings not be hurt, but I will send you flowers and a thank you note!

A nice email from **Scott Forbes** reached me after a recent magazine came out. He reported on way too much work travel along with a legendary ski season! As always, the skiing included some runs with **Chris Howes** and **John Fields**, and now also includes their kids. **Scott's** wife, **Julie**, accompanied them, and **Scott** mentioned something about beer and cigars.

Scott also let me know about his latest ghostwriting effort, a book titled *BLOOM: Inspiring Ownership at Work* by **Matt Dahlstrom**. He mentioned that it is a great resource for any manager trying to get the most out of his/her employees. I think you should all run out and buy a dozen copies. **Scott** said he is busy writing for his high school magazine so he won't be taking over this column. Well thanks, **Scott**!

I received a nice update from **Sue Bradbury Follett**, who recently joined me in the Midwest. **Sue** and **Rob** and their kids **Will**, **16**, **Spencer**, **14**, and **Meredith**, **12**, moved from Massachusetts to **Wheaton, Ill.**, when **Rob** accepted a job as chief IP counsel for a chemical company in **Des Plaines, Ill.** **Sue** is hoping for a lot of East Coasters to visit her. Her sister, **Barb Bradbury-Pape '88**, visited in April and there were rumors of a bunch of other St. Lawrence folks coming soon.

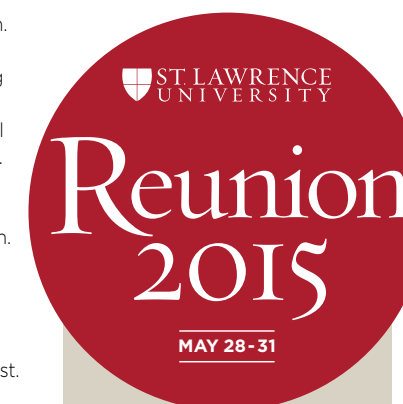
The Alumni Office forwarded me a picture of a bunch of **Betas** who apparently got together for a mini-reunion in **Syracuse** in March. **Mike Sepanek**, **John Costello**, **Dick Niles**, **Kurt Gormley** and **Joe Butler '89** are all looking good. I'd love to hear from one of them with details. Come on, guys, fill us in on what you've been up to. Flat-tery should get me somewhere.

Thanks for reading. If we're not already friends on FB, please friend me! Or of course you could call me. Or visit me. Chicago is a

lot of fun and I'd be happy to play tour guide. Until next time. Unless I miss the deadline!

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I had a wonderful time at our class reunion and enjoyed catching up with classmates and seeing the changes on campus. I passed around a notebook for attendees to write updates on their lives and appreciate the notes they shared with me:

A group of Chi Omegas wrote, "Reunion was fun for **Kristen Peters Stocking, Laura Portland Horsfall, Connie Thomson Blatchford, Caroline Mc Gregor Blair, Sue Pogodzienski Peck, Cori Rogers Filson, Dawn Montanye, Kathy Druce Halloran** and **Lisa Haley Hayes**. We all stayed at the house at 18 Elm Street, slept in the cold dorm, ate at Dana, and of course, spent some time at the Hoot."

Kathy Druce Halloran wrote, "To sum up the last 25 years: marriage, divorce, three awesome kids—Mike (19 years old and attending Boston College but loved St. Lawrence when he visited), Kelsey, 17, and Colleen, 15; went back for a degree as a physical therapist assistant; still living outside of Boston, playing soccer and enjoying occasional reunions with sorority sisters."

Freddy Paxton III has opened Dickson Wine Bar in Washington, D.C. The first of its kind in D.C., the bar serves all organic, biodynamic beer, wine and food. Freddy wrote, "Justice Sonia Sotomayor is our best customer—we love her!" He also has opened El Rey, a taqueria that serves all Latin American beer and "really strong margaritas—WATCH OUT!" Freddy's "real" job is working for his family's shipping company, Paxton International, which includes locations in London; Singapore; Juba, South Sudan; Peshawar, Pakistan; Kabul, Herat and Mazar I Sharif, Afghanistan; Erbil and Baghdad, Iraq; and U.S. cities from Chicago to Houston

to Atlanta. As you can imagine, Freddy spends a lot of his time traveling around the U.S. and abroad for his work.

Vicki Flick lives in Clayton, N.Y. After years in the publishing industry and living in the big city, she moved back to her hometown in the beautiful Thousand Islands region, and now teaches high school English.

Matt Soden and his wife, Jeanine, live in Silver Spring, Md., with their children Sebastian, 11, and Isabelle, 10. He works for the Defense Intelligence Agency as a program manager. He and Isabelle recently ran their fourth 5K race together.

Charlie Sullivan and his wife, Debra, live in Jamesville, N.Y., with their three children: Joe, Julia and Mary, who proudly paraded with the Class of '89 at Reunion. Joe, 17, is considering colleges, including St. Lawrence.

Kathy Little Bamberger wrote, "My 12-year-old daughter came with me to (Reunion). My 8 1/2-year-old son came too, but we haven't seen him much as he is having a great time as a Chipmunk. I have just accepted a 'new' position, which is really the same as my current position, but with a new state agency. I help New York manufacturers market and sell their products. It has been lots of fun seeing classmates in person instead of just on Facebook!"

Bill Purdy's humorous observations made me smile: "Things have changed in 25 years: new student center, trees grew, Planet Fitness opened up over near Augsbury, ice storm messed stuff up, pointy thing fell off Gunnison, quarry in the Quad. A few things haven't changed: Vilas looks the same, half the dorms are unpleasant architecturally, Dairy Queen is still there. What I can't help but notice: I'm 25 years older. So are you."

Jon '88 and **Connie Thomson Blatchford** recently moved to Manchester Center, Vt., into an old farmhouse which keeps them

busy. They have two kids: Sara, a junior at Lehigh University, and Hailey, a junior at Proctor Academy. They are both working at J.K. Adams Co., a manufacturer of wood products.

Lisa Haley Hayes is busy with four kids, ages 14, 12, 9 and 5. She lives in the Albany area and spends summers in Lake George and winter weekends skiing at Gore Mountain.

Dana Baldwin Daxner lives in Connecticut with her two children, ages 11 and 9. She is "lucky to be able to stay at home with them and so happy to be able to reconnect with all of my St. Lawrence friends."

Kathy Gall Sveen wrote: "What a great weekend! St. Lawrence is a great place to be. I have five sons who are fun and can't wait till they are Laurentians too!"

Donny and Susannah Webb Danforth live in St. Louis, Mo., with their four children, ages 17, 16, 13 and 10. Donny started a private inner-city elementary school for promising children. Susannah hopes "to see many of our children and City Academy alumni matriculate at St. Lawrence!"

Anne Stine Zimmerman lives in New York City, where she is a lawyer and nutrition counselor who writes a blog at nutrimommy.com. She has four kids, one of whom is a three-time cancer survivor. Anne diligently works toward funding cancer research through the Memorial Sloan Kettering Cycle for Survival Leadership Council.

Kenny Weiner has lived in Portland, Ore., for 20 years. He works for The Freshwater Trust, a non-profit that fixes rivers in the Pacific Northwest. He wrote that he "would love to entertain any SLU alums traveling through the area."

Peter Forelli lives in Rowayton, Conn. He married **Tom Johnson's** cousin Michaela, and they have three boys: Briggs, Beau and Brodie. The family enjoys skiing, golfing and playing hockey and lacrosse. He has worked in the estate planning

field for 23 years and has other business interests as well. "Enjoying 25th with friends," he wrote.

The weekend included several opportunities to remember classmates who are no longer with us. A tree dedication ceremony celebrated the life of **Joe Teresi**, who passed away in February, with remarks by **Freddy Paxton** and a champagne toast. The tree has been planted on campus behind Rebert Hall. At our class dinner on Saturday night, we remembered other classmates who have passed away, including **Robert T. Alexander, Kathleen Berwick Boisvert, Philip D. Joslyn, Christopher M. Morrison, David G. Steller, Richard H. Stewart Jr., R. Craig Van Buren** and **James P. Weinman**.

Other Reunion attendees included **Letitia Howland, Jennifer Waasdorp Rouin, Tom G. Johnson Jr.** and **Heather Scholl**. My apologies if I have omitted anyone!

Finally, many thanks to **Alex Kirby Taylor** and **Ed Morris** for co-chairing the 25th Reunion Committee.

I received a press release that ROAR Logistics, of which **Bob Rich III** is founder and president, has purchased Phoenix-based Legend Transportation Group (LTG). According to the release, Bob said "the agreement between the two non-asset-based transportation providers strategically will help take us from specialized boutique service to a more comprehensive solution featuring very personalized, high-touch customer service." Congratulations to Bob on his company's success!

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May 28-31, 2015

I hope you all had a great summer and are enjoying the fall. Soon enough, the holidays will be here. Where does the time go?

Over the summer, I heard from **Holly Joel Mudd** that she and husband **Mike** both recently started new jobs. They even received their job offers on the same day! Mike is athletics director for Worcester State University, and Holly is a senior VP at Citizens Bank. The Mudds live in Shrewsbury, Mass., with their three kids.

I also received a note from **Matt Redding**, who continues with his military career overseas. He has changed command and moved to a new job in Europe, where he will serve as the chief of staff for the 21st Theater Support Command. It is one of the largest units of the Army in Europe, with more than 8,000 soldiers and civilians providing logistics, engineering, military police and contracting support to forces in Europe and Africa. As the chief of staff, Matt will integrate all the staff functions in coordinating these missions as the U.S. Army partners with its NATO allies in Europe in what has become a pretty busy place of late.

