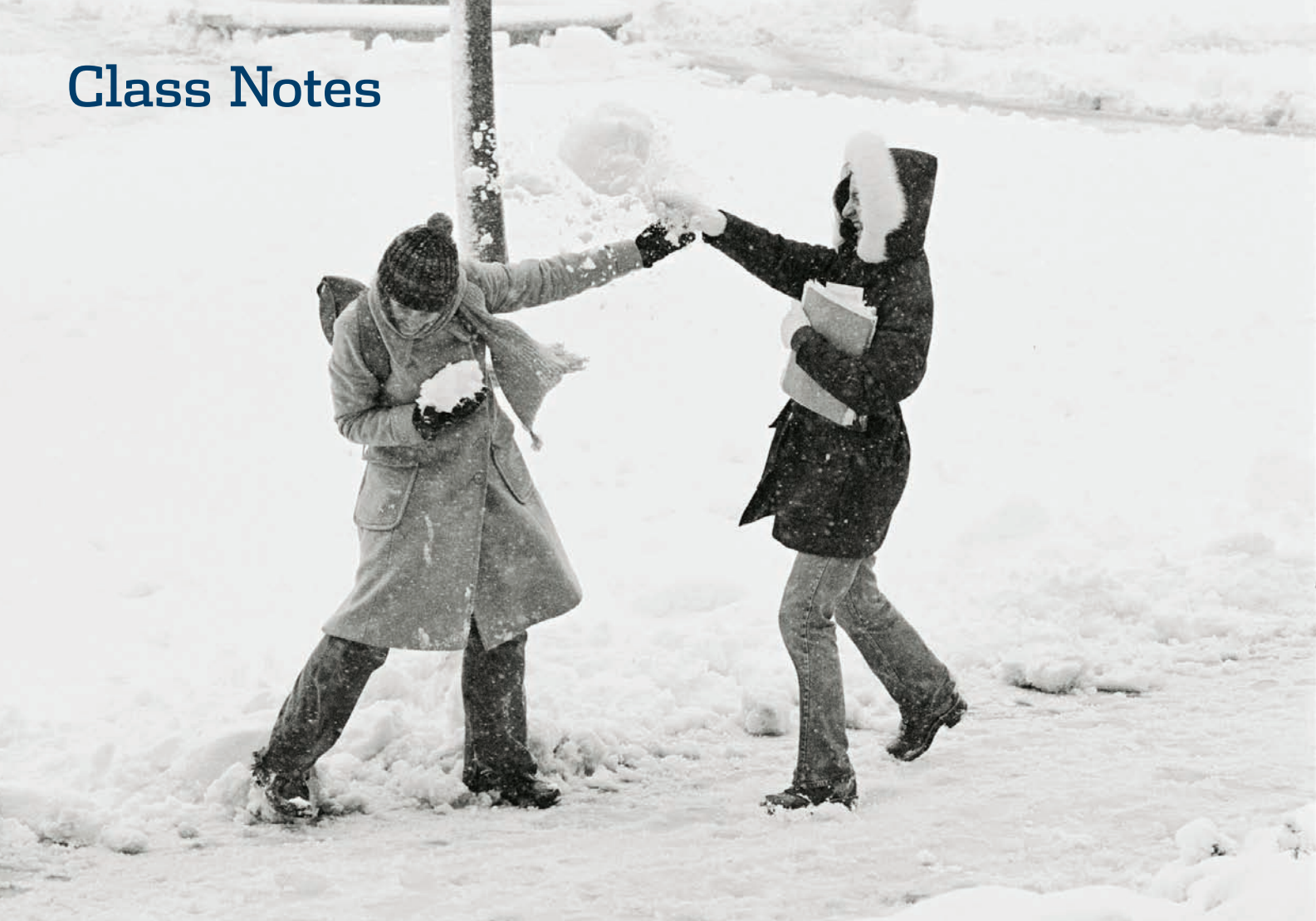


Class Notes



HEY, WHO'S FIGHTING ON THE QUAD? Two unidentified students pause for a snowball brawl on the Eastman Quad in an undated photo from the University's archives. Any idea who they are? Send us a note at rochrev@rochester.edu.

