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College
ARTS, SCIENCES & ENGINEERING

1948 Jack Fassett sends an update. He’s chronicled his life, which included a clerkship to Supreme Court Justice Stanley Reed (1938–57) during the time of the Brown v. Board of Education decision, and the life of his wife of 61 years, Betty, in two books: The Shaping Years (Xlibris, 2000) and Betty: Chronicle of a Moving Life (Chapel Hill Press, 2008). He writes: “Betty is a chronicle of the exceptional 20th-century life of a small-town girl. As a young Army nurse during World War II, Betty participated in some of the defining events of the century. Upon returning from the war and while attending college, she met and married another veteran. Thereafter, she employed her nursing skills in a variety of positions supporting him through law school and while they became settled and raised their family. As a consequence of Jack’s evolving career path, Betty found herself sharing her husband’s involvement in three of the most challenging issues of the second half of the century (as well as of today): racial discrimination, as Jack clerked at the Supreme Court during the term when the school desegregation decision was rendered; gender discrimination, which came to the fore when Jack became a utility executive; and the several issues, including those related to nuclear power, which arose during the energy crises of the 1970s and 1980s while Jack served as a leader of the electric utility industry in New England. During the early years of their retirement that followed, Betty was able to revisit some of the areas of her wartime service and also to travel to many other parts of the world. Betty’s dire medical problems curtailed all such activities during the last decade, but she and Jack recently celebrated the 61st anniversary of their never-dull marriage.”

1952 Norman Neureiter has been awarded the Austrian Cross of Honour for Science and Art. The award, bestowed by the Austrian government, recognized Norman for his work with the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, founded in 1972 to bring scientists across the Cold War divide together to address global problems. The institute, which today includes member nations from five continents, is located near Vienna. Norman is the acting director of the American Association for the Advancement of Science’s Center for Science, Technology, and Security Policy.

1960 Howard Silbersher sends an update. He practiced family dentistry in New York City and Bucks County, Pa., for more than 45 years, before selling his Bucks County practice in 2009. He remains active, teaching one day a week to dental residents at Beth Israel Hospital in Newark, N.J. In addition, he recently took two residents with him to Knoxville, Tenn., on a volunteer project with the nonprofit Remote Area Medical. They joined 40 other dentists who delivered free care to 800 patients. “It was, for all, a spiritually uplifting experience. The students who went with me learned a lot.” Howard adds that he’d love to hear from classmates at MChester3@verizon.net.

1961 John and Mary Hannan Greppin send an update. John writes: “We recently took a sleeper train from Toronto, leaving at 9:30 a.m., to Halifax, Nova Scotia, where we arrived at 5:30 p.m. the next evening, and visited our classmate, Bill Miller, and his wife, Gareth. Bill lives in a house on a cove of the Atlantic Ocean, and the gustatorial high point was..."
a dinner of many huge lobsters available from a lobsterman just down the street at $5.50 a pound. Bill runs a craft store, John is retired as a linguist from Cleveland State University, and Mary is still a highly charged bird watcher.”

1963 Dick Steele (see ’64).

1964 Richard Cavagnol has written Nimroz Provincial Handbook: A Guide to the People and the Province (IDS International). It’s a guide for civilian and military personnel in Afghanistan, as well as other interested people, covering topics such as tribes, language, culture, history, government, and the economy. Richard spent nine months in Delaram District, Nimroz Province, as a USAID field program officer. . . . Tom Collins writes: “Members of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity have held a ski week at Snowmass, Colo., for the past 20 years.” At the 2013 gathering were (left to right) John DeTraglia, John Ozols ’65, ’68 (MS), Jerald Zandman, and Tom. Tom adds that previous years have included Gerald Wysocki, Scott Yeaw, Dick Sonner, Jim O’Hara ’67, ’77S (MBA), and Dick Steele ’63. . . . David Myland Kaufman, professor of neurology and psychiatry at Yeshiva University’s Albert Einstein College of Medicine, has published Clinical Neurology for Psychiatrists (7th Edition) (Elsevier/Saunders).

1965 Jim Mullen has published a memoir, The Abyss: A Test and Triumph of Everlasting Love (Xlibris). He writes: “This book is my chronicle of the multiple traumas (brain aneurysms) that befell my wife, Judy, over an eight-month period, and of her ensuing valiant struggle to regain short and long-term memory, cognitive and physical abilities, and sense of smell and taste. Judy’s struggle and ultimate victory proved the hope, love, and ultimate triumph of her journey and that of her family and friends across the country.” . . . John Ozols ’68 (MS) (see ’64).