At the end of May, I made the trek to Canton for the 40th anniversary of the Kenya Program (see the feature pages), and to see many of my friends from the Class of 1989. **Karyn Edwards Niles** flew with me, and **Amy Fitzgerald Fiorito** picked us up in Syracuse for the last leg of the trip. I definitely don't miss that Route 11 stretch!

On campus, **Darcy Sandleitner Adiletta** joined us. Everyone is doing great, and the weather could not have been better. Karyn is a vice principal at a middle school in Virginia, Amy is a technology specialist at a school in the Syracuse area, and Darcy works for TD Bank in Connecticut. The campus looks great overall.

I ran into **Andy Locke**, who is married to Heather Scholl '89. They live in the Boston area, where Andy works for TomTom.

Attending some of the Kenya events on campus, I managed to catch up with the past directors

of the Kenya program and my Swahili teacher from a mere 26 years ago—how can that be possible? At the Kenya dinner, they even had some Kenyan food and Tusker beer—*nzuri sana!*

In June, **Brendan McLaughlin** kicked off his fourth year on the Alumni Executive Council with their annual retreat at Canaras. He says, "It was great to be back in the Adirondacks and spend time with fellow alums spanning from 1965 to 2010 as well as several current student delegates." Brendan is a member of the Advancement and Engagement Committee and is focusing on developing a template that will make it easier to start and maintain local alumni clubs. Please contact him at jbrendanmclaughlin@verizon.net if you are interested in starting a club in your city or region.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at our 25th Reunion next spring!

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I had a chance to visit with some Phi Kappa Sigma brothers in Central New York in early May. Joined by about a dozen alumni from 1986, 1988, 1989 and 1990, **Dan Mason, Todd Kimberly** and I represented the Class of '91. Dan lives in Vermont while Todd, who still works at ESPN, lives in West Hartford, Conn., with wife **Becky Ten Eyck** and two kids. It was

a fun-filled weekend, and we're proud that we've been getting together since 1988.

I also recently saw **David Halstead**, a member of the Alumni Executive Council, a group that I was involved in for 10 years. Dave helps in reunion planning, fund-raising, admissions and alumni engagement efforts. If you have an interest in learning more about getting involved with St. Lawrence, please reach out to me or to Dave.

I know I am connected through LinkedIn and FaceBook to so many of you, but even though I see your promotions and pictures, please send me a message so I can include your news in these class notes. I know there are lots of mini-reunions going on and that many of you see other classmates from time to time, so send me the news with a picture and I'll be sure to get it into this column. I look forward to hearing from you.

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According to a news release received by the University, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) has brought on a White House staffer to handle immigration policy. **Tyler Moran**, who was the deputy policy director for immigration at the Domestic Policy Council, has been hired by Reid to be his point person on the issue.

Tyler joined the White House staff in June 2012, according to her LinkedIn profile. Before joining the Obama administration, she spent 11 years at the California-based National Immigration Law Center, an advocacy group that focuses on low-income immigrants and their families.

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Jeff Doyle sent the University this picture of him running in the Great Wall Marathon on May 17, 2014. "The marathon was held outside of Beijing and included running five miles on the Wall," he said. He has completed marathons on six continents, with a goal to run them on all seven. Number seven, South America, is on his schedule in Peru next summer, he reported. Jeff is chief executive officer at Loyalty Express in Woburn, Mass.



There was a strong St. Lawrence presence at a May real estate networking event in New York City, where members of Stribling & Associates, New York, and Houlihan Lawrence, Greenwich, Conn., gathered on the Upper East Side. From left are **Byron Anderson '06**, **Lindsay Clauss Sheehy '99**, **Caleb Loftus '06**, **Sarah True '99** and **David Haffenreffer '90**. Anderson and Loftus are with Stribling, the rest with Houlihan Lawrence.

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No news this time, classmates. Drop me a line and let everyone know what you're up to these days, and maybe we can fill this empty space.

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(Cluster with '98, '99)

Hello, Class of '97. Well, you were warned. No one submitted any

news, and I personally know that some of you have some really exciting news to share. SO PLEASE SEND TO ME.

So now I am forced to update you on my life! My husband, Wade Skidmore '98, and I are living in Hudson, N.Y., where we are raising our three children. Our daughter Wynslet is 7, son Pike will be 4 by the time you read this, and daughter Lauder turns 2 this fall. Wade continues to build his aggregate business, shipping stone down the Hudson River to jobs in the City.

When I am not running all over with my children, or trying to run 5Ks, I am building my business. I am an independent associate (director) with an energy supply company, Viridian; check www.viridian.com/kerriskidmore. Wade and I have also started farming the majority of our food. We raise chickens for meat and eggs, and turkeys, lamb and pig. We grow all of our vegetables, just started with fruits, and hope to raise cattle in the future. It's pretty rewarding knowing where your food comes from, and sharing this all with our children is healthy and fun.

I hope to hear more from my classmates, so I can share with all.

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(Cluster with '97, '99)

I was thrilled to learn that **Mark Cutler** and **Melanie** purchased their first house in Kennebunk, Maine. They continue to live in Andover, Mass., with their two daughters, Emmie and Sophia. Mark teaches Spanish at Phillips Academy and Melanie teaches science at Andover High School. They plan to spend lots of weekends and summer in Maine with family and friends! I'm hoping that we will be able to get up there to visit them soon.

Anne Campbell Dudro gave birth to her third daughter, Ellie, on April 17. Anne and her husband, Chris, live in Pittsburgh with Megan, Kate and Ellie. Chris is a pediatrician and Anne is an associate at HCM Strategists, a Washington-based public policy and advocacy firm focused on education and health issues.

We were all saddened to hear that **Abi Howe Hastillo** lost her husband, Mike, in a tragic motorcycle accident on Easter Sunday. Our hearts go out to Abi and children Gunnar and Adella. **Katy Foley, Megan Williams, Tracy Hatch Giordano, Mark Cutler and Jennifer Strandberg Stockwell** were all able to attend the funeral and reported that it was a beautiful ceremony. Several classmates set up a fund for Abi's family, which you can access here: [www.giveforward.com/fundraiser/z0h4/mike-hastillo-memorial-](http://www.giveforward.com/fundraiser/z0h4/mike-hastillo-memorial-fund)

fund. Thank you to everyone who has already donated.

On a happier note, we were lucky to have a visit from **Kati Smith Calvo** and her family during their recent Washington, D.C., vacation. Kati and her husband, Jose, work together in their law practice, Calvo & Calvo in Fort Myers, Fla. Their practice focuses on criminal and family law. They live with their two children, Bennett and Annabelle, in Cape Coral. Rob Larrabee '97 also happened to be in town on the same evening, so we all had dinner at our house and caught up over beer and wine while our kids ran wild. Some things never change!

Please catch up with our class on Facebook and LinkedIn. I look forward to hearing from you with your updates on family, work, and life in general!

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(Cluster with '97, '98)

Neil Chatterjee writes that our class is well represented on the Alumni Executive Council, as both he and **Cortney Terrillion** hold leadership positions. Neil chairs the Membership and Honors Committee and Cort the Committee on Student Services and Recruitment. "If you're interested in being nominated for AEC, or want to support St. Lawrence more informally, please reach out to me at Neil_Chatterjee@mccconnell.senate.gov or Cort at Cortney.terrillion@waters.nestle.com," he wrote.

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"Foxes on the Trampoline" is **Charlotte Boulay's** first book of poetry. It was published on April 1—"not a joke" she says. My research staff tells me that the title refers to YouTube videos in which foxes jump on trampolines in suburban neighborhoods. The book is available on amazon.com and according to her amazon author page, Charlotte lives in Philadelphia with her husband; she earned her MFA from the University of Michigan (where she taught for five years) and her work has appeared in *Slate*, *The New Yorker*, *The Boston Review* and *Crazyhorse*.

Britta Waters Pemberton is living in "New Canaan, Conn., with my husband and two boys. **Betsy Bahrenburg Hendrickson**, Jen Bayer Farnum '98 and **Ashley Jones** live nearby and we get together often."

Living a waffle-themed dream in Ballston Spa, N.Y., we find **Gregory Myers**. They celebrated "a baby girl named Charlee Evelyn Myers on 12/4/13. My better half owns a waffle-themed restaurant in our hometown of Ballston Spa, so I get to eat quite well.... Hoping

to bring the whole fam up to SLU sometime."

Joelle Ouimet, writing from north of Montreal "in the Laurentians (it's an actual region up here, yes I know, funny that)" says she moved there three years after graduation because she missed Quebec too much. "I'm an executive chef in a small Italian restaurant," she said. "I've been working in the kitchen for 10 years; it's my passion. I wouldn't trade my SLU days for anything. I have two boys, Julien and James, 6 and 3, and they are just the best boys ever, and so is my partner Stephanie. We have a great life in the great, white frozen north (last winter was brutal.)"

Joining older brothers William and Olin is Fisher, born in March, son to **Booth Platt**. Booth reports that Fisher's older brothers are excited to have a new play pal. "I spoke to **Steve Kohn**, and he reported becoming engaged after proposing from a scenic overlook of the Hudson River Valley. A wedding was in the works for July," said Booth.