College

ARTS, SCIENCES & ENGINEERING

1959 Robert Scaer '63M (MD), a neurologist, writes that he's written his third book on the neurophysiology of life trauma. *Eight Keys to Brain-Body Balance* (W. W. Norton & Co.) is "designed for the lay reader as a guide to understanding the body's messages in trauma and the mechanisms of healing."

1961 Irene Berkowitz Stillings has been named president of the U.S. Green Chamber of Commerce. Irene is director emerita of the nonprofit California Center for Sustainable Energy.

1962 Pat Wager Wheeler '65W (Mas) has written *Successful Tails: The Wonders of Therapy Dogs* (Authorhouse). Pat is a therapy dog handler in Northern California.

1968 Louis-Jack Pozner writes that he's chairman-elect of the United Jewish Federation of Northeastern New York and the organization's 2012-13 campaign chair. An attorney, Louis-Jack has lived in Albany with his wife, Rona, since 1971. . . . **Chuck Smith** writes: "*Lifetime Contract*, my one-act play, was chosen by the Old Opera House in West Virginia as one of four plays to be produced in June in their annual One Act Festival. By the vote of three audiences, it came in second, winning the silver medal. Philistines!" Chuck adds that *Love Match*, a one-act play that he coauthored, was produced last July in California by the Bakersfield Community Theater and last September in Maryland by Thunderous Productions. . . . **Alan Wertheimer '74 (PhD)** writes: "I've sung with an a cappella group, the Bowties, since the group's formation in 1997.



1968 Wertheimer

We've just released our second CD, *Black Tie Optional*, with 15 songs, including a live rendition of 'Bohemian Rhapsody,' performed at Kodak Hall in Eastman

Theatre in February 2011. We issued the CD through our website, www.thebowties.com." Alan adds that the group includes John Langfitt, associate professor

at the Strong Epilepsy Center, who joined the group in 2011. Alan is on the far left of the photo, and John is next to him. . . . **Ed Wetschler** writes: “*Recommend*, a magazine for tour operators and travel agents, has appointed me Caribbean editor. That’s a part-time position, so I can continue as executive editor of Tripatini.com, a social network for travel.”

1969 Nancy Durand Robblee writes that she and **Tony Cantrick** met each other for the first time at a recent piano retreat. “Both of us amateur pianists were delighted to run into a fellow Rochester alum, and we were quite surprised to find out we were both in the Class of ’69, but had never before crossed paths.” The two were attending the four-day Icicle Creek Adult Piano Retreat in the Cascade Mountains near Leavenworth, Wash. She adds that she, her husband, Dick, Tony, and the other participants “had a terrific time learning and playing in this scenic locale.” Nancy sends a photo of the group in which she and Tony are seated next to each other in the front row. Tony is third from left, and Nancy, fourth.

1971 Harry Melkonian has written *Freedom of Speech and Society: A Social Approach to Freedom of Expression* (Cambria). He’s an honorary associate at Macquarie University Law School and teaches at the United States Studies Centre at the University of Sydney in Australia.

1972 John Newton has written *A Pen Named Man: Our Essence* (Resource Publications), a book of spiritual and philosophical reflections. Now retired, John worked for 38 years at Kodak as a patent specialist in the area of silver halide crystal technology.

1973 Gary Clinton and Don Millinger ’76 were married in New York City in October 2011. They write: “We met at the U of R in October 1972 and have been together ever since,” adding that they celebrated the 40th anniversary of their relationship in October, the day before their first wedding anniversary. Gary is the dean of students and counsel to the dean at the University of Pennsylvania Law School, where



1969 Robblee



1977 Dardano

he has worked since 1979. Don is the vice president and general counsel for GCAM/Global Cultural Asset Management, an international museum consulting firm. . . . **Steven and Judith Koffer Wasserman** (see ’09).

1976 Barbara Suckle Boardman (see ’06). . . . **Susan Reinhardt Groesbeck** ’89W (EdD) has been named a Woman of Distinction in *Distinctive Women* magazine. Susan is the principal of Havergal College, an independent college-preparatory school for girls in Toronto. . . . **Don Millinger** (see ’73).