1966 Marc Holzer, founding dean of the Rutgers-Newark School of Public Affairs and Administration, has received an award for his research. In March, the American Society for Public Administration presented him with the 2013 Dwight Waldo Career Research Award, which recognizes distinguished research in public administration over an extended period of time.

1967 Jim O’Hara ’77S (MBA) (see ’64).

1968 Ted Rabkin writes that he retired last September after 40 years working at IBM and at Lockheed Martin, where he was most recently a staff software test engineer. He’s now taking lifelong learning courses on the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, and World War II, and performing trail maintenance and patrol on the Catocin Trail in Maryland as part of the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club. He adds that his wife, Susan, is a staff systems engineer at Lockheed Martin; his daughter is a social worker for Montgomery County, Md.; and his son is a doctoral candidate in clinical psychology at SUNY Albany.

1969 Joan Steinman has won the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers’ Eisenberg Prize for her article “Appellate Courts as First Responders: The Constitutionality and Propriety of Appellate Courts’ Resolving Issues in the First Instance.” The article appeared in the April 2012 Notre Dame Law Review. Joan, who holds the title of Distinguished Professor of Law at the Illinois Institute of Technology’s law school, also won the award in 2005. She’s the first scholar to win two Eisenberg prizes.


1971 Anthony Boccaccio, a photographer in Spokane, Wash., has published a book of 238 images he shot over four decades, documenting the construction of Brazil’s Transamazonic Highway, and the gold rush that ensued. Where Madness Follows: The Search for Gold in the Amazon Jangle (self-published) is available at www.blurb.com. . . . Thomas Gerbasi ’76MD (MD) was named a Castle Connolly Medical “Top Doc” for western New York in 2013. He writes: “I’ve practiced pediatrics in Lewiston, NY, since 1979. My dad, Mike Gerbasi ’31, ’33M (MS), ’35M (MD), was also a U of R grad and a pediatrician.” Mike died in 1987.

1973 Jay Goldstein ’74S (MBA) writes that Bob Fenichel, who had been his roommate at Rochester, died last December in Steamboat Springs, Colo. “Bob was a vital member of the Gilbert Basement Zoo which had its own ‘don’t ask, don’t tell’ policy for shenanigans in his freshman year and the founder of the intramural teams known as Stash’s Place, which had success in many sports during his years at the U of R,” Jay writes. “A computer science major in the early days of the field using punch cards and Fortran language at Taylor Hall, Bob went on to UCLA, where he received his PhD. He then founded SoftCraft with his business partner, Bill Overman, which developed Fancy Font, a revolutionary application that allowed then prevalent dot-matrix printers to produce high quality output. Bob met his wife, Mary Vernon, while in graduate school in 1976, and they were married in 1980. They moved to Madison, Wis., where
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they both became professors at UW–Madison. Bob was active in the Madison community in sports and as a mentor and continued to work on several software applications. Bob leaves behind his wife, Mary, his sons, Michael and Jeff, and many other relatives.

1974 Jonathan Samel, an attorney in the eastern Pennsylvania law firm of Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell & Lupin, has been named an “Awesome Attorney” by the magazine Suburban Life. Jonathan leads the firm’s practice areas of business law, estates and trusts, and elder law. . . . Barry and Nancy Friedman Yarkoni ’76 “celebrated the arrivals of grandchildren numbers 9 and 10 in January and February,” Barry writes. Barry adds that he’s the CEO of Vinomis Laboratories, a maker of all-natural dietary supplements in Los Angeles.

1976 Nancy Friedman Yarkoni (see ’74).


1980 Susan Necheles has won the Thurgood Marshall Award for outstanding criminal practitioner from the New York State Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. Susan is a partner at Hafetz & Necheles, a New York City firm specializing in defense of individuals and corporations in both federal and state court. . . . Gary Schoenbrun has joined the New York office of the law firm Herrick, Feinstein as a partner and cochair of the firm’s tax and personal planning group.

1981 Andrew Goldner has been promoted to senior manager, exports, at Eriex, a magnetic equipment manufacturer based in Erie, Pa. Andrew will be in charge of the company’s Central American, South American, and Middle Eastern sales representative offices. . . . Barry Goldin writes: “I recently married Cheryl Crimando Regan, a native of Batavia, NY, and have moved to Atlanta to take on a new employment opportunity as chief operating officer of Unified AV Systems. I am very excited about Life 2.0 with my new wife, new home, and new job!”