Zach Green and Kate were "incredibly excited to celebrate our fifth wedding anniversary, and recently our daughter Zoey's second birthday. It's amazing how fast these two years have flown by. On the work front, I'm still based in Los Angeles with Kinetic Content, producing television series for Discovery Channel, History Channel, National Geographic, the Travel Channel, etc. All in all, life is good."

Nathan Hall successfully defended his doctoral dissertation

on March 28. He's now the proud recipient of a Ph.D., in information science from the University of North Texas. Nathan is a librarian and assistant processor at Virginia Tech. "My family and I love living in Blacksburg," he says.

Karen Ladd wrote in to say that in March, at the annual National Education Association of New Hampshire delegate assembly, she was presented the Christa McAuliffe Leadership Award, which she said "is presented each year to commemorate Christa McAuliffe and her dedication to education. It is awarded to an NEA-New Hampshire teacher who has shown the greatest contribution to the improvement of the education atmosphere through leadership. I was incredibly humbled and honored. I have been active on local, state and regional levels with NEA-NH since 2004, including five years as my local president and three years as chief negotiator for our professional and support staff contracts." She's now in her 14th year teaching art at Sanborn Regional High School in Kingston, N.H., "where I am proud of all I have achieved in furthering the cause of a great public school for every child."

Cross country ski fanatic (if "fanatic" is not a strong enough adjective, I apologize) **Liz Hollenbach '00, M.Ed '03** married Eric Tremble '02 (who started as '00 but did 3+2, so

became an '02) on September 15, 2013, at The Old Lantern in Charlotte, Vt.

Karen Fyten has been very, very busy. She writes: "I've had an exciting few years, met an amazing man and married him, did lots of travel, embarked upon a new career path...that's enough, right?! In 2011, I eloped in Quebec City, celebrated with our loved ones in Rye, N.H., and honeymooned in Paris.

"In 2012, I quit my cushy executive assistant job and went back to school full-time to become a nurse. I graduated in May, and am studying for my boards this summer. After that exam, I will start work at Catholic Medical Center in Manchester, N.H., on the cardiovascular surgical unit as an RN. It's been voted one of the top 50 hospitals for cardiac care in the country! I'm so thrilled and excited to have found this way for me to join my sociology studies at St. Lawrence with my new passion for nursing and making a difference on a personal level."

Karen says she was "inspired by this career change back in 2005 when I traveled to Louisiana and Mississippi to volunteer after Hurricane Katrina. It just took me a while to make it happen! What's funny is that I used to think that I hated science—I guess I just hadn't found the right science!"

Writing about herself in the third person, as always, we find **Kelly Thayer**: "After spending three years in the Peace Corps in Tanzania, Kelly is back stateside and has decided to go back to school! She is pursuing a master's

REUNION RECAP

MAY 29 - JUNE 1, 2014

More than 1,250 alumni — a record turnout — found sunny and mild skies for Reunion 2014, May 29-June 1. Highlights included observances of the 50th anniversary of St. Lawrence's first international program, in France, and the 40th anniversary of the Kenya Program.



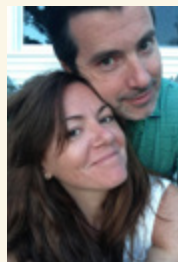
1: The **Awards Ceremony** was a chance for everyone to break into some familiar college songs. **2:** Flanked by new Alumni Executive Council President **Ed Forbes '02**, left, and President **William L. Fox '75**, awardees were, from left, **Cynthia Arcate '77**, president and CEO of PowerOptions; **Ken Okoth '01**, member of Kenya's National Assembly and chair of the Children of Kibera Foundation; **Nancy Current Martin '64**, an activist dedicated to saving the planet and its species; **Paul Gilbert '72** and **Pat Romeo-Gilbert '74**; and **Ned Breslin '88**, CEO of Water for People, (for his thoughts on Reunion, turn to page 26). Arcate, Martin and Breslin received Alumni Citations; the Gilberts were presented the G. Atwood Manley Society Achievement Award, symbolic of generous and thoughtful estate planning; Okoth received the University's Sol Feinstone Award for Humanitarian Service.

LAURENTIAN CONNECTIONS

LUKE DOLCE '96 – PLAY THIS 2 PLAY THAT, A PARENTAL CONTROL APP

www.playthis2playthat.com

How often have you looked for your smartphone or tablet and found it in your child's hands? **Luke Dolce '96** has three young children who, at times, have been addicted to games on their devices, which has frustrated him and his wife, Sarah.



"Our kids were more interested in perfecting their shots on [Angry] Birds than working on any academic skills," he says. "We thought they should be spending more time on educational achievements. That's when we looked into creating something that incentivized our children to engage with educational apps while earning time to play the games they love."

After months of time, money, research, writing business plans and finding a developer to work with, the Dolces launched "Play This 2 Play That," a parental control app for Android devices, in early 2014.

One of the best parts about the app is how easy it is to use. Parents decide what apps on the device are educational. Their kids must use those to unlock time to play games. Apps on the device that parents don't select are not accessible when Play This 2 Play That is active.

"Parents have full control and can set and adjust appropriate time limits," Dolce says. For instance, a parent could set parameters so the child uses an educational app for 10 minutes to earn five minutes of game time. The phone vibrates when the educational time requirement has been met, and when game time is up, Play This 2 Play That kicks the user back to the educational app to earn more time.

At first, the Dolces' children were lukewarm, but they've grown accustomed to the app thanks in part to one of its features. "Our app pauses the game being played so our kids don't lose where they are because time is up," Dolce explains.

Dolce notes that parents still need to monitor the device's overall use, but "our app helps control what children are doing while they are allowed to be on it."

For Dolce, who works for a private investment firm in Greenwich, Conn., this is a passionate side job. He's committed to getting the word out and presenting it to Apple in the coming months. For more information, find Play This 2 Play That on Facebook and Twitter (@Playths2playtht). - MJB

new addition. Chance's hobbies include spitting up and frequent rides in a diesel pickup that lull him to sleep.

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Next Reunion: 15th, 2019
(Cluster with '04, '05)

Todd Bishop wrote to the University, "Spurred on by the birth of our first child, Emma, on April 18, 2014, I wanted to pass along a long-delayed update. Ellen Lerrigo and I were married on June 4, 2005, in Ellen's hometown of North Bennington, Vt. There were a lot of SLU folks there, including several of my brothers from ATO. Ellen is a trade compliance

manager for Xylem Corp., and particularly enjoys the parts of her job that allow her to travel on charitable missions to Central America consulting on clean drinking water projects." Todd is finishing his Ph.D. in clinical psychology this fall at Syracuse University, and has accepted a postdoctoral fellowship with the Department of Veterans Affairs in Canandaigua, N.Y., focused on suicide research and prevention.

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Next Reunion: 10th, May 29-June 1, 2014

Retiring Class Reporter Rachel Peterson writes:

As the leaves begin to fall and the air turns crisp, thoughts of St. Lawrence flood my memory. The beauty of the North Country in the fall is rare and wonderful, though it is not the only season marked by beauty.

In late May, I flew from drought-stricken southern California to Watertown en route to Reunion. The plane descended over an endless canopy of deep green dotted with glistening lakes and sleepy small towns. My heart raced and filled with wonder as my eyes took in colors and landscapes I had not seen for five years.

My dear friend Liz Johnston Hubbard '03 picked me up at the tiny Watertown airport, and we drove familiar Route 11 through towns whose names had slipped to the back of my memory: Evans Mills with its race track, a Philadelphia far different from my hometown, Gouverneur and its Life Savers monument. At last, the road came to a T at the Cascade Inn. We turned right onto Main Street. I was home.

For me, Reunion was a perfect blend of old and new. I revisited places rich with memories (the Chi Omega house at 18 Elm, Brewer Bookstore, the tree-lined path from the corner of Park and University to Richardson Hall). I also discovered places new to campus or new to me. On a jog, I finally discovered the Avenue of the Elms and felt a rush of pride to tread that beloved path. I toured the state-of-the-art Johnson Hall of Science, a building I never would have set foot in even if it had existed in my time. I saw the new residence at the foot of the Quad and marveled at how well it blends with the older buildings on campus and how the Quad will once again be a true green center of campus. I mourned the sight of a steeple-less Gunnison Chapel while simultaneously filled with gratitude that the damage was not more severe.

More significant than the places, though, were the people I shared time with. I experienced the remarkable acoustics of the Peterson-Kermani Recital Hall, singing a few tunes with Barry Torres. I heard Roy Caldwell recount highlights from the France program history as alumni from half a century filled Sykes Common Room to celebrate the

program's 50th year (for excerpts of Prof. Caldwell's remarks, turn to the feature pages). I met Philosophy Professor Laura Rediehs at Brewer Bookstore for tea, and we reminisced about the time we spent in those very chairs discussing the philosophy of language and, often, life.

A generous handful of our class was there, even though many older alumni acknowledged that the 10th reunion falls at a difficult time for young adults and families. I ran into many of you at various points during that wonderful weekend, and I heard your stories, the details of which escape me now. Among those encounters, I forged new friendships with **Elizabeth Teczar** and Paul Maurer '03, **Adair Swain** and **Josh Earl**. **Allison Turcotte VanGuilder** and I spent much of reunion together. **Maggie Proulx** and I shared a fatbag at 1 a.m., in the Chi Omega dining room.

