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Snowboarding has become so popular among the college-age set that on campuses where the weather is conducive, students make their own opportunities. Facilities Operations crews obligingly created this mound of snow in one corner of the Quad, and it was quickly put into service.



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On the Cover: Tim Wheeler '15 makes music in International House, where students gather every Wednesday night for cultural exchange and interaction during "Tea Time." **Above:** Sykes from Sykes. The residential experience at St. Lawrence isn't just an indoor thing or an outdoor thing; it's everything. **Photos by Tara Freeman.**

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A Word From the President

Honoring the C-Student



the mongoose and cobra. The stage is set as a clash of wills between the intimidating Professor Charles W. Kingsfield and his unsubmitive, soul-searching student, James Hart.

At another graduate school, close to the one represented in the movie, and certainly in the exact period of the story and in an identical lecture hall, I was the student of a real-life Professor Kingsfield. George Huntston Williams was a world-renowned historian of extraordinary range and genius. Professor Williams looked more “Kingsfield” than actor John Houseman. He had a leonine head, a dependably florid face, piercing eyes of cobalt beams, and the most impressive shock of white hair. His lectures were best when he misplaced his glasses, thus dispatching the day’s notes to his leather briefcase; then he would “channel” the narrative and interpretation, not just the broad decades of the 16th century, conveniently swept into named brackets such as the Tudor Dynasty. He would describe, instead, the detail of actual years or a specific week in a single year from five centuries ago with a familiarity akin to what his students could easily recollect about a special moment as a sophomore in college.

George Williams taught history in the grand style that no one today, and very few in his day, could do or even attempt. Students regarded him with esteem, wonder and sometimes terror. For a Friday discussion section, always led by an older graduate student in the absence of the professor, I was assigned to give a particular analysis of Williams’s own magisterial scholarship, actually his best-known book. Just as I began my presentation, Professor Williams walked in unexpectedly and took a seat at the seminar table. He listened intently, chin anchored upon his chest, for the next 20 minutes, never saying a word.

There were, naturally, questions posed, difficult, perhaps impossible to touch or grasp his meaning. I survived, but years

later I trembled to read a tribute that recalled for me that anxious moment—“as an academic unaware of any limits to his own scholarship, he seemingly could not comprehend that others, including his colleagues, might not know as much as he did.”

George Williams and I eventually became friends, though he sometimes called me by my middle name. I think he preferred it because the name is Welsh, which he could pronounce in that language (and I couldn’t).

We had something else in common. He was also a Laurentian, graduating in 1936. After his Canton years he studied in Munich, Paris and Strasbourg, becoming fluent in several languages, then earned

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an American doctorate and began his brilliant academic career, culminating in being named the Hollis Professor of Divinity at Harvard, the oldest endowed chair in America.

And then, he revealed one day a detail of his early life that has stayed with me ever since as a significant parable. George Huntston Williams was only a C student at St. Lawrence.

The grade of C is not yet extinct, but it has become rare. The dean at Harvard College reported that the median student grade was A-. At Yale, 62% of the grades are in the A range. It’s much the same at Princeton, where 90% of all grades are B and above. In fairness to our Ivy League accomplices, the grade of C and below has been significantly diminished in all places, St. Lawrence included. While this larger

bygone film called *The Paper Chase* captivated university audiences at a time that stood between eras, the yet unnamed divide between classical learning and the post-modern shift. The equivalent audio moment was the transition between the soul of Marvin Gaye and the disco of Barry White. Students today, occasionally and curiously, show a fondness, more like an un-lived nostalgia for the 1970s, the period of *The Paper Chase*; this is similar, I suppose, to those students of the ’70s becoming attached to Bogart and memorizing all the scenes in *Casablanca*.

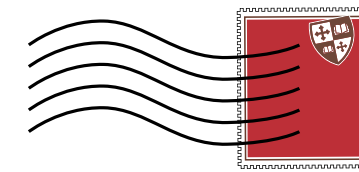
The Paper Chase is about the first-year grind at Harvard Law School. It portrays a sharp conflict of values in its storyline that stretched apart two indomitable personalities also held in thrall ambiguously, like

pattern of college grading is probably irreversible, it reveals an expectancy of perfectionism that needs an occasional rebalancing.

We have developed the perpetual habit on our campuses, in our culture, in all the professions, of making the acquisition of prizes, the grand recognition of high achievement, and the acing of the big test a matter of ultimate significance. I am immensely privileged to watch students every day do extremely difficult things in thought or performance, often with excellence. Simply amazing. And yet, I also wonder or worry that something has been lost by dismissing the power of the C to inspire, deepen determination, and grant the profound realization that it may be the best opportunity ever extended. In no better way than earning the undesirable C can someone discover what can be accomplished in life before anything that truly matters has been accomplished anyhow.

There will be many instances in life of earning a C, no matter what the transcript recorded while in college. We may take up a new sport or art, which we will never master. We may write a report for the office that is not top-form. We may make a business decision that yields middling to mediocre results. Knowing and remembering the lessons of the C student can be reassuring. This is also a person who should never be underestimated. ■

—WLF



Letters

Our first gender-neutral housing?

There have been great changes at SLU since many of us arrived in the fall of 1945. With fewer men thanks to the war, the University enrolled more women, and put them in the Men’s Res [today’s Sykes Residence]. Partitions in the halls kept the boys and girls apart. We did stand in a cafeteria line together and eat in the dining room. Second semester, the women ate in Dean-Eaton, more suitable for young ladies.

My roommate and I lived in the tower room, a few steps up from the second-floor hall. A large room, it had a walk-in closet and footprints on the ceiling; we were told they were left by Navy program students. I had a boyfriend in the Navy; I wonder what his shipmates thought when my letters arrived from Men’s Res, Canton, N.Y.

—Shirley Veen ’49

Hendersonville, North Carolina

On generosity

I applaud those who conceived of the newly formed Laurentian Leadership Society (Summer 2014), and commend those whose level of charitable giving makes them eligible for the benefits of membership. Where would St. Lawrence be without such loyal alumni?

My only concern has to do with describing them as “St. Lawrence’s most generous donors.” The true measure of generosity has little to do with the size of the gift. While the “widow’s mite” (Mark 12:41-44) would not have made her eligible for mem-

bership in this group, her generosity might have exceeded that of all others.

—The Rev. David S. Blanchard ’80

Rochester, New York

Rev. Blanchard is associate minister at the First Unitarian Church of Rochester.

Saint Lawrence pops up everywhere

I have an addition to “Saint Lawrence Here, Saint Lawrence There” (Summer 2014, p. 12). In an article that appeared in *The Hill News* in April 1952, I noted a sighting in Yugoslavia: “In the ancient town of Trogir, which centuries ago was part of the Venetian empire, I suffered a pang of homesickness as our guide pointed out St. Lawrence Church in front of which was a statue of the old boy being roasted on the gridiron.”

—Rosalie Epstein Moriah ’53

Jerusalem, Israel

Super (Bowl) Saint

My wife, Jane, and I got a good laugh when we (read of) the St. Lawrence sighting in New Orleans (Fall 2014, page 4). We were there for our niece’s wedding last February and found the St. Lawrence restaurant open on Super Bowl Sunday. We also found the staff knew nothing and cared little about their namesake University and river up north. We told them about the gridiron.

Perhaps New Orleans alumni can hold their next gathering there.

—Andy Sikorovsky ’88

Shaker Heights, Ohio

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1 As this magazine was in its final production stages last December, President William L. Fox '75 announced that **the new campus residence hall was being named for Kirk Douglas '39**, actor, author, humanitarian and philanthropist.

"The Board of Trustees believes that the legacy of Kirk Douglas's achievements in the world, enjoyed with his life partner, Anne, and his deep devotion to St. Lawrence fit the purpose and inspira-

tion of the new building," said President Fox in a campus announcement. He singled out the Kirk Douglas Scholarship, which supports students who represent diversity, have financial need, and demonstrate excellence in academic ability and community leadership, and, as it increases in value, will become the largest endowed scholarship at the University.

"Just as we officially opened the new residence hall in a fitting ceremony [see page 28], we will gather again to dedicate the name of this beautiful campus building that honors

an exemplary Laurentian," President Fox said. At press time, plans for that occasion had not been finalized.

2 According to a recent survey of graduates from the Class of 2013, more than 96 percent were either employed or attending graduate school less than one year after graduation. Some 76 percent of the class responded, compared to an average response rate of 48 percent, according to *The Wall Street Journal*.

Employment resulting from contacts with alumni was nearly 22 percent, more than

a 9 percent jump over last year. The class also noted a more than 6 percent increase over one year ago in gaining employment through internships. For more, go to www.stlawu.edu/ir/outcomes.

3 The University of Rouen celebrated its 50-year partnership with St. Lawrence at a ceremony there on Nov. 26. President William L. Fox '75 and his wife, Lynn, attended. The semi-centennial of the France program, St. Lawrence's oldest international studies program, was a focus of Reunion Weekend 2014.



On the Campaign Trail

Last fall, seven students in Munsil Professor of Government Fred Exoo's Political Parties course joined U.S. Senator Susan Collins '75 (R-Me.), center, on her campaign bus for a day. From left, all sporting "Collins for Senator" t-shirts, they were Emery Younger '17, Hannah Duffek '17, Phoebe Suva '17, Nickolas Moffitt '15, Anna Brouillette '17, Mariah Dignan '16 and Megan Ziegler '15. "I really gained an understanding of the hard work and long hours that members of Congress carry out while campaigning for office," said Younger. "The experience gave us insight that you don't get by simply reading a textbook," added Brouillette. "We really appreciated that the Senator made the time to speak with us about her time at St. Lawrence." "(I saw) how important taking the time to talk to individuals can be in a campaign," observed Suva, who as a resident of Windham, Maine, is a Collins constituent.

—NSB

By Kara McDuffee '15

A Culture of Integrity



The motto of St. Lawrence University is *Fides et Veritas*. It can be translated to faith and truth, or loyalty and integrity. But what exactly do words like truth and integrity mean when it comes to a university?

On the strength of a St. Lawrence Innovation Grant, the University hosted its second annual Integrity Week last October to answer that very question. Alison Del Rossi, associate dean for faculty affairs, explained the inspiration behind the grant request: "It is important to create an entire culture of integrity."

A large part of that culture shows in athletics, with over 60 percent of St. Lawrence's students on varsity, club or intramural rosters. During the week, 90 student-athletes, coaches and faculty gathered for a round-table discussion on integrity in athletics. Each table was given a stack of discussion cards with questions and scenarios to spark debate. For example:

- What treatment do our opponents (athletes/coaches) deserve?
- What role do coaches play with regard to athletic integrity?
- In what ways could we do a better job fostering athletic integrity at St. Lawrence?

Participants were asked to fill in a chart with keywords that came up in their an-

swers to these questions. Sportsmanship, communication, respect and accountability rose to the surface.

Duncan Maxwell '15, a squash player, summarized his table's discussion: "When you think about integrity, you think of structural integrity – taking that really strong base that we developed through social culture and team culture and applying it to individual situations."

"It's about getting conversations started," Franco Bari '98, M'11 assistant director of athletics and women's head soccer coach, said. "Conversation is the first step toward change."

Those conversations took place all over campus, among many audiences on many topics. Events included:

WHAT IS ACADEMIC INTEGRITY? WHY IS ACADEMIC INTEGRITY IMPORTANT? HOW DOES CHEATING AFFECT STUDENTS & FACULTY ON CAMPUS?

- An online seminar for faculty to learn more about how they can strategically revise courses in a way that will decrease cheating and increase learning.
- Speaker Mike Domitritz, who led a session on integrity in relationships, especially obtaining consent.
- Rex Smith, editor and vice president of the *Albany Times Union*, who discussed ethics in journalism.
- First-Year Convocation (pictured above), with the aim of establishing a culture of integrity for first-years. Almost every facet of campus life was touched. After all, as the Integrity Week t-shirts proudly proclaimed, "It's in our motto." ■



Forever Autumn

A chance encounter between St. Lawrence Design Director Jamie Lipps and artist Daniel Colby at a Montreal streetside art fair led to the creation of an oil portrait of the new residence hall. It was unveiled during the building's dedication and will hang in Payson Hall, St. Lawrence's admissions building. "I chose fall to reflect the time of year when the new hall would be dedicated, but also to capture the 'back to school' season," Colby said. "I hoped to depict the new hall woven into the historic campus." To see more of the artist's work, go to www.danielcolby.com.



‘What is College For?’

ON MOOCs AND OTHER THREATS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

By Laura Stasi '15

With the increasing cost of college tuition, the struggle to secure jobs and the belief that private colleges are “pampered playgrounds for young adults to date and party,” Andrew Delbanco told a campus audience that many people are wondering about the future of higher education.

This year’s Hays and Margaret Crimmel Colloquium on Liberal Arts speaker, Delbanco is a professor at Columbia University and author of *College: What it Was, Is and Should Be*. In his lecture, “What is College For?” he said that in America today, “there is a massive public disinvestment in higher

education.” Paradoxically, he observed, people from both sides of the political aisle are complaining that the

of the biggest challenges colleges face today. By taking courses online, he explained, people of all ages

it is “nearly impossible to capture the essence of humanity classes through a computer.” His reasons why residential higher education is invaluable and indispensable resonated with his audience:

“While some people fear college will become a thing of the past, it is **nearly impossible to capture the essence of humanity classes through a computer.**”

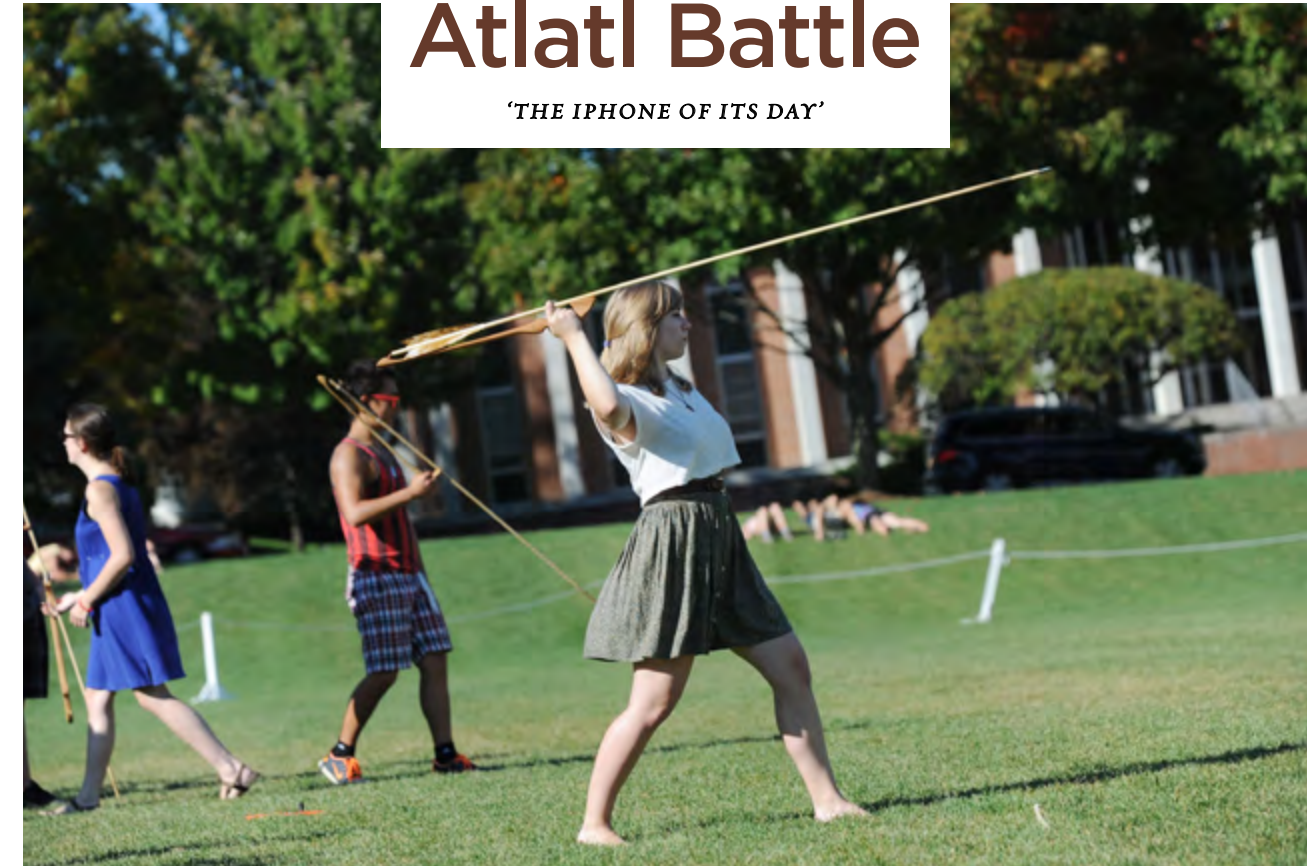
ANDREW DELBANCO

country needs better-educated people in the work force. Delbanco explained that the rising popularity of MOOCs, or Massive Open Online Courses, is one

can acquire an education for a cheaper price and at their own speed.

But, he argued, while some people fear college will become a thing of the past,

- **Adolescents deserve** the chance to reflect on who they are and who they want to be.
- **Students have a great** deal to learn from one another, making residential schools all the more valuable because of the constant connection between individuals.
- **College classrooms** are the best place to practice democracy and share opinions.



Atlatl Battle

‘THE IPHONE OF ITS DAY’

That’s how Visiting Assistant Professor of Anthropology Elizabeth Paris describes the atlatl, a device that more than 17,000 years ago helped humans become better hunters. On a warm Family Weekend last fall, the inaugural Atlatl Battle between the St. Lawrence and SUNY Potsdam anthropology departments on the St. Lawrence Quad helped students become better acquainted.

The wooden instrument, here being wielded by Noelle Reilly '15, functions as a lever that allows the user to propel a spear

faster and farther than with an unaided arm, a technological revolution that resulted in a more successful hunt. On campus, the targets were hay bales.

At the end of the day, St. Lawrence was declared the first winner of the Atlatl Battle trophy. “This could be another North Country rivalry,” Timothy Messner, a faculty member in SUNY Potsdam’s anthropology department, told a *Watertown Daily Times* reporter. “Move over, hockey: here comes the atlatl.”

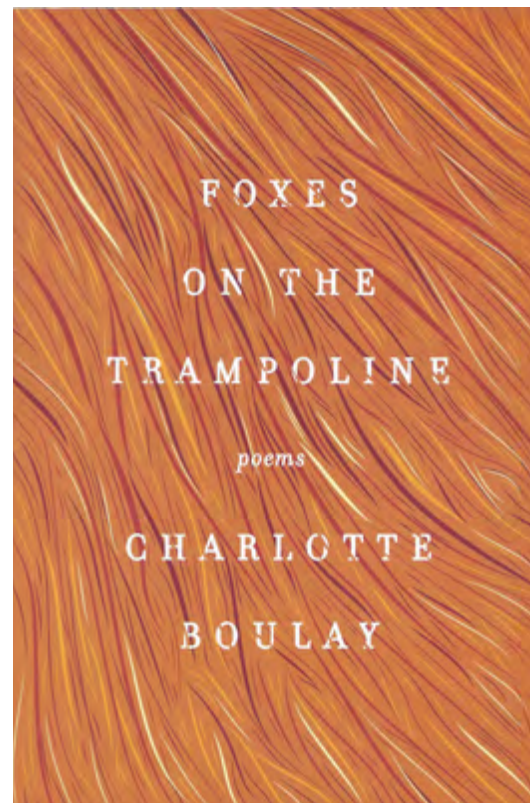


Laurentians in Residence, Fall 2014 Edition

Six Laurentians representing a wide array of endeavors returned to campus last fall as Laurentians in Residence. From left are Noel Williams '88, Amanda McKay '02, Frank O'Keefe '82, Sarah Horton Pike '99, John Trimble '86 and Colleen Dolan Baldwin P'16. The once-a-semester program is a cooperative effort among Career Services, University Advancement and the Student Alumni Association. It is sponsored in part by the Alumni Executive Council. For more, please visit www.stlawu.edu/career-services/laurentians-residence.

LAURENTIAN REVIEWS

Charlotte Boulay '00 publishes first collection of poetry
One of my unexpected pleasures since retiring from classroom work in 2005 has been enjoying the accomplishments of former students. When **Charlotte Boulay '00** called a few years ago to



tell me she had received an acceptance letter from Paul Muldoon, then poetry editor of the *New Yorker* (to date she is the only St. Lawrence poet to find print in that weekly of whom I am aware), I celebrated. As I now celebrate, and would invite the entire St. Lawrence community to celebrate, the publication of her first commercial book, *Foxes on the Trampoline* (Harper Collins, 2014).

I can hardly offer a dispassionate evaluation of the work. Right away I know this poet can go anywhere in the world of people who make things that matter. Not just beauty, though there is always some beauty dancing near a Boulay poem, but intelligence of several kinds: Sensibility,

experience, intuition, imagination. And there's emotional intelligence as well: "Today I rose in the wreck / but I didn't know what to keep // the memory of what it left behind: / you, small chair; you, empty belly: // you, knock on the dark door" ("Aubade with Pericardium /and Visitor").

India shows itself frequently. Anyone who doubts the value of "abroad" programs for undergraduates might take a stroll through the images that frequent Boulay's imagination: "When it rained, even our shoes / turned green. The fan whirred / except when the power was out, / then we read by candlelight under / the mosquito net, or didn't: / I feared it going up / around us, a fuzz of flame" ("Pallikoodam"). The book is getting good reviews, providing occasions for public readings,

and ushering Boulay into the next phase of her writing career.

Keep it up, kid.

—**Albert Glover**
Piskor Professor English, Emeritus

Charlotte Boulay will offer a reading on campus on March 5, as part of the St. Lawrence Writers Series (for details, go to www.stlawu.edu/english).



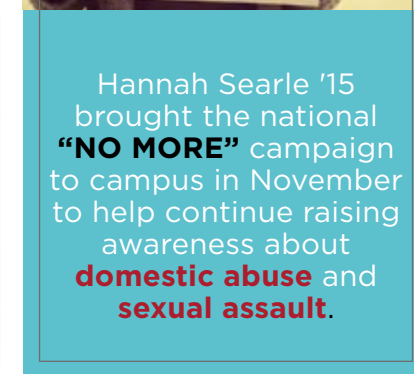
Other Books of Note

Lorrie Moore '78 has issued a new collection of short stories, *Bark* (Knopf, 2014), wherein her characters contend with midlife crises. "The absurdities of their recklessness and the burdens of their solitude have only intensified with age," wrote a *New York Magazine* interviewer in February 2014. Moore teaches creative writing at Vanderbilt University. She received an honorary doctorate from St. Lawrence in 2004, and will offer a reading on campus on April 23 (for details, go to www.stlawu.edu/english).

Jess Welch '13 has self-published, through Amazon, a young-adult novel, *Polohani's Pearl* (2014). Set in an environment where war has been raging for 80 years, it concerns a pampered officer's teenage daughter who is kidnapped by the enemy but is rescued as the enemy forces overrun her hometown and begins seeing a woman named Polohani in her dreams. She "must find a way to put her insecurities and her prejudice aside in order to save everything she has left," according to the book's back-cover blurb. —NSB

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SHE ASKED, WE ANSWERED: *Laurentians speak up against domestic violence.*





School Daze

By Maureen Pellerin '15

PROFESSORS' STUDY AFFIRMS BENEFITS OF LATER SCHOOL START TIMES

As both a mother and a psychology professor at St. Lawrence, Pamela Thacher (above) understands the importance of sleep for her children at home and her students in college. Spurred by a national debate over when the school day should begin, Thacher conducted research at Glens Falls High School beginning in 2011. In a fall campus address, she discussed her support, based on the results, for later start times. After the school opted

to push its opening bell 85 minutes later, Thacher and Associate Professor of Psychology Serge Onyper began collecting data from nearly 600 students. Thacher said she hoped to discover if it really is "worthwhile for school districts to move to later start times." Thacher took into account potential costs associated with shifting, such as alterations to bus runs, effects on after-school activities, and safety for children coming home to empty houses. She said, "We have to consider that when the school system changes, the whole community changes." Thacher noted "small

changes" at Glens Falls High School but enough to support what she called "the profound benefits" of later start times: improved sleep patterns, better behavior, lower absence and tardiness rates, more alertness and higher retention rates. She found a decrease in incidents of assault, intimidation, and negative behaviors

such as insubordination and substance abuse. Although grades were not significantly improved by the change, Thacher was still pleased with the results, saying, "I'm happier if I get less tardiness and better behavior. I want my own kids to go to a school where their classmates aren't creating problems." ■

PENALTY BOX

Our bad: In the caption accompanying the St. Lawrence restaurant sign (Fall 2014, Page 4) we got story provider Macreena Doyle's title wrong. She is director of employee recruitment, training & Affirmative Action.



By Hillary Hagen-Peter '14

May 10, 2014: Seven fellow geology students and I arrive at the End of the Road Ranch in New Castle, Colo., ready to commence our week-long tour of Colorado's geology.

Jeff Chiarenzelli '81, Chapin Professor of Geology and Mineralogy at St. Lawrence, is our leader, and our host is ranch-owner John Kelly '69, an exceptionally gracious Laurentian. There, we meet another genial alum, Doug Reed '70, as eager as we are to learn more about western Colorado's geology.

Each day is packed full of traveling, hiking and learning. We low-landers acclimate our oxygen-deprived lungs to the thin Colorado air on the first day, hiking up through the deep canyons of East Elk Creek for nearly eight hours in heavy rain and snow. On the ascent to the Legal Tender Mine, we travel through geologic time from Precambrian granites and gneisses, more than 540 million years old, to Cretaceous sandstone and limestone layers, 144 million to 65 million years old.



Dunes, Beds and Unconformities

A GEOLOGICAL EXPLORATION OF COLORADO'S HIGH COUNTRY.

On another excursion, we explore the magnificent Colorado National Monument. We observe grand lithified aeolian dunes, overturned sandstone beds, temporally massive unconformities, and peculiarly balanced rock structures. Sedimentary rocks are the theme of the day. Chiarenzelli explains the genesis of each formation and its morphology over time.

Some stories begin with the accumulation of wind-blown particles and some with the deposition of tidally-controlled sediment.

Not only do we learn about the geology of the western Colorado region; we also discover the significance of water to the whole western United States. Unlike in the eastern U.S., water in the West is

Hannah Drummond '15, overlooking the Colorado National Monument.

scarce. Repercussions include a lack of water for consumption and production, and for fire suppression. Kelly tells us the story of the South Canyon Fire of 1994, which took 14 young firefighters' lives; later, we visit their memorial. It is a moving experience and one that opens our eyes to issues that face the driest parts of North America. ■



A Team Effort

MEN'S BASKETBALL GETS ITS OWN LOCKER ROOM

By Meg Bernier '07, M'09

Several St. Lawrence men's basketball players, alumni and friends made their way to Canton in early November for an important moment in the program's history: the dedication of the team's first locker room.