1977 Clint Conley writes: “In an ongoing experiment conducted on the knife’s edge between dignity and derangement,” Mission of Burma, the Boston-based band for which he sings lead vocals, continues to record and perform new music. The band, which Clint helped form in 1979, played together until 1983, broke up, and then reunited in

2001. They toured Europe and the UK in December, and their latest CD is *Unsound* (Fire Records). . . . **Bob Dardano** writes that he and **Jennifer Baer** ’03 play bocce together as members of the D.C. Bocce Premier League in Washington, D.C.

1980 Amy Goldblatt Holtzer writes that she’s been promoted to principal of the Solomon Schechter Middle School of Westchester, N.Y. She earned a master’s degree in school administration from Manhattanville College and adds that she “loves working with preteens and teenagers and their families.”

1982 Laura Bigaouette, assistant dean at Manhattanville College’s school of education, has coauthored *Changing Students, Changing Suburbs: Helping School Leaders Face the Challenges* (Corwin Press). The book explores ways in which suburban schools can better meet the needs of a more ethnically and culturally

diverse student body.

1983 Lee Burnley (see ’86). . . . **Jeffrey Lyness** ’86M (MD) has published a multimedia book, *Mental Status Examination Demystified: A Psychopathology Mini-Book*. It’s designed for medical students and other clinical health trainees and is available for iPad through Apple iBooks. . . . **Mark Stoller** has been named assistant vice president of IT communications for New Jersey-based Selective Insurance Co. Mark joined the company last August. . . . **Gary Stockman** (see ’86). . . . **John Swanson** (see ’86).

1984 Jenny Swift (see ’86).

1985 Poet Sascha Feinstein has written his 10th book, *Ajanta’s Ledge: Poems* (Sheep Meadow Press), a collection of sonnets inspired by the Indian cave site. Sascha is a professor of English at Lycoming College in Williamsport, Pa.

1986 Eric Widra and his wife, Pat, send a photo and an update. In January, Eric attended the change of command ceremony for Capt. **Peter DeMane** held on board the USS *Oscar Austin* at the Navy base in Norfolk, Va. Peter was turning over his command of Destroyer Squadron 26 and preparing to report to NATO’s Supreme Allied Command in Belgium. Also attending the ceremony were **Joe Pearl** and **Bill Malone**. In the spring, Eric and his daughter, **Emily** ’15, a member of the women’s rowing team, attended the Dad Vail Regatta together in Philadelphia. Eric and

Abbreviations

E	Eastman School of Music
M	School of Medicine and Dentistry
N	School of Nursing
S	William E. Simon Graduate School of Business
W	Margaret Warner Graduate School of Education and Human Development
Mas	Master’s degree
RC	River Campus
Res	Medical Center residency
Flw	Postdoctoral fellowship
Pdc	Postdoctoral certificate

CLASS NOTES

Pat write that Emily is “the first crew legacy that we are aware of.” Eric rowed from 1983 to 1986. Last summer, Eric and Pat hosted six members of both the Class of 2015 and the women’s rowing team, along with seven Rochester graduates, at their home on Martha’s Vineyard. Pictured are (front row, left to right): Emily, **Heidi Weiss** ’15, **Juliana Orlov** ’15, **Lee Burnley** ’83, **Jenny Swift** ’84, **Dennis daRosa**, **Alexa Kuentstler** ’15, **Serra Sevenler** ’15; (back row, left to right) **Karli Cozen** ’15, **John Swanson** ’83, Eric, **Gary Stockman** ’83, and **Bill Malone**.



1986 Widra

1987 Rob Rosenthal writes that he’s been named School Psychologist of the Year by the Association of School Psychologists of Pennsylvania. He adds: “I also recently became a supervisor of pupil services in the Abington School District. My other career is as the director of autism spectrum services at the Growth Opportunity Center in Huntingdon Valley.” . . . **Julie Taddeo** ’96 (PhD) writes that she’s coedited an essay collection, *Steaming into a Victorian Future*

(Scarecrow Press). She’s also the author of the book’s introduction and the essay “Corsets of Steel: Steampunk’s Reimagining of Victorian Femininity.” Julie teaches British history at the University of Maryland at College Park.