Jolie Roetter and I recalled memories of our France semester over lunch at MacAllaster House. I saw my Rebert Green Wing FYP friends **Cassie O'Brien-Bates**, **Emily Hunt Forbes**, **Josh Wyman** and **Drew White**. At various times and places throughout the weekend, I saw **Jess Noble**, **Cate Doucette**, **Abbey Green Mongosa**, **Melissa Wordelmann Johnson**, **Mat Johnson**, **Travis Wyman**, **Eric Klapper**, **Jeremy Pierce**, **Geoff Faiella** ... surely I am forgetting some as I try to recall the details of a whirlwind weekend. Please forgive me. I encourage you all to write in and tell your stories so we can share in your joys and successes!

Jackie Roy Hallock was honored to be elected to the Alumni Executive Council last spring! The council's mission is to increase alumni engagement and support the University in a number of meaningful ways. If you want to be more engaged or become part of the AEC, please email her at jackieroy81@gmail.com. Congratulations, Jackie, and thank you for serving us!

It has been a decade since we left the beauty and comfort of St. Lawrence and embarked on our adult lives. I've had the pleasure and privilege of reporting our news for the last several years, but this will be my last column. I am grateful for the opportunity to have represented you. If you are interested in donating your time and serving as our next class reporter, please see the instructions at the top of this column.

Until we meet again, I wish you all the best!

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Next Reunion: 10th, May 28-31, 2015

For her final column, Danielle Sanzone writes:

I was happy to hear from so many 2005 grads, some of whom went to the reunion this past spring.

Doug Smith attended with his wife, Amanda Church Smith '04, for her 10th reunion. "It was

in international development and humanitarian assistance at the University of Denver and is very excited to be heading to Zambia this summer to work in a refugee camp with the UN."

Tom Wilder is one of Northwestern Mutual's 2014 Commitment to Excellence Award win-

ners. He was scheduled to receive the award at the annual meeting in July when he wrote, saying, "I've been with Northwestern Mutual since 2010 as part of the New York Capital District network office. Meanwhile, I'm recovering from ACL surgery. While this details my chances of running with any SLU alums over the summer,

I did complete the NYC Marathon back in October as part of a team organized by Brian Hetzel '02, and hope to get back out there with the alumni teams in 2015."

My wife, Dawn-Marie Webster '96, and I met our new son, Chance, on April 14. Older sister Addison, 5, is mostly pleased with the



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1: Spring came late to the North Country in 2014, but it was just in time to frame countless small gatherings here and there on campus. **2:** A breakfast sponsored by the **Alumni Executive Council** was one of many opportunities for spontaneous encounters with college friends.



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3: As part of the observance of the 40th anniversary of the **Kenya Program**, colloquia centered on a half-century of the nation's independence focused on such topics as the status of Kenyan politics, human rights and development. **4:** Two members of the **Class of '84** who evidently were glad to run into each other at their 30th Reunion were **Jackie Hasper Kuno**, left, and **Deena Giltz McCullough**. Kuno was a Reunion planning co-chair, while McCullough is a past president of the Alumni Executive Council.



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a blast," said Smith, who lives in Philadelphia. "We closed down the Hoot and ordered Sergi's by dialing the number from memory and had it delivered straight to the flagpole by Sykes. Great times had by all."

Megan Reeve said she went for the 40th anniversary of the Kenya Program, which she had participated in. "They really did a fantastic job putting the weekend together. It's always great to be back on campus," said Reeve, who is getting married October 18 in Middleburg, Va., to Justin Snair.

Wedding bells are also in the future of **Hilary Hartson**. She and Andrew Wall met at North Carolina State, where she received her master's. "I knew it was meant to be when he took me to a Hurricanes hockey game for our first Valentine's Day together," she said. They are planning a summer 2015 wedding in either Raleigh, N.C., where they live, or Keene, N.Y., where Hartson grew up.

My good friend and former Chi Omega roommate **Sarah Schmidt** said she is also engaged. "During our beautiful trip to Bermuda, Dan [Stanley] popped the question. Clarkson/SLU wedding, summer 2015," said Schmidt.

In baby news, **Marc Tapscott** and his wife, Jackie, from Geneva, N.Y., welcomed their son, Charles Robert Tapscott, on May 3.

Ronak Desai, M.D., said he is returning to Massena, N.Y., to join his father's internal medicine practice. His wife, Dr. Janki Shah, joined Massena Memorial Hospital in July.

While I did not hear directly from **Jenny Nichols**, her automatic

email response said that she was filming in British Columbia to help keep a dam out of the Peace River. Feel free to learn more at pongomediamproductions.com.

I saw a job announcement for **Stephanie Weishaupt**, a fellow Chi O, who joined the Baylor University Louise Herrington School of Nursing Student Services Department as their new coordinator of the Pre-Nursing office in Waco, Texas. She moved from Utica, N.Y., to accept the position in May.

Tanya Mollova has a new job. Since October 2013 she is the executive director of CIBC World Markets in New York.

Clementine Vitek and husband Hendrik Buyle have moved to California, where Hendrik accepted a job with Google. They drove across the country when they moved and made a fun trip of that. They have since participated in some 5Ks and skydiving.

I had a serendipitous run-in with **Susan Comley** when we were both called to the same jury. She had a wedding planned for this past summer with her long-time boyfriend Justin Jordak. They live in Averill Park and have a puppy.

I won an award in journalism from the New York State Associated Press Association for a business/finance package written with our newsroom staff. I also ended up assisting Bloomberg with the coverage of the fracking case in June at the New York State Court

of Appeals, which was intense but fun. This summer my boyfriend, Jon, and I planned trips to Acadia National Park, Nantucket, Long Island and Philadelphia. For my dad's 70th, we also planned an East Coast road trip to visit his brothers in Delaware and Georgia.

I have appreciated and loved hearing from everyone. If you wish to become our class reporter, please follow the instructions at the top of this report.

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Hello, classmates! Spring and summer seem to have been busy for everyone, and I'm happy that so many of our updates contain great personal and professional news for our classmates.

Randy Olivo and I were reconnected in June at Canaras, since we are both serving on the St. Lawrence Alumni Executive Council. We work with the University in admissions, career services and development. If you're interested in being nominated for membership on the AEC, or want to support St. Lawrence more informally, please contact Randy or me.

Jamie Dyer Ford and her husband, Kyle, are in Hong Kong,

where she sees Laura Quandel '08 regularly. **Kate McNulty Lion** visited them last spring for a mini-SLU reunion. Jamie spent the summer in Europe after spending some time in Tokyo and then visiting friends and family in America. She encourages any friends who might be traveling in Hong Kong to connect with her.

Nick Mannella sold the company he founded in 2009, Knot Clothing & Belt Co., in early 2013 to a private equity firm out of Philadelphia. Nick remains the creative director and serves on the board for Knot, which created a special "Scarlet & Brown" belt that is sold in Brewer Bookstore as part of the Alumni Council's SaintsWear Collection. Nick has moved to San Francisco, and is one of the lead short designers for "Chubbies" (www.chubbies-horts.com). He has connected with fellow West Coast Laurentians **Hadley Quish, Janney Kline** and Alex Meek '07.

Katrina Franz Hansen and Erik welcomed a daughter, Gretchen Amelia, on February 16, 2014. They are all doing well and were able to attend Reunion in May and reconnect with many classmates. Katrina is working for the State of New Hampshire, in public health services. She works primarily with the Healthcare-Associated Infections program, which focuses on surveillance, outbreak investigation in healthcare facilities, and collaboration with local, state and federal partners to reduce infections and improve healthcare quality.

Kaia Klockeman Ellis and her family moved to Apple Valley, Minn., in December. She started a new job in March, as the assistant

finance manager for metroConnections in Bloomington, Minn.

Mandie Barney got engaged to Mike Remington on May 31. Mandie and Mike live in Hopkinton, N.Y., and Mandie works for the Franklin County Department of Social Services.

Kira Krumhansl married Jonah Bernstein in August. They recently moved to Vancouver, British Columbia, where Kira started a postdoctoral fellowship in marine conservation biology at Simon Fraser University.

Colleen Callahan-Panday and husband Prajwal '05 welcomed their first child, a son, Suryan, on October 14, 2013. He was born on Dashain, the biggest Nepali holiday of the year, which Colleen equated to being born on Christmas! She was promoted to associate director for international students and scholars at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, Mass. Prajwal finished his Ph.D. in geography from Clark University last year. They live in Providence, R.I.

Dan Allen, happily settled in Colorado Springs, Col., is a natural resource technician with the Coalition for the Upper South Platte, a non-profit organization that conducts forest health, wild-fire mitigation and flood control projects in the Upper South Platte River Basin. Dan writes, "The basin provides drinking water to the Denver metropolitan area, so its protection is imperative. When I am not cutting down trees or

conducting a prescribed burn, I am taking advantage of Colorado's endless winters and skiing every chance I get."

Chris Morris is living in his hometown of Saranac Lake, N.Y., after leaving that community's *Adirondack Daily Enterprise* and North Country Public Radio, and is the communications manager for the Adirondack Foundation, a community foundation serving the whole Adirondack region. Chris has developed a crowdfunding website for nonprofits and communities called Adirondack Gives (www.adirondack-gives.org) and has written a report on the economic impact of the North Country's nonprofit sector. Chris notes that "It's been a challenging career change, but incredibly rewarding and a lot of fun. I'm also volunteering as chairman of Dewey Mountain Friends, which oversees programming and operations of Dewey Mountain Recreation Center in Saranac Lake. We just finished a \$350,000 capital campaign to build a new base lodge, and we're looking to the future to see what kind of programs we can develop. I'm most definitely enjoying the mountain life."