For years, the team had seasonal use of a room that it shared with other teams. Now, players can enjoy a space that's all theirs and has video capability, stereo, lighting, carpeting and a work area equipped with Wi-Fi, thanks to past players and friends.

"What excites me most about the locker room is the sense of community it will help create for the team," says men's basketball alumnus Joseph "J.D." Delmonico '03. "It is a comfortable area for the players to bond in and will help build positive team chemistry. These are bonds that last a lifetime."

Delmonico and his wife, Mary Amidon Delmonico '03, along with his brother Pat '06 and Morgan "Mo" Cassara '97, are big reasons why this locker room exists. The former Saints stand-

outs made leadership gifts and worked closely with Head Coach Chris Downs and Andy Whittier '91, principal gifts officer and director of athletic development, to encourage other basketball alumni to give.

"From the outset, we encouraged contributions from as many generations of SLU basketball players as possible," Pat explains. "This was an opportunity for our alumni to be part of something that will benefit current and future generations of Saints basketball. The positive responses enabled us to make the locker room a reality."

As they talked with more alumni about the locker room, Mo noticed that the group's efforts were going to pay off in more ways than new space.

"So many alumni stepped forward not only to give, but also to get more involved with the program," he says. "I hope this new locker room will provide a great home for our team, a wonderful recruiting tool for our program, and a new connection for past and present players." ■

Above: From left, Patrick Delmonico '06, J.D. Delmonico '03, Head Men's Basketball Coach Chris Downs and Morgan "Mo" Cassara '97 took part in the dedication of men's basketball's new locker room in November. The three alumni spearheaded the drive to raise funds for the project.

The men were not the only St. Lawrence basketball team to see a new locker room dedicated last fall; the women also enjoyed ceremonies for a new facility. From left, Head Women's Coach Dan Roiger, Director of Athletics Margie Strait M'73, lead donor Preston Carlisle '52 and President William L. Fox '75 take in the new surroundings. For more on this facility, see the Fall 2014 St. Lawrence, page 11.



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Saints cheers for these achievements in fall 2014.

For more, go to www.saintsathletics.com.

Men's Squash ranked 1st in nation, Liberty League champion.

Men's Soccer Liberty League regular-season and tournament champions, NCAA tournament berth.

Volleyball 24-13, second in Liberty League; two honorable mention All-Americans (2nd and 3rd in program history).

Football 8-2 (best since 1982), 2nd in Liberty League. Quarterback

Mike Lefflbine Liberty League co-Offensive Player of the Year, first Saint to win the award.

Women's Cross Country 3rd in nation; also Liberty League, New York State Collegiate Track Conference and NCAA Atlantic Regional champion. Four All-Americans; Mike Howard '87 named NCAA Atlantic Region Coach of the Year.

Men's Cross Country 10th in nation; also Liberty League, NYSCTC and NCAA Atlantic Regional champion. John Newman '94 named NCAA Atlantic Region Coach of the Year.

Our Newest Hall of Fame Inductees

Inducted into the Athletics Hall of Fame during Homecoming Weekend in October were:



BLAINE HARRIS '85
Basketball



KIRK DIXON '86
Track and field



TIM SMITH '88
Football & Lacrosse



LEAH WALBOURN WARNER '98
Tennis



SCOTT FRAME '77
Swimming



VICTORIA PIERCE '91
Lacrosse



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM
2001-02 national runner-up

HERB BLECK '78, baseball and football, was unable to attend the ceremony. For more on these outstanding Laurentian athletes and their accomplishments, go to www.saintsathletics.com.

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hile a lot of things will bring animation and pleasure to the voice of Margaret F. "Margie" Strait, perhaps nothing elicits more pride than the success of her former student-athletes during her years as men's and women's tennis coach and ski coach: "... He is working on the stock exchange in Chicago ... she's a district attorney ... he's a television sports producer... this one is a vice president of marketing"

Margie has spent the last 17 years of her 44-year tenure at St. Lawrence as director

"Valuing sport equity as well as gender equity has been a major part of my leadership."

MARGIE STRAIT

of athletics. But the student-athletes' experience, both at and after St. Lawrence, has remained a major focus.

Margie, a St. Lawrence County native who earned her master's degree from the University in 1973, closes the books on that long career in January, exchange-

ing the responsibility of mentoring and overseeing an 83-member staff for the pleasure of more regular visits with her children and grandchildren. Her legacy at St. Lawrence will be the successful student-athletes who came to Canton in part because of the additions and improvements she made to the athletics department in her term as director, and were molded by the staff she helped hire.

President Fox announced her impending retirement "With unbounded admiration for her contributions that span four decades; with wide-reaching appreciation for her wisdom and acumen in athletics administration; for her inspiring and successful coaching; and for her friendships with countless colleagues on campus and across the nation." He added that she started at St. Lawrence in 1970; coached six teams over a period of years; developed and taught courses in the sports and exercise science academic program, which she chaired; and assisted the University "in the role of senior adviser to the administration, which has helped other division leaders tremendously."

Under her leadership as athletics director, the University:

- Expanded its team offerings to 32, adding six programs.
- Undertook construction or extensive renovations of facilities ranging from the renewal of Appleton Arena and Burkman Gym to the addition of Leckonby Stadium/Weeks Field/Merrick-Pinkard Track, North Country Field/Hall-Leet Stadium, Newell Field House, Robie Squash Center, Stafford Fitness Center, Munro Climbing Wall and a boathouse; and new playing venues for lacrosse, baseball, soccer, tennis and softball.
- Created an indoor golf practice center and remodeled locker rooms for football, soccer, hockey, track/cross country and basketball.

Beyond all that, the building and maintenance of an outstanding coaching and support staff has been another beacon of her career. Of the full-time staff, 19 have been at St. Lawrence for a decade or more, noteworthy at an institution with the kind of Division III success that St. Lawrence has had.

"One of the biggest challenges that faces any athletics director is finding and retaining the best possible coaches," said Margie. "It is critical to hire wisely for all the head and assistant positions, as well as the support staff such as the trainers and sports information people. Our many assistant coaches who are working on their graduate degrees have added great value to the programs they support. It is hard to say good-bye to them after two years."

"The fact that all of our programs have reached success, although not all at once, is among my most satisfying achievements," Margie added. "The championships are obvious highlights, but the quiet times when I have counseled coaches when they needed support may be the most satisfying. It is gratifying to know that they trusted me to have difficult conversations."

During her tenure as director, St. Lawrence participated in numerous national and regional championships and has earned the highest recognition for teams and individual athletes. The University has hosted NCAA events, including championship rounds, and the College Squash Association national individual championships. On her watch, St. Lawrence has produced national team championships in men's soccer and riding; individual national champions in squash, cross country and track; and ECAC championships in both men's and women's Division I hockey.

Margie's role in all of that success, along with her contributions to the Liberty League and ECAC Hockey, was recognized in 2013, when she was selected as an Under Armour Athletic Director of the Year. She has also been recognized as an ECAC Administrator of the Year, honored by the Eastern Intercollegiate Ski Association and named to the Athletic Hall of Fame at her undergraduate alma mater, SUNY Cortland. She has been a member of the executive committee of the ECAC men's and women's hockey leagues and chair of the ECAC Division I men's hockey committee. She was a member of the ECAC Board of Directors and has served as president of the Liberty League and on the NCAA Ski Rules Committee.

While heavily involved in Division I hockey and three multi-divisional programs (skiing, squash and riding), with the majority of SLU programs competing in Division III, Margie strives to maintain equity throughout the athletics program. "It is imperative that we offer administrative support to all programs with fairness," she explained. "Valuing sport equity as well as gender equity has been a major part of my leadership. Defining the expectation that all of our teams, including our Division I programs, will be fully engaged in the University's mission is critical.

"It is important for all of our programs to know they are valued and to understand the University's mission to provide a first-class experience for students in the classroom and during their fifth class: athletics," Strait elaborated. "Students who choose to be involved in athletics make lifelong friends, excel in the classroom, and excel at something they love." ■

**A ST. LAWRENCE
LEGEND RETIRES
AFTER 44 YEARS
IN ATHLETICS**

By Wally Johnson

Three cheers for Margie!

MARGIE STRAIT: A St. Lawrence Career



1970
Starts at St. Lawrence as women's alpine ski coach (to 1980)



1973 Named women's Nordic ski coach (to 1980)

1980
Named head women's tennis coach (to 1998) and assistant men's and women's ski coach (to 1989)



1998
Named director of athletics and chair of Sports Studies and Exercise Science academic minor (through 2014)

1989 Named head men's tennis coach (to 1998)

2010 Named senior adviser to the administration (through 2014)

2014
Retires after 44 years in St. Lawrence athletics

Scholarship Supports Pre-Medical Students

By Stephanie Eldon '14

“Someone once said that a gift may benefit the giver more than the receiver, and so it is with me,” says Sofi Kurz.

While she did not attend St. Lawrence, she has donated much to the University by creating the B. Jerome Kurz '57 and Sofi Kurz Endowed Scholarship. Initially funded in October 2011 with a gift of \$100,000, the scholarship is awarded to juniors or seniors who have demonstrated a sincere intent to pursue a professional medical or dental career.

Kurz was inspired by her husband, who went by “Jerry” and was a dentist. She says, “St. Lawrence always remained uppermost in his affection. He often spoke warmly of his years there.”

Jerry's death in 2009 prompted Sofi Kurz to offer St. Lawrence a portion of their family trust that had already been set aside for St. Lawrence. While the gift was to be given upon her death, she decided, “Why wait?”

Two recent graduates became the first to hold the award: Johanna “Joey” Kelley '13 and Ryan J. Fitzpatrick '14.

“It was a very nice surprise,” says Kelley, who was away at a lacrosse game when she found out. Now a second-year medical student at the University of Vermont, she says, “The Kurz scholarship helped me not only at St. Lawrence, but also to pursue my dream of going to med school.”

Kelley has continued her love of lacrosse by helping coach a 5th and 6th grade team. She intends to give back to St. Lawrence because, she says, “It's really nice to have this support and to know that I'll have connections forever.”

A doctoral student in the physical therapy program at Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, New York, Fitzpatrick says “I felt honored to be chosen as a recipient of an award such as this.” He explains that without gifts from individuals or families like the Kurzes, he would not have had “such great opportunities” during his education. He adds that he is “eternally grateful for all the help I've received.”

Although Sofi Kurz set up the scholarship to honor her husband, her philanthropy has fostered a connection to the University in her own right and has given her a continuing place in the Laurentian community. ■



Fitzpatrick



Kelley



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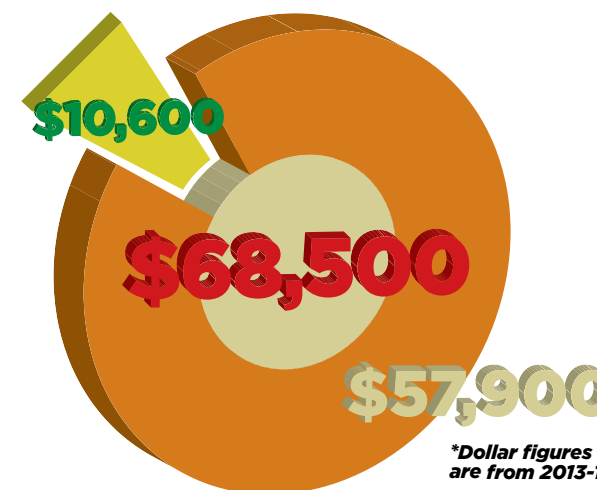
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Gunnison Renovations Progressing

Since reconstruction of its bell tower got underway last fall, one year after a devastating fire, Gunnison Memorial Chapel has been wrapped in scaffolding and plastic like a cast supporting a wounded appendage, “so we can provide heat for the masonry work being completed during the winter,” said Daniel Seaman, chief facilities officer, in October.

Fourteen separate projects were identified for renovation, several needing specialized contractors. The exterior work follows attention to the wooden pews and floors, and cleaning and repainting of the interior walls. As for the beloved spire, its copper panels, famous rooster and weather vane will be exact replicas of the original 1926 features. There is no lingering doubt that **the chapel bells will soon ring again.**



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Remington Drawings Come Home to Canton



by Anne Sibley '85 and Cathy Tedford

A gift of two drawings by famed artist and Canton native Frederic Remington, plus two letters from him to University Trustee Ledyard Park Hale, Class of 1876, has come to St. Lawrence. They were given in memory of Hale's daughter Irma Hale Pfund, Class of 1906. The gift came from the

estate of Lydia Theurer Pfund, widow of Ledyard H. Pfund, Irma Pfund's son. The drawings—pencil studies of human heads—were thought to be undocumented, for they were not known among the lifetime works of Remington. But Laura A. Foster, director of the Frederic Remington Art Museum in Ogdensburg, New York,

determined that both “Major Ben Searles” and “Englishman” appeared in Remington's book *John Ermine of the Yellowstone*, first published in 1902. According to Remington authority Tyler Mongerson, president of the Mongerson Gallery in Chicago, “While one pleasure from in-depth study of Remington's work derives from the variety of his

subjects as seen with his fine portrait, ‘Englishman,’ (right) nothing compares to his signature treatment of the white man in the West as demonstrated by his rendering of ‘Major Ben Searles.’ Remington exceeds mere representation by presenting his deep admiration for (Searles's) rugged temperament, a necessary trait to thrive in the West.” ■

Laurentians Together



In early October 2014, Laurentian friends gathered under the terracotta arches of the Boston Public Library's Guastavino Room. (Left) President William L. Fox (fourth from left) and Lynn Fox (third from left) spent some time with members of the Laurentian Leadership Society beforehand. (Middle) Katherine Clark '85, U.S. Representative for Massachusetts' 5th District, spoke about **St. Lawrence's positive influence on her personal and professional growth**. (Right) Her husband, Rodney Dowell, left, visited with Anne Marie and Wayne Clarke, parents of Victor Clarke '18.

LEFT PHOTOS BY: WHIT HAYNES '10

To-Do List

Nº 1



JOHN MEAGHER ENDOWMENT CONTINUES TO GAIN SUPPORT

To ensure that students with documented disabilities and accessibility needs continue to meet their fullest potential, St. Lawrence seeks to raise \$1 million 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 stands at more than \$362,000. For more information: Chad Tessier, ctessier@stlawu.edu or 315-229-5519.

Nº 2

KDS ALUMNAE FUND GROWING

Since its inception two years ago, the KDS Alumnae Fund has received over \$63,000 in gifts and an additional \$12,000 in multi-year pledges. **The goal is to reach \$250,000** by the house's 50th anniversary in 2019. KDS sisters have fully met the dollar-for-dollar \$25,000 challenge match made by Chris Koski '79 and Hilary Valentine '89, allowing some work on the chapter house to be done. For more information: Kim Hissong, khissong@stlawu.edu or 315-229-5837.

Nº 3

RESTORATION OF BETA TEMPLE COMMENCES

With nearly \$460,000 in commitments, the Beta Temple restoration has commenced. Fundraising continues as **the University looks to exceed the combined construction and endowment goal of \$500,000**. For more information: John Pezdek, jpezdek@stlawu.edu or 315-229-5540, or Allen Splete '60, amsplete@yahoo.com.

Nº 4



SUSTAINABILITY SEMESTER PROGRAM ENDOWMENT SOUGHT

The Sustainability Semester embodies St. Lawrence University's commitment to reflective thinking and experiential learning. To ensure the continuance of this important endeavor, **the University seeks to raise both on-going operating support and \$2 million in philanthropic support** to endow the program. For more information: Sue Regier, sregier@stlawu.edu or 315-229-5915.

Nº 5



GUNNISON MEMORIAL CHAPEL RESTORATION FUND GROWS

This fund was begun in response to requests to **help restore the chapel after the 2013 fire**; it applies to costs above and beyond what the University's insurance covers. More than \$59,000 has been contributed to the fund. Work is underway, and the chapel is on schedule to reopen by Commencement 2015. For more on the restoration, see page 17 and www.stlawu.edu/news/one-year-after-fire-gunnison-renovations-progressing. For more information on the fund: Kim Hissong, khissong@stlawu.edu or 315-229-5837.

Live & Learn*

**An idiom—to increase one's knowledge through experience.*

We have dozens of traditional classrooms at St. Lawrence. There are lecture halls, “smart” classrooms with technology available at one’s fingertips, labs for research and experiments, and studios for artistic creation. But these aren’t

the only places where learning occurs at St. Lawrence. From the sports fields to the residences, learning is part of everything that happens in the life of a student.

It begins in the First-Year Program, where students live and learn together and learn to live together. From there, they gain lessons in leadership and collaboration through clubs, teams and organizations. Living options from residence halls to Greek chapters to theme houses foster both the communal and independent spirits that have helped St. Lawrence alumni excel after leaving campus.

In the next few pages, you will discover how students’ residential experiences have helped them learn how to be leaders and independent thinkers; to work with a diverse group of peers; and to appreciate the impact they have on the world they live in. You will see how the unique sense of community students experience at St. Lawrence has shaped their lives. ☺

Introduction by Mark Mende



College residences aren't just places to hang your hat these days; they're also sites for convivial learning, perhaps through a knowledge-based board game.

Living Green

One student's account of her low-impact life as a Laurentian.

By Laura Stasi '15

For the last two years I have cooked and eaten local food. I have worked on the farm where the food comes from. I have taught other students how to make hair conditioner, recycled jewelry and apple butter. (I'll teach you, too; see the accompanying recipe). All this I have done while living in the Green House, the low-impact living theme house on campus. The thought of living in a traditional "dorm" intimidated me as I returned to campus following the Adirondack Semester. I had heard the Green House referred to as a "half-way house" for Adirondack Semester students re-adjusting to campus life and knew it was where I wanted to live.

A co-ed house of 11 students, the Green House supports local farms through Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) shares, cooks family-style dinners five nights a week, and celebrates regional music and culture by hosting the North Country Folk Festival each spring. It has become my home and its residents my second family. My 10 housemates are a constant resource, whether I need help with homework or to borrow a car to get to my weekly horseback-riding lesson.

Living in a small community has its challenges—determining quiet hours, making sure the trash gets taken out and the dishes get washed—but it also has its benefits. During our weekly Sunday house meetings I have become more comfortable speaking up, sharing my opinions and ideas and hearing the views of my housemates. I've mastered how to prepare a well-balanced meal for a large group of people in two hours, using whatever is in the fridge. I have learned how to bake bread from scratch and accept responsibilities that many residence hall tenants lack, like cleaning my own bathroom.

I've always wondered what it would have been like had I not lived in the Green House. I may have gotten more sleep, been able to do homework in the quietness of my own room and had less of a mess to live with. But I also would have missed out on late nights cooking macaroni and cheese and procrastinating on the living room couch with good friends and leaving my mark on a house full of character from years of college students calling it home. The little green house at 70 Park Street will always have a special place in my heart. It has played a big part in shaping my entire St. Lawrence experience. ■

IT'S BECOME
MY HOME,
AND ITS
RESIDENTS
MY SECOND
FAMILY.

LAURA'S APPLE BUTTER RECIPE

Ingredients:

- 4 pounds cubed apples (de-skinned if desired)
- ½ cup granulated sugar—I like to go light on the sugar but you can add more if you want it sweeter!

- 1 Tbsp. Cinnamon
- 1 Tbsp. Cloves
- 1 cup water

- Combine the ingredients in a large pot over high heat. Bring to a boil and reduce to simmer.
- Simmer the mixture until it begins to thicken, stirring occasionally (about 1 hour).
- Allow to cool and enjoy on toast.
- Store your leftovers in sealed mason jars or for up to three weeks in the fridge.

Yield: 2 cups



Open House

International students and international alumni coalesce around St. Lawrence's 'I-House.'

By Ryan Deuel

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ight around 10 o'clock every Wednesday night, St. Lawrence University students from an array of cultural backgrounds begin gathering in the International House Lounge in the 2600 wing of Sykes Residence. They are coming together for Tea Time, a weekly event hosted by the students who live in "I-House" and are usually

sponsored by one of the several student cultural clubs on campus.

"Because it's Wednesday night, which is halfway through the week, it's a chance for us to hang out and relax," says Pipeloluwa ("Pipe," pronounced PIP-ay) Mabayoje '15. "Sometimes we play board games; other times we'll do some drumming or dance. We interact with different people and just unwind."

Tea Time has come to symbolize an appreciation that students from all kinds of backgrounds have for learning about and respecting different cultural heritages. It's also a chance for them to learn more about cultures that are unlike their own.

On paper, Pipe is considered a U.S. residential student, since she moved with her family from Nigeria to Bronx, New York, in 2006. But, she continues to identify with her Nigerian community and feels more at ease with the predominantly international student population who live in I-House.

"Even though I'm not technically an international student because I live in the U.S., I am part of a diaspora community and can relate to international students much better sometimes than U.S. students," says Pipe, a Presidential Diversity Scholar majoring in global studies and economics. "People who live in and come to I-House are part of a more open-minded community of people who will talk about anything and everything, even really difficult topics, like racism."

Pipe's experiences seem to embody the sentiments of current students and alumni alike who have taken up residence in I-House—even if unofficially—including Zhihong "Hook" Huang '02.

While Huang never lived in I-House (shhh, don't tell the Residence Life director!), he learned about it soon after arriving at St. Lawrence from China in 1999 and quickly adopted it as his own.

"I-House became a home, a spot for people with diverse backgrounds or with a need for people who could understand their special experience (as an international student)," says Huang, a St. Lawrence trustee. "It really captures a huge concentration of diversity as well as American students interested in diversity."

Even in the early 2000s, St. Lawrence had what Huang calls an "interesting mix of students," with a deeply rooted respect for and interest in diversity, he says. The mix of international students at that time included a large population of students from Bulgaria, including his future wife, Ogniana Hristova-Huang '02.

"St. Lawrence put a lot of resources into supporting international students," he says. "Most would never have had an opportunity to study in the United States without St. Lawrence's support."

Even with that institutional support, however, there are times when international students have different needs from St. Lawrence's domestic students. During the holidays, for example, large numbers of international students remain on campus, even though the campus is essentially closed, including the dining halls.

"I remember having to walk in the winter to the store to buy groceries," Huang says. "Without a car, that's not easy to do when you have to walk through the snow in the cold. People did offer to bring us places, but we didn't want to bother them during the holiday season."

I-House resident Nam Tran '16 agrees that the international student experience can be vastly different from that of domestic students. Because of this, he wanted to start an alumni network to link international alumni with international students.

"Only international alumni can truly understand what international students are dealing with and what's the best way they can help out," says Nam, an International

Scholar originally from Vietnam majoring in global studies and government. "International alumni can also help international students with steps like getting internships and helping us with OPT (optional practical training) so we can work in the U.S. after graduating." ☺

“PEOPLE IN I-HOUSE ARE PART OF AN OPEN-MINDED COMMUNITY WHO WILL TALK ABOUT DIFFICULT TOPICS, LIKE RACISM.”



Then & Now

The buildings may change, but the core experience does not.



*A major supporter of the new residence hall has been Trustee **Mike Arpey '85, P'17**. We asked him to reflect on his residential life at St. Lawrence and why he made a gift toward the new building.*



*At its dedication, **Taylor Castator '15** said that the new residence hall felt like home to her. We wanted to know why, so we asked the senior class president from Hudson, Quebec, about the residential community on campus.*

About a year ago, Nam reached out to Huang and told him about his idea for an alumni network. At nearly the same time, Huang had been having conversations with other international alumni about what they could do to make the international student experience at St. Lawrence better.

“(International) alumni have a great relationship with St. Lawrence, but they didn’t grow up in an American middle-class culture of giving back,” Huang says. “This is a group of people who really have never given. And, when international graduates live abroad, maintaining contact can be challenging.”

Social media are helping to narrow that distance, and staying in contact with people a world away isn’t much different from keeping in touch with those a county or state away. So when Stefka Antonova '09 started a Facebook group last year and invited several recent international graduates to join, Huang thought this might be a perfect opportunity for international alumni to start giving back.

The Facebook group soon established an I-House Fund, and the Huangs made the first gift. He explained on the Facebook group site wall what I-House had meant to him as a student and why it warranted his support.

At first, only a few small gifts came in. So, the group changed tactics and came up with a list of direct needs for international students and for I-House. The students made their own list of what

✳ **To connect to St. Lawrence international alumni, visit stlawu.edu/international-student-services/alumni.**

“I’M GLAD TO BE HERE, WATCHING THE CAMPUS CHANGE FOR THE BETTER.”



Pipe and Nam

they wanted and what needed to be repaired. “At the top of their list was a Blu-ray disc player,” Huang says. “But I-House is also getting old, and the appliances are getting old. So, we’re also trying to raise money for more specific projects.”

Through the I-House Fund, the Huangs have helped to create a new legacy of giving by St. Lawrence’s international alumni.

“The relationship is real, the experience is real and the feeling is real,” Huang said. “So we’re asking ‘how can we materialize that?’”

As an international student, Nam says he’s been comforted by the international alumni network he’s helped to create. He also takes comfort in knowing that St. Lawrence has made diversity a priority, referring to the Presidential Commission on Diversity, constituted in January 2013.

“Even in the short time that I’ve been here, I can see less negativity and more openness,” he says. “I’m glad to be here now, watching to see how the campus is

changing for the better.”

Though the future still lies open for St. Lawrence’s international students, Nam says he hopes he can continue Huang’s tradition of giving back to the University.

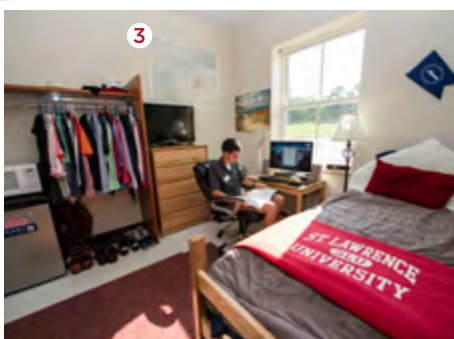
“As an international student, I know what it’s like to come to the U.S., to leave your homeland behind, and to have the experiences I’ve had,” he says. “I hope I can pass on what I’ve learned to the next generation of international students at St. Lawrence.” ■

‘LET GRATITUDE AND FRIENDSHIP ABIDE HERE’

1. On October 16, 2014, while the Board of Trustees was on campus, Laurentians celebrated the opening of the new residence hall (recently named Kirk Douglas Hall). President Fox, reading from the plaque, said “Loyalty and Generosity have joined hands with Builders and Dreamers to create a house of learning.” Standing beside the plaque is Board of Trustees chair Jeff Boyd '78.

2. University Trustee André Couture '82 (center), his son Victor '15 and his sister, Julie '85, stand in the recently named Couture Commons, the glassed-in passageway between the two wings where the dedication took place. They, along with Martin Couture '90, were among the first to support the project. Other named spaces are the Arpey Study, the Phelps Family Study and the Saddle mire Study.