1989 Larry Nehring ’91W (MS) is an actor, director, and playwright in Cleveland. He served for nine seasons as artistic director of the Cleveland Shakespeare Festival and has

recently published four one-act plays based on Shakespeare’s works. They include adaptations of *Twelfth Night*, *Macbeth*, and *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*, as well as *Romeo and Juliet*: *Produced and Directed by Quince*, a comedy about an acting troupe’s misadventures during the production of the Shakespearean tragedy. All four plays are published by Playscripts.

1990 Michael Safran has been

named senior vice president of sales for *USA Today*. He’ll oversee the newspaper’s national advertising sales strategy. He’s worked for both *Time* and *Sports Illustrated*.

1992 Lori Cunningham has released *Userid/Password Address Book* (Balboa Press). She writes that it’s “an address book for storing Internet userid and password information” and also includes sections for banking information and email addresses. . . . **Mike Dashefsky** ’93 (MS) has accepted a position as associate general counsel for Visa. He’ll be working in Visa’s Washington, D.C., office and will be handling issues related to global competition and litigation. Previously, Mike was a trial attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice. . . . **Leslie Firtell**, the president and CEO of Tower Legal Solutions, was named an Ernst & Young 2012 Entrepreneurial Winning Woman. She was one of 11 winners nationwide. The award recognizes women entrepreneurs whose ventures offer exceptional growth potential. Tower Legal Solutions offers legal staffing and e-discovery

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10 AM – 1 PM. Echo Lake Country Club, 515 Springfield Avenue, Westfield, NJ. **Featured Speaker:** University Vice President Paul Burgett ’68E, ’72E (MA), ’76E (PhD)

■ **Rochester Forum in Rochester: Thursday, June 20, 2013.**

9 AM – 3 PM. At the Memorial Art Gallery, 500 University Avenue, Rochester, NY.

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1995 Kristen Herlihy is the owner of a Baby Boot Camp franchise. She writes: "By combining business and parenting worlds, I spend time with my 19-month-old son, Connor, while teaching fitness classes to other moms and babies."

1998 Eric Danton writes that he married Sara Brenneis in June in Amherst, Mass. He adds: "I took a buyout in May from the *Hartford Courant* newspaper in Connecticut, where I had written for 14 years, 10 of them as rock music critic. I now work as a contributing editor for *RollingStone.com*. . . **Peter Dowd** writes that his film, *The King of Size*, premiered at the LA Shorts Fest last September. "The film is a documentary portrait of Rochester's Tony Natalie, a former champion bodybuilder on a quest to reclaim the glory of his former Mr. New York crown. I've been filming Tony on and off for more than



1998 Scahill



1999 Samuelson



2000 Ferrara

10 years, and hope one day to turn this short film into a feature." . . . **Jon Scahill '04S (MBA)** writes that he and his wife, Alexis, welcomed a daughter, Maeven Rae, in August. He adds: "Aunt **Samantha Rae Fabricant '12** made sure to visit the hospital just days before beginning her first semester of law school at John Marshall in Chicago."

1999 Mark Ferrandino '00 (MS), a Colorado state legislator from Denver, was elected Speaker

of the House by his Democratic colleagues last November. . . . **Marc Samuelson** writes that he and his wife, Heather, welcomed a son, Isaac Charles Samuelson, last May. Marc adds: "I'm a workers' compensation and social security disability attorney in Pleasantville, N.J., just outside of Atlantic City, and Heather is an occupational therapist."

2000 Daniel Ferrara writes that he and his wife, Yuki, welcomed their first child, Joseph,

last August. Daniel adds: "We're living in New York City, where I'm a criminalist with the New York City Office of Chief Medical Examiner." . . . **Jim Lilley** has been named to the board of directors of the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Charlotte, N.C. Jim is the regional wealth planning manager and senior wealth planning strategist for the Charlotte financial planning team of Wells Fargo.

2002 Ingrid Brill Albright writes that she and her husband,

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Bette Jane Sumner, whose son, Michael, is member of the Class of 2015, and Bette Jane's brother, Dan Bayerl, enjoy Tapas Night at the Memorial Art Gallery during Meliora Weekend 2012.



