In Memoriam
Alumni

Florence Dummer Harrison ’33, ’59W (EdM), February 2010
Edythe Brown Walters ’33, March 2010
Gretchen Wilcox Hartman ’35, November 2009
Jane Welch Barager ’36, May 2009
Leone Coffey Dinelli ’36, September 2009
Marian Heise Spencer ’36, August 2009
Herman C. Nowack ’39, March 2010
Margaret Rathbun-Ames ’39, ’43M (MD), December 2009
Alan H. Gleason ’41 (MA), January 2010
Miriam Bittker Clark ’42, March 2010
Elizhu G. Grossman ’42, July 2009
Edward H. Easley ’43E, ’48E (MM), March 2010
Louise Blamire Fowler ’43, February 2010
Janeth Wharry McGreal ’43E, February 2009
Martin F. Randolph ’43M (MD), March 2010
David C. Thurber ’43M (MD), February 2010
Eric Linhof ’44, March 2010
E. Gregory Thomas ’44, March 2010
Douglas H. Wilson ’44, February 2010
Vivian Bucknam ’45, October 2009
Ida Versaci ’45, February 2010
Jean Phillips Dorman ’46, December 2009
Dorothy Taylor Selden ’46N, ’65N (MS), June 2009
Nancy Wakeley Ghent ’47N, July 2007
Jane Wetherby Syron ’47N, March 2010
Margaret Brant Adams ’48, February 2010
Janet Davidson Birk ’48N, February 2010
Joseph E. Perry ’48 (PhD), February 2010
Harry J. Wahler ’48E, ’48E (MM), December 2009

TRIBUTE
Frank Shuffleton: A Lifetime of Achievement

Last spring, the English department held a symposium to honor Frank Shuffleton as he became a professor emeritus after 40 years of teaching and scholarship at Rochester.

A distinguished panel of scholars discussed the importance of Frank’s work in the field of 17th- and 18th-century American literature. That work had earned him a lifetime achievement award from the early American literature section of the Modern Languages Association just two years before.

Many scholars also wrote to testify to their personal and professional debt to Frank, whose cheerful and encouraging presence and his willingness to assist younger scholars is something of a legend.

Frank, who died in March, was my colleague for 22 years, during which he taught me extraordinary lessons about how to produce engaged scholarship in my field of 19th-century American literature. Frank was focused on the American Enlightenment, and especially on the protean figure of Thomas Jefferson. His name became deeply associated with the best, most useful, and most interesting work being done on Jefferson. In addition to dozens of influential articles, he completed, in the early 1990s, one of the great resources in Jefferson studies: a two volume, comprehensive, annotated bibliography of writings about Jefferson that begins in 1826 and ends in 1990. Thomas Jefferson: A Comprehensive Annotated Bibliography of Writings about Him is a monument to scholarly commitment, generosity, and intelligence.

Frank was likely to enter rooms with a good humored wave and one of two

Dorothy Buckingham Bley ’49, January 2010
Jane Doolittle Lough ’49 (MS), January 2010
Charlotte Cook Brown ’50, February 2010
Lawrence P. DeBoer ’50, ’52 (MA), February 2010
Margaret Corcoran Geier ’50, March 2010
Alice Connell ’51, February 2010
Richard L. Dunham ’51, January 2010
Janet Faulkner ’51N, February 2010
Rose Fallico Finelli ’51N, February 2010
Joyce Gardner ’51, January 2010
Harold C. Kellogg ’51, February 2010
Robert M. Shipman ’51, February 2010
Donn C. Barton ’52M (MD), January 2010
Lois Kinley Brown ’52, October 2009
Isidore Levine ’52M (MD), March 2010
Bruce J. Dreesky ’53 (PhD), November 2009

SHUFFELTON: His work included “one of the great resources in Jefferson studies.”

signature greetings: either “Hiya, hiya, hiya” (which he once told me he adapted from the Howdy Doody Show, which he had watched as a boy); or “Greetings, scholars.” When Frank was chair of the department, he organized a conference in honor of the 50th anniversary of our graduate program in which many of our alumni, now members of the profession themselves, returned to give papers and share memories. One distinguished professor, teaching at the University of North Carolina, remembered how Frank had been the first person ever to call him a scholar. Frank’s greeting had been, for him, an important moment of self-realization.

—John Michael

John Michael is the chair of the English department at Rochester.
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Leaders and Benefactors: Gilbert McCurdy and Max Farash

Two longtime members of the University family—former trustees Gilbert McCurdy and Max Farash—died in February. McCurdy, the grandson of the founder of the family’s downtown department store, served as a trustee from 1971 to 1993 and was elected a life trustee in 1997. He died February 16 at the age of 87. A noted leader in the business and philanthropic communities of Rochester, he served as chairman and CEO of McCurdy’s from 1962 to 1992. He’s remembered as a passionate booster of downtown Rochester, having been instrumental in the development of Midtown Plaza, the first downtown enclosed shopping mall in the United States.

For more than half a century, McCurdy and his family have been generous supporters of the University. The River Campus Interfaith Chapel was a gift of the family in the 1960s, and McCurdy and his wife, Katherine Babcock McCurdy, made many gifts to the Memorial Art Gallery, the Eastman School, and to Arts, Sciences, and Engineering.

Farash, the founder of Farash Corp., one of the largest real estate development companies in western New York, died February 28 at the age of 95. A trustee from 1982 to 1985, Farash was also a generous supporter of the University, with a particular interest in the Simon School and the Eastman Institute for Oral Health.

James R. McNally ’66S, March 2010
Walter Johnson ’68M (Pdc), February 2010
Eleanor Kawka ’68 (MA), February 2010
Harold M. Graham ’69S (MBA), October 2009
Michael L. Daley ’73 (PhD), February 2010
Ann Brewster Glenn Jones ’74, February 2010
James A. Smith ’74S (MBA), February 2010
Janet Coutu ’76, February 2010
Dora Nykamp Kubitz ’79, February 2010
Mohammad Nemati ’79M (Res), February 2010

Jane Szakos ’82, February 2010
Matthew L. Miller ’86, January 2010
Beth Newdome ’86E, February 2010
Gail Cramer Walton ’87E (DMA), February 2010
Ralph C. Menapace ’90, March 2010
Charles E. Coffey ’95N, August 2009
Jean-Claude Pierre ’99S (MBA), February 2010
Mary Ellen Dean ’01M (Res), November 2009
James O. Freedman ’02 (Hon), March 2010
Eleanor Rosenfeld ’03W (EdD), March 2010