3. Rooms in the new residence hall are spacious, with accommodation for all the accessories of modern college life. Compare this with a campus room of many years ago, on page 69.



How did your own residential experience compare with that of St. Lawrence students today?

Mike Arpey: My experience was a series of communities: in Sykes, the commonality of the freshman “we’re all in this together” mode; in Phi Kappa Sigma, an assembly of shared values and interests; and then for two years in Whitman as a resident assistant, creating communities and fostering bonds. I see communities forming in St. Lawrence’s residential units today, 30 years later. It’s part of our historic character.

SL: How did your residential experience shape who you became, and how do you think it shapes today’s students?

Mike: In Sykes, I learned to be independent. In my fraternity, I learned how to connect with people and how to get along in an intimate group. As an RA, I learned management, communication and the sharing of a common goal. Those all proved to be valuable attributes when I entered the work world, and I see those attributes being instilled in St. Lawrence students today.

I believe as much learning happens in the residences as in classes, but it’s very different. In classes, IQ, or intellectual learning, is stressed, but in the residences, EQ, or emotional learning—the social and leadership skills so critical for success in the workplace—is fostered.

Students have more choices of residential settings now than when I was a student, with the First-Year Program, the theme houses and more. I see that expansion continuing in the new residence, with room clusters, common areas for studying and socializing, the café, and so on. These all promote the intersection of the IQ and the EQ.

SL: Why did you support the new residence hall?

Mike: I want students to have as many opportunities as we can give them. I’m eternally grateful for all that St. Lawrence gave me. When President Fox identified this new residential unit as a priority, I realized that was how I could express my gratitude. I believe residential life is the foundation for success because our spaces shape our behavior. This new building jibes with my experience and the one I want future generations of students to benefit from as I did.

—NSB

What design resources are available in the residence halls, and how do you use them?

Taylor Castator: The best parts about the residence halls are the common spaces. Students interact in the new hall’s lounges and kitchen spaces. I have been studying in the lounges more often or just hanging out with friends there.

How do your past residential experiences compare to your experience in the new building?

Taylor: My first-year college was Reiff, and I really enjoyed the community feeling. I’ve also lived in Dean-Eaton, which has so much character. It was nice to live in an older residence hall because I felt I could be part of its history. And of course, (Kirk Douglas Hall) has been phenomenal. I love that I can look out of my window and see the chapel and people enjoying the quad, whether they are studying or playing Frisbee. Every place has its perks and quirks, and I’ve had great experiences everywhere.

How does the residential experience at St. Lawrence foster community?

Taylor: It starts off strong with the First-Year Program, which really connects you with the people that you are living with. I met my current roommate in my FYP, which shows how well during your first year you get to know your fellow residents, and that feeling continues throughout your college experience. Because we are mostly living on campus, everyone intertwines with one another.

How does that contribute to your overall St. Lawrence experience?

Taylor: The residential component of St. Lawrence is so central to our identity that if we weren’t a residential campus, we wouldn’t be the school that we know. The community we share certainly was one of the things that attracted me to St. Lawrence, and an integral part of our experience is that we all do live together. There’s a lot of learning that goes on beyond the classroom. We tend to learn a lot from the people we live with because, a lot of times, they are a classmate or someone you’re in a club with. I love that our residential community fosters that environment. ■

—Maureen Pellerin '15

SLU'S GREAT BAKER



Our Pub Cookie-maker heads for retirement after half a million cookies.

By Victoria Bean '14 and Meg Bernier '07, M'09

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nwrap a freshly-baked Pub Cookie and bite into the chocolaty goodness. It's one of thousands that have been made from scratch by **Linda Dixon**, better known as "Linda the Baker," who has come to work at Dana Dining Hall by 6 a.m. five mornings a week for the last 37 years to bake up batches of these signature cookies.

The Pub Cookie came to be during the 1960s, when Dining Services was asked to make a bigger-than-normal treat for an event, recalls Bob Zimmerman, manager of Dana Dining Hall. They earned their name because they were originally sold in the Noble Center Pub, even though they were baked in Dana.

In the years since the Pub Cookie was born, Dixon has preserved its recipe and shape. Listen to her talk about her love of baking as she scoops the cookie dough by hand, and you'll realize the secret to the cookie's softer center and crispier edge lies not just in the ingredients and preparation, but also in how much she cares about the work she does. "I love what I do, even though it can be a little overwhelming sometimes," she says.

The number of Pub Cookies on campus differs depending on the time of year. Not only are they sold almost daily in the Northstar Café, the Time-Out Café and Brewer Bookstore, but Admissions also gives them to high school students visiting campus for interviews and tours.

"In the fall, I've made up to 180 per day or more, but in the spring we bake fewer because people are worried about weight heading into summer," Dixon notes. Events like big hockey games or Commencement require more: for the 2013 Commencement, Linda baked 3,000, "And we ran out!"

While the Pub Cookie might be the most famous of Dixon's responsibilities, it's only one of the desserts that start in her mixing bowl. Dixon and her assistant, Justin Martin, are responsible for most things that pertain to baking at St. Lawrence, including the dozens of muffins, breads and pies that students, faculty, staff and visitors snack on each day. Nearly every baked item featured in St. Lawrence's dining facilities is made right on campus, in the unseen preparation areas of Dana.

After 37 years (and, based on our calculations, possibly over 500,000 cookies), "Linda the Baker" plans to retire at the end of the 2014-15 academic year. The recipe, which she smilingly refuses to reveal for this story, will stay behind, entrusted to someone else who will also put "the love" into thousands more Pub Cookies for years to come, perpetuating what has become the tastiest of St. Lawrence traditions. ■

Tori Bean first crafted this story as part of her internship in University Communications in spring 2014; St. Lawrence assistant editor Meg Bernier later expanded it.



In the recesses of Dana Dining Hall, Linda Dixon has been making St. Lawrence's iconic Pub Cookies for 37 years, and for now she's keeping the recipe a secret.

Making Connections

TONISHA KERR '15 FOUND HER FUTURE DURING HER SEMESTER STUDYING IN NEW YORK CITY.



TONISHA KERR '15
Brooklyn, New York
Economics Major

By Meg Bernier '07, M'09

Anthony Clemente '82 believes the liberal arts, coupled with well-grounded technical skills, are the foundation for a top-quality employee. That's one reason why he recruits St. Lawrence students for internships at Canaras Capital Manage-

ment, a small firm Clemente founded and serves as CEO that deals with alternative investment strategies.

He also likes paying opportunities forward. Clemente realized his interest in finance thanks to an internship Charles Ferrero P'84 set up for him with a world-renowned antitrust economist during Clemente's college days. So when he was asked to participate in the New York City Semester, he was eager to help.

It was that program that brought Tonisha Kerr '15 (pictured left) to

Clemente (right) and Canaras. Required to undertake an internship, she was drawn to the size of the company and the work Clemente and his team were doing. From day one, she was an integral part of the firm.

"I worked alongside analysts and other interns to evaluate companies going through some form of merger, acquisition or recapitalization, basing my research on capital structure, operations, financial performance and industry trends," she says. "I attended meetings and conference calls to learn about new deals and companies, and wrote reports which discussed financial trends and creditworthiness and outlined the strengths and weaknesses of these potential borrowers. In these reports, I offered ratings and lending decisions to the analysts, based on research I conducted."

Tonisha also worked one-on-one with Clemente on several occasions. "Not many interns can say they've done that," she says.

"Tonisha is a wonderful example of what SLU students have to offer," Clemente says. "Because of the rigorous candidate standards St. Lawrence has for participation in the semester program, every student is high-caliber."

Tonisha discovered her interests in finance because Clemente offered her the chance to learn. Following Commencement she'll make her way back to New York as a full-time employee at Canaras. ■

ASHLEY GREY '15
Astoria, New York
Geology & History Double Major

By Laura Stasi '15

Like most college students today, Jacqueline "Ashley" Grey '15 sometimes wonders how she will apply her degree to the post-college world. A double major in geology and history who was looking for inspiration, Ashley applied through St. Lawrence Career Services for a four-day internship at the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia last summer. The experience brought her into contact with a pair of St. Lawrence alumni.

For part of the time, Ashley worked alongside Charlotte Boulay '00, a grant writer for the institute. Ashley, who hopes to pursue a doctorate after St. Lawrence, acknowledged the value of the skills that she learned. But when she heard that the institute had resident scientists who teach summer courses for high school students and curate their own exhibits, she was curious to see the different ways a Ph.D. could be applied in a museum setting. "I don't want to just do research after college," Ashley said.

Ashley sat in on "The Science of Music" class, where students studied sound waves and frequency levels. "I help set up the sound equipment for St. Lawrence's University Chorus, and it was fascinating to learn how the way I position a microphone can change the way the audience hears the music," Ashley said. Observing classes and exhibits made her realize that teaching science outside of traditional classrooms was something she could see herself doing one day.

Derrick Pitts '78, a trustee of St. Lawrence and chief astronomer at the Franklin Institute, was one of the most influential people Ashley met. A geology major himself, Pitts exemplified how the skills Ashley acquired can help her craft a career outside of a traditional classroom or laboratory. "I learned just how versatile a degree can be," Ashley said, "and I look forward to the future." ■

ASHLEY GREY '15 DISCOVERS THE VERSATILITY OF A ST. LAWRENCE DEGREE.



THE RAW

When I was a student at St. Lawrence, I never went on a “real” Spring Break. I never boarded an airplane, waded in salty water or enjoyed cocktails while lounging near a pool. But 10 years later, I had another chance. And as alumni, aren't we all looking for that ticket back?

In March 2014, when Phil Royce, director of the Outdoor Program, offered me a spot on the annual La Grave, France, ski trip, I was thrilled. When I was a student guide for Phil, we skied in Quebec's Chic Chocs, canoed Long Lake and hiked the High Peaks. The “OP” continues to offer students the unique opportunity to learn about themselves and the world in ways that reach far beyond the classroom. Their website elaborates, “The OP ... empowers students through outdoor and wilderness exploration and experiences.”

La Grave was my chance to go back to all this, just for a week, and I happily joined the roster. I would meet four undergraduate students: one guide, two in training, and one fanatic skier with the skills and confidence to tackle a ski trip in the Alps.

La Grave is a tiny mountain town. Its heartbeat is the Téléphériques, a cable car system that uses clusters of gondolas to speed skiers over 6,000 feet up to the glaciers. An exhibition of engineering and recreation brought together, the gondolas boast the rainbow colors of the 1970s, fading from red to yellow over five cars. The doors often take a good shove to close completely. Cramped inside with other skiers, you get a taste of the mountain

culture that permeates the town. Accompanied by Mont Blanc pinned on the horizon, you can't help but feel elated.

With no trail signs, grooming or patrollers, La Grave releases you to the mountains at your own risk. It's a place to relish in the steep slopes, the views, and the snows, but also to take responsibility for your skiing. Each morning, we buckle our harnesses and take turns checking to make sure that our avalanche beacons are transmitting before starting our first run.

La Grave is a Spring Break destination thanks to Bob Zock '90. He and his business partner, Eric Olsen '89, donate lodging to the program each year.

“I loved driving up that valley with a van full of friends,” Zock said, “and I

“We hope to capture the impossible combination of steep slope, wide smile and jagged alpine horizon.”



wanted to pass that feeling along.” Over the phone, his voice filled with humor and energy, I could almost hear him smiling as he talked about La Grave's gritty, unpolished character. Having experienced it now myself, I can celebrate the rough edges in the same way he has: the weathered faces of the locals, the tiny meat-and-cheese shop, the ever-present zip of the Téléphériques. He added, “I

have always thought it was a special place and one whose simplicity SLU students could relate to and appreciate. We do like to make our own fun and education, given the raw material.”

The undergraduates—Brady Hueber, Matt Dier, James Chandler and Will Madison, pictured left to right with Outdoor Program Director Phil Royce at far left—have a contagious excitement about everything we see and ski, and I am quickly swept back into that feeling that anything is possible. In the clear sunshine of the La Grave morning, the boys stack neatly against the mountain. Together, we balance our edges and stare down the steep shot of the slope. Dark rocks outline the edges of the couloir. The boys dance one after the other across the rock-studded traverse, careful to manage their speed and line up above the guide.

Our breath pulses in the mountain air as we assess our next section. We ski one at a time and watch each other intently, both for safety and to know what the mountains have in store for us. Often we freeze the scene with snapshots, trying to catch that special carve of edge and spray of snow. We hope to capture the impossible combination of steep slope, wide smile and jagged alpine horizon, as if the right timing could show the meaning of being together in such a place.

We stare down the gulleets of classic couloir runs like Trifide, La Rama, Patou and Couloir de Freax. In the tiny curls of sweaty hair that slip from the boys' helmets, they wear their experience. In the evening they brandish local cheese and wine and invite me to hang out in their room, the windows thrown open to the mountains, their tired ski clothes spread to the waning sunshine outside.

MATERIAL

A Spring Break ski trip in the French Alps pushes Laurentians' abilities. By Catherine Doucette '04

James says, “It's awesome that SLU offers opportunities to engage in these intense activities outside of the classroom. It's a challenging experience that definitely pushes our abilities.” Matt adds, “La Grave is a place that cannot be explained with words.”

Someday, years from now, these young men will be sitting around talking about spring breaks. Someone will say, “I went to Miami,” and they will say, “We skied in La Grave.” It's that sort of thing that builds a whole person.

What I will remember most is not just the massive glaciers and enormous, steep, alpine lines. I will think of the ancient stone church built into the mountain's side, of showing Will how to stretch skins on his skis, of listening to mountain music at the top of the Téléphériques, and eating fresh cheese from nearby valleys. I will conjure the fabulous view of the infinite ridges of the Alps and remember eating lunch with fellow Laurentians before skiing perfect corn.

The lessons I learned at St. Lawrence continue to help me lead a life that enthalls me. How fortunate I was to be reacquainted with the magic that reminds me what a special place St. Lawrence continues to be, both on and off campus. ■

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PHOTOS BY JAMES CHANDLER '15



By Ryan Deuel

There's something immediately noticeable to the listener when Reid Brechner '15 starts talking about his artwork. At first it might be hard to define, but then it becomes readily apparent: This young man simply sounds way too old for his age.

feels to me like parenthood. That's why I do this; that's the feeling I've been looking for." Reid was the recipient of a Daniel F. '65 and Ann H. Sullivan Endowment for Student/Faculty Research University Fellowship, and he worked last summer alongside Kasarian Dane, associate professor and chair



Reid Brechner '15, at the Intersection of Math and Art

Reid speaks about his art as if he were finalizing the last chapters of his doctoral dissertation. He talks about how he spent last summer as a University Fellow working up to 12 hours or more in the Griffiths Arts Center, ignoring the siren songs of summer beckoning at the studio windows. And, he speaks about his art with paternalistic pride, which makes the listener proud for him and the work that he's done.

"Sometimes I have to work out what's at the top of my mind," says Reid, who hails from Belgrade, Maine. "Something starts bothering me, and I can't do anything else until I work it out of my head. Then, it's weird when I finish because I can look back at it and know when it's done. I'm not a parent, but it

of the Department of Art and Art History, on his project, titled "Mathematical Underpinnings."

Reid's art isn't immediately recognizable, especially to the non-art expert (such as this writer). His work involves what he calls "geometric abstraction," and it can at the outset look like simple shapes repeatedly painted in different colors on multiple canvasses. Yet, as Reid expresses his thoughts on color theory, as he explains his process and as he stands with you looking fondly at his work, it becomes apparent that this artist is on a very deep and very personal artistic journey.

"Geometric abstraction has to be extremely simplistic," he says. "Yet, it has the power and emotion that comes from the fact that anyone can expe-

"Geometric abstraction has the power and emotion that comes from the fact that anyone can experience it and come at it from different ways."

REID BRECHNER '15

rience it and come at it from different ways."

As much as Reid has been on his own personal expedition creating his works, he also hopes to inspire others to let the art move them emotionally.

"I'm striving for a sense of

perpetual motion, and the planes of color give these an underlying sense of motion. That makes it no longer finite," he says. "I want to force people to look inside themselves and not feel like they have to feel a certain way about it." ■

Abandoning the Spoken Word

BY JOSEPHINE BREEN DEL DEO '47

Far from attempting to turn back the clock by writing this short commentary about the digital age of communication, I suggest the opposite: thanks to computerization, the clock has already been turned back to a kind of hieroglyphics which does not appear to be enriching our lives by advancing our perception, but instead has reduced us to a bare minimum level of meaningful communication.

The paroxysm of minutiae that accompanies this process has eliminated the imaginative dimension of words to such an extent that the world is contracted, not expanded. Information alone is not knowledge, a condition which can only be acquired by the daily exchange of ideas through language within an established value system. Without this paradigm, education fails the human equation and, thereby, its mission.

Today, we are so wholeheartedly engrossed in the electronic technology governing every aspect of our lives and civilization that we have permitted the placement of computer screens throughout the public elementary school system and even, in some cases, in the pre-school classroom. At the same time, we have reduced or removed the teaching staff that is meant to guide and interpret the information that each child receives. Further, we have exposed the adolescent population to violent and increasingly ubiquitous images in "virtual reality" on the digital screen. These often present disturbing situations to impressionable



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minds and occasionally trigger tragic behavioral aberrations, as we have seen all too often. Moreover, we have created an almost complete addiction to cell phones and their clones. It is not absurd, therefore, to suggest that we should monitor our appetite for gadgetry.

The computer has offered us astonishing advantages in many regards, but the advantages of "doing business" with greater speed and efficiency have not been matched by a circumspect attempt to eliminate the most dangerous invasion of privacy on almost every level that mankind has ever known. Why have we, as a society, so quickly abandoned our cultural past based on the spoken and written word, which has historically promoted serious and extended thought and philosophical perception? In this regard, it might be beneficial, not only for the contemporary student at St. Lawrence but also for all of us, to read Herman Melville's story "The Bell Tower," wherein may be discovered how a great writer examines mankind's perennial subjugation to improperly assimilated and poorly controlled invention. ■

We welcome your submissions for "First-Person." They should be no more than 500 words and should connect with an aspect of your lifelong experience with St. Lawrence University. For consideration, please email nburdick@stlawu.edu.

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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Alma Lasher Fick writes of a new apartment building and a new health center under construction at her complex. "We have discovered it's more fun to let someone else take care of the housing problems while we go about enjoying life otherwise!" she said. She had summer visits from her daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter from Oregon and Connecticut, then her 98-year-old sister and her daughter, who lives in Reno, Nev.

Mary Jane Lang Chilton wrote of heading toward her 96th birthday. She spends November through March with her son and daughter-in-law in Versailles, Ky. They took a cruise with main stops at Curacao and the Panama Canal. She keeps in touch with her Pi Beta Phi sister **Jean Clifford Cree**. "The conversations are long and full of many memories," Mary Jane said.

Betty List Gardner is enjoying life at "Edgehill," a retirement complex in Stamford, Conn., and wintering in Estero Island, Fla. Edgehill "is like college," she said: "Interesting people, lectures, classes in languages, crafts, bridge, never a dull moment. They take us to New York City and nearby theaters or wherever. I mention all of the above for those who are wary of giving up your homes when the time comes. My kids don't have to worry about me and we visit frequently."

I often think of the great life I have had and continue to have. St. Lawrence was a big part of it. When I retired 31 years ago from the U.S. Naval Academy, where I taught mathematics for 34 years, I decided not to finish a project unless I had another one started. My workbench still needs to be cleared. My son and his sons live nearby, and my daughter lives in the Chicago area.

1941

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Greetings, fellow class members. I am saddened by the recent passing of my good friends **Gus Wetterhahn** and **Frank Chambers**. I hope and pray that the rest of you good people are healthy enough to enjoy life and maybe even live to be 100.

Even though we look forward with enthusiasm to each morning sunrise and have things we want to accomplish each day, we often think about some of the pleasant experiences we have had in the distant past. I'm sure this would include our introduction to St. Lawrence as freshmen in 1937. The following is a condensation of a letter you all should have received before the holidays:

As I recall, tuition was \$250 per semester, board and room \$50 per month. There were five sororities and five fraternities, which soon after the beginning of classes started "rush." I don't remember any student owning a car. We all walked across campus and into Canton, and were happy to do so. I don't remember ever seeing a telephone. "Television" was not yet a word in the dictionary.

A Chevrolet could be bought for around \$500. A loaf of bread cost five cents. News of the day could be read in a newspaper, if one could be found, or tuned in on a radio, one of which was owned by most students. Moving pictures could be seen, in black and white, for less than a dollar, at the movie theater in downtown Canton. I remember eating dinner at the Tick Tock for 35 cents.

By the time our graduation day arrived, World War II had already begun, but I believe most of us

were not aware of the war until Pearl Harbor several months later. That was shortly followed by every male graduate receiving notice that he was to be drafted. Plans made by half of the 1941 graduating seniors (those healthy enough to pass the government's required physical exam) were to be delayed at least by the length of the war.

1942

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Jan Kellogg Johnson writes about her recent trip to Michigan to meet little Sadie Mineo, her 13th grandchild, whose mother is Audrey Johnson Mineo '68. "We all miss my brother **Delong 'Bud' Kellogg**, who died last year soon after my 90th birthday party in Florida," she wrote.

1945

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May 28-31, 2015

It was sad to hear about Art Hilkert '47 passing. In Boston after graduation, we went to see the movie *The Red Shoes*, with Moira Shearer. We returned the next night to see it again. That was 67 years ago!

In other Navy news, the computer loop keeps going with **Paul Durkin**, Bell Herndon '47, Buzz Smith '47 and Walt Hluch '47. On the West Coast, Buzz plays golf regularly, wins most times and enjoys retirement and giving advice to the other Navy men.

I had a nice phone chat with John Quirk '48, originally '44, who lives in a retirement home in Maryland. He wanted to be remembered to all the Navy men he served with at SLU. He was a civilian student and a Navy member of V-12. He was a loyal attendee at most alumni weekends, along with Jim Maley '49, who is deceased. They were known as the Sunshine Boys!

My best wishes for a happy 2015! Please let me know how you are and what's happening in your life.

1946

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I have learned that a fellow Laurentian lives in the same retirement development where I am. We have not seen each other, because we have two separate campuses. He is Earle Kirkbride '48. We do have mutual friends, so maybe someday we will connect.

I was saddened to hear **Gloria Wright Lyng** passed away May 22, 2014. There was a notice in the last issue's "In Memory" section. We treasure the happy memories of Gloria.

I had a wonderful telephone conversation with **Ginny Bailey Bingham**. She still has her musical laugh. Although she is quite incapacitated, she has managed for the past 10 years at home in Fayetteville, N.Y., with her husband, Al. Once in a while they even take a trip.

I am doing very well, although my male companion for seven years passed away in June, so I am single again.

Let's stay in touch—I would love to hear from you and share your news with our classmates.

1947

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A while ago, **Fred Zito** sent a picture of himself and some friends observing the Fourth of July. Fred reminisced that as a Navy man and reservist, he served in three wars: World War II, the Korean War and the Cold War. He also mentioned helping build the lunar module, "the Eagle," that was used in the moon landing in July 1969. He has several advanced degrees.

1948

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1950

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Next Reunion: 65th,
May 28-31, 2015

The University looks forward to welcoming classmates to campus for their 65th Reunion. Registration materials will be sent in April.

1951

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Another deadline—and **Jane Raymond Ciarcia** told me that this job would be easy! I was fortunate enough, in August, to escape hot, humid North Carolina. Our daughter and son-in-law, Pat '79 and Dave Cameron '77, headed for Upper Saranac Lake, near St. Lawrence's Camp Canaras. We drove over there and were so pleased to run into John '52 and Margot Hitchcock.

We then traveled to the campus, where we marveled at the many improvements over these past years. The athletics facilities are amazing, and the new residence hall, artistically placed alongside the Quad, is really quite unbelievable! Hope the kids keep it nice and clean. Do you remember when Mrs. Ryan would check your room and fine you ten cents if it was not up to standards? **Katie Connors Connors** was neat; I, not so orderly.

The chapel looks rather bereft without its steeple, but that should be remedied before too long. "**Whiffy**" **Hickox Phelps McDowell**, my erstwhile roommate, told me the other day that her husband, Boyd '47, was a bell-ringer. She said, "Last April

I bought a house in Elmira, N.Y., which I am happily sharing with my daughter, Lydia Phelps '80, and her husband, Jim Eldridge. Several days a week we have their 3-year-old granddaughter, Drina, here with us. I can still play hide-and-seek and tag and read Mother Goose and Winnie the Pooh aloud...sitting on the floor is a different proposition!"

As always, it would be so nice to hear from any of you who have a few minutes to spare. It is always interesting to read of our fellow alumni of all ages, and the various paths they have taken in life.

1952

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Hi to all. I have not had news from any of you, but do email with **Mel Yost** and **Steve** and Betty Bellois '53 **Sherer**. I think of **Beverly Van Wert** and **Perham Eastwood**.

I spend two to three days a week watching my granddaughters play field hockey. They score well, as Bev did on the SLU team with me. Bev was my right wing in high school and at SLU.

David Hull, I hope your new business is doing well. I hope to meet **Lillian Meinholtz Stock**, **Shirley May Montgomery** at the shore next summer.

I hope you all have a pleasant winter. Please drop me a post card, email or a phone call and let me know how all is going and what keeps you all so busy.

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'PLEASE, PRACTICE INTERVIEWING!' ALUMNI PANEL GIVES FREE CAREER ADVICE

Tom Reilly '83 speaks (entertainingly, judging by the reactions of Bob Weaver '85, left, and Jenifer White Walden '89) at the Family Weekend alumni careers panel.

"Study something you're passionate about, or school will be miserable," said **Charlotte Edson '14**, the marketing, office and tasting room manager at Half Full Brewery in Stamford, Conn.

Edson was one of several alumni panelists during Family Weekend last fall who offered students and parents some "insider advice" on how to explore careers, find internships and make the most of the St. Lawrence experience.

The panel was sponsored by Career Services and the Alumni Executive Council.

Edson said students shouldn't pursue majors based solely on whether they believe a particular field will produce jobs, but instead should use summer breaks and breaks between semesters to learn

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about jobs by finding internships and gaining work experience. She pointed out that she first worked with her company as an intern the summer before her senior year. "I found the internship on SAINTSLink," she said. "One of the bosses was a St. Lawrence alum."

"Please, practice interviewing!" **Tom Reilly '83**, CEO of Ocean Connect Holdings, Inc., proclaimed. "Four years at St. Lawrence and you'll be a generalist. And that's not a bad thing."

"Go to Career Services more," said Edson.

Jenifer White Walden '89, director of human resources at Prudential Financial, explained that employers do not expect new hires to have a full complement of skills, especially at the entry level. Bob Weaver '85, a partner at TPG Capital in New York City, agreed. "The skills will come later," he said, citing the prevalence of on-the-job training.