Kirk Moldoff '76, '79M (MS) submitted a photo taken by his son, Andrew, who took Rocky on a language camp trip to China in summer 2012.



Rocky joined a group of former basketball players at their annual golf outing in Nashville. From left: Jack Herlan '77, Mike Ryan '81 '84S (MBA), Dave Bence '81, John Mattioli '79, Mike O'Brien '78, Bill Beckley '78, and Tom DiChristina '82.



Brian Goldhagen '05 and Renata Schloss '04, '05 (T5) celebrated their second wedding anniversary with Rocky in Cozumel, Mexico.

ALUMNI RELATIONS

Where's Rocky?

THIS FALL, ROCKY, THE UNIVERSITY'S MASCOT, CONTINUED A WHIRLWIND journey to places near and far.

Rocky began his travels last June, when the Office of Alumni Relations announced on its Facebook page an initiative called "Where's Rocky?"

Since then, members of the University community—alumni, students, parents, and staff—have taken Rocky with them from places as wide-ranging as favorite campus destinations to the farthest reaches of the globe.

To view Rocky's complete travel gallery, visit www.facebook.com/URAlumniRelations. To participate, download and print the Rocky cutout from the page, and then post your photo on Facebook for the entire community to see. 📌



Brittney Bunkis '15 took Rocky to the 9/11 Memorial in New York City, where he was placed by the name of victim Brendan Dolan '86.



2002 Albright



2003 Breakstone



2003 Sahdev and Shah



2005 Brennan



2006 Boardman



2008 Bell

Shane, welcomed their first child, Anneliese, in August.

2003 Jennifer Baer (see '77)... **Michael Breakstone** and his wife, Laura, welcomed a son, William, in October. William weighed 8 lbs., 1 oz., and was 21.5 inches long... **Mithun Sahdev** and **Megha Shah** '05 write that they welcomed a son, Aarav Ashok, in July. Mithun and Megha were married in May 2009 and live in Jersey City, N.J., where Mithun is a financial analyst for Johnson & Johnson and Megha is a resident in internal medicine at New York University.

2004 Jessica Marcinkevage has been awarded a 2012-13 American Fellowship from the American Association for University Women. Jessica is a doctoral candidate in nutrition and health sciences at Emory University. The fellowship will help support Jessica's research on nutrition in women of childbearing age... **Renata Schloss** '05 (T5) (see '05).

2005 Patrick and Nancy Mahadeo Brennan '06 welcomed a daughter, Penny, in October.

... **Roma Desai** has joined the New England law firm Bernstein Shur as an associate specializing in bankruptcy and reorganization. She'll work in the firm's Portland, Maine, office... **Brian Goldhagen** writes that he and **Renata Schloss** '04, '05 (T5) celebrated their second wedding anniversary in Cozumel, Mexico. Brian adds: "We started dating our last year in Rochester. We remember our days at Rochester fondly." (See "Where's Rocky," page 54.) ... **Megha Shah** (see '03).

2006 Jeremy and Kathryn Harvey Boardman welcomed a daughter, Lillian June, in August. They note that Lillian is the granddaughter of **Barbara Suckle Boardman** '76 and the niece of **Andrew Boardman**... **Nancy Mahadeo Brennan** (see '05).

2008 Christopher Bell '10M (MS) married Sarah Kolb in June at Woodcliff Hotel and Spa in Fairport, N.Y. Christopher writes: "The weather was absolutely perfect, and we were surrounded

by family, friends, and fellow U of R graduates, including **George McCrory** '06 and **Tyler Stapleton** '08.

2009 Erin Philbrick writes that she married **Dan Wasserman** '10 last August in Penfield, N.Y. Erin is a doctoral candidate in epidemiology at the School of Medicine and Dentistry. Dan is a research associate at KJT Group in Honeoye Falls, N.Y. Pictured are (back to front, left to right): **Robin Hargadon** '10, **Ross Brenneman** '10 (groomsman), **Dana Hilfinger** '11, **Krista Lombardo** '10, **David Maystrovsky** '10, **Dana Olzenak**, **Elizabeth Bremer** '12W (MS), **Steven Wasserman** '73 (groom's father), **David Weinberg** '72, '73S (MS), '84M (Res), **Courtney Jones** '08M (MPH), **Deborah Philbrick** '10, **Rebecca Rosenberg** '12, **Conor Willis** '11, Erin, Dan, **Marc Epstein** '10 (officiate), **Judith Koffer Wasserman** '73 (groom's mother), **Vivian Koffer Weinberg** '72, **Heather McGrane Minton**, and **Megan Herr**.



