CLASS NOTES

2006 Randy Smart (MS) has written an e-book, Zarr: The Legacy of the Vox (Smashwords), “the story of one man trying to find his place and purpose in the universe.” Randy writes: “I’m a marriage and family therapist working in a community mental health center. I’m an avid science fiction fan who majored in psychology and minored in anthropology in college, and wanted to write a story that combined my love of science fiction with my belief in the potential of people to improve their lives.”

2009 Jose Francisco Cortes (D) and Mariana Villarreal ’10 (D) send an update. Jose writes that he and Mariana met in 2006 at the Eastman Institute for Oral Health and married in 2012. They’ve lived in San Antonio, Texas, since 2010, where they’ve established a private dental practice. In addition, they’re both faculty members at the University of Texas Health Science Center’s dental school, and Jose is on the executive council of the American Prosthodontic Society. Last April, Jose and Mariana welcomed a daughter, Ana Sofia Cortes-Villarreal. They sent a photo of Ana Sofia from her baptism last September.

2010 Mariana Villarreal (D) (see ’09).

2011 Jamie Adams (MD) and Dan Lachant ’14 (Res) married last June in Rochester. Jamie writes: “I completed my neurology residency at the University of Pennsylvania and have now returned as a fellow in the movement disorders division of neurology at U of R. Dan is a pulmonar and critical care fellow at U of R. Many U of R alumni, residents, and faculty joined us to celebrate. Pictured are: (front row, left to right) Ann Marie Pettis ’81N, Jacqueline Stemmler Adams ’87RC, ’80RC (MS) (the bride’s grandmother), Mark Adams ’82 (MD), ’84 (Res), ’93S (MBA) (the bride’s father), Dan, Jamie, Michael Gavin, Christopher Montgomery, Christopher Steevens, Jennifer Cialone ’12 (MD), Paul Vermillion ’15 (MD); (back row, left to right) Eugene Muchnik, Renee Dallasen, Trenton Tolleson, Christina Dony ’05RC, Aaron Satloff ’04 (Res), Benjamin Crawshaw ’11 (MD), Christopher Palma ’11 (MD), Tegan Vay ’11 (MD).”

In attendance but not pictured were Andrea Adams ’92N, ’97N (MS) (the bride’s mother), Donald Bordley ’80 (Res), ’81 (Flw), Priscilla Martin, Ralph Jozefowicz ’82 (Res), ’86 (Flw), Jonathan Mink, Michael Apostolakos ’90 (Res), David Trawick ’92 (Res), Rebecca Monk, and Daniel Croft.

2014 Dan Lachant (Res) (see ’11).

School of Nursing

1976 Donna Kleppe Betz (see ’76 College).

1992 Andrea Adams ’97 (MS) (see ’11 School of Medicine and Dentistry).

2007 Lynn Dennis (see ’06 College).

Simon Business School

1969 Bob Rich (MBA), chairman of the Rich Products food company, has written a novel, Looking Through Water (Skyhorse Publishing), an adventure story as well as a coming-of-age tale about the relationship between a grandfather and his grandson. Bob is donating proceeds from the sale of his novel to Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, a nonprofit agency serving disabled active duty military personnel and veterans.

2013 John Davis (MBA) writes that he was featured in the article “Nationwide’s On-the-Spot Hiring,” which appeared in Fortune magazine last October. John, now a business specialist in Nationwide’s business transformation office, was offered his position following an interview with the company’s chief technology officer at a conference of the National Black MBA Association.

Warner School of Education

1999 Michelle Pecor Schrouder (MS) writes: “I’m entering my 16th year as director of the Wellness Instructional Program at the Rochester Institute of Technology and will be joining RIT’s College of Health Science and Technology as an adjunct faculty member this spring semester. I’m the founder of Willpower for Wellness, which offers health, wellness, and weight-loss support groups throughout New York state.” Michelle keeps a blog at MichelleSchrouder.com.

2009 Christopher Marino (MS) has accepted a job as special projects director in the superintendent’s office of Boston Public Schools.

2015 Benjamin Rudd (EdD) has been named principal of Village Elementary School in the Hilton Central School District in Hilton, New York.

Aaron Johnson (EdD) has been named superintendent of Avon Central Schools in Avon, New York.

In Memoriam

ALUMNI

Miriam Rotkowitz Rudin ’31, October 2015
Mary Goring Dann ’35E, ’37E (MM), November 2015
Charlotte Egbert Schaefer ’36, October 2015
Lucy White ’38, October 2015
Olive Maclaury Dawson ’39E, ’52 (MA), November 2015
Frances Newton Perkins ’39, ’45 (Mas), October 2015
Eugene J. Knapp 40, September 2015
Kenneth B. Bowen ’41, September 2015
Emma Mueller Spielman ’41, ’42 (MA), October 2015
William L. Ginkel ’42, November 2015
Helen Jones ’42N, September 2015
Mimi Bohard Krop ’42, May 2015
Robert Woods ’42: Decades of Leadership

A life trustee, Robert Woods ’42 enthusiastically waved the flag for Rochester from his home base in Chicago, where he was president of the area alumni chapter for more than 30 years.

Elected to a five-year term on the University’s Board of Trustees by national alumni ballot in 1965, Woods helped lead alumni activities and fundraising while serving in several board-level advisory roles for Rochester. Throughout a long career as a partner and later president of a Chicago investment firm, he was a board member of Chicago’s Juvenile Protective Association and Infant Welfare Society, among other civic roles.

At Rochester, he was a history major, a two-sport varsity athlete, president of the Students’ Association, and a member of Phi Beta Kappa and the Keidaeans. He also met his wife of 71 years, Ruth Diller Woods ’44, while a student, and together, they were sometimes referred to as the “prom king and queen” of their time.

He died in October at the age of 94.

LIFE TRUSTEE: A longtime volunteer, Woods was elected to the Board of Trustees in 1965.

Helen Klopf ’50W (Mas), September 2015
Mary Brooks Urlaub ’57N, November 2015
Frank J. Warzak ’57 (MS), October 2015
Ruth Marsey Blum ’58 (MA), September 2014
Frederick W. Brundage ’58 (MA), November 2014
Verna Wesselmann Fox ’58N, November 2015
Gail Geiger Smith ’58N, October 2015
Clyde Y. Wu ’58M (Res), October 2015
George G. Adler ’59, October 2015
Gary D. Haynes ’59S, October 2015
Richard J. Louch ’60W (MA), October 2015
Francis F. Roach ’60S (MS), October 2015
Ursula Blum Granite ’61, November 2015
Martha Lamberton ’61, July 2015
Martin W. Aronowitz ’62, October 2015
Michael F. Bryson ’52M (Res), November 2015
John Gerlicher Hayden ’62E, October 2015