Other panelists were **Peter Meyer '82**, a landscape architect and designer, and Dr. **Diane Riggs Cunningham '81**, a gynecologist/obstetrician. —**Ashley Richardson '15**

1953

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Dr. **Mary Jean Scott Silk** of Johannesburg, South Africa, has received a very high honor from the Anglican Church of Southern Africa. On July 27, she was invested with the Order of Simon of Cyrene at the cathedral in Johannesburg. The Bishop of Johannesburg, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Steve Moreo, right, conferred the honor at a special service. Named after the first African saint, it is the highest award given to laity for distinguished service.

Mary Jean is churchwarden emerita, the first person to be accorded that rank, at St. Mary's Anglican Cathedral in Johannesburg, where the special high mass took place. She holds a Ph.D. in nuclear physics from Johns

Hopkins, which formed the basis of her career in medical physics in England and South Africa. For 50 years she has been extensively involved in the life of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa, and she earned a Diploma in Theology with distinction in 1991.

Rosalie Epstein Moriah and I exchanged mutual birthday greetings in July. In the midst of the war in Jerusalem in July, Rosalie's fifth great-grandchild was born and a grandson was married on the same day, with a Red Alert in between. A granddaughter had a close call in the southern part of the country when a "large hunk of shrapnel from a missile downed by the Iron Dome" fell a few feet away from her while she was leaving a shelter carrying a baby she was caring for. Rosalie said daily life was affected and that they struggled to cope.

Mary Rinaldi Robinson died on June 29 and **Paul F. Clements** on July 31. Mary's passing was noted in the last issue.

Samuel Robert Whiting's passing was also noted last time. **Howie Splete** emailed me that he and Sam were at our 60th class reunion in 2013, as were many other Phi Sigs. Howie recalled that Sam was a wrestling champ and an English major. Howie wonders if anyone remembers

the old Ford Model T that Sam and Bob Dean '58 restored in front of the Phi Sig house. "He had many friends across campus and enjoyed his conversations on the wall by Dean-Eaton," Howie said. "His passions included skiing and cheering for the New York Yankees."

1954

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Winter may have us in its chilly grip, but your correspondent managed to get to campus for some golf excitement in the fall. No, not by my hand, but by my grandson's. Francis '17 turned in a creditable showing as the Saints men's golf team won the University's invitational tournament involving 10 teams.

Betty Flint Davenport's first grandson, Jim Powers '10, married Karli Stone at the Crooked Lake House in Averill Park, N.Y., on February 22, 2014. Jim's sister, Jessica Powers '18, Tedd Rama '07, Emily Rama '09 and Kate Davenport '10 were on hand, as were Betty's sons Jim '77 and Dave '87. Pat Davenport '50 and John "Gus" Hall '50 are related

but were out in Washington State, but their daughter Trudy Hall '77 was there. There were 19 in all!

Two weeks earlier, Mimi and I had the privilege of being included in the guest list at the wedding of Courtney Kuno '12 and Ben Burds '11 at Camp Kwenogamac on beautiful Long Lake in the Adirondacks. Nearly half of the 200 on hand were alumni. Courtney's parents, Jacquie Hasper '84 and Steve Kuno '83, were prominent on campus. Steve was co-captain of St. Lawrence's unbeaten 1982 football team, and Jacquie joined the alumni staff as assistant director in 1986.

The class would like to hear from you. Take a few minutes and drop me a line.

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The campus is much changed—and improved—since our day, but some areas, like the road between Dean-Eaton and Men's Res (now Sykes) provoke extreme nostalgia when you walk there, which I hope you do in May during our

60th Reunion. If you'd like to enjoy some nostalgia as well as renew pleasurable acquaintance with classmates and friends from '56, this will be the time to do it! **Ted Hiller** and I hope that you will volunteer to call some friends and urge them to join you for one more hurrah at St. Lawrence. I'm sure you'll have a great time if you make the effort to come - I've always been so glad when I have. I'm so delighted to be working with **Vince Cashman** and Ted on a great reunion for the Class of 1955!

Ted and Ruth Reeves '58 took a Viking river cruise in Portugal. He told me that his granddaughter had just started at William & Mary, close to them, and had pledged Tri-Delt. He and Ruth enjoy many lectures and programs at the college as well as activities with Ruth's Kappa alumnae group.

As noted, we are combining with the Class of '56 this year, so you will get to see friends from that class as well as ours. **Doris Kloppenberg Ferry** is bursting with good ideas and the theme of honoring the Singing Saints and Sinners, both of which have special "affinity" reunions. **Bob Gould**, who not only played our chapel bells but has led singing groups and created entertainments and parodies, is proposing some comic musical relief. If you can carry a tune and would like to be part of this caper, please let me know.

The ever-entertaining **Brian McFarlane** has also promised to say a few words when we gather with '56 on Friday night. He reports that he did a roast of a prominent political figure in Toronto in August, which was received so favorably that he was asked to do another in September. He said his summer was very busy with a couple of books coming out in the fall and more on tap for next year. Not only that, but he and **Joan Pellet McFarlane** are great-grandparents since a boy, Nathan, was born to their granddaughter Samantha.

One of our activities last summer was to take a two-week tour of New England with a group of other antique car enthusiasts in

our 1910 Buick. A crazy hobby, indeed, but you do get to smell the roses and admire the daisies when you chug along back roads at about 32 miles an hour. One of our stops was in Cornwall, Vt., near Middlebury, where **Bob Gerlin** and his vivacious wife, Juliet, run Cornwall Orchards Bed & Breakfast. Bob, who looks great, says he's the early-bird who gets up and makes the coffee, while Juliet comes down later to do the breakfast.

Geni Boyd Hurd told me that her granddaughter, Waverly Hurd '17, pledged Tri-Delt, carrying on a family tradition. Waverly is the daughter of Geni's son, Chris '85.

Please, be thinking about joining us at reunion on May 28-31, and let Ted, Vince or me know how you'd like to help!

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The 2015 Reunion theme is "Honoring the Saints and Sinners: An Affair to Remember." This is a "not to be missed" event, so make your travel plans now! **Doris Kloppenburg Ferry's** planning committee includes **Liz Ehret** and **Dave Beebe, Dottie Whitaker Cannon, Len Combi, Bob Ernst, Lucy Tower Funke, Tom Halpin, Andy Direnga Hart, Russ Harter, Jan Knost, Ernie Mazza, Dave Powers, Sue Belden Rice, Don Smith, Hundley Thompson, Winnie Pisani Thorn** and **Ann Shipman Wells**. Ernie and Dave are the musicians who will be entertaining us on Friday evening. Other class musicians are invited to join in. Doris says to call all your classmates to ask them to join us.

You should have received a note over your class reporter's signature that includes the development committee's list of volunteers. If pride in our class



Summer 1956: nine U.S. Army 2nd lieutenants, all of whom had been commissioned through St. Lawrence's ROTC program, meet up on Wolmi-Do Island, within the city of Incheon, South Korea. "None of us can remember how we all got together," says **Gerald R. "Rod" La Croix '54**, who sent the magazine the picture. "Communication at that time was very sparse. We were in numerous locations in the area." Kneeling left to right are **Paul Swancott '55**, La Croix, **Jack Grow '54** and **Harold "Rit" Lennon '54**, while standing from left are **Vince Cashman '55**, the late **Simon "Bud" Saunders '55**, **John Palmer '54**, the late **Ken Eysaman '55** and **Jim Henderson '55**.

and in the education we received at St. Lawrence isn't reason enough to make a gift, Doris and Bob Ferry '59 are giving us even greater incentive. Our goal is to match their most generous gift and reach a class participation rate of over 50%.

On a personal note, Doris and Bob celebrated their 59th anniversary in Newport, R.I. They biked, sailed and ate. All three sound like good sports to me. They've qualified for this summer's Senior Olympics, together in doubles tennis and Doris in the triple jump.

Carolyn Shary '58 and **Dick Larson** are joining **Tom Halpin** and Mary for Reunion. Then the Larsons are cruising to England on the QE2.

Lucy Tower Funke reported that their annual Moose Memorial Golf Outing occurred in September. As you all probably know, the outings provided scholarships over many years to North Country young people. Their friends this year included Sally Forrest '55 and **Mickey Walker, Jim** and **El Horne**, and **Wayne Lausin**. Of course, **Fred Funke** was also present. Lucy says that we all should return to Reunion to see the new residence hall with its beautiful stone work, and the new Quad.

Dick Bierly met a Dr. Hoffman on a routine office visit. After conversing, he found out that the doctor's father was a Beta fraternity brother, **Henry Hoffman**. Henry lives in North Tonawanda, N.Y., and spent 40 years in the real estate business. In retire-

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ment, he enjoys Myrtle Beach and cruising with the St. Louis soul train cruises. His music of choice is jazz and he has completed 17 cruises. His wife was a politician and the first woman mayor in North Tonawanda for 12 years and then served another five years in the state Assembly. Since Henry has not returned to campus, Dick encouraged him to join us at Reunion.

Lois Lawall-Almeter is retired and living with her husband, Nelson, at Chautauqua, N.Y. They enjoy boating, fishing and traveling. She worked for 20 years as an executive assistant at the town, county and Congressional levels. They enjoy visits from their family of five children and 12 grandchildren. One son is a graduate of West Point and another of the Naval Academy, so they have vivid memories of attending Army-Navy football games.

Russ Harter is planning to drive from Massachusetts to Schenectady to travel to Canton with **Len Combi** for Reunion. More classmates should carpool! Russ and his wife, Marilyn, enjoy Holland American cruises. They recently completed their fourth cruise, to St. Petersburg, Russia, and found it in drab condition. They also enjoy Cape Cod. Their grandson sponsors "Life is Good" festivals; 10% of the proceeds go to a charity to help teachers service handicapped students. What an awesome undertaking!

Bob Biernacki still has his wonderful sense of humor. He also has the travel bug. He recently returned from Chicago and is planning trips to Bermuda, Paris, and Florence, Italy. His current read is *When Paris Went Dark*. Hopefully, one day we will be reading a book that Bob has authored.

Alida Isham Millham is busy

moving, after 40-plus years, from a New Hampshire mountain to a retirement community with many amenities. She continues to be involved with public health committees and hospital boards. Also, she is on a jail planning committee, a holdover from her New Hampshire legislative days.

Dottie Whitaker Cannon is busy with all her local Grafton, Vt., committees. Grafton was named one of the top ten prettiest towns in the United States. She is working in real estate and says the market is slow.

I received a copy of a letter from **Dick Contee** to **Jim Barrick**, **Leonard Price** and **Jim Wilkinson** suggesting that they all get together along with **Steve Avery** and Nancy at our reunion. That is a wonderful idea! The Contees journeyed to the Averys' home on Hilton Head Island and received a full island tour complete with drinks at a beach-side bar. Nancy and Steve are great tour guides and Dick recommends Avery Island Tour Service.

Liz Ehert and **Dave Beebe** continue as volunteers at the Camillus Erie Canal Park, conducting school tours, coach tours and dinner cruises, and hosting cyclists from all over the world taking the Canalway Trail from Albany to Buffalo. Liz and Dave enjoyed a trip with the Canal Society of New York State to the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal. They especially enjoyed George Washington's Potomac Canal at Great Falls.

Marian Finck Moore writes that in June she met son Chris and his family and daughter Julie in Calgary. They spent a few days in the Canadian Rockies. Coordinating 10 people for dinner and touring was quite a feat! In July, the

whole family gathered for a big party to celebrate Marian's 80th birthday. The plans included an 18-day tour of Lisbon and a Duero River cruise. She still plays tennis and bridge, and is president of a Yonkers senior center, so her life is busy.

Ed Laine has a small-world story, an unexpected visit by an ATO brother. Ed was working in the woodshop of the Habitat ReStore in Charlotte, N.C., when Robert Charles Bushnell '54 stopped in. Bob and Linda moved to Charlotte five years ago, but had never crossed paths with Ed. Bob saw a mention of Ed's work with the local Habitat ReStore in this magazine, and by coincidence, Bob's wife had been working in the same ReStore.

Another ATO, Rupert Collins '57, called Ed and Donna to share his good health news. "Rupe" wanted all to know he's still chugging along, still the old Rupert we all knew back in Canton, at the ATO house and as the houseboy at the Tri-Delta house. Ed concluded by saying, "St. Lawrence was a very special place in the 1950s wasn't it?"

Hundley Thompson spoke to the 80 employees and volunteers at the attractions at Grandfather Mountain, at their hospitality banquet. It's right on the Blue Ridge Parkway. Hundley also sent a list of "Great Quotes from Great Women." I like the one from Marie Curie, who dedicated Hepburn Hall as the science building at St. Lawrence: "I never notice what has been done. I only see what remains to be done."

Hope to see many of you on campus May 28-31 at our 60th Reunion!

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Sue Van Alen Sunanda and I enjoyed a conversation in August during which Sue commented that she and **Richard "Tinker" DeGraff** had attended the same elementary school and that she and **Jean Destler Wall** had been friends at St. Lawrence. After college, she received a master's degree in library science.

Sue lives in a care home in Rochester, N.Y., near her daughter. She uses a walker and says the brain's okay. She wants to keep up with SLU activities.

Joe Frascino studied biology and chemistry in college and played football for two years. He pursued medicine at Seton Hall University. He specialized in nephrology in Bergen County, where he served on the Board of Directors at Holy Name Hospital. Since retirement, he and wife Kathy have bicycled all over the world and keep up with grandchildren. **Walter Rose** and **Dietrich Waack** live nearby. Of St. Lawrence University, Joe says he received a super background in the sciences and the courses were well structured. He had a great time.

Jean Aurnhammer Holmes creates graphic boards for the decent presentations of the Berkeley Repertory Theater. She is active with Friends of the Berkeley Public Library, and is taking three art classes. Not one to stay still, Jean visits her granddaughter in Capetown, South Africa.

Joan Langlois Richardson and Joe have a home at Paradox Lake

in the southeastern Adirondacks. Eleven grandchildren keep Joan occupied, as do bridge, needlepoint, gardening, reading, hiking and swimming. During her 45-minute daily walk, Joan watches the loons. She received a master's degree from the School of Social Welfare in Albany, N.Y.

Bruce Moore did magic at St. Lawrence and recalls teaching magic tricks to **Ron "Obie" O'Brien**. He has retired from his careers as a drug salesman and jewelry store owner.

Ron spent 10 days in South Korea doing magic in August. He and his wife are wintering in Hilton Head, S.C. Tinker DeGraff says he "has OB all figured out. In hockey he had the fastest wrists. That is why he took up magic, because it is all in the wrists."

Ina Rappe Wishner sketches with pastels and sees friends in the White Plains, N.Y., area. She is considering a move to Florida.

Joyce Hotaling Kent found a picture from 1953 or 1954 with several girls in what appears to be a Dean-Eaton hallway. Everyone is dressed in formals, mostly tulle and fluffy. She identifies **Sylvia Maurycy Jolivet** and me. Joyce recalls Sylvia as a wonderful roommate and very good at golf. Joyce visited the Jolivet home in Schenectady one spring break and can still see her dining room table laden with the most wonderful Easter feast her mother had prepared. That was their tradition. Joyce is looking forward to retirement soon and has new office space until then.

Gary Conners wrote that he and Gwen took an Alaska cruise out of San Francisco in June and stayed in Napa Valley for a few days before sailing.

Bob Butts had hoped to describe the trip down the Rhine River that he and his wife, Mary, had planned. Knee surgery intervened, so they will try again next fall. Meanwhile, they are in the early planning stages of a move from Doylestown, Pa., to northern Virginia, where their son and his 3-year-old twins live. He has heard from **Jerry Lupinski**; he

and his wife are moving to a new condo in New Smyrna Beach, Fla.

George Aney believes he is one of the few members of our class who has not retired or slowed down. He keeps his law office in Herkimer, N.Y., and travels to Key West the first two weeks of each winter month, taking suitcases of work with him so he can keep busy there. Grandchildren of several of his friends attend St. Lawrence, and can't speak highly enough as to the type of education they are getting there, and what a joy it is to study and circulate on the St. Lawrence campus.

Ray Hartjen has a new web site that focuses on education reform. He's written a book, *Empowering the Child: Nurturing the Hungry Mind*, and a paper that he says "promotes a powerful new philosophy of education." The site is <http://educationfutures.org>. He also directs a community boat shop that is devoted to maintaining the skills of fine wooden boat building (see <http://eecbs.org/>) and can be found behind the East Hampton Marine Museum in Amagansett, N.Y.

I resumed lifelong learning classes in September, work on the church finance committee, prepare some meals for the homeless, go to the Y and have recently joined the League of Women Voters. Best of all is hearing from you!

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The St. Lawrence magazine beckons for a column about all of you, wherever you reside. It seems we spread ourselves fairly liberally over the country.

From Colorado, it was a treat to hear from **Al Parker**, who plans to attend our next reunion (the 60th) in 2018. Inspiration was



Photo by: Chris Melville '14

The Canton Rotary Club has dedicated a maple tree on campus in memory of **Peter Van de Water '58**, a past Rotarian, community activist and St. Lawrence vice president. Taking part in a brief dedication ceremony in October were, from left, Gerry Lambert (Rotary Area District Governor) **Lance W. Rudiger '82** (Canton Rotary President), **Elizabeth Blaisdell "Becky" Van de Water '60**, and Rotarians Janet Favro, St. Lawrence Emeritus Professor of English Robert DeGraaff and Ryan Niles.

provided last summer by a mini-reunion with **Ray Grinstead** after many years. His retirement from teaching should provide more time for the slopes. However, he is taking constitutional law courses on line and passed along the recommendation that our elected officials could profit from doing the same. Stay in touch, Al!

Boulder, Col., is home for **Dianne Sobel Hackett**. She and Ken frequently enjoy the company of two pre-school grandsons. However, travel is often on her agenda. They enjoyed a two-week Norwegian fjords cruise in the summer, followed by a visit to their daughter's family in Washington State. Ever the working artist, Dianne stocked up on fused glass, which she put to good use when she participated in the Open Studios tour in Boulder in October.

From northwest Ohio, **Bob Isaksen**, of Wauseon, spends his time volunteering at the local hospital. He is fortunate to have grandchildren close enough to spend time with them at his lakeside cottage. Like the rest of us, Bob says he spends too much time visiting doctors.

Residing in central New York, **Mona "Honey" Jore Moore** has been a substitute teacher for

40 years. As a retired teacher, I cannot state too strongly that a good substitute teacher is worth her weight in gold. I hope to hear more about her planned visit with **Sue SeEVERS Dietrich** and **Joan Lake Hacker**.

A note from the Boston area from **Paul Fidler** prompts me to explain briefly the need for patience from those who are kind enough to respond to my urging to write and then do not find their news in the next issue of the magazine. I send in a column at about the same time that you receive one. The column I write today will not appear for about three or four months. Please know that I cherish each response and try to include them all. Otherwise, there would be no column.

Dick Gilbert writes from Rochester, N.Y., that "retirement is a full-time job—no coffee breaks, no days off, no weekends, no sabbaticals and no pay." He does not sound retired to me. He has a new book, *Growing Up Absorbed: Religious Education Among the Unitarian Universalists*, and he continues as president of Interfaith Impact of New York State, a state advocacy group, and as president of the Unitarian Universalist Retired Ministers and Partners Association.

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 • All-Campus Block Party
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Although they are located most of the year in Indiana, Craig '60 and **Jolene Holt Fuhrmann** manage to spend some of the winter in Ft. Pierce, Fla. A family reunion took them to Lake Michigan last summer, with 15 able to attend. Three of their seven grandchildren are in college, in three different states.



New Jersey is the home base for Jack and **Betsy "BJ" Dunlap Erhard**, although they do love to travel. Jack took this picture of the Fuhrmanns and BJ about to enjoy a lobster dinner on Long Island. Future plans include a trip to Prague with a river cruise to Berlin. B J and **Mary Lou Horn Davies** attended the memorial service on Long Island for **Barbara Gray**.

California is home for Carol and **Allan Drew**. Abandoning the sometimes confining winter of Northern New York, they moved west nearer to family.

"Big Apple" resident **Jack Buchanan**'s whirlwind trip to Europe proved to be as much fun as he anticipated. It began with a nostalgic, bittersweet visit with Susi's family in Germany, where he and Susi courted. Good food seemed to be the hallmark of his visits with friends in Paris and in a few villages near Dordogne.

Lois Langtry's grandson is the poster child for Save the (St. Law-

rence) River's Catch and Release brochure. At age 10, Kamdyn is an avid fisherman and Lois claims he could catch a fish if he put his line in a mop pail.

Texans know a good man when they see one! In June, the Town Lake YMCA in Austin recognized **Ed Myers** as a RecognizeGood Legend. Ed has been teaching in the water for over 60 years. In his 82 years, he has done a lot with his career as a swim instructor, from establishing a swim program at St. Lawrence to teaching Naval recruits about water safety. A beloved swim instructor, Ed's community impact as a teacher is enormous. The Town Lake aquatics director called him the "hidden jewel of the Austin YMCA." Congratulations, Ed, for this well-deserved honor.

If your name does not appear this time, change that by sending me the latest news from your part of the world. How about a note regarding your most memorable professor, coach, or employee at SLU, with an explanation?

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The news from the class of 1960, once again, is very sparse! Please go to your computers/ipads/pens/paper and send a brief update on what is going on in your lives. Your fellow classmates would really love to know!

In the meantime, keep in mind that our 55th reunion is the end of May. Let's make it a great and memorable event!

Last summer, **Jay** and I were

fortunate to see Ann Somerville '63 and **Bruce Benedict** and Dennis Skidmore '61 and June, on Nantucket. In September, we watched the St. Lawrence football team trounce the Coast Guard Academy 45-14 on a 90-degree day. We were there with Ruth Carling '59 and **Barry Budlong**. Later we met up for a delicious dinner at the Budlongs' with Bob Lyle '58 and his lovely wife, Lois.

David Weber once again is in the news. Along with his many other accolades, he has been named a "Distinguished Alum" from Lockport, N.Y., high school.

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Last year, **Floyd Sandford** and his wife, Sharon, had a wonderful trip to China. In September, Floyd spent over three weeks in England hiking in two remote scenic areas in Somerset and Worcestershire, visiting four cathedral cities and doing an Earthwatch Expedition on climate change in a woodland near Oxford. Floyd is a docent at the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art. During the summer, he was asked to portray the Emperor Hadrian and to introduce visitors to the Roman gallery and a display of honorific busts of several of the emperors.

In June, **Pat Linderth Taylor** had a great trip to France with her 15-year-old granddaughters who are first cousins, one from Charleston, S.C., and one from Petaluma, Calif. They shopped on the Champs Elysees, saw the chateau country and Mont St. Michel, D-Day sites, the Bayeux tapestry and Monet's garden in Giverny. Pat was barely home before she and John '59 headed to Iceland for a hiking tour!

Jay Fleisher was also in Iceland, where he conducted a two-week geologic excursion for the Geological Society of America.

Apparently **Neil Sweezy** avoids typing, so his wife, Alice Place Sweezy '60, wrote for him! She and Neil have been married 53 years and have a wonderful life in Arizona. As they've done for the past 15 years, they spent most of the summer in the Wasatch Mountains in Utah. Then for the autumn they were on the Oregon coast, where their kids and grandchildren who live in Seattle could easily visit.

Last winter, **Jane Goolsby Urner** and Steve '60 visited Rod '59 and Barbara McCutcheon Lankler '59 in Tubac, Ariz. While there, they ran into Tory Liersch Spater Somerville '63. Small world! They had a glorious summer in the San Juan Islands, northwest of Seattle. In November, they were in Hawaii for their daughter Nancy's wedding.

Bob and **Betty Horwitz Graham** have joined most of us in the Three-Quarter Century Club! In early September, they attended the Historic Car Festival at Lime Rock, Conn. Bob reports that the new residence hall and reconfigured Quad are beautiful.

Jack Fancher and Barbara were in Georgia for a granddaughter's wedding and then went to Alabama to visit a daughter. He wrote, "We all find it difficult to realize that our granddaughter is now 24, a college graduate, and married. Either she's too young or we are not ready."

Sandy Towle hoped to have his second novel, *The Assassins' Game: A Caleb Frost Thriller*, published in time for holiday gifts.

Many of you will remember meeting **Jim Finke's** wife, Elaine, at a reunion. Jim wrote that her dementia is worsening and after several years of home care, he and their children made the difficult decision to move Elaine to an extended care Alzheimer's facility close to their home.

In late August, **Ken Shilkret** vacationed in York Beach, Maine. While there he and Patrice enjoyed the local towns, LL Bean's and golf. Ken must have just missed seeing **Pat Wright Ingraham** and **Chan**, who again

spent September in Portsmouth, N.H., one of the towns Ken enjoyed. Pat and Chan did see **Mary Frogner Lutz** and Arno.

Speaking of New England, while **Gene Hays** was in his New Hampshire farmhouse, Bob Karl '59 visited him. Gene remarked that his fraternity brothers keep in touch with each other and "make a point of getting together to relive all those wonderful times we experienced at SLU!"

In recent issues of *St. Lawrence*, President Bill Fox '75 has written about the value of roommates. And in his remarks at Matriculation in late August, he spoke about the importance of St. Lawrence friendships. I was reminded of his words when I heard about the deaths of three more classmates last year - **Nancy Orth** in May, **Margaret "Pedge" Potter Daniels** in June and **Bob "Bum" Steer** in July. Several of you wrote that you had roomed with one of them and how you valued their friendship. Others wrote of fond memories from over 50 years ago. Also in July, **Marion Bessey Hart** lost her husband, Doug. On the way home from her camp, **Claire Schwennker Stilwell** made a point of visiting Marion, one of her college roommates.

Scott Conroe '77 sent a note that *The General*, a documentary about **Terry Slater** and the 1989-90 Colgate hockey team he coached, was produced by Terry's sons, Grant and Todd. The team was ECAC champion and NCAA runner-up. The film traces Terry's building the program after arriving in the late 1970s. Several players and supporters were interviewed, including Scott, a sports writer who covered the team for the *Syracuse Herald American*. Scott said one thing the players mentioned was Terry's anger at a loss to SLU! A DVD can be purchased at www.slaterbrothersentertainment.com or www.thegeneral-themovie.com.