1983 John Farrell has been appointed as a federal administrative law judge with the Social Security Administration. He lives in Savannah, Ga.

1984 Scott Evans has written a comic novel, Foxavier and Plinka (self-published). “A 40-year-old virgin with OCD being driven crazy by diets and junk food commercials meets a woman with bipolar disorder,” Scott writes. “Together they ride a roller coaster of love and use public art to fight a corporation distributing psychosis-causing cookies.” . . . Bob Glowacky ’85M (MS) writes: “On hand to help celebrate my 50th birthday at my summer home on Cape Cod were a number of Rochester friends (and Rocky!).” Pictures are back (row, left to right): Romy Toussaint Annand ’85, John Annand ’85, Jamie Wood, Harriet Chenkin, Scott Tarbox, Suzanne Piotrowski Lee ’85, Roberta Rosenstein Delano, Esther Racoosin Alani; (front row, left to right) Melinda Soffer Callanos ’85, Marc Friedman ’85 (MS), and Bob . . . Stacie Pittell, an attorney, has been named the first general counsel for the newly formed District of Columbia Board of Ethics and Government Accountability. Stacie was previously the assistant inspector general for investigations at the District’s Office of the Inspector General. . . . Mike (Finkelstein) Stein writes that he’s a human resource manager with the U.S. Navy in Washington, D.C., and teaches Hebrew school in Maryland. He adds: “My oldest daughter is now a freshman in college. Time really flies.”

1986 Randy Abate has co-edited Climate Change and Indigenous Peoples: The Search for Legal Remedies (Edward Elgar Publishing). Randy is an associate professor of law and director of the Center for International Law and Justice at Florida A&M College of Law.

1989 Annika Kaye Vitolo is a singer, songwriter, and pianist, and has released her second CD, Affinity (self-published), consisting of 15 original adult contemporary songs.

1990 Christine Chruscicki joined Rochester’s University Health Service last November as a staff psychiatrist and is a clinical senior instructor in psychiatry at the Medical Center. She writes: “I would love to hear from old friends and classmates at cchruscicki@uhs.rochester.edu.” . . . Adam Konowe has published an article, “Media Training as a PR Catalyst: It’s about Bucks, Not Just Buzz,” in the latest volume of Media Training Guidebook, a publication of PR News. . . . Timothy Lynch has been named vice president and general counsel of the University of Michigan. Previously, Timothy was the deputy general counsel for litigation and enforcement at the U.S. Department of Energy.

1991 David Kemp writes that he met up with his Rochester roommate, Tim Jones ’00S (MBA), last February in Stuttgart, Germany. David is stationed there as an active duty Navy captain in the U.S. Africa Command. Tim, who was traveling to Stuttgart on business, lives in Ft. Collins, Colo., where he works for GE Measurement and Control. David adds: “We took time for a photo in front of the real Ratskeller in Stuttgart!” . . . Shawn King has been named president of the mobile products division of Wastequip, a manufacturer of waste and recycling equipment in Charlotte, N.C. Previously, Shawn was Wastequip’s vice president of sales.

1992 Terry Hickey has been named CEO and president of Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Chesapeake. In 1998, Terry founded Community Law in Action to introduce Baltimore high school students to legal and policy-related careers. He served as executive director of the organization until beginning his new position in...
January. . . Phil Nel writes that he’s completed Barnaby, Volume One (Fantagraphics Books), the first in a five-volume series collecting and reprinting Crockett Johnson’s classic comic strip, which ran from 1942 to 1952.

1993 Tracie Jordan Kustra writes that she and her husband, Ante, welcomed their second son in October. Mark Jordan Kustra weighed 7 lbs., 15 oz., and was 20 inches long. “Big brother Joseph, 5, is having a blast!” she adds. They live in Stratford, Conn.

1994 Dennis Tucker writes that he’s edited Almanac of United States Coins (Whitman Publishing).

1996 Joseph Brown has been elected to the New York State Bar House of Delegates, the governing body of the state’s bar association. He’s a partner at the Buffalo firm Hodgson Russ, specializing in employment and general business litigation. . . . Esther Garvey Eagan was named to the Buffalo Business First 2012 class of “40 Under 40.” She’s the licensing manager at the University at Buffalo’s Office of Science, Technology Transfer, and Economic Outreach. . . . Bradley Gardner was a winner in the King Cup Soccer Tournament, a tournament for adult men’s recreational soccer held each January in Las Vegas. Joining him at the tournament were his wife, Ida, and their two children, Ella, 5, and Dylan, 1.

