Class Notes

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College

ARTS, SCIENCES & ENGINEERING

1949 Edward Seils sends a letter from his home in Boone, North Carolina. He writes: “Like many World War II veterans who attended the U of R on the GI Bill, I studied hard, often with other classmates, and successfully completed four years of engineering school classes leading to a BSME [bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering]. My classmates, like myself, were World War II combat veterans, including the Rex brothers [the late Edward and John Rex]. A few were ex-POWs, such as [the late] Warren Williams and [the late] John Rowe. I am certain professors and instructors were not sure how to handle such atypical students. I credit my U of R education with early acceptance at the Rochester Products Division of General Motors. There I was able to launch a long and very successful career in the automotive industry. I suspect the quality of a University of Rochester education is still excellent. This letter is meant only to express my sincere thanks and continuing interest in current events at your fine school.”

1957 Helen Mitlof Klemperer (see ’60 School of Medicine and Dentistry).

1958 Ed Kaplan sends a photo from a minireunion held in Sedona, Arizona, in May. He writes: “We called it the ‘18 years to 80 years of age’ reunion, as we all originally became good friends when we were 18 years old, as U of R freshmen, and here we are at age 80 years and remain close friends. After 62 years, we of the Class of 1958 remain ‘better than good and better than great!’ Pictured from left to right are Suzanne Kwan Silverstein, Sue Bleyer Richardson, Julian Heicklen ’58 (PhD), Sue Hook Heicklen, Irene Colle Kaplan, and Ed.

1959 Eugene Nicandri won one of SUNY Potsdam’s highest honors last spring, the 2016 Leadership through Service Award. A retired judge and longtime community leader in Potsdam and the larger North Country region of New York, Eugene is a member of the Seaway Private Equity Corporation’s board of directors as well as vice chair of the New York Power Authority’s board of trustees.

1958 Kaplan

1960 Carol Munch sends a photo from a minireunion held in June. She writes that it was “a reunion of 13 classmates, most of whom have been gathering on Cape Cod each Father’s Day weekend since our 40th reunion. Karen Lieber Dahl generously opens her home for four days of relaxing, catching up, and reviewing a list of the best books read during the year. Of course, we test our memories by singing all the Rochester songs from our era while enjoying outdoor activities, food, fine wine, and fun.” Pictured are: (seated) Eileen Cahill Cowley, Helen Calhoun Jaeger, Jeanne Torre, Janet Baker Jennison, and Karen; (standing) Bonnie Barney Dennis, Lynne Trimby Kroner, Janice Chalmer Lubell, Pat Hendrickson Dickman, Judy
McElroy Darweesh, and Barb Murabito Crelin. Present but not in the photo was Susan Everett Makowski, in addition to Carol.

1966 Lois Brenner sends an update. She’s a divorce attorney and court-appointed mediator in New York City. She writes: “I became a physician assistant to practice medicine part time and to enhance my legal skills by using psychology to develop a unique and successful divorce mediation practice.” The practice seeks agreements between parties “using nonadversarial methods, saving clients pain, time, and money.” Lois is the author of Getting Your Share: A Woman’s Guide to Successful Divorce Strategies, which she wrote in 2001 with her late husband, Robert Stein. She’s working on a second book, which will introduce her divorce mediation process. Lois adds that her daughter, Stephanie Weiss, is an oncologist at Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia.

1966 Richard Sorrell ’68W (MA) writes: “We did it again! As in 2011, our 1966-68 group of alumni had a minireunion (50th or near-50th) in June. We toured the campus, went to Letchworth, dined, drank Genesee cream ale, and most importantly, had a great time renewing our friendships of over half a century. Participants included Sally Nusbaum Sorrell ‘67 and me, Bob ‘67 and Judy Przybyl Rudolph ’68, Bruce and Sue Buckman Lawrence, Anthony ’68 and Pat McGregor Sentochnik ’69, Ann Schertz Finger ’68, Brad Lown, Jim King, Red Ferguson, Pete Parker, Wes Marshall, Bob Foss, and non-alumni spouses.”