2009 Philbrick and Wasserman

2010 Sam Fishman writes: "I've been the drummer of

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2012 Samantha Rae Fabricant (see '98). . . . **Morgan Nees Van Baalen** began Peace Corps service in Losotho in August. She'll be teaching chemistry, physics, and biology to secondary school students in rural areas of the south-eastern African nation.

Graduate

ARTS, SCIENCES & ENGINEERING

1964 Batya Abramson-Goldstein (MA), executive director of the Jewish Community Relations Council of St. Louis, received two awards this past fall honoring her work in building partnerships between Jewish and other faith communities: the Interfaith Partnership/Faith Beyond Wall's Interfaith Leader of the Year award and the Hellenic Spirit Foundation's Athena Award. Batya has been with the council since 1988 and its executive director since 2003.

1972 John Perry (PhD), an astrophysicist, has written a thriller, *Partner in Survival: A Novel* (Self-published).

1974 Alan Wertheimer (PhD) (see '68 College).

1976 Leonard Jason (PhD), professor of psychology and director of the Center for Community Research at DePaul University, has written *Principles of Social Change* (Oxford University Press).

1978 Diane Mathis (PhD), professor of microbiology and immunobiology at Harvard Medical School, has been inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. She was one of 180 people inducted this year.

1991 Daan Pan (PhD), professor of English at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, has written *The Lyrical Resonance Between Chinese Poets and Painters: The Tradition and Poetics of Tihuashi* (Cambria Press).

1993 Mike Dashefsky (MS) (see '92 College).

1995 Gordon Crawford (PhD) has been named vice president of analytics at Dataquick, a real estate information company based in San Diego. Gordon previously worked for Fannie Mae.

1996 Todd Kunioka (PhD), a statistical analyst for Los Angeles County and an assistant professor of political science at California State University, Los Angeles, has coauthored *Term Limits and Their Consequences: The Aftermath of Legislative Reform* (SUNY Press). . . . **Julie Taddeo** (PhD) (see '87 College).

2000 Mark Ferrandino (MS) (see '99 College).

Eastman School of Music

1953 Arnold Berleant '55 (MA) has released his eighth book, *Aesthetics Beyond the Arts: New and Recent Essays* (Ashgate Publishing). Arnold is professor emeritus of philosophy at Long Island University.

1957 Ann Myers Patrick

Green '59 (MM) writes that her book *Piano Music for Little Fingers*, an introductory volume of a three-book set, has been published by Dover Publications. . . . **Sydney Hodkinson '58** (MM), who holds the Almand Chair of Composition at Stetson University, served as the artist-in-residence for the New Music Festival in Louisville, Ky., in November. The festival, hosted by the University of Louisville, features a new guest composer each year.

1974 Trumpeter **Allen Vizzutti '76** (MM) has released a new CD, *Ritzville* (Village Place Music), featuring pianist Chick Corea and bassist Stanley Clarke.

1980 Kate Light '82E (MM) writes that the "one-act 'sit-com' opera," *The Life and Love of Joe Coogan*, based on an episode of the *Dick Van Dyke Show*, with her libretto and music by Paul Salerni, was performed in November by the Otterbein University Opera Theater at Battelle Fine Arts Center in Westerville, Ohio.

1981 Greg Danner (MA),

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professor of music theory and composition at Tennessee Technological University, has released the CD *The Music of Greg Danner, Vol. I: Walls of Zion* (Mark Masters). . . . "From the Rising of the Sun," a festival piece by **Dan Locklear** (DMA) for brass quartet, percussion, and organ, premiered in September at United Methodist Church in Atlanta.