I want to end with an apology to **Chris Barone** for missing this note in my last submission. I overlooked it, and thankfully, Chris resubmitted. He married Amanda Ruddick on July 27, 2013, at the Olde Mill Inn in Basking Ridge, N.J. The wedding party included **Brian O'Shea, Tom Gipson, Sean Regan** and **Joe Bertino**. Several other Laurentians were there to celebrate the day, including **Jason Miner,**



Tahiré Edirishinghe '07 arranged a photo of herself and several alumni from her era at a reception with President Bill Fox '75 (center) in New York city last May. For more, see the 2007 class report.

Sarah Kechejian, Jessica Engster, Liz Olmstead Miner '07, Jenn Gross '08 and Andrew Spahr '09. Congratulations, Chris and Amanda!

2007

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The summer months were busy for our classmates, so let's get to their news!

Tahiré Edirishinghe moved back to New York City at the end of last year. "It's been fantastic meeting up with old friends from St. Lawrence and being able to make the SLU networking events again," she said. She attended a reception with President Fox in May with other Laurentians, including **Kanti Shrestha.**

Erin Coakley Lassial, Andrea McDonough and **Amy Clemens** joined 33 alumni and students from various classes on campus last spring to celebrate the 10-year reunion of the SLU Dance Team, which they started as first-year students. "The current team hosted a weekend full of dancing, bonding and reminiscing - and even a Dana brunch," said Erin. "Yum!"

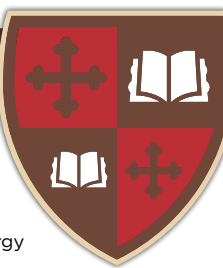
Guin Seaward has been busy with her new job at Grant Thornton, the fifth biggest accounting firm in the U.S. "I'm still doing state and local tax law and I love it," she said. "I've been lucky to share wedding celebrations with **Erika Gutfreund,** Cat Ramsey '08, Jenna Houston '08 and Cathleen Turcotte '10, as well as former staff member Marna Redding," who will be Guin's matron of honor at her upcoming fall wedding - more on that in the winter issue!



1: The signs tell us what was in the news back when the 50th Reunion Class of 1964 were students. 2: Sometimes, even with all the programming, the best part of Reunion Weekend is simply hanging out with old friends.



3: The 5th Reunion group brought a high level of energy to the parade. 4: The Class of 1974, clearly enjoying itself, gets organized prior to stepping out for the parade. **Haruyoshi Udagawa,** right of center in the gray cap, came all the way from Tokyo, Japan, for his 40th Reunion.





The third annual Gold Gala: An Evening for St. Jude was held on February 22, 2014, at the Bowery Hotel in New York City. The event was founded by **Christina Strong '09** and **Samantha Levitan '09**. More than 500 guests attended the sold-out event, which celebrated the generosity of New York's young professional community and, most important, the mission of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Strong says "The evening was a remarkable success, raising \$108,000"; hospital personnel reported in August that the gala is the leading young professionals event nationwide benefiting St. Jude's. The event organizing committee consists of St. Lawrence alumnae (from left) **Alexandra Burchfield '12**, **Tracy Dana '07**, **Alanna Sutherland '10**, Strong and Levitan, **Natalie Sawyer '10**, **Julie Wooters '10**, **Sydney Millyard '11**, **Martha Civitillo '11** and **Tersey Regan '11**.

Michael Kaplan got in touch and let me know that he and Sarah had celebrated their five-year wedding anniversary. (As if I didn't feel old enough thinking about turning 30 next year!). They both still live and work in Boston. Sarah is an assistant manager in the travel operations department for Go Ahead Tours and he's a financial advisor at Morgan Stanley. They are gearing up to welcome their first child in December.

Danni Weaver wrote to let me know that **Tracy Dana** recently became a member of the Alumni Executive Council and they both enjoyed a great weekend at Canaras. "If you're interested in being nominated for the council or in getting involved with the University now that you are a few years out, we can get in touch with you about opportunities!" Danni said.

Kat Bagley Maher and Colin welcomed Ronan Patrick Maher on April 17, 2014. She wrote that time is already flying by!

A St. Lawrence wedding is on the horizon for **Meghan Howard**, who got engaged over Memorial Day Weekend to Adam Benson '08. He popped the question while they were hiking up Mt. Madison in the White Mountains

of New Hampshire. They are planning a summer 2015 wedding in central New York.

Avery Scoville married Haverford College graduate Sarah Graves on June 14 at their family house in Grafton, Vt. Laurentians from the Class of 1990 through 2014 attended the event, and his best man was **Chris Farden**.

Two weeks later, **Tim LeRoy** married Kristen Leatherbee at Groton School in Groton, Mass. Tim's hockey teammates, classmates and many others ranging from the Class of 2000 through 2008 made the journey. Tim's brother, Josh LeRoy '01, was best man.

Caroline Foster McKibben and Sean were married at the Basin Harbor Club in Vergennes, Vt., back on June 29, 2013. In attendance were many alumni, including **Lindsay Arthurs**, **Caitlyn Cimikoski**, Jeff Haislet '08, **Lizzie Conolly**, **Mary Rogers Manion**, Tom Manion '06, Sam Morrow '06, **Melissa Epstein**, **George Barbieri**, **Victoria McLaughlin Morrow** and **Esther Deming**.

Last, I have some news of my own! Joe Keniston '05, M'07 proposed to me just outside Richardson Hall in June. We're both excited about the months of

planning ahead and the wedding next June, but are really looking forward to life after that.

Don't wait for me to email you for news! Pass it along any time.

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Reunion was a great event, and it was a beautiful weekend in Canton. It was great to reconnect with old friends and also meet some new ones! Thanks to everyone who made the trip, and to the staff/volunteers who made it possible!

Lauren Sischo is teaching and coaching at St. Mark's School in Southborough, Mass. She is the associate director of athletics and also teaches chemistry, as well as coaching varsity basketball and varsity soccer.

I saw **Dan Tukey** at Reunion. He has been working for IBM in Burlington, Vt. I also saw **Beth Osman**, who is working in Washington, D.C., in human resources.

Stephanie Resavage was married in Geneseo, N.Y., on June 14 to Jimmy Balben '07. I attended the wedding, as did several other classmates, including **Annie Massie**, **Zoe Bludevich** and **Cameron Bruns** as well as fellow Laurentians Marygrace Balben '04 and Kevin Balben '10, the groom's siblings.

I got a chance to catch up with **Rachel Benjamin** at the wedding. She was planning a September wedding in Vermont to Neil Solis.

Charlie Haydock is in his final year of law school at Northeastern. He was a summer associate at Ropes & Gray this year.

Samantha Lovell is engaged to Andrew Marsallo '08, and planning a July 2015 wedding. The couple lives in Charlestown, Mass. Other engagements to report are **Sam Levitan** and Rob Wortmann '06, and **Lindsay Abramo** and Max Davis '08.

I hope to receive some additional news from more of you in the coming months - email me with any Class of 2009 news!

2010

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Rebecca Klar has received a grant from Autism Speaks to fund her pre-doctoral studies; for details, go to www.autismspeaks.org/science/science-news/autism-speaks-announces-2014-weatherstone-predoctoral-fellowships. Becca was a neuroscience major and completed her honors thesis working with Karin Heckman of biology, studying the use of antioxidants to treat mouse models of multiple sclerosis. She is now a Ph.D. student at Vanderbilt University.

2011

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A few new congratulations to pass on since the last time I updated you:

Andrew Leiser and **Haley Feickert** were married on June 28 in Peterson-Kermani Performance Hall on campus, and welcomed many alumni for the ceremony. There's a picture on the Weddings pages. It was certainly great to see so many familiar faces! Among them were **Emily Blanchard** and her fiancée **Tom Phalon**, who got engaged in June. They'll be moving from Boston to Syracuse in the fall.

Amanda Mooney graduated from Albany Law School in May and spent the summer preparing for the Bar exam. She had plans to move to Switzerland with boyfriend Jeremy Wick '14 in August.

And finally, there is new future Saint in the mix! **Samantha Deon Morehouse** and Corey welcomed a baby girl, Rory Elizabeth, on May 16. Weighing more than eight pounds, she joins big brother Reed in the family.

Please continue to send updates my way, via email or direct message on Twitter @spadaccinib or Facebook. Hope to see many of you around Canton for Homecoming in the fall!

2012

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Margie Bailey graduated from Regis College in Weston, Mass., in May with her master's in health administration. While earning her degree, Margie was the assistant coach for both the women's soccer and lacrosse teams. She graduated in the company of **Cam Lownie**, **Meredith Wilkes**,

Nancy Farrand Bailey '86 and Hanne Bailey '13. She's the Shipley Center program coordinator and two-sport coach at the Dana Hall School in Wellesley, Mass.

Corey Parent is running for Vermont state representative for the St. Albans area. Motivated by his desire to bring balance to the Vermont legislature, and to work toward finding a solution to a growing drug epidemic in his hometown of St. Albans, Corey will campaign until elections are held on November 4.

Matthew Sautler wrote, "I have recently started a new career as the content curator for Wayfair in downtown Boston, Mass. I am loving living right by Fenway Park with my beautiful roommate, Mia O'Donnell '13!"