1999 Genese Adkins writes that she and her husband, John, welcomed a daughter, Ayler Eleanor Adkins Seman, in September. She adds: “John launched RPM Preservation in 2012 and I’m the director of government relations for King County, home to greater Seattle.” . . . Lauren Mangiola Rush and her husband, Christopher, visited Table Mountain in Capetown, South Africa, in December. Lauren writes that she’s in her eighth year as a senior manufacturing engineer at Dupont and Christopher is a vice president of strategy at ADP. They live in New Jersey.

2002 John McMurdy ’03 (MS) and his wife, Sarah, welcomed their first child, Samuel John McMurdy, in November.

2003 Scott Morganstein and Carissa Cama ’04 were married last September at the Sagamore Resort in Bolton Landing, N.Y. Pictured are (left to right): Katie LaClair ’05, Kate Sattelberg ’04N, ’10S (MS), Roma Desai ’05, Cara Ben ’05, Carissa, Kelly Trendell ’04, Marc Beckman ’89, Niladri Ghoshal, Rachel LaManna ’04, Merissa Dzau ’04, Jacqueline Boyce ’05, Lilya Rozenberg ’05, Scott, Abby Warner ’04, Christopher Bain, Mike Gestwick, Blaise DiBernardo, Evan Glaberson, Owen Zacharias, David Cheikin ’07, Raina Morganstein ’09, Justin Birzon ’03, Orestes Benitez ’01, Lara Berwanger Chassin ’02, and Erica Orange. Also present, but not pictured, were Karen Eberly Beckman ’89, Jonathan Black ’03, ’10M (MD), ’10M (MPH), Eli Cabanas ’04, Jonathan Chassin ’01, Leon Chernyavsky ’01, Matthew Dusel ’04, Jesse George ’02, Yasmin Hilal ’04, Daniel Horowitz ’05, Parker Jaques ’03, Jeff Lennox ’04, Pete Makula ’05, ’10S (MBA), Greg Munves ’04, Jonathan Norwood ’04, Jamie Parke ’04, Alex Rosenblatt ’04, Jenna Tyre Bain ’03, Jared Weiner ’00, ’04S (MBA), and Ellyn Weinstein Black ’00.
Rocky in California with Tom Murray ’82 and members of Tom’s IBM consulting team. Tom notes he won the office NCAA football pool—and made his team dress in U of R gear.

Anne Levy ’14 wrote that Rocky joined her in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Anita Hattiangadi ’93 and Sunita Joshi get fit with Rocky in Mont Tremblant, Quebec.

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from the 600th Squadron, in which Paul served as a B-17 pilot. Paul's recollections are at http://www.398th.org/History/Veterans/History/Wagner/index.html.


1976 Len Jason (PhD) wrote a blog piece for the Oxford University Press entitled “Even Small Government Incentives Can Help Tackle Entrenched Social Problems.” “With sequestration becoming a reality,” Len writes, “I wrote this blog to provide examples of how the government can work successfully and cooperatively with community-based organizations.” Len was asked to write the blog piece after publication of his book, Principles of Social Change, by Oxford University Press earlier this year.

1979 Maurice Isserman (PhD), the Publius Virgilius Rogers Professor of American History at Hamilton College, has co-edited Cronkite’s War: His World War II Letters Home (National Geographic), with Walter Cronkite IV.

1984 Barry Gan (PhD) (see ‘70 College). . . . Jo Anne Pedro-Carroll (PhD), a clinical psychologist in Rochester, was an advisor to Sesame Street on the project “Little Children, Big Challenges: Divorce.” The project, now complete, is designed for families with children ages two to eight and is a multimedia resource kit including a DVD, a guide for parents and caregivers, a storybook for children, an online toolkit, and a mobile app.

1985 Joe Haubrich (PhD), an economist and vice president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, has co-edited Quantifying Systemic Risk (University of Chicago Press).