1983 Chris Norton '86 (MA) (see '94).

1984 Leslie Boggs Norton (see '94).

1991 Licia Jaskunas (MM) (see '94).

1993 Katharine Smithrim (PhD) has coauthored *Prayers for Women Who Can't Pray* (Wintergreen Studios Press). Katharine is a professor of education at Queens University in Kingston, Ontario.

1994 Zeneba Bowers '96 (MM), violinist, founder, and the artistic director of Alias Chamber Ensemble, based in Nashville, Tenn., writes that the group released its second CD, *Boiling Point* (Delos Records) in September, and that the recording had sold out of its first printing in two days. Alias also includes among its members harpist **Licia Jaskunas** '91 (MM), horn player **Leslie Boggs Norton** '84, and percussionist **Chris Norton** '83, '86 (MA). Zeneba adds that Nashville Mayor Karl Dean officially declared last September 25th "Alias Chamber Ensemble Day" and the Tennessee General Assembly declared last September 23 through 29 as "Alias Chamber Ensemble Week." . . . **Kevin Puts** '99 (DMA), who won the Pulitzer Prize in 2012 for his first opera, *Silent Night*, has premiered a new work, *To Touch the Sky: Nine Songs for Unaccompanied Chorus on Texts by Women*. The work was performed in Austin, Texas, last September by the Grammy-nominated choir, *Conspirare*. The piece is set to poems and writings by women spanning more than two millennia, from Sappho to the contemporary poet Marie Howe.

1996 Jeremy Gill has edited and written the introduction

to George Rochberg's *A Dance of Polar Opposites: The Continuing Transformation of Our Musical Language* (University of Rochester Press).

2008 Shauli Einav (MM) performed in the Israeli Jazz Expo in November. He writes that he's also at work on two new studio recordings.

School of Medicine and Dentistry

1959 Paul Griner (MD), '65 (Res) has written *The Power of Patient Stories: Learning Moments in Medicine* (Self-published). He writes: "The book is a compendium of about 50 patient stories I've accumulated over almost 60 years in medicine. Each story represented an important learning experience for me. The stories reflect the importance of ethics, professionalism, and good bedside diagnostic skills." Paul is a professor emeritus of medicine at Rochester, a University trustee, a retired senior lecturer at Harvard Medical School, and a consultant to the Massachusetts General Hospital and the Institute for HealthCare Improvement, located in Cambridge.

1963 Robert Scaer (MD) (see '59 College).

1978 Ada Fisher (Res), a retired family practice physician and North Carolina Republican National Committeewoman, has written *Common Sense Conservative Prescriptions: Solutions for What Ails Us* (Self-published).

1981 Judy Arbit Aschner (MD), '85M (Res) has been named chair of the pediatrics department at Montefiore Medical Center and Albert Einstein College of Medicine at Yeshiva University. Judy is director of neonatology and the Julia Carell Stadler Professor of Pediatrics at Vanderbilt. She'll begin her new role in April. . . . **David Nash** (MD) has won the 2012 Joseph Wharton Social Impact Award. David, who earned an MBA from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business, is founding dean of the Jefferson School of Population Health.

1986 Jeffrey Lyness (MD) (see '83 College).

2010 Christopher Bell (MS) (see '08 College).

Simon School of Business

1993 Juliana Clark Janson (MBA) has been named executive director of the western New York affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure. . . . **Mike Szpak** (MBA) has been named executive director and CEO of the sister agencies ARC of Oswego County and Oswego Industries. Most recently, Mike was vice president of operations and business development at Rochester Rehabilitation.

2004 Jon Scahill (MBA) (see '98 College).

Warner School of Education

1965 Pat Wager Wheeler (Mas) (see '62 College).

1989 Susan Reinhardt Groesbeck (EdD) (see '76 College).

1991 Larry Nehring (MS) (see '89 College).

In Memoriam

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Mary Stewart Allen '35, October 2012

Clark L. Brody '36E, November 2012

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Eugene Genovese: Standing the Test of Time

During the mid-1970s, I entered the graduate program in history at Rochester to obtain a PhD under the supervision of Eugene Genovese. Gene would become one of the most influential—and controversial—historians of his generation. No scholar studied more deeply the history of the master-slave relation in the antebellum South. His masterpiece, *Roll, Jordan, Roll: The World the Slaves Made*, which in 1975 received the Bancroft Prize, the most prestigious prize in the field of American history, will stand the test of time.