Matt and Mia aren't far from me; I am the manager of development and student recruitment at Excel Academy Charter Schools in East Boston.

Andre Weeks wrote to SLU that he has created "a documentary on Alzheimer's disease called 'Alzheimer's: The Disease We Shouldn't Forget.'" It later became fully supported by the Western New York Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association and was publicized on their Facebook page and also the June edition of their e-newsletter. It can be viewed at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yP_5e3D5vaE. He said some of his work during last summer's internship was published in the *American Journal of Neuroradiology*. "I was working on statistical analysis of the Iron and Volume in the Deep Gray Matter: Association with Cognitive Impairment in Multiple Sclerosis project," he reported. "I started working as a research associate at Dent Neurologic Institute in Buffalo, N.Y., and ran my first half-marathon in 1:49:59."

2013

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Hey 2013! It's officially been almost a year and a half since we graduated. Can you believe it? Let's keep the good news rolling! If you've got any updates that for next edition of the St. Lawrence magazine (new jobs, relocations, engagements, marriages, etc.), send me a brief update of what's new with you!

2014

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Greetings to the newest St. Lawrence graduating class! There's been lots of moving and settling in:

Kelsey Leder moved to Burlington, Vt., and is working as a clinician at the Howard Center, a mental illness hospital, to gain direct patient care experience for physician assistant school.

Nik Busharis is working in sales at TechTarget in Newton, Mass. He says, "Everything is going really well so far and I am enjoying my time here, although I do miss St. Lawrence a lot!"

Hannah Kinsey has been accepted into the Peace Corps! She will be departing for Vanuatu in January.

She moved to Bethesda, Md., without a job. Now **Elena Ruiz** is a bartender by night and an educational counseling associate for PrepMatters by day, working in educational planning by helping high school students strategize test prep and higher education options.

Marieme Diallo works at the Harvard School of Public Health as a lab technician, researching mycobacterium tuberculosis. Down the road, **Obinna "Obi" Nwaigwe** is analyst at Bain Capital in Boston.

Alex Almy was accepted into Johns Hopkins's MBA program. He will be doing that part-time

while working at Legg Mason in Baltimore.

As a dual citizen of both the U.S. and Sweden, **Leslie Stratton** had the privilege to play on the Swedish National Softball Team for the summer. Not only does Leslie plan to return to SLU as a part-time interviewer for the Admissions Office and a volunteer assistant coach for the softball team; she will be enrolling at SLU in the fall of 2015 for her master's as well.

Recently finishing the New York City Teaching Fellows Summer Training Program, **Tiara Davis** is teaching 9th grade history at Clara Barton High School. In addition, Tiara plans to attend graduate school and coach varsity and junior varsity cheerleading with fellow Laurentian Feiona Maxwell '13.

Oren Shafir has started a job at Northwestern Mutual as a financial representative. He specializes in financial security and planning anything from insurance planning, to retirement savings/investments, to children's education, to opening up a restaurant in the most tax-efficient manner.

Iyi Okunlola has accepted the Great Oaks Charter School Tutor Corps Urban Fellowship Program. She is tutoring at Great Oaks Charter School in Newark, N.J., for this school year, while also assisting teachers, performing administrative duties, and helping students in small cohorts where they can receive very focused attention. Afterward, she plans to enroll in a graduate program where she can combine her Peace Corps service with a graduate-level education through a Master's International program.

Marissa Traver has moved to Rochester, N.Y., and is working in the Performance and Reconciling Department as an operations associate for Manning & Napier Advisors, LLC in Fairport.

Employed by Citizen Schools, **Regina Rogers** plans to be a resource room and enrichment teacher at Orchard Garden Middle School in Roxbury, Mass.

Alexander Hoimes trained in New York for technology

investment banking at Citigroup. Full-time work started in August in San Francisco.

Catherine Johnson is working for Solid Ground Shelters, a company co-owned by her brother, Jason Johnson '09. It's a "glamping" (glamorous+camping) company that does music festivals all over the East Coast. Although it's a very new company and they are in their first full season, Solid Ground Shelters has booked a festival called Lockn', in Virginia, where **Grace Potter**, an honorary member of our class since Commencement, will perform.

While attending Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences' accelerated PharmD program, **Sarah Kossak** is also working as a pharmacy technician at St. Joseph hospital in Nashua, N.H.

Alyssa Couse was an agricultural research intern at the Miner Institute in Chazy, N.Y., for the summer. She moved in on the evening of our graduation day and finished in mid-August. She did many hands-on tasks in the dairy barn as well as the lab, and researched the effects of slow hay feeders on feeding behaviors and nutrient digestibility in Morgan horses. Her experiences validated that she wants a career working with large animals.

Hillary Spivey is working at Charles Schwab in their Orlando headquarters. She's part of their adviser services team.

Jamie Caroccio got hitched in November 2013 and was accepted into the Beta Program in Madrid, Spain, to teach English for a year. No word on what's next.

Roselyne Laboso was at Lawrence Berkeley National Lab in Berkeley, Calif., for the summer, working with a seismologist and geochemistry scientist on geology, geochemistry and earthquake-related topics.

Haley Burrowes led a trip for National Geographic Student Expeditions in Tanzania, with John Linsley '04. She was also offered a job in the admissions office at Colby College.

Kimberly Guillen has enrolled in the CUNY Graduate Centers Middle Eastern Studies master's program and is working full-time as a school assistant at the New Visions Charter High School for Advanced Mathematics and Science II in the Bronx, NY.

Thomas Lockwood headed west to Golden, Col., to Colorado School of Mines to start a two-year master's program in geology.

Madison Schoeberlein has been working for a small business called Paper in the Park in Severna Park, Md., doing custom-designed cards, wedding invitations and stationery.

Amanda Treco interned in the Education Department at the Parrish Art Museum in Southampton, N.Y., developing a curriculum and guide books for children and teens. She also taught Open Studio art classes related to the current exhibitions. In the fall, Amanda became an administrative assistant at Little Learning, an early childhood development enrichment program in New York City.

Kristen Linder married John Luke Willson on August 9, 2014, in Sauquoit, N.Y., and bought a house in Utica. Kristen started a business called Focus Photography and Graphics, which concentrates on portraits and wedding photography as well as invitations, logo design and other graphic needs. In a similar vein, focusing on marketing and finalizing the logo for his own company, **Leonardo Claudio** has released the webpage for his business, Leographic Photography.

Alexa McKenna is living in D.C. and working at a political consulting firm called New Partners, while **Craig Davis** is employed as an RSR associate for PepsiCo. Also in D.C., **Chathuri "Rochi" Cooray** is a research assistant at the American Institutes for Research.

In October, **Kendra Sultzer** will begin working through AmeriCorps for the Maryland Conservation Corps in New Germany State Park in western Maryland. She will conduct trail maintenance and assist with other conservation projects as needed for 10-11 months.

Morgan Jackson is attending Wake Forest School of Medicine to become a physician's assistant. Meanwhile, **Lindsey Wyatt** is attending the University of Vermont College of Medicine, and **Ye "Amy" Yao** is at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai Hospital.

Eric Jameson is working in Penn Yan, N.Y., as a child and family support worker, while **Stephanie Jones** has joined the LEAP Program at Touro Law School.



Pierson Fowler, left, Academic All-American captain of the Saints men's lacrosse team last spring, and **Sam Marvin** were selected to play in the North-South Senior Game over Memorial Day Weekend in Baltimore, Md. Pierson later took a job with Fenway Sports Management.

Matthew Shoen is spending the summer and fall building military bomb disposal suits in Ogdensburg, N.Y., to help raise money for a study tour to Cambodia that he plans on taking in December.

Stephen Cash's dream of living in New York City and working on Wall Street has finally come true. He's joined the work force with Oppenheimer & Co., Inc. in the Private Client Division. When he wrote he was studying for the Series 7 license, a generic exam for individuals who want to sell various types of securities, in September.

In July, **Katherine Figueroa** moved to Boston to work for investment consulting firm Cambridge Associates, as an investment associate. Nearby, **Alexander Durocher** is a business development representative

at a marketing company in Newton, Mass., called Demand Drive.

Closer to our college home, **Saddie Serviss** has accepted a full-time position as a technician at Atlantic Testing in Canton. And **Lindsay Hanson** landed a position as an 8th grade English teacher at her high school alma mater, General Brown in Dexter, N.Y., near Watertown.

Michael Ranellone moved to Brattleboro, Vt., and is working at Mondo MediaWorks, a marketing agency specializing in content development for the web. As curator, he writes for and manages social media accounts and blogs for Mondo's clients.

After traveling to France for a week after graduation, **Charlotte Edson** is living in Old Greenwich, Conn. She works at Half Full Brewery as the office Tasting Room and marketing manager under Jordan Giles '06.

Benjamin Landry is living at home in Harvard, Mass. When he's not building paddleboards with his dad, he's working for a company called Alpine Outfitters Inc., doing key account marketing for The North Face dealers in New England.

Kalei Buczek moved from Utica, N.Y., to Boston after being offered a job at a pharmaceutical and bio-medical consulting firm, Halloran Consulting, where she's an executive assistant to the chief operating officer.

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Congratulations to all who entered undergraduate and graduate education programs at St. Lawrence this fall! You have chosen an institution of character, integrity, creativity and tradition. Once you graduate and continue in your careers, remember to keep in touch and share how St. Lawrence University has shaped your life!