As always, I hope one of your New Year's resolutions is to con-

YOUR ALUMNI COUNCIL—'St. Lawrence Days'



We rarely hear "St. Lawrence Days," a wonderful Laurentian song written in the mid-1980s for the Singing Saints by President Lawry Gulick and English Professor Bob DeGraaff. I shared its lyrics with the Class of 2018 at its First-Year Convocation, an autumn ceremony during which new students mark their commitment to St. Lawrence and its honor code. Let me share them with you, too:

St. Lawrence Days

*The snowflakes falling through the lamppost light
 Bring memories of autumn's flight.
 Leaves in the fall turn to scarlet and brown;
 Remnants of childhood come scattering down;
 Pines in winter, ever green, hold their cones for seed,
 Give their color to spring leaves—life's enduring loyalties.
 Life, keep us as we change and grow,
 Faithful to the truths we know.*

As Laurentians, of course, we understand seasons—and that St. Lawrence, the place where we travel from childhood to adulthood, is with us long after we've left Canton. Speaking to the fresh-eyed faces of '18, I conveyed our commitment as Laurentians for Life and that integrity and honesty, faith and truth—*Fides et Veritas*—are sustaining Laurentian values. So, too, did several seniors and President Fox.

After enduring our approbations, the first-years lined up to sign their pledge to the Honor Code. Their signatures are kept in an ancient leather-bound volume once used to house the minutes of the corporation.

Before the ceremony began, I watched two of the student speakers, Thelmo President Kelly Appenzeller '15 and Caroline Fleischauer '15, chair of the Academic Honor Council, page through the old book to find their signatures from their First-Year Convocation in 2011.

Remnants of childhood came scattering down before my eyes.

Over the last decade, alongside our colleagues on the faculty and staff, your Alumni Executive Council has worked very hard at conveying to students that in choosing St. Lawrence, they chose an experience of fellowship that transcends time and place. The convocation and signing ceremony, begun just four years ago, are the fruit of that work.

Watching Kelly and Caroline search through page after page in that old register, I felt that rare satisfaction that comes with a job well done—their enthusiasm conveyed that we'd succeeded. As seniors, they're just about to embark on a new season.

Faithful to the truth, I'm confident, they'll go.

Edward J. Forbes '02
 President, Alumni Executive Council

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tact me at least once during the coming year! Wishing each of you a happy, healthy 2015.

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The only news I have to pass on is a very sad item. I recently spoke to Margot, widow of my good friend and fraternity brother **Jim Laible**. Jim passed away in the spring after a long bout with a rare affliction. I need not repeat the details that appeared in the last issue's "In Memory" section, but I will say he will be remembered as a great friend and wonderful family man.

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Leah Offenhamer Girolami is a GG (great grandmother)! Her daughter Sandy is a grandmother



From left, **Russell Madsen '65, Jessie Rightmyer Osborne '65, Dick Osborne '64, Rick Richmond '65, Jan Richmond and Mary Lou Sprague Madsen '64** met at the Madsens' summer home in Canandaigua, N.Y., for dinner. "We all had a great time talking about SLU 50th reunions—the one celebrated in 2014 and the one this year," said Russ Madsen.

at the "ripe old age of 46"! Leah visited them in Oklahoma during her school vacation, and was hoping to visit them in New York at Christmas. Leah says, "I am still teaching 5th grade in Las Vegas, but I really think this is my last year. I'M TIRED!!!"

Carla Schlossbach Treadwell Mungai spent two wonderful weeks in Virginia in July. She played in the Veterans' Soccer Cup in Virginia Beach with her women's O65 team, "Arizona Antiques." In October, Carla played on the "young" O60 team from Seattle called "No Regrets" in the Huntsman World Games in St. George, Utah.

Other than soccer, Carla keeps busy as a field supervisor for the Census Bureau. She hopes to retire in about 2020. Her three granddaughters are volleyball players; the older two play for Arizona Christian University in Phoenix and the youngest plays for her high school team. Cary and Carla go to as many games as possible.

Hilary Hartman Goodwin is selling their ranch in Wyoming and moving into town. She and Ralph have bought a home on a golf course south of Sheridan on the road to Big Horn. They have spent fun times with Jack and **Ann Cogswell Caldwell**.

Condolences to the family and

friends of Dr. **Carl Bozenmayer**, who died in February. Carl was a dentist in Rocky Hill, Conn.

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Last summer, Bruce and I took the Ebert grandboys to a fish hatchery in the wilds of New Hampshire, where we all wondered at the many pools of hatchlings, fry and young fish in various sizes. In the largest pool the "show fish," iridescent-golden-gorgeous adults, rose to the surface, flashed by us to be admired and fed. Rainbow trout, brown trout, Atlantic salmon. Some crowded assertively at our end of the pond, while others quietly swam at the far end.

The experience reminded me of all of us: hatchlings arriving at SLU in 1964, fry setting off into the world in 1964, and now gorgeous adults in our reunion pond last May. We had grown into who we were meant to be, not identical, not swimming in the same way or looking alike, yet shining together again.

Over that long Reunion Weekend, we shared many moments. We were certainly well fed. We were

greeted and feted as treasured members and colleagues of that larger pond of Laurentians. Then, there were all the smaller, quieter moments that made the weekend memorable for each of us. What follows, in no particular order, are some that stood out to this writer and others who were there.

Having Thursday night to ourselves to come together as a class was a great way to begin the weekend with laughter, recognition and even a pig-related "psychological profile" courtesy of the Berry-Coburns. Saturday morning brought us the Alumni Parade with our winning entry and the Alumni Citation ceremony with our own **Nancy Current Martin's** gracious acceptance of recognition as a Citizen of the World.

When all the classes prior to ours met for the Honor Guard dinner Saturday, we were inducted as members. Our personal treat was a surprise musical time capsule of our years at SLU delivered in fine voice by reunion co-chairman **Carol Pratt Hecklinger**, aided and abetted by **Scott Manuel, Janet Allen McFarland, Thelma Keltelsen McNulty** and **Larry Cohan**.

Yet, the smaller, more personal moments were magical too: The care classmates took of **Diane Friday Fisher** when she was tripped up by a Dean-Eaton step. The ladies of the class teasing **Grant White** about who he had to pay to get the best room in the dorm (one with its own bathroom). Having a great time riding to the Thousand Islands on the bus with **Edie Schmidt Kilgour** and finding how similar our world view was. (I'll remember that long after I forget the tour of the islands!) Laughing out loud with **Barbara O'Brien Bouchey**, who could have had a career as a stand-up comedian. Catching up with my high school friends **Bob Goodfellow** and **Dick Hecklinger '65**.

Yvonne Garbaccio Robinson mentioned the exceptional North Country weather we were treated to for the whole weekend. We couldn't have ordered better than the cool, dry, bright, sun-filled days and crisp evenings. That added a layer of enjoyment to

every event: picnic, parade, tours, golf, running, climbing.

Speaking of the picnic, one special moment for **Bob Gardner** was seeing and hearing **Charlie Freeman** sit in on piano with the band that was entertaining. (I have been a huge fan of Charlie's playing since my first freshman event when he was at the piano channeling Brubeck.) The Gardners and Freemans also walked down to the digs on Park Street that they had once shared with **Major Eagan** and **John Fox**. The new owner gave them a guided tour.

Bob's weekend was much improved by **Barrie March**. Bob had injured his right arm before coming to reunion, and, in pain on Friday, searched out the hospital (finding that it was no longer in its earlier Canton location.) The Gardners considered going home until a discussion with Dr. March allayed Bob's concerns, with a diagnosis of "hurts like hell and looks awful, but it'll heal up fine. No need to head home." How nice to have a doctor in the house. Oh, and lawyers, judges, professors, oh my.

For nostalgia of place, nothing beat the fun for the women of their return to Dean-Eaton: Finding our freshman rooms, sharing memories that included our roommates and hall mates, phone calls in the hall, sharing cigarettes in the "smoker," or picking up our mail from home in the (now missing) mailboxes. One special group of women visited "their" third floor, swapping stories of making life an "experience" for their least favorite hall mate, Dean Stout. (I can't imagine how she might have felt!) The guys were just all astonished to be on the *inside* of those heavy wooden doors. I even heard tell of some souvenir smooching on Murderer's Row.

Souvenirs: we all went home with our share of Brewer Bookstore's goodies. A mecca of literature and learning, it is also a source for all things St. Lawrence. I am a connoisseur of book stores and it is one of the best I have ever been

to. I also went home with a baseball signed by our premier senior softballer, **Richard Glazer**.

Of course, the best souvenirs were our connections with each other. Sometimes it was getting to know each other for the first time, as Janet McFarland said of her "sit down" with **Sue Mildner Walters**. **Marietta Kiley Teret** was able to catch up as she stayed with Janet. It was also reinvigorating old friendships as **Leigh Berry** did with **Barbi Zinner Reed**. (It was a great chance to meet Barbi's new husband, too.) With all of us, new friends and old, it was tales of kids and grandkids, new lives in retirement, travels and travails, health, careers – all the details making up our lives back home.

As always, we recognized the passing this year of our classmates **Jim McInnis, Peggie Freeman Flannery** and **Bruce Groff** at the Service of Remembrance. **Marietta Teret** and I loved being able to join Scott Manuel, Larry Cohan, Janet McFarland and Thelma McNulty in preparing and singing wonderful old SLU songs at this meaningful service. So ended a weekend of "a sea of smiles," as Carol Hecklinger put it, and loads of laughter with a quiet reflective note and thoughts of our personal blessings.

All our collective memories were bookended by our common arrival as freshmen and our launching into the world at graduation. Now those of us who were there can add the bond of our 50th reunion. If you were there, but weren't quoted here, consider this an open invitation to contribute your own memories to future columns. And of course, we continue to look for the ongoing life news and events from everyone in the class of '64. Write, call, email, drop in when you visit southern Delaware.

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I hope to see you all at our 50th Reunion in May!!!

Last July, **Jessie Rightmyer Osborne** and **Dick '64** and **Jan and Rick Richmond** joined **Mary Lou Sprague '64** and **Russ Madsen** at their summer home in Canandaigua, N.Y. Rick and Jan came from their home across the lake; the Osbornes spent the night while on their way home to Michigan after visiting New Hampshire. They're pictured on one of these pages.

Dan Sullivan sent a wonderful email mentioning all the classmates he and Ann have seen or with whom they have spoken. They have moved back to Northfield, Minn., to be near their daughter and her family and old friends from their 15 years at Carleton College.

While at the Chautauqua Institution last summer, they saw **Mike** and **Jan Keppler Brink**. The Brinks have consolidated on Cape Cod and plan on attending our 50th reunion as well as the 20th reunion of their daughter **Laura '94**. Another couple who attend Chautauqua every couple of years are **Stan** and **Sally Macdonald**. Stan taught journalism at SLU in 2007-2008 and helped with *The Hill News*.

Dan and Ann see **Dave Laird** and **Joanne** often in Minnesota. Dave plays percussion in the band, The Mouldy Figs.

Dan visited **Carol Pratt '64** and **Dick Hecklinger** when he was at a higher education conference in Washington. Carol has finished her term as a trustee at St. Lawrence, and although retired, Dick takes on lengthy and complex U.S. State Department assignments.

Dave and **Margee Burns Grow** met the Sullivans at Chautauqua, in Canton for a hockey game, and at their home in Rome, N.Y. Dave is still busy with his family's law firm and Margee helps with her grandchildren.

Doug Hartford met Dan for lunch in St. Paul. Doug is retired from



Following up on the 50th anniversary observance of the program in France, St. Lawrence's first international study program, at Reunion last spring, members of the Class of '66 who were participants in that program organized their own gathering in Atlanta in October. From left are **Nan Griffin, Phyllis Martin, Carole Ashkinaze Kay, Joan Cushing Marcus, Jackie La Croix Fagin, Rob Prince, Anne LeBeau Savage** and **Charlene Bangs Bickford**, singing a French drinking song, "Chevaliers de la Table Ronde."

"'Reunion Central' was the home of Carole Ashkinaze Kay and her husband, Irv," says Anne Savage. "We had a wonderful time sharing memories, photos, mementoes and our various returns to Rouen, Normandy, Paris and France in general. Carole and Irv delighted us with 'all things French,' from *croissants pour le petit déjeuner* to French music, French wines and a wonderful catered crepe dinner. Lunch at a marvelous French bistro and dinner at *Violette* gave us an opportunity to brush up our French language skills with the French waiters."

an outstanding career in higher education fund-raising and has volunteered to co-chair our reunion gift effort along with **Kent Fuller** and **Mary Fishel Bijur**.

Dan reports that **Susan Parsons '64** and **Mike Wolfe** still split their time between Marshfield, Mass., and Costa Rica. He has also spoken with **Sally Byrnes Magin, Kathy Lyons Metcalf, Karen Kellogg Spooner** and **Elaine Hollenbeck Stewart**. He ended his email by saying how special he feels our class was and is and what a positive outcome it made for the St. Lawrence experience.

Jill Casler Colver sent an email inquiring about classmates. She has four grandchildren; one is a senior in college. She spends part of the winter in Vero Beach, Fla., where she sees **Nancy Hall Sugahara**.

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We drove through campus one fall day, and a highlight was the reconfiguration of the Quad bordered by our beautiful new residence hall and patio and impressive stone steps and terracing on the chapel side. There were many students enjoying the new-found area. The chapel is still being worked on but is slowly getting a face lift and the word is that it should be back to normal by Commencement this May. We took in a football game (vs. Norwich) in the rain with **Carl** and **Dorothy Shaw Hoffman**, who were on their way to Vermont to visit with family and with **Bob '67** and **Pat Woehike Horne** in the Middlebury area. All is well on campus; even the Beta Temple is getting refurbished to be used by faculty and students.

Reamy Jansen wrote that he and **Leslie** have a great studio in Lexington, Ky. He is finishing a new book, entitled *Intervals, A Childhood*.

Pete Henry sends greetings to all from the West Coast. "Retirement keeps me busier than ever," he says. "With three vacation rentals



Alumnae from the Class of '67 shared a reunion at Ocean Isle, N.C., in May. Seated is **Dottie Houghton Kosicki**, while standing left to right are **Ellen Wilkinson, Shirley Rommel Grahek, Katie Winkky Liekoski** and **Debby Gay Scipione**.

(Sea Ranch and two in Tahoe) I am constantly traveling back and forth, updating, restaining." He's refining his historical novel, *Hard Chargers from the Sky*, published on Amazon and Kindle and available in bookstores through Ingram Distribution. Deb and he travel up to San Francisco "almost weekly to spoil our grandchildren, Sydney, 4 1/2, and Noble, 2."

George Colclough wrote that he and Kathryn continue to be very retired, 14 years now, in Wilbraham, Mass., where they have been since 1972 when George was mustered out of the Army the first time. Thirty years later he retired from the Army Reserves (couldn't stay away), and thinks often of the oft-used expression, "Where did the time go?" He said he loved every minute of it. He had just returned from a reunion of his Vietnam platoon and was amazed at how many showed up after 45 years. His son, George Jr. '98, and Christina are both JAG officers at Ft. Bragg, N.C. And his daughter, Heather Wellesley, and grandson

live on Long Island. Did you see George on the Food Channel's "Farmhouse Rules" in the fall? The show was about preparing duck and George was the hunter and the guest for dinner.

Pam Scalise Roth said that Tony '43 is still doing fine at 96 and moves between Olando, Fla., and Duluth, Minn. **Terry Phelps** continues to stay in touch from the West. Let us all hear from the rest of you...we are only a click away.

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Wow, I feel like I've won the lottery! Lots of news from classmates and even a visit from one!

Tom Randall says he and his wife have published five books about cemeteries around the world. Tom

is busy working on poetry and short prose. They have traveled extensively, including a recent trip to Tuscany.

Tom and I had a spirited exchange about our respective islands, Whidbey and Long. I mentioned a legal decision that determined Long Island to be a peninsula vs. an island, bestowing the honor of "Longest Island in the Lower 48" upon Whidbey, where I live. Of course, coming from New York, I find that hard to swallow, but we had a roaring good time emailing back and forth over it!

Julian Bergman, ever the loyal alumnus, says he is already looking forward to our 50th reunion less than three years away. He and Marcia had all three of their grandchildren at their home in Florida for the summer. He asks, "Ever try to take care of 3-year-old twin boys? They are on the go from sunrise to sunset. Luckily, they love our pool and spend a lot of time in it. I watch from my chair as I did when I was a lifeguard 50 years ago."

Julian says he sees Jim Davis, who earned a master's degree in physical education our senior year, a couple of times a year, since Jim and his wife rent a condo in Naples, Fla., in the winter. The Bergmans have been traveling, too: a Panama Canal cruise last fall and Hard Rock Resort-Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic in the spring.

Dottie Houghton Kosicki sent lots of news. In May, she, **Katie Winkky Liekoski, Debby Gay Scipione, Ellen Wilkinson** and **Shirley Rommel Grahek** got together at the Graheks' beach house in Ocean Isle, N.C. She said they made "a toast or two to SLU and the good old days!"

Katie, now retired from teaching math for 40 years, maintains a home in Solon, Ohio, but travels to Helsinki, Finland, several times a year, and to Los Angeles to see her two grandsons as often as possible. She has traveled to some unique places as her husband, Timo, helps coach the Finn-

ish Homeless Street Soccer team. The Homeless World Cup has been in Rio de Janeiro, Mexico City, Milan, Paris and Poznan, Poland, and in October was in Santiago, Chile.

Upon her husband's retirement from Morgan Stanley, Debby and Artie moved to Silverthorne, Col., near seven ski areas. Their daughters live in Boulder and Denver, and Debby teaches skiing at Copper Mountain. They also snowshoe in the National Forest behind their house, and Debby plays hockey on a women's team. When spring rolls around, you will find them in "Down East" Maine, in the very small coastal town of Roque Bluffs, where they bike, hike and kayak. They think they have the best of all possible worlds.

Ellen retired from a 27-year career with IBM in 1994 and then retired in 2001 from NetSchools, a company started in '96 with her two IBM bosses. She's lived in Atlanta for 35 years and invested very heavily in the early '80s in small single-family houses with 15-year mortgages, which turned out to be huge in helping her retire at a fairly early age. She's had a 10-year relationship with Carl, an IBM retiree who was widowed in '99. They met when Ellen organized a block party in his neighborhood in 2004. Shows you what being a social organizer does for you!

Shirley and Dave Grahek '65 live in the mid-coastal community of Cypress Landing, N.C. They stay active with sports and volunteering. Travels to see family keep them busy, as does a yearly winter stay in Aruba. "An Alaskan cruise and Dave's 50th SLU reunion are on the agenda for 2015," she said.

Dottie says husband John retired for the second time in April. Although they love their life in Wilmington, N.C., their house is on the market, and they're planning to move to the Charlotte area to be closer to family.

In September, I had a quick but wonderful visit from **Ginny Fosdick Stevenson** and mutual friend Carol Hamilton, who were in Seattle for an Alaskan cruise. We had a beautiful day to celebrate our 50 years of friendship.

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We have some news but if it dries up I shall be forced to go on Facebook and search sites for information. So beware what you post!

Jim Garbarino's new book, from the University of California Press, will come out this winter. *Listening to Killers: Lessons Learned from My 20 Years as a Psychological Expert Witness in Murder Cases* is his "magnum opus" about violence. It occurred to Jim a few years ago that he was coming up on 20 years since his first case and it was time to put all that together in one place. The book blends first-person case reports with scientific analysis of human development issues in the lives of killers.

Jim lectured recently in South Africa on violence. His son Josh is a lawyer and daughter Joanna is a family therapist. Both are married but no grandchildren as yet.

Jim says he sees **Dan Clayton** in Colorado, where Dan is a professor at Regis University. Jim describes their visits as "one of those timeless friendships that grace one's life. When we are together it is as if time is irrelevant and it is still the mid-1960s in

Canton." Have you college friends like that?

Leanna Abrams Landsmann saw **Ann Todhunter Brode** in Santa Barbara, both her home and office where she sees clients for her somatic bodywork (sbhealth-source.org). Ann's husband, Ben, who crafts furniture, is also a California landscape painter (see the book *In Search of the Dark Watchers*). Leanna noted that Ann and Ben love watching and guiding their grandchildren as they grow.

I visited in Sunapee, N.H., with **Annie Montgomery**, who is on the Alumni Executive Council. She is excited about the "Laurentian for Life" initiative as well as the support that the AEC gives to many SLU activities and programs like the one Annie's involved with, the New York City Semester. Annie is studying with the Ackerman Institute for Family and Couples Therapy.

After my trip to Ireland and the Orkney Islands last summer, I saw classmates on the north shore of Boston. One was **Kathleen Wajda Howlett**, who splits her time between Rome N.Y., and Savannah, Ga.

Gareth Whittier Huggins '69 in Prides Crossing, Mass., and I get together; my latest visit happily coincided with that of her sister, **Lauren Whittier Schweizer**. Lauren and Paul will be spending the winter in Phoenix and returning to Elmira next summer.

I so enjoyed this missive from **Al Vincent**: "In September 1964 AD, a group of men descended upon Men's Res in the Hall of Abbott, and it was good. They ate together, drank together, played together and even studied together, forming lasting bonds, a fraternity without Greek letters.

While they didn't all make it to the finish line together, their friendship remained strong. And so it was proclaimed, 'It's been fifty years, let's get together!' Thus **Gene Power**, Dan Schmidt '71, **Bill Brewer, Tony Loucas, Rodgers Williams** and Al did get together. Flagons were raised and a great feast was consumed. And it was good."

I get many requests for emails and phone numbers but I have no information that is not already on the "My St Lawrence" website. Go to <http://alumni.stlawu.edu/my-home> and fill out any information on your profile. There's an Alumni Directory to make it easy for classmates to connect.

If you enjoyed (and/or survived) your 50th high school reunion this year, think of how much fun you'll have at our 50th...in 2018. Do you believe it's less than four years away!

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Please come to Reunion, whether you come every time or have never been back. We always have a great time. Thanks to **Pete Ticconi** for heading up this one.

Bob Stine has decided "once every 45 years..." Bob and his wife, high school sweetheart Betty, celebrated their 45th anniversary in 2014. After he got his MBA from Wharton, they moved to San Diego, where he spent six years with Coldwell Banker and 17 years with two partners in private com-

mercial development. For the next 17 years he was the CEO of Tejon Ranch Company, a NYSE-listed company and the largest landowner in California, retiring in 2013. Now they are in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., and (Bob's words) "to avoid the long, harsh, cold San Diego winters" (break my heart, Bob) they winter in the Palm Desert area. They have two children and four "fantastic and fun" grandchildren, and feel blessed.

Mack Thayer and Porter still live in Richmond, Va., and have no retirement plans. Porter is a freelance graphic designer, and Mack runs Junior Golf Scoreboard, a website that for 16 years has tracked competitive junior golf, following more than 2,000 events and ranking more than 11,000 junior players 18 years of age or younger. He has also joined the boards of a local YMCA and the Richmond Justice Initiative, which fights human trafficking. Mack recently visited Wheaton Griffin '68, who has been the director of the New York YMCA camp in Huguenot, N.Y., and fellow alumnus of Camp Dudley, where several Laurentians, including the late soccer coach Bob Goodwin, have attended or been on staff. His next project is to write a book about building strong youth ministries and leading small groups for high school youth, something he has been passionate about for several years.

As is becoming all too common in this column, I must note the passing of **Rick Hughes** and **Meg Yandon White**, who were both memorialized in the last issue. Our condolences go out to their families.

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After a successful career with Morgan Stanley, **Chris Lazowski Henke** fled the snowy North and has settled in North Carolina. She's kept in touch with Ellen Briggs Kreitler '69 (known to all



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In September, **Julia Hall '14** (KSP spring '13) hosted her urban host mother, Rose Mbula, and sister, Prisca Ojwang, at her hometown in the Adirondacks. They enjoyed watching fireworks, seeing the leaves change, and taking a boat ride on the clear waters of Lake George.

Constance Scharff '94 (KSP fall '92) writes, “I had the good fortune to speak at grand rounds at Lentegeur Hospital, a township hospital near Cape Town, and at the World Congress for Psychotherapy, which convened in Durban. Both times, I spoke with experts about the advances in addiction treatment and how we can bring better addiction treatment therapies to South Africa and other nations where access to care is limited.”

Trustee **Jay Ireland '77** was profiled in an August *Albany Times Union* article discussing General Electric’s investment in power generation in Africa. Ireland is the president and CEO of GE Africa.

U.S. Senator **Chris Coons** (D-Del., KSP spring '84), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations

Subcommittee on African Affairs, was a panelist at the U.N. Climate Summit in New York City in September.

Along similar lines, The BOMA Project, whose founder and CEO is **Kathleen Colson '79** (KSP spring '78), is one of nine stories featured in a new U.N. documentary about people taking action on climate change. *Climate Heroes: Stories of Change* features BOMA’s work enabling vulnerable women in northern Kenya to adapt through creation of small businesses. View the film at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nozdbgeZFxQ>.

Julia Huber and **Addie Peterson** (both '14 and KSP spring '13) led community service programs in Tanzania last summer for Putney Student Travel.

Pat McLaughlin '05 (KSP fall '04) led a National Geographic Student Expeditions (NGSE) program last summer in the Pacific Northwest that explored the Olympic Peninsula and San Juan Islands. **Haley Burrowes '14** (KSP spring '13) and I also traveled with NGSE, leading a group of high school students in northern Tanzania. Haley is now an admissions counselor at Colby College.

With the suspension of the fall 2014 Kenya Program, Directors **Wairimu Ndirangu** and **Abdelwahab Sinnary** traveled to Canton to teach short courses in African studies. Wairimu taught Healthcare in Developing Countries: Challenges and Solutions, while Sinnary taught Philosophy and Practice of Conservation in East Africa. Wairimu’s son Ndirangu, who many KSP alumni remember from their days at the Karen center, has begun at St. Lawrence as a member of

the Class of 2018.

Sajana Blank '08 (KSP spring '06) writes, “Over the summer I had the chance to catch up with **Katie Gauthier Donnelly '04** (KSP fall '02) and Wairimu at the NAFSA conference in San Diego, and then headed to Canton for the 40th anniversary of the KSP. I’m still living in Brooklyn, and I get my KSP/SLU fix by hanging out with my good friends **Dan Shafer** and **Brittany Goss** (both '08 and KSP fall '06), as well as my roommate, **Trevor Lowell '08** (KSP spring '07).

“Dan got married in September in beautiful Stoddard, N.H., with many alums in attendance. His office at Crop to Cup is around the block from my apartment! Trevor is in his second year of grad school at NYU, and Brittany also lives in Brooklyn. She’s an editorial assistant in a division of Penguin Random House and does some freelance writing as well.”

Sajana says she’s “back into higher education after working at AFS-USA for almost three years. My role at AFS was specifically related to youth development, education and diplomacy, and focused on countries in the Arab world (including very direct work with my former colleagues in Kenya). This was an enriching experience, but I’m very happy to be back in academia, working in the study abroad office at Fordham University and taking graduate classes.”

If you haven’t already, be sure to check out (and join!) the KSP Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/6790476858/>.

Your news and photos are welcome. I look forward to hearing from you. Tutaonana!

as “Berf”) and Charlie Kreidler '69, who live in Austin, Texas. She’s “been exchanging Christmas cards with Berf and Diane Reynolds Armbruster '69 for decades. I also hear occasionally from **Nancy Ivers Osterwise**. My attorney and friend is **Mahlon Perkins**.”