1968 Amy Goldstein Bass was honored as the founder and first president of the Port Washington (N.Y.) Education Foundation at a gala last April. Since Amy established the foundation in 2001, it’s made more than $1 million in grants to Port Washington schools. A thanks to Lynn Cleveland, who shared the public notice with the Review, and who adds that Amy and the four subsequent presidents of the foundation, also honored, are known as the “Fab Five.” Amy is married to Geoffrey Bass, and they have two grown children who are graduates of Port Washington’s Schreiber High School . . . Ann Schertz Finger (see ’66) . . . Judy Przybyl Rudolph (see ’66) . . . Anthony Sentochnik (see ’66) . . . Alan ’74 (PhD) and Judy Jacobson Wertheimer ’69, ’73W (MA) send a photo of themselves with Rocky, whom they took on a trip in April to the Galapagos, the Amazon jungle of Peru, and Machu Picchu.


1975 Phil Chrys writes that the 1977 Weedsport High School varsity football team, which he led in his first year as head coach, was inducted into the Weedsport Sports Hall of Fame in June. No team has ever been inducted before. The 1977 team won the Onondaga High School League championship after finishing the season 8-1, with seven shutouts. Phil is interviewed in a Syracuse Post-Standard article, posted online June 3, detailing the team’s 1977 season. . . . Mark Moretti has been elected president of the Monroe County (N.Y.) Bar Association. He’s the leader of the Phillips Lytle construction practice group and the former chair of the trial section of the New York State Bar Association.

1976 Kevin McDermott writes that he has published a novel, Fortunes Neck (ThickWinter Press).


1963 Munch

1968 Wertheimer

Peter Friedenberg, a partner at the Boston law firm Sherin & Lodgen, was named as a leader in the field of real estate law by Chambers and Partners USA. Chambers bases its attorney rankings on client ratings.

1982 Brian Cutler was appointed interim dean of the faculty of social science and humanities at the University of Ontario’s Institute of Technology. A social psychologist, Brian is an expert on the psychology of eyewitness identification.

1985 Jennifer Donnelly has published Sea Spell (Disney Hyperion), the fourth and final book in her Waterfire Saga fantasy series. . . . John Klemperer (see ’60 School of Medicine and Dentistry).

1996 Christine Joor Mitchell won the Dr. Cynthia Lucero Humanitarian Award from the Massachusetts chapter of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in June. Christine has run seven consecutive Boston
marathons with the society’s Team-in-Training program, raising more than $80,000 for the organization. She’s also served as a mentor to new runners for the past four years. Christine runs in memory of her mother, Ann Joor, and Nancy Melvin Taylor 86N. Christine and Nancy became friends in high school in Syracuse and served together as cocaptains of the Yellowjackets’ 1985 New York state championship field hockey team. Nancy died of cancer in 2003. The society also noted Christine’s work in establishing and growing the Nancy Melvin Taylor Endowment Fund, which supports Rochester’s field hockey program.

1997 Dan Harvitt sends a photo of himself and Judy Hu ’13 at the University of California, Berkeley, School of Optometry. Dan is an assistant clinical professor at the school, and Judy is a student in the doctoral program in optometry.

1998 Sally Klemperer (see ’60 School of Medicine and Dentistry). . . Adam Konowe writes that he delivered presentations on crisis communications to senior aviation executives at the Flight Safety Foundation International Air Safety Summit in fall 2015, as well as the Business Aviation Safety Seminar last May. Adam is vice president of client strategy for TMP Government, a communications firm advising defense and aerospace clients. . . Kathleen Durbeck Suher has joined the Rochester office of the law firm Bond, Schoeneck & King. Kathleen practices real estate, finance, and corporate law.