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▼ CLASS OF 1936

Barbara Tripp Williams died April 25, 2014, at her home in Horse-shoe Bay, Texas. She majored in English while earning honors and membership in Phi Beta Kappa. She was on the staff of *The Laurentian Magazine* and a member of Kappa Delta. After earning a master's degree from SUNY New Paltz, she taught Latin and English before moving into elementary education. She and her husband retired to the Blue Ridge Mountains, where she enjoyed golfing, bridge and music. In 2005, she moved to be near her daughter in Texas. She is also survived by her son, Richard C. "Rick" Williams '64.

▼ CLASS OF 1941

Virginia "Ginnie" Harner Frink of Boise, Idaho, died May 12, 2014. She attended St. Lawrence as a transfer student for one year before leaving to marry in 1939. She taught English to Turkish nationals who were coming to the United States to continue their education. She worked with the Boise Philharmonic and was actively associated with the League of Women Voters and the Council on Foreign Relations.

▼ CLASS OF 1942

Arthur J. O'Connell died May 21, 2014, in Brewster, Mass. He was an English major and a member of Alpha Tau Omega, *The Hill News* staff and the Outing Club. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army's field artillery, stationed in northern Africa and then Italy. He worked for Norcross Greeting Card Company, first as a salesman and then in sales management. In 1949, he married Elizabeth "Betty" Tew O'Connell '46n; they retired in 1992, splitting their time between Brewster and Tequesta, Fla. He was predeceased by both Betty and his daughter Barbara '75 and son, Timothy '82, in whose name the family established a memorial scholarship at St. Lawrence. He is survived by daughter Anne '73.

▼ CLASS OF 1943

Marjorie "Midge" Dean Sanborn died April 19, 2014, in Oakland, Calif. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta, *The Hill News* staff, and Beta Beta Beta, the honorary society for biology, her major. She entered the U.S. Navy as an ensign in the supply corps and was stationed at Pearl Harbor. She was active with the Alta Bates Volunteer Board for over 35 years and enjoyed travelling, gardening, cooking and baking.

▼ CLASS OF 1944

Garth E. Kauffman died May 27, 2014, at his home in Salisbury, Conn. He is remembered by his daughters Tracy Kauffman Agro '78 and Christy Kauffman Valentine '84, who is married to Alan J. Valentine '81. Garth graduated magna cum laude, earning departmental honors in English and membership in Phi Beta Kappa. He also was a member of Beta Theta Pi. Serving in World War II, Garth was an LCT officer in the Anzio and Southern France invasions and a gunnery officer on the U.S.S. *Enterprise* in the Pacific. He graduated from Harvard Business School in 1949 and worked in advertising, retiring from Young and Rubicam in New York as vice president. He then served as director of development at Greenwich Academy. At St. Lawrence, he was an alumni trustee and was president of the Alumni Council 1962-1964.

▼ CLASS OF 1945

Iris Scruton Brown of Bradenton, Fla., died November 6, 2013. She majored in sociology and was a sister of Alpha Delta Pi.

▼ CLASS OF 1946

Gloria Wright Lyng of Hilton Head Island, S.C., died May 22, 2014. She played field hockey and basketball and was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma. After receiving her B.S. in psychology, she married Kenneth H. Lyng '44. He preceded her in death in 1982. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Barbara Lyng Baroody '71 and Richard J. Baroody '72; son, Kenneth H. "Chip" Lyng Jr '75; and daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth "Betsy" Lyng Sauter '77 and A. William "Bill" Sauter '77.

▼ CLASS OF 1950

Phyllis Failing Marvin of Queensbury, N.Y., died April 29, 2014. She pledged Pi Beta Phi and wrote for *The Hill News*. She was also elected to Mortar Board. Her major in history combined with a master's in education aided her in her career as a social studies teacher at Glens Falls Middle School from 1969 to 1986. She promoted local history as a volunteer for the Chapman Historical Museum. She and her husband enjoyed boating on Lake George and travelling, visiting more than 30 countries in their lifetimes.

▼ CLASS OF 1952

Peter F. Brucato Sr. of Whitefish, Mont., died April 22, 2014. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II. After the war he entered St. Lawrence, where he was a member of the ski team. He was a 1948 alternate for the U.S. Olympic Ski Team and completed the 1956 Olympic sailing trials. Working for US Steel, he settled in Sun Valley, Idaho, where he married and began raising three sons. He is survived by them, his brother and five grandchildren. **William C. "Bill" O'Riley** of North Port, Fla., died April 14, 2014. A veteran of World War II, he majored in economics. After commanding the police department in Lake George, N.Y., he joined the Office of Naval Intelligence as a special agent. He retired in 1983 and began employment with MSM Security Services Inc. in Maryland. Remembering him are his wife of 64 years and two children.

▼ CLASS OF 1953

Karen Pflugheber Gunnison of Riverton, Wyo., died May 20, 2014. She majored in English and pledged Kappa Kappa Gamma. She became a high school English teacher, retiring in 1989. She was predeceased by her parents, Fern Hubbard Pflugheber '29 and Edward G. Pflugheber '30. Those remembering her include her son, Stanley H. Gunnison '77; brother, Edward G. Pflugheber Jr. '52, who is married to Joan Hansen Pflugheber '53; and nieces Gina Pflugheber-Wells '77, Ellen Pflugheber Taber '80 and Jill D. Pflugheber '86. **Samuel R. Whiting** died July 7, 2014, at his home in Delmar, N.Y. He enlisted in the U.S. Army after high school and was a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne. At St. Lawrence, he majored in English and was a member of Phi Sigma Kappa. He earned his J.D. from Albany Law School in 1964 and began 40 years as a lawyer. Also a ski instructor at Windham Mountain in the Catskills, he is survived by his wife, two daughters and two granddaughters.

▼ CLASS OF 1954

Joan Jensen Brandt of Tucson, Ariz., died July 30, 2013. A business administration major, she was a member of Mummies and Pi Beta Phi. She began a career in advertising in New York City. In 1971, she and her husband, Hank, moved to Tucson and opened Hank Brandt Associates, Inc., an advertising and fundraising firm. She enjoyed golfing and being with their family and friends at their camp on Lake Champlain. **Eugenie "Genie" Van Drooge Kissinger** of Melville, N.Y., died April 26, 2014. She was a member of Alpha Delta Pi and the women's basketball team at St. Lawrence, where she also earned a B.A. in economics. Having started out making sandwiches and cooking for participants of the United Way, she had become director of the United Way's agency relations division by the time of her retirement in 1991. **Stuart K. Krupkin** of Sarasota, Fla., died March 30, 2014. He was active with the Geology Club, the Jewish Student Union, KSLU, *The Hill News* staff, L Club, and the baseball and basketball teams. He studied economics and after graduating served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War as a supply sergeant in Alaska. Expanding his father's business, he started Lewis Uniform Company in 1957 in Watertown, N.Y., before moving the company to Syracuse in 1964. He was active in his communities and enjoyed painting. **Laurence W. "Larry" Schneible** of Rocky River, Ohio, died May 16, 2014. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy "Dody" Beiermeister Schneible '54, daughter Carol Schneible Lewis '80 and granddaughter Jessie R. Lewis '14. He majored in sociology at St. Lawrence. A brother of Beta Theta Pi, he competed on the hockey and football teams and was a member of the Athletics Hall of Fame.

▼ CLASS OF 1958

Richard R. "Dick" Collins died May 22, 2014, in Tacoma, Wash. He joined the Air Force in 1950 and served during the Korean War. With support from the GI Bill, he attended St. Lawrence, receiving a degree with honors in physics and membership in Phi Beta Kappa. He taught high school physics for two years, then joined the Navy to work on the Polarix Missile program. After serving on the U.S.S. *America* for three years during the Vietnam War, he retired in 1977 and enjoyed traveling and being outdoors with his family. **Barbara A. Gray** of Farmingdale, N.Y., died June 19, 2014. She majored in history at St. Lawrence and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. She pledged Pi Beta Phi. **Edmund W. Griffith Jr.** died June 19, 2014, in Mobile Ala. He sang with the Laurentian Singers, pledged Sigma Pi and majored in business administration. Continuing his education at the University of Alabama, he retired from the insurance

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industry. He was a passionate member of the American Rose Society, growing a vast number of rose varieties. He researched, wrote and lectured about roses, won many local and national trophies as an exhibitor, and established local rose gardens in his community.

▼ CLASS OF 1960

William R. Bailey Jr. of Camden, Maine, died January 21, 2014. In 1951, he was drafted into the U.S. Army as a sergeant. Enrolled at St. Lawrence in 1956, he was a class officer, a resident assistant and a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, the Career Planning Council and the InterFraternity Council. With entrepreneurial spirit, he would deliver students' laundry in his blue Plymouth. After graduating with his B.A. in economics he went to the New York Institute of Finance for training in security analysis and registered representative certification. He began a career in equities brokerage, eventually settling in Camden and supporting himself with his love of buying and selling cars. **Irving B. Smith** died at his home in Merritt Island, Fla., on June 5, 2014. He received a B.S. in chemistry and was a member of Beta Theta Pi and the L Club. He also participated in ROTC and was commissioned a 2nd lieutenant in the U.S. Army. His family travelled with him throughout the U.S. and Europe during his 22 years of military service. **Ronald H. Woods** died April 8, 2014, at his home in Huntsville, Texas. Before coming to St. Lawrence, he joined the U.S. Coast Guard, going to sea on the cutter *Cook Inlet* and then working as a recruiter. At St. Lawrence, he was a brother of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and majored in business administration. He then attended Cornell University, studying industrial and labor relations. He worked in human resources at oil companies for 32 years.