Chris added, “I have very fond memories of St. Lawrence although I doubt I would recognize the campus now! Our generation and our class really had a lot of special things going for it and I think that’s part of the reason why the friendships made at SLU have endured.”

Chris’s son, Tim, and his family live in Maryland, and she has two

grandchildren upon whom to dote. Chris writes, “Grandchildren are such a blessing. They really bring a smile to my heart every visit.”

Ron Hayden is playing more golf as he adjusts to retirement. More important, he and Winnie Madden '69 welcomed a new grandson within an hour of his birth!

Paul Henderson continues to be among our most well-traveled classmates. Paul and Wendy’s daughter Laura spent eight years in Australia and recently moved to Vancouver Island, “only a five hour flight vs. nineteen to Australia,” Paul points out. Their other daughter, Jenny, lives in Toronto, and delivered their first grand-

child, a baby boy.

You will note in “In Memory” the death of our classmate and dear friend **Katy MacKay**. Dating back to our undergraduate days, Katy always had a special bond with our group of Sigma Pi’s and, later, our significant others. Over the decades, she traveled with us to get-togethers all over the East and to our memorable 60th birthday celebration in Atlantic City. She was always in the middle of things, celebrating and retelling old stories. (She never got the hang of embellishing, but we can forgive her.) She couldn’t travel to our recent adventure in Maine, but we did manage to Facetime her and have some laughs. Over her

last year, we touched base often, and her passion for St. Lawrence and the many friends she’d made over the years was a thread running through every conversation. I will miss her many attempts to recruit me for SLU projects. In fact, that is how I came to be your class reporter.

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It’s great that **Dennis McNally** has

continued his involvement with many of music industry’s most gifted people. He relates, “Ever since I finished the Grateful Dead book I’ve been working on a new one, one that traces the deepest roots of the ‘60s and of rock ‘n’ roll, a book that studies what white people have learned from black music from the minstrel era to Bob Dylan. I’m glad to say it’s done.” *On Highway 61/ Music, Race, and the Evolution of Cultural Freedom* was scheduled for release October 14 from Counterpoint Press.

“Since it’s 2014 and I’ve decided to admit that fact, I’ve got a website, www.dennismcnally.com,” Dennis continued. “It’s got a sample of the new book, some portions of the Dead and Kerouac books, and other information about me and my work, including a blog. I sincerely hope that all will go there, sign up for the newsletter I’ll be sending out monthly from now on, and even – what a good idea! – pre-order the book.

“It’s been a long haul to research, write and sell the book to a publisher,” Dennis concluded, saying that now is “the fun part.” Dennis hopes his friends from SLU will enjoy the book.

Ann Massey surprised husband **Tom Massey** with a 65th-birthday golf outing at Pebble Beach with their son. She said Tom “still greatly enjoys working for GE Health and often travels to China. We commute between our home in San Diego and Milwaukee, Wis., where GE is located. We love being in San Diego to be near our three married children and six very fun grandchildren, all under 6 years!” They have remained in touch with **Dan Bloomer** and his family.

Ted Higgins writes that he’s still actively practicing vascular and general surgery in Kansas City. He’d just finished a 150-mile bike ride in support of MS research, his team’s 22nd year of involvement.

“After many years in the Dominican Republic with a surgical mission team, I have focused attention on Haiti, where we operate in a clinic,” he said. “I still return

yearly to the Dominican Republic to work with their surgeons, teaching vascular surgery and particularly establishing access for their dialysis patients.”

David Hebert continues as proprietor of a small cleaning business in Florence, Mass. “I will try to continue working as long as my health will permit,” he wrote.



Longtime *Ogdensburg (N.Y.) Journal* and *Advance News* Sports Editor **Dave Shea** has been honored by the Ogdensburg City School District for providing 42 years of sports coverage, with the naming in his honor of the district’s new press box. The facility was dedicated in September, at which time Superintendent Timothy M. Vernsey said, “Probably no one has had a more positive influence on the reporting of North Country high school sports than Dave Shea, a one-of-a-kind North Country legend.” “He puts the kids first,” added Tony Bjork '89, who became acquainted with Shea as a track and field athlete in Ogdensburg and at St. Lawrence University, and is now athletics director at Ogdensburg Free Academy.

1972

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I got an email from **Peter “Boomer” Brennan** with photos of the party he had in August for **Arnie Edelberg** that brought out

100 guests. Boomer has stayed connected to his SLU buddies for many decades and says, “You have to work at staying friends and staying in touch. But when you spent most of four years with these people at a time in life when you are able to do things spontaneously, it is nothing but good memories.” Boomer was hoping to travel to Chicago for a visit with his ailing buddy **John Hutzenlaub** in November.

Perry Vockrodt lives in Loveland, Col., and remains very active as an Honor Flight Guardian for distinguished members of the military. Perry served in the Navy and was an officer on the *Intrepid*. Last summer, he was privileged to be a guardian for a Korean War veteran and accompanied him to a banquet reception in Baltimore for World War II and Korean veterans. As the number of these veterans dwindles, Perry has stepped up his efforts at helping them attend ceremonies in their honor.

Judy Howe displayed some outstanding photos on Facebook of her week-long trip to Ireland last July. She wrote of “Dublin’s culture and fun, Trinity College library, Riverdance, parks, statues, pubs, music, Eniskerry with Powerscourt gardens and beautiful country walks. I will go back!” Judy stays in contact with longtime friend **Karen Benson Smedley**, still working at Loyola University Maryland in Baltimore.

Whenever I receive a text message at an odd hour, it can only be from one person, **Mike Keenan**. “Greetings from Russia!” was the message. Mike will attempt to duplicate his success coaching Metallurg Magnitogorsk, the Russian hockey team that won the Gagarin Cup last season. Mike’s wife, Nola, has especially enjoyed her time in Russia as she has studied Russian history and is fascinated by the rich cultural treasures of its people. Mike has enjoyed VIP tours to many of the museums and historical buildings in both Moscow and St.

Petersburg. He is hoping to write a book on “this most fabulous and fascinating life” and truly credits his experience at St. Lawrence as laying the groundwork for most of his successes.

1973

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Unfortunately, the only news I have to report is the death of **Jim Rudd**. Jim was not able to attend our 40th reunion, but did send me an update on his career which I reported in an earlier issue. The following is adapted from Jim’s induction into the North Dakota Athletic Trainers Association Hall of Fame:

“(Within) the athletic training profession, Jim served on the North Dakota Board of Licensure, was a state and district officer, and served as a national committee chair. During his tenure, the Licensure Board began pursuing the development of formal rules and regulations for the profession. He has promoted the profession to medical students and residents in his role as a sports medicine preceptor at the University of North Dakota; to students in the curriculum program at UND; and during lectures at area high schools and other organizations. Jim chaired the 2000 state symposium, served on a physical therapy/athletic training task force, and was a speaker at state meetings.

“However, Jim’s greatest gift to the profession of athletic training is the number of students he was instrumental in developing at UND (and) in developing the Bachelor of Science in athletic training degree in the School of Medicine and Health Sciences in the early 1990s. He remained an active professor and academic adviser in the program.”

The white solitude of a silent winter's day envelops Jencks Residence Hall as the St. Lawrence campus enjoys a quiet respite between semesters.



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Barbara Fuchs Brown lives in Grand Rapids, Mich., and would have loved to come to Reunion. She has been divorced for 10 years and supports herself with her private math tutoring business. She works with 25 to 30 students a week. Reunion Weekend was right before final exams for her students, so she couldn't get away. She has four children and six grandchildren.

Last summer I spent 10 days in Guatemala visiting a friend who lived with my family as an exchange student during my senior year in high school. It was great catching up in person instead of on Facebook or Skype. Along with sites in and near Guatemala City (Antigua, Ciudad Vieja, Lake Atitlan), my husband and I took a riverboat on Rio Dulce from the interior to the Caribbean and explored Mayan ruins. I overcame my fear of heights and climbed to the top of several temples and crossed suspension bridges that were longer than a football field. It was a wonderful trip.



Recent circulation among the Class of '78 of the wedding photo of **Tom Legg '78**, back in August 1978, stirred a few memories as well as comments about hair and clothing styles (and in the case of hair, its mere existence); for a run-down, see the '78 class column.

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Reid Callanan, founder and director of the Santa Fe Photographic Workshops, is the subject of a detailed interview that can be read here: www.aphotoeditor.com/2014/05/21/reid-callanan-founder-of-santa-fe-workshops. He says he developed his passion for photography while on St. Lawrence's London Program.

Paul Rabeler and Linda have been "empty nesters" since their younger daughter graduated from college in 2012. Both girls went to college in the Philadelphia area and chose to stay.

With tuition payments behind them, Paul and his family went on some great vacations in 2013 and 2014: nearly a dozen national parks in Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Utah (their favorite) and California; then a two-week cruise on the Rhine and Mosel Rivers. Paul and Linda were joined by her parents, her sister and her sister's husband in touring vineyards, Roman ruins, cathedrals, two World War II cemeteries, castles, a palace and windmills.

Paul is thinking about attending our 40th Reunion. I hope you are, too!

1976

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Next Reunion: 40th, 2016

Somehow I "tempted" (his word) **David Smith** into finally sending news. He's been in Texas since 1978, in lighting sales. "We are trying to keep things illuminated so we old folks can see at night," he said. He'd like to get back in touch (at smitty611@gmail.com) with **Steve Wheeler** and Nancy Von Lengerke '77, **Dan Fenno**, **Tom Monks**, **Joe Braz** and Mer Horton '77, **Matt Schlegel**, **Billy Jann**, **Cindy Arthur LaGrasse**, **Bill Powers** "and various others."



Tom Sopchak wrote that Mark Mayfield '78 and Steve Rhoads '78 played at the Algonquin Hotel in Bolton Landing, on Lake George, last summer, and he joined in on bass for several numbers.

Brian Henry says, "My bird photos—13 total—are part of the 2015 Adirondack Mountain Club (ADK) calendar and the calendar looks nice in my very biased opinion." It can be purchased at www.adk.org/product.php?pid=2223&pname=2015%20Calendar.

Brenda Hensler Reiter wrote in late September, "Headed home from Vienna, Austria, IES reunion (40th). Saw **Howie Flood** and his wife, Nubis. He is still living in N.J., and is retired. His wife has a very successful job designing and sewing wedding gowns. Howie said **Gary Lange** and his wife, Martha, took three months and

rode their bikes across the U.S. last summer.

In other news, **Harold "Tom" Tomlinson** has retired after 36 years with GE, and **Larry Buonocore** retired after the same number of years with IBM and has joined Year Up (yearup.org), a non-profit focused on workforce development for urban youth ages 18-24 with a high school diploma or equivalent. They provide a six-month intensive business-oriented academic program followed by a corporate internship. They were recently featured on a CBS *60 Minutes* segment.

On a sad note, word reached us **Andrew J. Scott** passed away in June. He was a physical therapist in the Boston area. For more on Andy, see "In Memory."

Please store up your news and updates for the next column and send me an email anytime....

1977

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Proving yet again that the St. Lawrence reach is far and wide, **Webb Thomsen** sent this photo from Washington state. "That is Mt Rainier in background," he said. "I get more recognition of St. Lawrence with this jersey than I did with my SLU flip flops! Way more St. Lawrence awareness out here in Seattle than I remember getting even while attending," said the banker from Bellevue, across Lake Washington from Seattle.

While we're on the subject of the state of Washington, **Barb**

Shea Davidson visited North Cascades National Park in mid-September, and posted incredible pictures of the magnificent scenery.

Also in September, following numerous international travels (Italy, Japan) **Stephen** and **Nancy Dayton Houston** moved to D.C., for a year-long fellowship. Steve is an archaeologist who specializes in the ancient Maya, especially their writing and art. His fellowship is at the Center for the Advanced Study of Visual Art (CASVA), part of the National Gallery of Art. He is one of 15 fellows and plans to write a book about men in ancient Maya, particularly young men, since many artifacts from that society are associated with coming-of-age ceremonies.

Congrats to **Lisbeth Dahlen Whitney** for 16 years at Astoria Bank. She is a vice president and branch manager.

Betsy Bernard took the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge and completed it with a smile. It probably helped slightly that it was in August, but even so, I was impressed!

1978

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Through Facebook I learned that several '78 alums have been dumping ice buckets over their heads in the overwhelming response to the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge. Amazingly, as of late August, over \$100 million had been raised! I'm aware of Joel '77 and **Darcy Reiman MacClaren**, who challenged **Diane** and **Barney Stevenson**, who in turn challenged Nancy and me. No doubt many other classmates participated; we applaud everyone for their generous philanthropic spirit to battle ALS.

Joel '77 emailed news that he and Darcy attended the alumni event at Saratoga Race Track in early August and "had a very good time."

LAURENTIAN CONNECTIONS

ALESSANDRA BANGE-HALL '08, PIPER BOUTIQUE, www.piperboutique.com/

While working in the high-end fashion retail industry, **Alessandra "Allie" Bange-Hall '08** saw how pricey it has become for today's young professional women to be trendy and fashionable. She wanted to change that.



"It's not realistic for most women to buy a \$1,000 sweater they'll wear a few times," she says. "I thought I could find a way to help them stay ahead of trends while not spending a fortune."

Enter Piper Boutique, a women's clothing and accessories store Allie opened in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., in 2011. Besides finding items in nearly every color, pattern and textile you can imagine, a big Piper perk is that everything in the store is under \$100.

Starting Piper was a risk for Allie, who had just over \$10,000 in savings. She did it on her own without borrowing money from family or taking out loans, but with the help of a degree in economics and experience working in finance. "Owning a clothing store is 10 percent clothes and 90 percent business," she explains.

Nearly four years later, her company has a valuation nearing \$2.2 million and, in addition to the flagship store, operates boutiques in Philadelphia and Chicago, as well as a wholesale showroom where she manufactures items that other retailers purchase to sell in their stores. Her biggest wholesale client is Kleinfeld's, the bridal store featured on The Learning Channel's popular "Say Yes to the Dress" television show.

While building her company, Allie realized she couldn't be afraid to ask others for advice. "When you're an entrepreneur, you have to put down your pride," she explains. "You can't be stubborn. I've been lucky to have so many women entrepreneurs here in Saratoga to learn from. People with completely different businesses have been willing to help and let me learn from good and bad experiences they've had. This was a great community and environment for me to learn and grow my company in."

For Allie, being an entrepreneur means a lot trial and error. "You can spend a full day, week, month or more on a project and not have it work out, and that's okay," she says. "You have to keep your wits about you and not get frustrated. Throw a ball up in the air and you'll catch it 20 percent of the time. No matter the outcome, it's always worth trying."

— MSB

I'm very pleased to report that **Bruce Carlisle** does not seem to have been negatively affected by the Magnitude 6 earthquake that hit Napa, Calif., on Aug. 24, only 22 miles away from his home in Larkspur. Yikes! Bruce dutifully reported the earthquake to the U.S. Geological Service.

Thanks in part to advice from **Jim Carpenter**, about things to do in Jackson Hole and Yellowstone, Wyo., we had a great vacation there in early September. Jim owns a home in the area and reported an almost unlimited number of things to do amid the gorgeous scenery, and said there

are tons of SLU alums nearby.

In mid-August, I received a surprise text from Joanne and **Tom "Big D" Legg**, along with the photo shown on page 54 from their August '78 wedding, which had many alums. We all wish Tom and Joanne a very happy (belated) anniversary!

Tom and I had a follow-up call and a series of text messages with Joe Baldino '79. I learned that Tom's older son, Michael, is engaged, and that their younger son, Daniel, landed a job with Sherwin Williams. Tom operates his search firm, specializing in

molecular diagnostic sales. Joe Baldino's son, Tyler, is a senior at good old SLU.

In an effort to drum up class news, I emailed the photo from the Leggs' wedding to all of those in it, and to others who might know them, which generated the following responses:

Kevin Bisaccio: "Why is Ron Daniels looking so aghast?"

Sue Drolet Ferguson: "I don't recognize anyone-too much hair!!"

Barney Stevenson: Brings back memories of fun times."



From left, **Sara Riordan '79**, **Carol Stokes-Cawley '79** and **Deb Barnard Strianese '79** had a great visit together in August and climbed Mt. Cardigan, near Riordan's home in New Hampshire. "That's my dog June next to me," Riordan said. "She has not attended college yet."

Gary Griffin '77: "Youth is wasted on the young."

John Crowley '76: "Based on the clothes, it's possible that there were a few pairs of platform shoes."

Jeff "Moose" Bentley '77: "A lot of guys with full heads of hair that I bet don't have so much now!"

Dennis Barden '79: "A blast from the past indeed!"

Mike Quinn (Bongo) emailed that there had been "Lots of SLU folk about Lake Placid. **Tim Judson** stopped by after a golf outing with **Jeff 'Jocko' Reyell**. He was with his family at Camp Canaras. **Lori Light** had dinner with Beth and me, then we visited **Mike 'Bird' DeMane's** camp on Upper Saranac Lake. Lori has

relocated to Chicago, working for Endurance, an insurance/reinsurance provider. Bird and his lovely bride are in Minnesota. **Rick Leidig** has a camp caretaking business." Bongo is now up to 44 on the way to completing the 46 highest Adirondack peaks. Jeff had promised to finish with him in September. We'll keep our fingers crossed.

Bongo and Beth had an enjoyable time at the Natural History Museum of the Adirondacks ("The Wild Center") in Tupper Lake, where Lynn '68 and Terry Burns Bird-song '69 hosted a St. Lawrence get-together. Lynn is a founding member and president of the museum, and Lynn Fox is on the Board of Trustees. Attending were North Country alums Lee Pollack '74, Brian '74 and Janet Hurley Bliss '74 with son Andrew '14, and

many others. Bongo reports that "Once again President Fox was gracious and tied the Adirondack affair together, by reading a poem done by another alum that described rowing a boat, when you look backward, while going forward."

Bongo's son Eli is at Siena College, and according to Bongo, **Don White's** son Skyler is at RIT. Bongo also reported that **Rich Veith** was planning a fall canoe trip on the Saranac Lakes.

Bongo invites everyone to "Come on up, visit the Adirondacks, and stop in at Desperadoes for your fill of 'Mexiquinn' food!" In July, **Jean Harrison Filer** and **Gael Maybury Sopchak** stopped in to give Bongo their summer hello.

Mitch Brown emailed in late August, "I'm a ramblin' man.... I moved back to Colorado to be close to my daughters. Middle daughter started at the University of Colorado at Boulder, where she is on a partial scholarship for their D1 women's lacrosse team. My son is a sophomore at SLU and another daughter is also at Boulder. I miss New England and the many Laurentian alums there."

On LinkedIn, I saw that **Steve Rhoads** and **Mark Mayfield** (www.facebook.com/mayfield-rhoads) were scheduled to

perform the old favorites and new to-be-classics at the Algonquin Restaurant in Bolton Landing, N.Y., in late August. There's a picture in the '76 column.

Stephen Bajaly had his seven-year anniversary at Wayne State University in August. He's associate dean and professor of library and information science.



Steve "Freebs" Freeborn told me **Monty Bauer** had convinced him to participate in Chicago's "Big Shoulders" 5K Lake Michigan swim, a nationally recognized race, which usually has about 1,000 entrants. Steve said they "did quite well in our age group." Steve sent a photo of him and Monty on the shore after the swim, in front of "SLU" carved into the beach sand. Steve and many other swimmers planned to return to campus in October for a reunion of the swim team.

Utilizing LinkedIn's networking power, I was able to re-connect with a freshman hallmate, Hugh Carvel '77, after 37 years! He emailed, "Our younger daughter just went off to college, so we're heading into empty nester mode. It takes me back to Larryland days."

1979

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 khisong@stlawu.edu.

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Next Reunion: 35th, 2016
(cluster with '80 '82)

Lucy Cardella Rathier was selected for a 2014 Dean's Excellence in Teaching Award from the W. Alpert Medical School of Brown University. Lucy is a licensed clinical psychologist and clinical director of outpatient behavioral medicine services at The Miriam Hospital in Providence, R.I. For more on Lucy and her award, go to www.linkedin.com/pub/lucy-rathier/9/570/580.



Alan J. Pierce has been selected as an Upstate New York Super Lawyer for 2014. A partner in the litigation practice of the Syracuse firm of Hancock Estabrook, LLP, he has more than 20 years of concentration in appellate practice, insurance coverage, defamation, and civil and commercial litigation.

Super Lawyers is a rating service of outstanding lawyers from more than 70 practice areas who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. It is limited to 5 percent of the lawyers in the state.

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GardenShare, a St. Lawrence County-based organization devoted to ending hunger and strengthening food security in the North Country, has named **Gloria McAdam** its new executive director. A native of Gouverneur, she had been president and CEO of Foodshare, which works to alleviate hunger and poverty in Greater Hartford, Conn. She has been involved in hunger issues and food banking at both the regional and national levels for decades, having served as vice chair of the National Council and for two years on the Board of Directors of Feeding America, the country's largest charitable food program.

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(cluster with '81, '82)



The Rev. **David S. Blanchard** has joined the ministerial staff of the First Unitarian Church of Rochester N.Y. An unexpected reward of serving this congregation is seeing Suzanne Brush '80, and her mother, Nancy Brush '53 most Sundays in the congregation.

1983

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(cluster with '84, '85)

I know when the snow is flying, and the magazine arrives, I will be nostalgic about my time in Canton. The frozen hair, crisp walks on crunchy snow, the melt lines revealing the poorly insulated heating pipes that must haunt environmentally-minded graduates to this day!

It's really hard not to be nostalgic when you receive a note like the one **Laura Taylor Patrick** sent me about the dropping off of four new "Chips." The Class of 2018 has new Saints Grant, Jack and Grace! A fun dinner at The Club in Canton included parents **Laura, Alice Richardson Antonelli** and **Mike Quinn**. Their group included one ex-spouse and second kids—all 16-year-old girls! **Tony Spencer** and his wife, Susan, also joined the group. Their daughter Natalie was moving in for her first year and joins her sister, Alexandra '15.

I received a wonderful, nostalgic update from **Dale Schmid**. She was proud to be back at the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women with her presentation, "In Our Right Minds: Guiding Women to the Their Strength as Leaders, Leading Men to Strength Without Armor." Dale has presented this to scores of audiences at universities, expos and theaters cross the U.S. and from Kauai to Dubai. Her fine arts degree plays out in the visual aspect of the presentation, with art from the Paleolithic Era to the 21st century.

You may see Dale on national infomercials or hear her on radio or online with her corporate, com-

mercial and creative communications work. That work started when she was on air with WSLU, North Country Public Radio.

Let's pull out those memories and share what is going on with your lives. Please add that wonderful touch of nostalgia. All updaters receive a bag of Werther's original candy, just like the Class of 1957 enjoys!

1984

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(cluster with '83, '85)

After Reunion in May, **Chris Mesolella** explained that he and his wife, Karen, live in Rochester, N.Y. Chris moved back to Rochester to practice general dentistry with his father, and married Karen in 1989. They have two children, both Canisius college graduates. Their son, Richard, started his first year of dental school last August, at the University of Buffalo, where his dad went.

John Schelp visited St. Lawrence Island, Alaska, with the director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, part of the NIH. Next to the International Date Line, the island is 30 miles from Russia. John says the Yupik people on the island suffer from PCBs and other cancer-causing chemicals in their environment from an abandoned military base, from toxins in their traditional diet from the sea, and from air currents bringing pollutants from Asia and North America. The NIH funds a health study on the island and the director described what she saw to health care providers in Nome and to officials in Anchorage. They also heard about health concerns in a coal mining

Trustee Johnson Wins Emmy



St. Lawrence University Trustee Sarah E. Johnson '82 is an Emmy winner. She was part of a team of executive producers on a documentary titled *The Invisible War*, which won two National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Annual News and Documentary Emmy Awards, one for Outstanding Investigative Journalism and one for Best Documentary. The awards were announced last Sept. 30 in New York City. The film is about sexual assault in the U.S. military.

The event was attended by more than 900 television and news media industry executives, news and documentary producers and journalists. Emmy® Awards were presented in 43 categories, including the first-ever categories reserved for news and documentary programming in Spanish.

"The journalists and documentarians we pay tribute to this evening are our eyes and ears across the globe, bringing back the stories that affect each and every one of us," said National Academy Chairman Chuck Dages. "Whether an investigative special, a breaking news report, or a documentary on a pressing social or political issue, these are the stories we tune in to each night to be better informed and to guide us in this rapidly changing and politically volatile world. I can't think of more important work than what tonight's nominees represent."



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St. Lawrence continues to play a major role in the top echelons at The Hearst Corporation. Top, **Sue Katzen '86**, center, has been named publisher of *Redbook* magazine, joining **Todd Haskell '90**, senior vice president and chief revenue officer, right, and **John Loughlin '79**, EVP/general manager, on the leadership team, along with **Kevin O'Malley '79**, publisher of *Elle* magazine (right) and **Gil Maurer '50** (left), retired executive vice president / chief operating officer.



region near Chickaloon, Alaska. John has worked with NIH for 23 years, and part of his job is to organize community meetings like this around the country, to listen and to engage scientists with neighborhoods. In the case of the Yupik, John concludes they "have a difficult life at the far edge of the last frontier." This visit was the first time a NIH director had come to St. Lawrence Island to hear their concerns.

John claims to "have the second-best job at NIEHS." In addition to this unique visit to St. Lawrence Island, Alaska, his work has recently taken him to Seattle, New Orleans, Boston, Los Angeles, Louisville, New Brunswick, Detroit, Harlem, Milwaukee, Research Triangle Park, Sausalito, Tucson, Baltimore and Rochester. John lives in an old Sears & Roebuck house near Duke University. His son, Elijah, attends Chapel Hill High and his daughter, Mikaela, has started college at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro.



Bobbie Bush, of Bobbie Bush Photography in Salem, Mass., has been awarded first place in the Best Children's Photographer category in the 2014 Boston City Voter A-List competition. It was her fifth consecutive year being recognized among the top two children's photographers in the Boston area. Bobbie resides in Salem and her company, established in 1996, specializes in photographing newborns, children and families at all stages of life.

I recently ran into **Beth Fletcher Wirsul**, director of financial aid at Westover School, an all girls' prep school in Middlebury, Conn. Beth has worked at Westover for 13 years. She and her husband, Robert, have been married for 27 years, have two dogs and spend a lot of time at their place in Andover, Vt., near Okemo.



Beth frequently runs into **Bruce Keyes** at various Secondary School Admissions Conferences and saw him last June. Bruce is an associate director of admissions at St. Andrews College, an all boys' prep school in Ontario. Bruce writes, "I have been in the recruiting business now for 15+ years. I travel in Europe, Asia and throughout Canada." He has three daughters, two hockey and lacrosse players and a dancer. Bruce still plays hockey and coaches one of his daughter's teams, "so I am in rinks five or six days a week."