1996 Walid Raad (PhD) has been invited by the Louvre to collaborate on a three-year project. Part one, an exhibition called
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A Tokyo Gathering

In November 2012, alumni and friends of Arts, Sciences & Engineering in Japan gathered in Tokyo for an event hosted by Joanna Olmsted, dean of the School of Arts & Sciences. Pictured are (front row, left to right) Jagdish Khemani (parent), Christopher Wells ’75, Harutaka Takahashi ’85 (PhD), Yusuke Shimizu ’02; (middle row) Karla Toledo, Masako Nakano, Sally Battan-Yanai ’77 (MA), Eri Miyachi ’09, Motoshige Itoh ’79 (PhD), Ayuko Itoh ’77 (MA), Yutaka Kano ’63 (PhD), Yoshimasa Yamazaki ’81D (Pdc), Toshio Takahashi ’99 (PhD), Marc Olsson ’90; (back row) Richard Solomon ’78, Yutaka Homma ’83S (MBA), Olmsted, Gennosuke Takahashi ’96, Ogi Takahashi ’08, Daryl DuLong ’03, ’06S (MBA), Yohay Wakabayashi ’10, ’11 (MS), Eric Fandrich ’89, ’92S (MBA), and Kevin Weekley.

“Preface to the First Edition,” opened in January. The exhibition consists of a video, a sculptural installation, and a publication by the same title. The occasion is the Louvre’s new department of Islamic art and the museum’s plans to loan objects from the collection to a new Louvre in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. Walid’s multimedia exhibit explores the ways in which the interpretations of artifacts shift as the objects move from one culture to another.

2001 Antoinetta (Hanneke) Grootenboer (PhD), a university lecturer in the history of art and a fellow and tutor at St. Peter’s College, University of Oxford, has written Treasuring the Gaze: Intimate Vision in Late Eighteenth-Century Eye Miniatures (University of Chicago Press).

2003 John McMurdy (MS) (see ’02 College).

2005 Barbara Jane Brickman (PhD), associate professor of English and film studies at the University of West Georgia, has published New American Teenagers: The Lost Generation of Youth in 1970s Film (Continuum Press). . . . Drew Maciag (PhD) has published Edmund Burke in America: The Contested Career of the Father of Modern Conservatism (Cornell University Press).

2007 Robert Levasseur (MS) (see ’05 College).

Eastman School of Music

1950 Katherine Hoover was honored in March with a 75th birthday celebration concert at the 2013 New York Flute Fair. Among the musicians performing was pianist Jeremy Gill ’96.

1970 Geary Larrick (MM) writes that in February, to honor Black History Month, he delivered five performances on the marimba and piano of music by Duke Ellington, Scott Joplin, Billie Holiday, and others.

1975 John Serry ’91 (MM) writes that he’s put out his first self-released recording, The Shift. “The album contains all original compositions by me, as is usual for my recordings. The band is the one that I formed in London when I first came to Europe to live in 2004.” It includes Mark Mondesir on drums, Sam Burgess on upright bass, and David O’Higgins on tenor and soprano saxophones. John adds: “This is a pivotal record for me, as the title suggests.”

1979 George Work ’81 (MM) (see ’81).

1981 Violinist John Gilbert writes, “Gramophone magazine gave a glowing review to cellist George Work ’79, ’81 (MM), conductor Timothy Muffitt ’95 (DMA), and me following the September 2012 release of our recording of concerti by Kurt Weill,
In Memoriam

ALUMNI

Carrie Shaw Day ’29E, February 2013
Charles A. Manuele ’35, March 2013
Gertrude Frink Reed ’35N, March 2013
Warren W. Phillips ’37, February 2013
Sara Mosher Sheehan ’37, March 2013
O. Lee Gibson ’38E (MA), January 2013
Goldsby Apitzsch Sheil ’38E, March 2013
Sumner P. Lapp ’41, February 2013
Philip M. Chenoweth ’42, February 2013
Robert Glerum ’42, February 2013
Elinor Kaufman Bierman ’43, October 2013
Joe H. Johnson ’43M (Res), December 2012
Lois J. Lambie ’43E (MA), February 2013
Marjorie Webb Kriebel ’44, August 2012
Marilyn Tarnow Lohwater ’45, January 2013
Evelyn Harriet Nelson ’45, October 2013
Janet Feasey Coyle ’52, March 2013
Robert J. Lamb ’53, January 2013
John F. Robson ’53E, March 2013
Barbara Hill Scrimgeour ’53, March 2013
Dorothy Doble Betler ’56, ’57N, February 2013
Daniel E. Fountain ’56M (MD), February 2013
Noel S. Stevens ’56E, ’59E (DMA), February 2013
Carl G. Welty ’56M (MS), May 2011
Bill B. Wiley ’56M (PhD), February 2013
Charles M. Achilles ’57, ’67W (EdD), February 2013
Patricia Gleason Gibbs ’57N, June 2011
Charles T. House ’57E, March 2013
Stanley M. Ackerman ’58E (MM), January 2013
William F. Briggs ’58E (MM), March 2013
William D. Calley ’58M (MD), February 2013
Edward S. Irwin ’58M (Res), February 2013
Gail Kelly Lambrix ’58N, ’82, March 2013
William E. McKissock ’58, March 2013
Margaret Bernstein McLeod ’58, February 2012
James H. Shepard ’58, March 2013