At Rochester, where he taught from 1969 to 1986, he and I entered into a friendship that remained unbroken until his death last September at age 82. Over the years, a number of persons have asked me, “What was it like to work with Gene Genovese? Boy,” they say, “I hear he was one tough SOB.”

Truth be told, many graduate students started dissertations under Gene’s supervision; I dare say only about five of us ever finished. One story will have to do. My introduction to Gene the



‘LIKE HORATIUS AT THE BRIDGE’: Despite his own firm ideological and later, religious, commitments, Genovese defended historical scholarship from “capture by ideologues,” writes Paquette.

teacher was a seminar on the Old South. I forget at what point in the semester he returned our first graded papers. On mine, he had splashed so much red—his favorite color at the time—I thought he had opened an artery over it. On the very first page above the title he had written in bold red: “Too pedantic, too polemical, too passive.” That was his only line of praise. Yes, indeed, Gene set the bar high,

and he never apologized for doing so.

During the later stage of his career, he publicly renounced his Marxist atheism and returned to the Roman Catholic Church that had nurtured him in his youth. No one who knew Gene at whatever stop on his intellectual odyssey could ever accuse him of proselytizing in the classroom. He had unyielding respect for history as a

profession, and defended it, like Horatius at the bridge, from capture by ideologues pretending to be scholars. Whether you shared Gene’s politics or not, whether he liked you or not, success in his classroom meant that you had to labor tirelessly to meet exacting demands.

Gene’s greatness as a historian derived in large part from his great respect for tradition as deeply buried deposits of wisdom that must be endlessly rediscovered. His scholarship was intended not to separate us from our obligations to the living, but rather to inform them. If, in the beginning, Gene bowed to no God but truth, he ended his life bowing to both.

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Peter Lyman '47: A 'Humble' Rochester Legend

Somewhere amongst my disorganized papers exists an old color photograph taken in 1984 in a gymnasium that I think was in Tennessee. The photo shows me as a college sophomore, standing with my tennis coach, Peter Lyman, in an otherwise empty gym. We were on spring break with the tennis team, taking a southern swing in a van, and on this day our match had been rained out, so I'd walked into the gym to hit tennis balls against the wall. I'm wearing my Rochester tennis sweats, hands on my hips and weight on one leg. Peter is holding my tennis racquet outstretched, demonstrating to me a contact point.

That photograph has been a prized possession ever since. Peter, who died in September at the age of 87, coached the Rochester men's tennis team and the squash team for more than 40 years. Every kid who grew up playing tennis in Rochester, as had I, knew the legend of Peter Lyman. Our greatest aspiration (outside of Wimbledon, of course), was to win "Districts," the city-wide



CHAMPION: A tennis and squash coach at Rochester for more than 40 years, Lyman (center) stands with players Alex Gaeta '83, '91 (PhD) (left) and Bob Swartout '83, '92S (MBA).

summer tournament played on the 22 clay courts at the Tennis Club of Rochester. Peter had won the District singles title 16 years in a row. The plaque that hangs on the wall at the Tennis Club of Rochester looks simply ridiculous with Peter's name written on it so many times, and with no other names in between his.

Only a debilitating case of rheumatoid arthritis could stop Peter from winning the title many more times. By the time I was 14 and playing tennis year-round, Peter had long since been stricken, resulting in a premature limp, hobbled curvature and gnarled hands. The rheumatoid arthritis had made him look older than he truly was.

But it never caused him to miss a day of work. Under his guidance, the tennis and squash teams excelled, and he coached numerous All-Americans in both sports.

He received the Lifetime Achievement Award for intercollegiate squash in 1999 and national coach of the year for Division III men's tennis. Both of Rochester's recently built tennis and squash facilities bear his name.

Peter gave everything he had to his teams. But he did not give psychological pre-match speeches or put his ego in the way. I never heard Peter brag or draw attention to himself. He never needed the story to be about him. Instead, he let the story be about all of us. This gave us room to make mistakes and to grow. Above all else he was a perfectly humble man.

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