Ali Webb Jahn and I met up this summer in Rhode Island for a beach day. Ali lives in Newburyport, Mass., with her husband, Anders, and their two children, Tommy and Annika. Ali is busy on the college search with Annika, and works in the advancement office at Shore Country Day School. Ali sees **Allison Granger Godfrey** in the Boston area. Allison and her husband, Nick, live in Charleston, Mass., with their two children, who are in Middle School.



While on business in Nairobi, Kenya, last fall, **George Quinlan** met Judi Wakhungu '83 for dinner. "Geo" lives in El Paso, Texas.

1986

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(cluster with '87, '88)

Paula Kienert completed her master's in finance at the London Business School and has a new job at Fidelity Investments as vice president, research analytics. Her partner, Simon Steel, and she have been in London for five years now.

Last fall, Doug and I sent our daughter Tara off to Keene State College in New Hampshire. Her major is journalism with a minor in public relations. My son Trevor is an avid gamer and plays lacrosse. I continue to teach communications courses at The College of New Rochelle and teach ice skating.

1987

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I know that many of our classmates have kids already in college and possibly some who have already graduated! My daughter is a freshman in high school, and it's making me reminisce about my path to St. Lawrence. In thinking about our alma mater, I went on

its Wikipedia page and found this: "Though St. Lawrence today is non-denominational, it was founded in 1856 by leaders of the Universalist Church, who were seeking to establish a seminary somewhere west of New England and were enthusiastically courted by the citizens of Canton. The church almost did not place the school in Canton, however, as they felt that students might be exposed to too much 'excitement' within the village limits in 1856." Good thing for all of us that they took a chance!

Speaking of being exposed to too much excitement, the annual get-together of a group of Phi Sigs took place at the end of the summer at **Andy Mager's** place on Higley Flow in Colton, N.Y. Andy, **Tim Corley**, **Pete Leinbach**, Dan Boardman '86, **Dan O'Connor**, **Chris DeLorenzo**, **Randy Sieminski**, **Eric Godfrey** and **D.J. Weeks** enjoyed an SLU football game and a few (ahem) beers at The Hoot Owl. Sounds like they had a great time catching up!

Elizabeth "Beth" Colucci, still working at the University of Buffalo, was recently appointed coordinator of Nationally Competitive Fellowships and Scholarships. She works with outstanding students as they compete for awards such as the Marshall, Goldwater and Truman Scholarships. She continues to enjoy her work with college students, telling them that she loved college so much she never left! I know from FB that she has one son at SLU and another in his last year of high school. Sounds like a busy life.

Whitney Brice wrote that she was busy organizing an alumni event in her hometown of Rochester, N.Y. Hopefully she had a big turnout to watch the SLU- RIT men's hockey game in October. Whitney works for Hochstein School of Music and Dance, raising funds for the institution she calls a "gem." She also keeps busy rescuing pit bulls at a local city animal shelter and spending time with her parents, who live nearby. Whitney and her boyfriend, Barry, both enjoy the outdoors, dogs

and music and are very happy together.

Another update via FB came from **Jennifer Gardella Faircloth**. She and her husband are still living in Cary, N.C. Jennifer is a marketing communications manager for Cisco. This job allows her to work from home most days. She loves this because she gets to hang out with her two dogs. Jennifer is also a "dog match-maker" volunteer with the SPCA of Wake County. Sounds like she and Whitney would have lots to talk about!

Jennifer also told me about a recent visit with **Melissa Sargeant**. Melissa and her two kids still live in the South Bay Area, where Melissa has her own law practice.



Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP, a Raleigh, N.C., law firm, has announced that **Patrick Flanagan** has joined the firm's management team. Based in the firm's Charlotte, N.C., office, Patrick is chair of the Municipalities & Public Entities Practice Group and Vice Chair of the Employment Law Practice Group. He has been practicing defense litigation throughout North Carolina since 1994, and has handled criminal and civil matters in the Army Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAG) and as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney. He earned his law degree at Wake Forest University School of Law.

Looking forward to hearing from more of you in the future, since no one has taken me up on my suggestion of taking over this column! Be well and write soon!



A gathering at the Lynn, Mass., home of **Letitia Howland '89** (top row, right) in August brought together these alumnae and their families: top, **Sandra Hauke Dickin '88** and **Jeannine Kelsey Tocco '88**, second and third from left respectively; and **Cindi Hull Martin '89**, middle right.

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Early last summer marked a mini-reunion of senior-year housemates of 35 East Main. **Martha Ryan Graff**, **Whitney Flegal Pierpont**, **Merrill Chapman Shafer**, **Sheila "Kirk" Walsh** and I gathered at Martha's family's home in Mantoloking, N.J. Unfortunately, **Loren Poole Dixon** wasn't able to be there as two of their children were graduating that weekend, but she was with us in spirit as we reminisced, walked the beach, rode bikes, and enjoyed a delicious dinner with **Sarah Harrington Johnson**, all with a view of the sun setting over the bay. It was a great reminder of how college friendships stay steady and true even as the decades pass by. Can't wait to do it again!

Last December, Norma Tarbell-Sunday '89 and her family, returning from out West for the holidays, stopped off in Oklahoma City to have dinner with **Norine Fitzsimmons**, who is still serving in the Air Force there at Tinker AFB. Norine also connected with **Colleen Curry** (who lives in Livingston, Mont., and works at

Yellowstone National Park) and **Nancy Eichin Gunderson** over Labor Day in Washington, D.C. They had dinner at Old Ebbitt's Grill and enjoyed a day in Old Town Alexandria, where Nancy lives.

Alice Smith Clark and husband Jake '86 enjoyed moving their son Jack '18 into Reiff College (the old Phi Kap fraternity) for Orientation and are thrilled he chose to attend St. Lawrence. Alice reports that the campus looked spectacular and was excited to hear that **Merrill Chapman Shafer's** son, Thomas, is a member of the Class of 2018 as well.

Chris Gammill and his family are spending the school year traveling around the world. While they homeschool their children, they will visit New Zealand, Australia, Southeast Asia and India with brief stops in Europe and Brazil. You can follow them on their blog, The Bossa Travelers. Upon returning home in June 2015, their sons will go to Camp Dudley on Lake Champlain in upstate New York. Chris recently saw **Leigh Kelleher Everitt** at their 30th high school reunion in California and continues to stay in touch with **John Dent**, who now owns a home in San Francisco, and **Randall Attix**, who recently toured France and Switzerland.

Kim Coghlan Ivey has spent the past 14 years as a pharmacy manager for a Native American tribe in Upper Michigan. Her four



Nine alumni got together in Lake George early last September to catch up, reminisce about old times and play some golf. The group included **Greg Smith '90**, **Kelly Kernaghan '90**, **Butch Rose '90** (missing from the photo because he was taking it), **Fritz O'Connor '90**, **FK Grunert '90**, **Eric Hanson '90**, **Jim Clifford '90**, **Dave DiVita '89** and **Mike O'Neil '89**. For 19 consecutive years, this group has gotten together for a weekend.

girls are out of the house and pursuing their interests, while her youngest, Michael, is a junior in high school. Kim recently took a trip back home to Vermont to surprise her mom for her 75th birthday. Lots of tears were shed since she doesn't get back East often.

Tim Baker bought a sailboat last year and has been living aboard while working international consulting gigs for the UN, among others. He has been traveling a lot, sailing the Florida Keys and nearby islands. At the time he wrote, he was in the Solomon Islands in the South Pacific.

While visiting family in the Cleveland suburbs, **Shirley Howard**

Miller caught up with old friend-roommate **Dawn Dowling Kaesgen**, Esq. They enjoyed a fabulous brunch together. Their sons, close in age, share a lot in common and as middle schoolers cherish their growing academic years as potential "Future Laurentians." These gatherings will become a trend and they hope one day to plan a visit together to the St. Lawrence campus.

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In August, **Cindi Hull Brassil**, **Sandra Hauke Dickin '88** and **Jean-nine Kelsey Tocco '88** gathered with their families at **Letitia Howland's** home in Lynn, Mass., for their annual reunion weekend. A good time was had by all. See their picture on one of these pages.

If you have news about a recent move, job promotion, get-together with St. Lawrence classmates or anything else of interest, please contact me. Meanwhile, best wishes for a happy new year!

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Greg Smith reported that nine alums met in Lake George in September to catch up, reminisce about old times, and play some golf. In addition to **Greg**, the group included **Kelly Kernaghan**, **Butch Rose**, **Fritz O'Connor**, **FK Grunert**, **Eric Hanson** and **Jim Clifford**, as well as **Dave DiVita '89** and **Mike O'Neil '89**. **Greg** noted that it was their 19th consecutive annual weekend reunion, and that they are looking forward to number 20th.

On the topic of annual reunions, at the same time I got together with **Karyn Edwards Niles**,

Jennifer Curley Reichert, **Jennifer Hammer McGee** and **Sarah Lindsay Watkins '91** for our annual girls' night in Annapolis. We enjoyed the Maryland Seafood Festival on a very hot Saturday afternoon and then went to dinner in downtown Annapolis. Even though we all live in the Washington, D.C., area, we hardly ever see each other!

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I received an email from friend and fraternity brother **Joe Carbone**: "After 24 great years with Procter & Gamble, the time has come for me to 'retire.' Well, not exactly!" On July 31, he officially retired from P&G, and the next day began "what promises to be an exciting 'second career' with the Mars Corporation. I began my P&G career immediately following graduation. I've had

the opportunity to work in almost all of the major P&G businesses, including health care, family care, home care, 'pharma' and pet care. It's truly been a great experience! However, upon the divestiture of the P&G pet care business, Mars made an offer that I just couldn't refuse, and P&G provided a special retirement option. Long story short, a tremendous opportunity!" Congratulations, **Joe**, and best of luck to you and **Laura Bicknell Carbone**!

Kevin E. Raphael, of the Pittsburg law firm Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti, LLP, gave a presentation at the Defense Research Institute's second annual Government Enforcement and Corporate Compliance Seminar last July in Washington, D.C. He co-chairs his firm's Health Care Litigation Practice Group.

In early September I emailed a first-year student from my hometown, to see how the first few weeks on campus were going. Here is the reply: "I'm living in Rebert North, which is the best! I love my roommate and everyone on my floor. This school is amazing and I've been loving it since I got here! All of my new friends have been having the same great experience as me; we're really enjoying ourselves and are already feeling very close. My classes are all interesting, my schedule rocks (no class on Friday), and my high school prepared me really well for the work I've encountered so far. It's going to be the best four years ever!"

I am thrilled that I had a little bit to do with her choosing St. Lawrence and am so happy that the match is a good one! I hope you all have a chance to do the same with neighbors and friends as we approach that age of having "soon to be college-age" children.

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BankUnited has announced the appointment of **Laurence**

Marchini as vice president, commercial banking, based at the bank's branch at 136 East 57th Street in New York City. With more than 20 years of banking industry experience, he is responsible for managing commercial banking relationships, including loans and deposits. He joins BankUnited from Greater Hudson Bank in Bardonia, N.Y., where he most recently served as chief lending officer and senior vice president. Prior to that, he was president of Gotham Bank of New York. A history major in college, he resides in Katonah, N.Y.

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The University looks forward to welcoming classmates to campus for their 20th reunion, with the Classes of 1995 and 1996. Registration materials will be sent in April.

Word was received that **Amy Bradstreet** was found murdered in her home in Cazenovia, N.Y., on September 1. For more, see "In Memory."

1995

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It's taken **Cary Bowman Hunter** 20 years to write in with some news, so let's start at the beginning. Cary married Chris Hunter, after graduation in 1995. They lived in Connecticut for six years; their first son, Jeffrey, was born in 2000. They then moved to Vienna, Va. (just outside of Washington). There they welcomed two more children, Jack in 2004 and Katie in 2007. All three kids are Scouts and play competitive ice hockey.

Coleman Brinckerhoff lives in San Rafael, Calif., with his wife, Tina, 10-year-old son Merritt, a baseball player, and daughter Charlotte Liv, born last August. Cole runs recruitment for Core Mark, a wholesale distribution company that services convenience stores. It's a Fortune 400 company. He built their recruiting from the ground up and absolutely loves going to work every day, but still finds time to do some sailboat racing on San Francisco Bay and coach Little League. Last summer he raced in the TransPac, a 2,200-mile race from LA to Hawaii.

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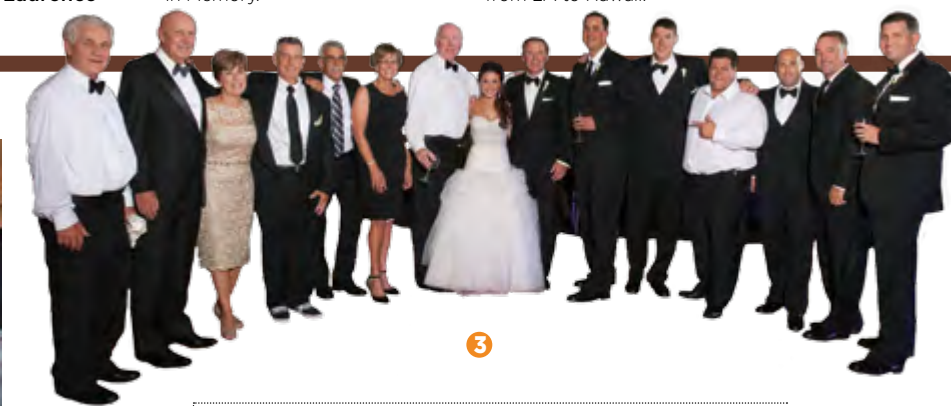


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1: **Avery Scoville '07** and **Sarah Graves**, June 14, 2014, Grafton, Vt.
2: **Lauren Burd '06** and **Hunter Wakeland**, July 19, 2014, Kennebunkport, Maine.



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3: **Richard Morgan "Mo" Cassara '97** and **Elisa Marie DiStefano**, Aug. 28, 2014, Hauppauge, N.Y.
4: **Andrew Cochran '10** and **Alyssa Smith '10**, Aug. 16, 2014, Newport, R.I.

Laurentian Parents!

Do you have a son or daughter who is looking at colleges?

Plan a visit to St. Lawrence and learn about Laurentian Legacy Grants: admissions@stlawu.edu or 1-800-285-1856

Daniel Notkin wrote, "It's been a great long road since St. Lawrence. I see a lot of the guys when they hop up to Montreal or run into them in LA, New York or Boston." Dan owns a seafood import business, the Old Port Fishing Company, which supplies some of the top restaurants in town, bringing in about 460,000 oysters a year as well as other products. He also does about 600 private events and restaurant nights per year.

About five years ago, Dan started competing in shucking competitions, and has gone around the world to represent Canada in international competitions. He also started Montreal Oysterfest (www.mtloysterfest.com), and last fall was hoping to welcome over 3,000 people and more than 30 restaurants and vendors. The "fest" included the Oyster Opening World Cup, "with about 10 European competitors and three European judges as well as competitors from the U.S. and Canada. All profits go to World Wildlife Fund of Canada and their ocean and water conservation

programs as well as Environmental Defense and their legal defense of Canadian green spaces," Dan said.

This year, Dan will launch a non-profit for ocean sustainability and awareness, the Open Pier Foundation (openpierfoundation.org), and he is planning to open a restaurant in downtown Montreal focused on the freshest oysters and seafood (www.notkins.com) and a real New England and maritime menu. And (whew) last, he has completed a documentary that they have been shooting for four years. "Shuckers" (trailer if you'd like to watch, <http://vimeo.com/20074586>) is about oyster competitions and the degenerating state of oyster habitats.

Dan finished, "It's always funny and great to get texts and pictures from SLU friends when they're at an oyster bar and want my opinion on which oysters to order."

Every so often I do include an update on myself. It wouldn't be fair not to since I will happily accept all of your updates.

Two years ago I moved to Colorado Springs, Col., after eight years in Jackson Hole, Wyo. I work for an event management company that works with corporate clients at The Broadmoor Hotel. Finding Colorado Springs just a bit too hot for my liking, I finally settled in Breckenridge and became that person who works from home some days, goes to Colorado Springs for three days to three weeks at a time, and does it

all over again, never really in a routine. The balance works for me and I was lucky enough to get to take my dog to the office every day, making the life of an event planner who works all day and into the night on many occasions much easier.

It decided that my dog needed to be much more than just a spoiled office dog, though, and put him to work as a therapy dog at a couple of hospitals in Colorado Springs on days we are there. We made the time to volunteer to visit patients, the cancer center, surgical waiting areas and staff. It was far out of my comfort zone and gave me everything my paying job didn't. Even at my busiest times, we put on the uniforms and go make our rounds. I may possibly be the only dog handler at these hospitals with a day job; in fact, I'm the youngest volunteer by several decades. To take the time to brighten someone's day has become one of the most rewarding things I have ever done, though.

Thanks to all who sent in great updates this time around! Keep them coming.

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Derek Poirier writes to us from the beautiful state of Vermont, "My wife, Jennie, and our three kids (Baxter, 10; Paige, 8; Emmett, 5) were on vacation in the Adirondacks recently and took a day trip to Canton. We took a self-guided tour of the campus and bought some sweatshirts at the bookstore. The kids especially liked the library tree-houses and were amazed that students actually used them to study! Our oldest declared that he wanted to come back for a 'real' visit someday with someone from the University. I did my best as a tour guide, but there's been a lot of construction since I graduated! We capped off the day with a visit to Josie's and bumped into my cross country and track coach, Mike Howard '87, who was out on a run."

Derek is the general manager for his wife's busy OB/GYN medical practice in South Burlington, "which allows me to tell people that I'm sleeping with my boss!" He occasionally meets up with other SLU alumni runners at various races throughout New England.

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The St. Lawrence communications office sent me baby news from **Alison Gately Frost** and her husband, Thomas Frost '97. Their son Luke Gately Frost was born June 7, 2011, so I guess it's more toddler news than baby news, but I'm glad to share even if it is a bit belated.

Matt Lyndaker and Anne Marie Reynolds Lyndaker '94 became proud parents last summer for the third time. So I did what any intrepid class reporter would do: I stalked Matt on Facebook until he agreed to send me an update: "Maevie Elens was born on August 18. Her previously skeptical big brothers, Collin and Nolan, eventually realized that her arrival was not some grand plot to destroy the rest of their childhoods. After having added an energetic chocolate Lab puppy to our family earlier in the summer, Anne Marie and I might admit to catching ourselves wondering, 'What the he-- were we thinking...?!' a couple of times, as we drop back into zone coverage. Maevie shares her birthday with her Aunt Marie Lyndaker Western M'94."

I think the last time I saw Matt was at our fifth reunion. Can you believe our 20th is right around the corner? I'm going to try my best to be there and I hope you will, too. See you in June, classmates!

Our Class Delivers!! **Justin Bach** is working at Illumina, Inc., an industry leader in genomics development in San Diego. Professionally, Justin is responsible for reagent quality control for Illumina's largest product line, FFNs (fully functional nucleotides). He also works in flow cell development. Illumina recently announced the approval and release of their newest next-generation flow cell, which Justin had a hand in. Plus, he's started another heavy metal band, and was off to Thailand for a month in December to study kickboxing.

David Hoffman was recently promoted to associate professor with tenure in the department of anthropology and Middle Eastern cultures at Mississippi State University. David continues to do research in Costa Rica on human migration to national park edges. He has been to Costa Rica for anthropological fieldwork at least once a year since 2008.

Mo Cassara, a New York-based on-air college basketball analyst, married Elise Marie DiStephano on August 28, 2014. Elise is a television anchor and reporter for



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NEWS 12 Long Island. Congrats to the newlyweds!

Hand surgeon **Denise Durant** keeps very busy at work thanks to table saw accidents and random falls. When not working, she is training for a half marathon and watching her children grow up way too fast. Denise bumped into **Jennifer Morrison Gervasi** at Echo Lake Aquarium, Burlington Vt., with her two children in tow.

Todd Parker proposed to Vanessa Alegria exactly five years from when they met, in the exact same restaurant booth where they had their first date! They will be married this coming August. Congrats!

Melissa Wilson MacGregor, after long and loyal service as class reporter, has passed the torch to **Dan Jalbert**. The University and the Class of '98 thank Melissa for her volunteer service, and welcome Dan, who can be reached with your news and life updates at the any of the contacts above.

Bond, Schoeneck & King PLLC, of Syracuse, N.Y., has announced



1: **Ellen Doble '07** and **Larry McIver**, July 5, 2014, Essex, Vt.
2: **Amy Laverack '07** and **Todd Nordblom**, June 14, 2014, Squam Lake, N.H.



3: **Mike O'Connor '09** and **Elise Fitzgerald '09**, Aug. 9, 2014, Brunswick, Maine
4: **Alison LePage '11** and **Stephen Miller**, June 29, 2014, Waterville Valley, N.H.



that two classmates have been included in the 2014 Upstate New York Super Lawyers Rising Stars list. **Blaine T. Bettinger** is listed in the field of Intellectual Property, while **Andrew D. Bobrek** specializes in employment and labor law. They were selected by their peers from among the top up-and-coming lawyers, defined as 40 years of age and younger or in the practice of law for less than 10 years.

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Amy Farrell won the women's 35-39 age group at the Ironman World Championships in Kona, Hawaii, in October. She completed the 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride and marathon (26.2-mile) run in just under 10 hours. A track standout at St. Lawrence, Farrell is a teacher and coach in Tupper Lake, N.Y.

2000

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Apparently the phrase "No news is good news" applies to every-

thing except class notes. Who knew? Here I sit in Colorado, a locally distilled non-organic whiskey in hand, quite honestly floored. If you're reading this column it's either because you're looking for a dose of the keen wit I'm famous for, or more likely you're curious what our classmates are up to. So don't make the same mistake that I did: assuming, because I haven't heard a peep out of you, that each and every one of you has nothing to report.

As I write this in the fall, I am planting 200 daffodil bulbs because I am told that nothing—neither the deer, nor elk, nor black bears, nor squirrels, nor rabbits, nor chipmunks, nor gophers—will eat them. God knows the aforementioned animals have enjoyed everything else we have planted.

I could go on; this is just a taste of the doldrums of my life. Send me some news please.

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I've got three words for you: babies, babies and babies! Lots of babies (and career news) in this issue!

Claire Spollen welcomed Orla Marie on April 6, 2014. "Our son, John, just turned 2," she wrote. "We are still in Portsmouth, N.H., and I'm working for the historical society."

Dan Sheff welcomed a second son, Thomas, at the end of July, and Wallace Sweet wrote that Harrison joins 2-year-old sister Claire.

Stacy Boudrias wrote, "Charly Kathleen Landry was born June 10, nine pounds one ounce. We can't wait to get her on skates!"

Kate Volpe's baby boy, Blake, turned 1 last September 22. Her husband, Wilson, is a dentist, and she decided to be the office manager of his new dental practice. "Sonrisas and Smiles Dental Care is in Springfield, Va., just outside of Washington, D.C., and very close to our house," she said. "I'm learning more about teeth and insurance billing than I ever thought I would know!"

Kathleen Crane got married last May to David Deninger. I was one of the Laurentians in attendance and am happy to say we had a wonderful time! Kathy and Dave live in Colorado Springs, where Kathy is a board certified behavior analyst for Autism Behavior Associates.

Mark Brand is in his second year of an English Ph.D. program at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He's on the editorial staff of *Cream City Review*.

Howard Beckford is a criminal attorney, soccer coach and part-time sports writer. But, as expected, he is "Still an ardent SLU soccer fan!"

Abbey Ciccariello and George Ciccariello-Maher have been living in Philadelphia for the past four years. Geo is a professor of political science at Drexel University and Abbey is a nutritionist. Geo's first book, on Venezuelan social movements, was published last year, and he's finishing two more. Their child, Oakley Francisco, is almost 5 and a Facebook sensation.

Beth Lacey Gill has bought her first home. It's big enough to keep up with her organic jelly and jam business (Sweetness Follows, which many alums helped her launch in 2013 via Kickstarter), and can support her rotating door of foster dogs. She's up to 24 now, and is still in Baltimore, as the director of marketing at Irvine Nature Center.

James Townsend-Butterworth has started a new career at Coldwell Banker and says he loves working in real estate. "I'd love to help out any Laurentians with anything real estate-related," he wrote in the fall. "My twins just turned 2 and are keeping my wife and me busy and entertained every single day."

Dana Cook Krueger has been promoted to associate director of the Museum Association of New York in Troy. "We are a statewide museum service organization that advocates for state funding in

Albany and also provides professional development opportunities for New York State's museum professionals," she explained.

Kyle Kennedy and Jen moved to Parker, Col., in May. On August 14, they welcomed their second child, Finn Patrick, to the family. "Three-year-old big sister Kathleen is ecstatic," Kyle wrote.

Michael and I have bought a new house in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., practically on the campus of Saratoga Springs High School, where we both teach technology and English respectively. We have a lot of work ahead of us in repairs and renovations, but enjoy the rather brief commute. Parker, 4, and Celia, 3, are enjoying their new, big backyard.

If you have not updated your email address with St. Lawrence, please do so. I send an email blast out and often gather updates that way. Keep all the information coming; I love connecting with everyone and especially sharing exciting news with classmates.

Mark your calendars for 2016! Our 15th reunion is coming up!

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Last August 29, **Matt Migonis** of Hamilton, N.Y., won the 30-34 age group at the ITU Sprint World Triathlon Championships in Edmonton, Alberta, making him a world champion triathlete for the first time in his nine-year triathlon career. The sprint distance consists of a 750-meter swim, 12.4-mile bike and 3.1-mile run.

Matt won the overall USA Triathlon Sprint National Championships in 2013. He is a member of PowerBar Team Elite, and the founder and head coach of Migonis Multisport, a small triathlon and endurance coaching business.

2004

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Next Reunion: 15th, 2019
(cluster with '03, '05)

2005

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St. Lawrence looks forward to welcoming '05 alumni for their 10th reunion, May 28-31. Registration materials will be sent in April.

2006

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Kate Byrne visited me in August while in Albany for her grandfather's 90th birthday celebration. It was great to catch up with one of the first people I met at SLU in August of 2002. Kate ventured on to St. Lawrence and reports that "campus feels just as much like home as it did when I was there." Kate recently starting writing for the Huffington Post; you can see

her articles online. She recently changed jobs, and is enjoying life in Portland, Maine.

Deana Dennis and I met for dinner over the summer while Deana was in Albany for work. We had a great time catching up. It was like a trip back in time, because we lived across the hall from each other in Dean-Eaton for our FYP. Deana is with the National Electrical Manufacturers Association as manager of state and government relations. Her work has her traveling all over the country; she calls Arlington, Va., home.