School of Medicine and Dentistry

1962 Thomas Gerbasi (MD) (see ’71 College).
1986 Fran Panzella London ’91N (MS), health education specialist at Phoenix Children’s Hospital, developed an app to facilitate communication between health care providers and the parents of hospitalized children. Our Journey in the Hospital is designed for the iPad as well as the iPhone and Android phones.

School of Nursing

1974 Jay Goldstein (MBA) (see ’73 College).
1977 Jim O’Hara (MBA) (see ’64 College).
1990 Nick Lantuh (MBA) has been appointed to the board of directors of PhishMe, a network security company. Nick is the founder and president of NetWitness.
1997 David Lanzillo (MBA), a senior vice president at First Niagara, has been named a “Top Communication Executive” by the ratings company ExecRank.

School of Business

2010 Eryn Bauer (see ’09), ... Violist Kayleigh Miller (MM) won the Reno Chamber Orchestra’s College Concerto Competition last November. A student at the University of Nevada, Kayleigh performed Krzysztof Penderecki’s Viola Concerto. In January, as the competition’s winner, Kayleigh appeared as a soloist with the orchestra.

2008 Thomas Rogers (MBA) has been named chief financial officer at ESL Federal Credit Union in Rochester. Previously, Thomas was president and chief operating officer at Broadstone Real Estate.
Margaret Bond ’47: ‘A Savvy Guide to All Things Editorial’

When Margaret Bond ’47 retired in 2001 as University editor—at that time, the editorial voice of Rochester Review—she had, remarkably, worked at the University for more than a third of its history. And in fact, her appreciation for the University had begun even earlier.

Both of her parents were University graduates, and, well before her own undergraduate days at the College for Women on Prince Street, “I remember how I used to read the alumni magazine when it arrived at the house, with never a thought that my acquaintance with the publication would ever become rather more intimate,” she later said.

Upon graduating with distinction, she started working at the College for Women in its library, alumnae office, and registrar’s office. She then took an opening as a secretary (“what else was a female French major to do in those days if she didn’t want to teach?”) in the University’s public information office, and from 1951 to 1965 worked her way up through various editorial positions. When the Memorial Art Gallery decided to establish a public relations department, she became its head and remained so until 1979.

It was then that Margaret was offered the job of University editor and associate director of University communications, with the primary responsibility of overseeing Rochester Review. From a first-floor corner office of Wallis Hall, Margaret was a savvy guide to all things editorial.

What does a good editor do when tempers flare, writers complain that an editor has messed up the copy, destroyed the idea, ruined the punch line? In moments of quiet reflection, those same writers will grudgingly acknowledge (at least to themselves) that a skillful editor has made their writing—even what started as well-crafted prose—that much better, that much more compelling. Margaret made all of her colleagues look good. Indeed, her editorial advice was sought out by many outside of the communications office. Her sharp eye and erudition made her a ready resource for administrators across the campuses.


Margaret, who died in March at the age of 87, had a wry wit that always helped to cast things in their proper light. Her continuing flexibility was remarkable, as she witnessed the somewhat daunting transitions from typewriter to computer, from hot type to cold type, from letter to email, from one century to the next.

Ultimately, she edited Rochester Review for 22 years and stayed long enough to preside over the 2000 sesquicentennial publication of the pictorial Beside the Genesee, written by Jan LaMartina Waxman ’81N. After all, who better to mastermind such an account than the sharp-eyed editor who personally witnessed so much of that history?

—Robert Kraus ’71

Kraus was director—and later, associate vice president—of public relations at Rochester, from 1984 to 2005.