▼ CLASS OF 1961

Margaret Potter Daniels died at her home in Longmeadow, Mass., on June 20, 2014. She received a B.S. in chemistry with honors and was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. She was a member of Alpha Delta Pi and sang with the Laurentian Singers. She worked at Corning Glass Works in the 1960s and later as a computer systems analyst until she retired in 1996. She loved spending time at the family cottage in Greensboro, Vt., and was very active in her church. **Nancyann O. Orth** of Port Jefferson, N.Y., died May 25, 2014. She received a B.A. in English and was a sister of Kappa Kappa Gamma. She earned her M.A. at Middlebury College. **Robert J. Steer** of Calgary, Alberta, died July 10, 2014. "Bum" played goalie on the men's hockey team and was a brother of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and member of the L Club. He worked for 35 years in pharmaceuticals, retiring to be at all of his grandchildren's functions. He is also survived by his wife, two children and two step-children.

▼ CLASS OF 1962

James P. "Jim" Laible of Denton, Texas, died May 27, 2014. He majored in sociology with honors and was a member of Sigma Chi, the football team and ROTC. Commissioned as a regular army officer, he served for 26 years in the Medical Service Corps, including time in Vietnam. He earned a master's degree in health care administration from Baylor University and became a colonel. He held administrative positions in hospitals after he retired from the Army. Remembering him are his wife of 51 years, son, daughter and several grandchildren.

▼ CLASS OF 1967

Bruce G. Crawford of Lebanon, N.H., died April 14, 2014. He graduated with a B.S. in psychology. He was a member of ROTC, L Club and Alpha Tau Omega. An accomplished downhill and Nordic skier, he competed on the U.S. Army biathlon team while he was stationed in Alaska. He worked for Eastman-Kodak for 37 years, retiring in 2007 as manager of the government contracts division. Continuing his love of Nordic skiing, he groomed the trails and made signs for the Pine Hill Ski Club in New London, N.H. Those remembering him include his wife of 43 years, Laura McCorkle Crawford '69, and son, Andrew B. Crawford '99.

▼ CLASS OF 1969

Richard L. Hughes died June 23, 2014, in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, to where he had retired in 2009. He played lacrosse and performed with Mummies and the Laurentian Singers, singing tenor. A member of ROTC, after receiving a B.A. in English he served in the U.S.

Army during the Vietnam era, achieving the rank of captain. He worked in the garment industry and then as a private chef. His survivors include a son, two grandchildren and two brothers. **Margaret "Meg" Yandon White** of Rancho Cordova, Calif., died March 3, 2014. She majored in English and participated in the first program in Spain, 1967-1968. She was preceded in death by her father, C. Edmond Yandon '34.

▼ CLASS OF 1981

Theodore M. "Ted" Strathdee of Riverside, Conn., died June 25, 2014. A brother of Sigma Chi, he was listed in *Who's Who Among American University and College Students*. Of his two majors, he always said that psychology was much more useful in business than economics. He worked for most of his career as a financial planner with Smith Barney. An avid athlete, he loved soccer, running, tennis, golf and bicycling. He is survived by his wife and two children.

▼ CLASS OF 2015

Timothy St. Onge, of Constable, N.Y., died May 16, 2014, having battled a life-long rare skin disorder, recessive dystrophic epidermolysis bullosa. A history major, he was an avid hockey fan who could often be found playing a game of street hockey with members of the women's team on campus, and had hoped to become a teacher.

We have also learned of the deaths of these Laurentians; memorial notices may appear in future issues: 1939n - **Althea Phillips Eannace**, April 22, 2014 • 1944 - **Jane E. Deline**, June 28, 2014 • 1947 - **Loris Clogston Sawchuk**, June 9, 2014 • 1948M - **Glenn W. Clark**, June 9, 2014 • 1948 - **Sarah Spaulding Watson**, July 5, 2014 • 1949 - **Robert S. Magee**, June 20, 2014 • 1950 - **Donald B. Kimball Jr.**, April 27, 2014 • 1950n - **Howard B. Rich**, June 18, 2014 • 1951M - **Robert L. Griswold**, April 23, 2014 • 1951 - **Nicholas van Laer**, June 6, 2014 • 1952n - **Beverly Bev Parkes Smith**, April 22, 2014 • 1952 - **Virginia "Ginny" VanInderstynne Witherhead**, June 9, 2014 • 1953 - **Mary Rinaldi Robinson**, June 29, 2014 • 1954M - **Dorothy Plank Coates**, January 28, 2014 • 1954 - **Claude L. Richer**, May 18, 2014 • 1954, M'00 - **Charles B. Chuck Bradbury**, May 28, 2014 • 1955 - **Kenneth G. Stark**, April 10, 2014 • 1955 - **Norwood W. "Sam" Ernst**, June 9, 2014 • 1955 - **Marshall L. Brenner**, June 8, 2014 • 1957 - **Walter G. Wilmshurst**, June 30, 2014 • 1959 - **Fae Bigelow Haight**, June 2, 2014 • 1960 - **Robert C. Waite**, July 16, 2013 • 1963 - **H. Margaret Kane Holtman**, April 11, 2014 • 1964 - **Lawrence K. A. Konig**, February 15, 2014 • 1976 - **Andrew J. Scott**, June 23, 2014 • 2007n - **Jamie A. Weis**, January 2, 2014

The designation "n" with class numerals indicates that the individual did not graduate from St. Lawrence. The designation "M" with class numerals indicates that the individual earned a master's degree from St. Lawrence in the year given.

Sharing the news of a death We will publish in "In Memory" detailed memorial notices of the passing of Laurentians if we receive the information from a family member or friend in the form of a previously published notice (typically from a newspaper). Please send such notices to Shayla Snyder Witherell '11, Advancement Services, St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY 13617 or switherell@stlawu.edu. We will provide the name and, if available, date of death of others of whose passing we learn, and the complete list of recent deaths can be found on the University's website at alumni.stlawu.edu.

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Note: We have also learned of the deaths of additional Laurentians as we were going to press; memorial notices may appear in future issues.

Lessons from Nelson Mandela

BY KATHLEEN FITZGERALD '92

Today is Nelson Mandela Day in South Africa, July 18. The day marks his birthday and pays tribute to an extraordinary individual. Across the country, people of all ages, color, gender and walks of life honor his memory by contributing in various ways to society as he did.

By the time this magazine reaches you, it will be almost a year since his passing on December 5, 2013. As on Mandela Day, the country will again pause, reflect.

Mandela was released from prison in 1990. I was a sophomore at St. Lawrence and recall watching his release on TV. He'd been in jail since before I was born, behind bars, without rights. He was released in February – a bone-chilling time of year in Canton, but in South Africa, he walked into the warm ocean air of Cape Town to embrace freedom for the first time in his life.

At St. Lawrence, behind comfortable desks, we studied African democracy, colonialism and independence struggles. I learned Swahili in preparation for the Kenya Semester, an incredible and privileged opportunity that shaped my future. Meanwhile, Mandela, from prison, was negotiating the rebirth of South Africa, resulting in the end of apartheid and a one-person, one-vote system.

Twenty-three years later, as a result of my time at SLU, I am in South Africa, a country that is vastly different thanks to Mandela.

"During my lifetime, I dedicated myself to the struggle of the African people. I fought against white domination. I fought against black domination. I cherished the ideal of a democratic and free society in which all persons will live together in harmony and with equal opportunities. It is an ideal which I hope to live for. But, my lord, if needs be, it is an ideal for which I am prepared to die."

This was his famous statement from the court dock at the opening of his defense in 1964. His defense team thought him mad, sealing his fate, confessing to breaking the law. It was a law he would not respect and he spoke what was true to his heart.

After 27 years in prison, Mandela did the unthink-

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able – he forgave, reconciled, broke bread with the “enemy” and brought South Africa together as one nation. The world watched in awe.

His monumental impact was made even more apparent to me when he passed away.

The day after he died, I joined the pilgrimage toward his home in Johannesburg. Families with strollers. Children with flags. Elderly with canes, walking, to pay their respects. I had never witnessed the spontaneous outburst of struggle and prayer songs. Mounds of flowers spilled out onto the road. People sang, danced, laughed, cried. Others stood, stared, and soaked in the scene. The vigil continued all night.

Later that week the public could pay their respects as his body lay in the Parliament building in Pretoria.

I stood for hours in the hot sun with 100,000 people who came from far and wide to bid farewell. The diversity was staggering – a fitting tribute to the man who shaped the Rainbow Nation. An elderly gentleman said to me, “The man waited 27 years in jail; we can wait in a queue.”

Mandela demonstrated true leadership – he lived what he preached, thought of his people and country before himself.

“To be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that

respects and enhances the freedom of others.”

Mandela said, “I am not a saint, unless you think of a saint as a sinner who keeps on trying.” He reminds us what it means to be human: To strive for greatness, make mistakes and get up.

He taught us to live life to its fullest. Not to shy from challenges. And to fight for what is right, nothing less.

“There is no passion to be found playing small—in settling for a life that is less than the one you are capable of living.”

His passing is still felt deeply in South Africa. As we remember, let us recommit to ensure that his legacy of freedom, integrity and contribution lives on.

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