Shannon Casucci wrote with news of her wedding to Brian Beauchamp. The happy couple met in Washington, D.C., three years ago and were married on August 23, 2014, at Shannon's family's farm, Walker Homestead, in Brookfield, Mass. Just one week later, they moved to St. Louis, where Shannon works for the U.S. General Services Administration and Brian is working at Enterprise Holdings. Shannon notes that she is "slowly settling into a less hectic (less 'DC') life and enjoying the Midwest."



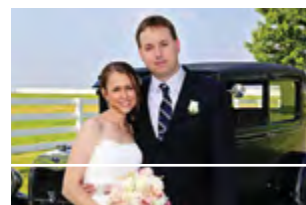
3: **Serena Shallish '04** and **John David Wadsworth**, July 27, 2013, Cohasset, Mass.
4: **Matt Sonagere '09** and **Caitly Hamilton '10**, May 25, 2014, Glenville, N.Y.



1: **Jim Powers '10** and **Karli Stone**, Feb. 22, 2014, Averill Park, N.Y.
2: **Kevin Russell '08** and **Katie Nichols '07**, June 29, 2013, Seattle, Wash.



Callie Douglass '07 (top, center) invited several St. Lawrence friends to help her with the dismantling of an antique 1850-60s timber-framed farmhouse in Vermont last August, so she can restore and erect the house in the near future. Laurentians on hand included **Louise Gava '07**, **Ian Shea '07** (to her left and right, respectively), and, left to right on the ground, **Conor Welch '07** and **Rachel Harrington '07**, with their daughter Emerson; **Blake Harris '09**; and **Erin Mallory '06**. **Tyler Magnan '05** was also reportedly working at the site.



Mallory Mumford and **Bob Augustus '03** were married on July 12, 2014, in Lowville, N.Y.

Mallory writes, "we met at Calling All Saints during my freshman year. I guess that makes us a SLU couple!" Mallory and Bob live in Watertown, N.Y.; Bob is a high school math teacher and Mallory a third grade teacher at schools in the area.

Lauren Burd notified the magazine staff directly that she married

Hunter Wakeland on July 19, 2014, in Kennebunkport, Maine. In attendance were alumni ranging from the classes of 1962, including her mother, **Patrice Chester Burd '62** and her mom's sorority sisters **Diantha Cushman Harrington '62** and **Joan Thompson '62**, all the way to 2008, including **Rebecca Riegelhaupt '08** and **Scott Smith '08** (due to wed this January). Classes in between were represented by **Colin Heffron '85** and **Sara Young '86**.

Congratulations to all three couples!

2007

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Short and sweet notes from our class this go-around! First, a couple of wedding updates:

Amy Laverack married **Todd Nordblom** on June 14, 2014, at Squam Lake in New Hampshire, with a bunch of Laurentians by her side, including **Erin Mellow**, **Erin McDermott**, **Christine Hubbell**, **Allison Freeman**, **Anna Kallman**, **Lia Prysunka**, **Callie Douglass**, **Tracy Dana**, and others ranging in class years from 1999 to 2010. Amy and Todd live in Boston.

Katie Nichols and **Kevin Russell '08** wed on June 29, 2013, in

Seattle, with plenty of alumni there to celebrate, including family members and others from classes between 2007 and 2010. Both sides had family members who were Laurentians, too!

Ellen Doble married a Larry—**Larry McIver**, that is. They met at the wedding of **John '03** and **Leah Saliga Labbe '04** in 2008 and got married July 5 at her parents' home in Essex, Vt. Laurentians from five classes, including **Ben Sears** and **Kristina Grube Lacroix**, as well as **Terry Cowdrey**, former vice president for admissions and financial aid, were there.

We also have some baby news! **Kristina** and **Jeff** welcomed their second son, **Nolan Thomas Lacroix**, on February 15, 2014. He joined 2 ½-year-old brother **Harison** in their family.

Candina Harmer welcomed a daughter, **Michaela Elizabeth Reya Harmer**, on July 29, 2014. Both mother and daughter are doing great. Candina is on track to finish her master's degree in nursing education this spring.

Mallory Craig-Kuhn is in Medellín, Colombia, where she is working on a doctorate-track master's in literature at the Universidad de Antioquia. "I'm also the assistant organizer of the Medellín Negro International Literary Congress, the most important crime fiction academic congress in Latin America," she wrote. Last year, her first three literary Spanish-to-English translations were published as e-books on Amazon.

Kat Bagley Maher recently wrote a story about how climate change is causing more and more animals to hybridize, creating new species and posing a number of difficult conservation questions. It was picked up for the anthology *Best American Science and Nature Writing*, published annually by Houghton Mifflin. The stories are generally picked from a variety of national print and online publications, from *The New York Times* and *The Atlantic* to *The New Yorker*.

I hadn't heard from **Callie Douglass** in a while, so getting this update from her was great! In August, several St. Lawrence friends helped her with the dismantling of an antique 1850s-60s timber-framed farmhouse in Vermont that Callie had purchased to save and restore (see the picture). "It went smoothly with the help of about 25 friends and family," she writes. "The weather was beautiful and the frame is in dry storage so repairs can be made throughout the winter. The plan is to erect the house and an 'L' addition by hand in the near future. Pretty unbelievable what good friends will do for you — I owe them all big!" Laurentians on hand included **Louise Gava**, **Ian Shea**, **Conor Welch** and **Rachel Harrington**, **Blake Harris '09**, **Erin Mallory '06** and **Tyler Magnan '05**.

Kristen Manganini loves her new job as the event and marketing manager at Downeast Cider House, a company that started at Bates College three years ago.

Dave Bryant is in my hometown of Atlanta, Georgia, working as director of institutional advisory sales at MFS Investment Management. And I heard from **Tanya Milan**, who enjoyed quite the adventure with another Laurentian: She and **Mike Nieves '11** jumped out of a plane while flying over Long Island, N.Y.! "We did it as a group outing with friends, and for me it was a bucket list item," the new skydiver says. "I'm not sure I would do it again, but it was a lot of fun!"

Did you know whenever I have a Class Notes deadline, I send an email to our class? If you're not getting the email, shoot me one so I can add you to the list! I don't want anyone to miss out on sharing news. Thanks!

2008

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Here's the Post-Reunion skinny:

He put a ring on it! **Dennis Willette** writes, "**Maureen 'Mo' Hummel** and I are engaged! I proposed in Ireland on the grounds of Ballynahinch Castle, near Connemara National Park north of Galway. We celebrated as we traveled through Ireland. She's

there for Q3 on a work rotation with Google."

Willette also shared that **Jim Quivey** and **Noel Luciano** were hitched over Memorial Day Weekend 2014. And **Matt Landry** and **Claire Jenkins** also tied the knot. The couple married last September 20 on Shelter Island. Both couples had many Laurentians present to share in the celebration.

Jessica McPherson wed **Matt Carista** on August 9 at Clarkston University. **Liz Boyd** says, "It was one of those childhood friendship-turned-adult-relationships... there were quite a few SLU people there."

Congratulations are in order for **Kirk Donovan**, who recently completed his doctorate from Cornell University, in cell biology. Dr. Donovan has been in Ithaca since 2008. He writes, "I defended my thesis last June, and it's great to be done! I'm figuring out the next step for jobs and postdoctoral opportunities."

Kim Myers plunged into the icy waters of the San Francisco Bay on September 27 to compete in the Escape from Alcatraz Island swim! In her waterlogged version of Orange is the New Black, Myers completed the 1.5-mile dip without any shark bites.

Classmates want to hear your story! Send your good news to SLUnotes08@gmail.com and see it in print each quarter. Please be advised there is a publication delay. Help break class news by

using the hashtag #dulynoted08 on Instagram and Twitter. Or see a stream of stories at rebelmouse.com/dulynoted08.

2009

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Elise Fitzgerald and **Mike O'Connor** were married in Maine last summer, but I don't have any additional details.

Rebecca Dole Yohe wrote, "Kevin and I welcomed our first child, **Elisabeth Emily**, on July 1, coming in (a week late I might add) at 6 pounds, 11 ounces and 20 inches long. Get ready SLU Class of 2036, she's already a character!"

2010

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Lots of news came in for this 2010 class update, and it was great seeing so many classmates last May at our reunion! I am excited to share the following:

FUTURE LAURENTIANS

The Scarlet & Brown's next generation

Boudrias: **Stacy '01** and **Pete Landry**, a daughter, **Charly Kathleen**, June 10, 2014.
Brinckerhoff: **Coleman '95** and **Tina**, a daughter, **Charlotte Liv**, August 2014.
Harmer: **Candina '07**, a daughter, **Michaela Elizabeth Reya**, July 29, 2014.
Frost: **Thomas '97** and **Alison Gately '96**, a son, **Luke Gately**, June 7, 2011.
Kennedy: **Kyle '01** and **Jen**, a son, **Finn Patrick**, August 14, 2014.
Lyndaker: **Matt '96** and **Anne Marie Reynolds '94**, a daughter, **Maeve Elens**, August 18, 2014.
Sheff: **Dan '01** and **Desiree**, a son, **Thomas**, July 2014.
Spollen: **Claire '01** and **Richard Bolduc**, a daughter, **Orla Marie**, April 6, 2014.
Sweet: **Wallace '01** and **Emily**, a boy, **Harrison**.
Volpe: **Kate '01** and **Wilson Aguilar-Garcia**, a son, **Blake**, September 22, 2013.
Yohe: **Rebecca Dole '09** and **Kevin**, a daughter, **Elisabeth Emily**, July 1, 2014.

- **Jamie Caroccio '14** and **Jorge Muñoz-Delgado Ramos**, November 29, 2013, New York City.
- **Mallory Mumford '06** and **Bob Augustus '03**, July 12, 2014, Lowville, NY*
- **Jarell Roberts '12** and **Ryan Hubbard '11**, July 18, 2014, Bolton, CT
- **Nina Serach '11** and **Jeff Lauer**, July 26, 2014, Salem, OR*
- **Jessica McPherson '08** and **Matt Carista**, August 9, 2014, Potsdam NY
- **Shannon Casucci '06** and **Brian Beauchamp**, August 23, 2014, Brookfield, MA*
- **Ben Burds '11** and **Courtney Kuno '12**, August 30, 2014, Long Lake, NY
- **Sam Tyler '11** and **Amanda Bramble '11**, Sept. 13, 2014, Longmont, CO

not pictured (* pictured in class column)

(For details, check the respective Class Notes. We publish wedding photos that meet our technical requirements on a first-come, first-served basis. Those that do not appear in this issue may be scheduled for a future one.)



1: **Charlie Southgate '04** and **Caroline Bean '04**, June 22, 2013, Lake Winnepesaukee, NH

How Are We Doing?

We've made lots of changes in your St. Lawrence Magazine lately. Like them? Love them? Not so sure? Want more about something? Email **Neal Burdick '72**, editor, nburdick@stlawu.edu, or **Jamie Lipps**, design director, jlipps@stlawu.edu.

Chelsea Nuffer Lloyd, who was at Reunion, started a three-year term on the Alumni Executive Council in June. She explained who alumni are this way: "If you completed one semester at St. Lawrence, you are part of the great, the proud, the Alumni Association. Congratulations!" Among council activities, she mentioned the alumni career panel at last fall's Family Weekend. "You will see us around," she said; "follow #sluaec or find us on Facebook: St. Lawrence University Alumni Association."

As noted briefly last time, Assistant Professor of Biology Karin Heckman shared that **Rebecca Klar** received a grant from Autism Speaks to fund her pre-doctoral studies. Becca was a neuroscience major and completed her honors thesis working with Prof. Heckman. It studied the use of antioxidants to treat mouse models of multiple sclerosis. Becca is now a Ph.D. student at Vanderbilt University.

Andrew Cochran married **Alyssa Smith** last August 16 in Newport, R.I. There were many classmates and nearly 50 total Laurentians at the wedding! Check out the photo of the huge SLU group in the Weddings photos!

Caity Hamilton Sonagere wrote, "On May 25, 2014, a beautiful and sentimental wedding ceremony and celebration was held at Riverstone Manor in Glenville, N.Y., as Matt Sonagere '09 and I were married on the banks of the Mohawk River. The wedding party included best man Andrew Krause '09, Liam Delahanty '09, Julian Holland '09, **Hayley Lipsky Faba-Sack**, **Katie Shorey** and **Faye Andrews**. Carol Moran '79 read from 1st Corinthians. Proud parents of the bride were Lynne Nicolson '79 and Doug Hamilton '79. After cocktails

and dinner, guests danced the night away, pausing briefly to capture the requisite St. Lawrence photo [see page 65], and then returned to the dance floor to belt out 'Sweet Caroline.' The St. Lawrence banner has been passed on to best man Andrew and his fiancée, Alison, for their August 2015 nuptials. And happily ever after has begun!"

Jim Powers sent a photo from his wedding; it too can be seen in the Wedding photos section, He married Karli Stone on February 22, 2014, at the Crooked Lake House in Averill Park, N.Y. He said, "My grandmother, in the middle of the picture, is Betty Flint Davenport '54; she's had two children and five grandchildren attend SLU, as well as 30 siblings, cousins, and nephews!"

Thanks to all for these updates! Please send yours, and they will be included on a quarterly basis. Our classmates would love to hear about weddings, engagements, new jobs, SLU connections, or general life developments.

2011

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Lots of happy notes this time around; apparently it's wedding season for a lot of our classmates!

Alison LePage wed Stephen Miller last June 29 in Waterville Valley, N.H., with a large contingent of '11 grads in attendance, including **Ben Burds**, **Cait Estes Robator**, **Lily Rougeot** and **Greg Gotta**. Alison also passed along the news that Ben married Courtney Kuno '12 on August 30, 2014, and Cait tied the knot with Scott Robator '10 July 10, 2014, in Bolton, Conn.



Nina Serach also had a July 2014 wedding. She and Jeff Lauer were married on the 26th at Bryn Mawr Vineyards in Salem, Ore., in front of fellow Laurentians **Jessy Gill**, **Michaela D'Acchille** and **Nancy Decker** as well as family and friends.

And thanks to the wonders of social media, I can tell you Jarell Roberts '12 and **Ryan Hubbard** were married on July 18, 2014, in Bolton, Conn., and **Sam Tyler** and **Amanda Bramble** were married on September 13, 2014, in Longmont, Colo.

Finally, **Kayla Delahanty** is engaged to Sean Coffey '13n.

2012

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Courtney Kuno '12 and Ben Burds '11 were married on August 30, 2014, in the Adirondacks, in company with many SLU family and friends.

Alison Limoncelli completed her master's programs in business administration at Bentley University Graduate School of Business last May. While attending Bentley, she was a research assistant at the Center for Marketing Technology and a "Master Minds" blogger for the Emerging Leaders MBA program. Alison is the marketing manager for Revolution Lacrosse in Boston, Mass.

Jordan Pescrillo is on a 10-month post-graduate teaching internship with the Minmahaw Education Foundation at an English-immersion school on the Burma-Thai border, teaching Burmese youth ages 17-24 in a variety of subjects. The Minmahaw Education Foundation is a nonprofit educational organization opened in 2007 to educate Burmese youth with disadvantaged backgrounds. Jordan's internship is supported by Sarah E. Johnson '82, a member of the St. Lawrence University Board of Trustees.

Joe Spadaccini works for Weaver Materiel Service, Inc. as a technical sales representative for the Eastern Region. Joe is responsible for covering all of New England in addition to New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

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Congratulations to **Mary Baum**, who received her master's degree from the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University! Mary is happy to announce that in August she accepted a job offer to be the editorial assistant for Healthline, an online health and medical information website based in San Francisco.

It's exciting to hear about all of the amazing things that we're doing, so keep the good news coming!

2014

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Christina Robichaud has accepted a position as an assistant director in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at Dartmouth College. She started last August, and has moved to New Hampshire.

Merrill Clerkin is working for Teach for China, a Teach for All affiliate program helping to close the educational divide between rural and urban China by teaching English in a low-performing middle school in Yunnan.

Erik Miller is volunteering for AmeriCorps VISTA for a year in Des Moines, Iowa, at Outreach, Inc. He's helping start an initiative with the intent to end hunger within the state. He continues his love for art as he expands his freelance art website and brand.

Jamie Caroccio got hitched in New York City on November 29, 2013, to Jorge Muñoz-Delgado Ramos, whom she met in Madrid, Spain, during her year abroad.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS

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Tom Ulmet M.Ed. '77 was inducted last fall into the Monmouth College Hall of Achievement, the highest honor the college bestows upon its alumni. He was presented with the award by

Monmouth College president Clarence Wyatt, right.

A 1964 Monmouth College graduate, Tom was selected for the honor for leadership and innovation in international education and for humanitarian service during his distinguished career in international education. An admissions counselor at St. Lawrence in the 1960s and 1970s, he was director of the University's Austria program in Vienna in 1973. Over the succeeding years he worked in international higher education in numerous capacities and in several countries, including England, Switzerland and Germany. He moved to China in 2001, becoming superintendent of Yew Chung International Schools, one of the top international schools in Asia. He is a Klingenstein Fellow at Columbia University Teachers College, and has been involved in several charitable activities.

Canton piano teacher **Barbara Tollefson Burdick M.Ed. '87** gave a piano recital at the Hayner Cultural Center in Troy, Ohio, at Thanksgiving. She played works by Smetana, Debussy, Chopin, Mercer and others. In Canton, she is president of the community theater group Grasse River Players and treasurer of the North Country Music Teachers Association, and has directed the pit orchestra for several high school musicals.

▼ CLASS OF 1970



University Trustee Emerita **Katy B. MacKay** died September 30, 2014. "Loved by countless Laurentians around the world," as President Fox put it in a campus announcement, she had retired from a quarter-century career with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and the New York State Budget Division. She was a member of the Board of Directors of the Council of Governing Boards of the Council of Independent Colleges and Universities (CICU), and, among numerous other posts, served on the Advisory Council for the Disabled for the 1980 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, the Governor's Advisory Council on the Disabled, and as a charter member of the Center for Women in Government in Albany.

As an alumna, she was a member of the Alumni Executive Council and the President's Associates Membership Committee; reunion development committees, planning co-chair for three class reunions and Laurentian Singers reunion co-chair; and a career advisor. She established the Katy MacKay University Fellowship Fund to support student research.

A sociology major, Katy "loved the school songs and never missed joining the chorus when the Laurentian Singers, by tradition, invited alumni to sing," President Fox wrote. "Katy had the strong voice of a singer, but it was her ready, happy laughter that punctuated a voice speaking the words of life wisdom and careful thinking."

▼ CLASS OF 1932

At 102 years old, **Vivian Winn Dilday** died August 8, 2014, at her home in Winston-Salem, N.C. She majored in Latin and was a member of the women's basketball team and Kappa Delta sorority. She also received a certificate of religious studies from the Canton Theological School.

▼ CLASS OF 1949

Ann Harvey Somerhausen of Brussels, Belgium, died August 14, 2014, while vacationing in Zurich, Switzerland. An English major, she earned departmental honors and Phi Beta Kappa membership. She was a sister of Kappa Kappa Gamma and was involved in campus publications, including *The Laurentian* magazine. Her husband was a diplomat, and they lived internationally with time in Cuba, Brazil and India. She enjoyed writing about her experiences in these different countries and was a beloved member of the Brussels Writers' Circle.

▼ CLASS OF 1952

W. Paul Blankman died June 21, 2014, in Lebanon, Tenn. He was a member of Phi Sigma Kappa, Mummies and the Outing Club, loving his time spent in the Adirondacks. He enjoyed writing and photography. He is survived by his wife of 33 years, three children, two stepsons, 11 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

▼ CLASS OF 1954

John H. Winston of Wilmington, N.C., died July 20, 2014. He received a B.A. in business administration and was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. He met his wife, Patricia "Pat" Powers Winston '55, while at St. Lawrence and they were married two years later. After serving in the U.S. Army for two years, he began his 30-year career at Riggs National Bank in Washington, D.C. He and Pat retired in 1997 to Wilmington. He is also remembered by his two children, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Maj. Gen. **John D. "Don" Granger** died July 9, 2014, at his home in Costa Rica, where he had spent the last 23 years. He earned a B.A. in business administration and was a member of Beta Theta Pi and

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ROTC. He studied political science at the University of Alabama,

followed by time at the National War College and General Staff College. He had a distinguished military career, including four tours in Vietnam, and was inducted into the Military Police Hall of Fame.

▼ CLASS OF 1957

James W. Campbell Jr. of Palm Harbor, Fla., died April 6, 2014. He is remembered by his wife, four children and five grandchildren. At St. Lawrence, he was a member of Phi Sigma Kappa and received a B.S. in mathematics.

▼ CLASS OF 1975

James F. "Jim" Fusting Jr. of Waitsfield, Vt., died September 5, 2014. He studied in Kenya, played lacrosse and was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. A government major, he earned departmental honors. He worked briefly in the office of a U.S. Senator before beginning a 36-year career in the food industry, reaching executive positions in supply chain and procurement. Having spent most of his career in Fullerton, Calif., he and his wife, Patricia "Patty" Sparks Fusting '75, moved to Waitsfield upon retiring in 2013. His survivors also include a sister, Deborah Fusting Lynn '76; brother-in-law Morgan M. Sparks '79; brother-in-law and sister-in-law Richard "Sparky" '70 and Margaret "Peggy" Sparks Potter '73, P'14; niece Grace E. Potter '14; and cousins Scott S. Menzies '73, Priscilla Menzies Keller '76, P'14 and Cooper Keller '14. He was preceded in death by cousin John T. "Jock" Menzies III '68.

▼ CLASS OF 1976

Andrew J. Scott of Norwell, Mass., died June 23, 2014. He majored in biology, studied in Kenya and was a member of Phi Kappa Sigma. Continuing his education at the University of Vermont and Columbia University he became a physical therapist. Those remembering him include his children Abigail '11, Nicholas '12 and Harrison '14, and sister, Kathryn Scott '79.

▼ CLASS OF 1994

Amy Bradstreet died September 1, 2014, at her home in Cazenovia, N.Y. She pledged Kappa Delta Sigma and earned a B.S. in mathematics. She attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and interned at the University of Texas, coming away with a degree in civil engineering. After living in Washington, D.C., and Long Island, she settled in Cazenovia, dedicating her time to her family, especially her two young sons. She enjoyed playing sports and had completed the San Diego and New York City marathons.

We have also learned of the deaths of these Laurentians; memorial notices may appear in future issues: 1938n **Carl R. Bleu**, Aug. 17, 2014 ■ 1939n **Marion Martin Manger**, Aug. 27, 2014 ■ 1943 **Lloyd D. Smith**, Nov. 6, 2013 ■ 1945 **Nancy Cartledge Mason**, Sept. 23, 2014 ■ 1947 **Arthur T. "Art" Hilbert**, July 28, 2014 ■ 1948 **Barbara "Bobbie" Schlegel Glenn**, July 9, 2014 ■ 1950 **Mary Pasco Cooper**, July 20, 2014 ■ 1950 **Eileen "Tish" Mackey Lampe**, Sept. 23, 2014 ■ 1950 **Martha McCadam**, Sept. 2, 2014 ■ 1951 **Peter J. Allen**, Sept. 17, 2014 ■ 1951n **Betty Foster Gentsch**, Sept. 11, 2014 ■ 1951n **Donald W. Brewer**, Jan. 31, 2014 ■ 1952n **Margaret Franklin Hoener**, Feb. 19, 2014 ■ 1952 **Gary E. Robinson**, July 30, 2014 ■ 1953 **Paul F. Clements**, July 31, 2014 ■ 1957 **Augustine J. Almela**, Aug. 8, 2014 ■ 1960 **Roger S. Gay**, Sept. 25, 2014 ■ 1960 **Arthur Jay Hughes Jr.**, August 24, 2014 ■ 1963 **Carl P. Bozenmayer**, February 10, 2014 ■ 1964 **James W. Feck**, August 18, 2014 ■ 1968 **James J. Kelly**, September 13, 2014 ■ 1973 **James "Jim" Davis Rudd**, August 2, 2014 ■ 1975M **Thomas A. Paternostro**, September 8, 2014 ■ 1978 **Jane Tere Maloney**, October 2, 2014 ■ 1982 **Travis C. Porter**, July 21, 2014

FACULTY AND STAFF

Former Senior University Fellow in English **Joe David Bellamy**, of Sanford, Florida, died on August 5, 2014. An award-winning fiction



writer and editor, Joe was a professor at St. Lawrence from 1972 to 2003, influencing hundreds of students and serving as a mentor to many who went on to distinguished writing careers of their own. Also a poet and reviewer, he founded the St. Lawrence Writers Conference, bringing distinguished writers to Canaras every summer for several years, and was the

founder and publisher of *fiction international* magazine and press. A former president of both the Associated Writing Programs (AWP) and the Coordinating Council of Literary Magazines (CCLM), he served as director of the Literature Program of the National Endowment for the Arts in the early 1990s. He was a member of the National Book Critics Circle and served as a member of its Board of Directors from 2001 to 2004. He is survived by his wife, Connie; a daughter, Lael '86n; a son, Sam '90; and four grandchildren.

Richard Markow, former member of the psychology faculty, died March 9, 2014. He also taught at the University of Ottawa, and was a professional drummer. He continued with his love of music even while teaching by becoming a professional "roadie," helping set the stage for many well-known acts that played the Ottawa area.

Former alpine ski coach **Jeffrey J. Pier** died July 4, 2014. He had led many coaching clinics for the United States Ski Association, served as national chairman of NCAA alpine ski racing, and occasionally coached with the U.S. Ski Team. After earning a bachelor's degree from St. Lawrence in 2005 and his MBA from Clarkson, he started Liberty Tax businesses in Plattsburgh and Malone, New York. Among his survivors is a daughter, Jaleigh '16.

Ortha W. Sibbitts died July 6, 2014, at her home near Canton. She worked in Dining Services for more than 10 years. While helping run a family dairy farm, she took great pride in her flower and vegetable gardens.

Jean DeLand Hardy died May 27, 2014, at age 88. She taught women's physical education for two years in the early 1950s.

THE EXTENDED FAMILY

Former University Trustee **Grace Ellsworth P'72** died June 23, 2014, at age 100. She was a founder of the University of Hartford (Conn.), a patron of the arts and a lover of nature. She was also a trustee of the Hartt School of Music and Miss Hall's School. In addition to her son Timothy '72, Laurentians among her survivors include a great-nephew and great-great niece.

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, N.Y. 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.

'In Memory' is compiled by Shayla Snyder Witherell '11, switherell@stlawu.edu

FROM THE ARCHIVES

We knew accommodations in days gone by were Spartan, but we had forgotten they were this monastic. This is a room (or part of one, anyway; we do hope there's a window somewhere) in **Sykes Residence Hall**, which may have been called "Men's Rez" when this undated picture was taken. For a comparison with a room interior in St. Lawrence's newest accommodation, Kirk Douglas Hall, turn to page 28. If this looks like your room, let us know when that was so at nburdick@stlawu.edu.





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