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1991 Brett Kinsler has been named a principal at the Rochester health care technology consulting firm Strategic Interests. His expertise is in clinical and business transformation.

1996 Rich Andre ’97 (MS) is an associate pastor with the Missionary Society of St. Paul the Apostle at St. Austin Parish near the University of Texas in Austin. He writes: “Since I served at the University of Tennessee for the previous five years, I will struggle to figure out to which academic institution people are referring when they say ‘UT’!”

1998 Jon Schail ’04S (MBA) has joined the New York City law firm of McLaughlin & Stern as a partner.

1999 Gensee Adkins has been appointed chief of staff of the Seattle Department of Transportation. She writes: “With so much growth in our region, the transportation challenges and opportunities are high stakes, and I’m so delighted to help our city succeed.” . . . Jean Hee Park Barrett sends a photo along with the message: "My husband, Ryan, and I welcomed twins Alina and Zachary in March in Atlanta. Alumni Relations staff were kind enough to send a little gift to the babies when the twins were a few months old. They look forward to meeting all of their U of R friends!”

2002 Jasmine Ellison-Moody ’03W (MS) and Gary Waiyaki ’12 won Teacher Excellence Awards from Success Academy Charter Schools. Jasmine is a first-grade teacher at an Academy school in the Bronx and Gary teaches science at an Academy school in Manhattan.

2003 Elizabeth Morphis writes: “After graduating with my doctorate from Teachers College, Columbia University, I will begin as an assistant professor of literacy at SUNY Old Westbury on Long Island in the fall.” . . . Kāli Quinn has published a book, I Am Compassionate Creativity: 111 Stories from Preschool to Providence (Compassionate Creativity). Rooted in her background in theater, the book, “part memoir, part curriculum, and part field guide,” explores the integral relationship between compassion and creativity in difficult times. Kāli is an artist, performer, and lecturer based in New York state championship field hockey. Nancy died of cancer in 1985 in the fall. They sent a photo along with the message: "My husband, Ryan, and I welcomed twins Alina and Zachary in March in Atlanta. Alumni Relations staff were kind enough to send a little gift to the babies when the twins were a few months old. They look forward to meeting all of their U of R friends!”

2004 Immerman
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2009 Danek

Providence, Rhode Island, and blogs at Compassionatecreativity.com.

2004 Brian Immerman writes that he married Jennifer Topolosky last February. Pictured (page 55) are Michael McCormick, Eric Schweigert, Sarah Philipp, Jennifer, Brian, Jennifer Gertman, Shawnessy Dusseau, and Michael Tyanan.

2005 Sarah Schneider Woods

'07M (MD), Jennifer, Brian, Jennifer Gertman, Hartman, Shawnessy Dusseau, and Michael Tyanan.

2007 Emily Cohen (see '11). . . .

Sudesna Ghosh has published a book, News Now: Being a TV Journalist (Harper Collins), featuring interviews with prominent Indian television journalists.

2009 Anthony Amato

was ordained as a deacon in the diocese of Rochester in May. . . .

Nathan Danek and his wife, Nicole, welcomed their first child, Ayla, in April. Nathan writes: “We feel very blessed to have such a wonderful little girl! We live in Salem, New Hampshire, and both work in Cambridge, Massachusetts, at a pharmaceutical company.”

2010 Cassie Dobbins

'11W (MS) married Bryce Moore in May in Ithaca, New York. Pictured are (back row) Jacob Grantier '07, '10W (MS), Patrick Brennan '08, Charles Dicosimo, Zach Oshlag '08, and Ian Harmand. (front row) Cara Champion Grantier, Alycia Redlinski, Marissa Coir, Hannah McKillop, Julia Chambers, Danielle Pearson, Ramzi El Hassan, and Mark Rudolph.

2011 Matthew Cohen '12W (MS) and Claire Ennist '12, '13W (MS) were married at Artisan Works in Rochester in July 2015. Claire writes: “After living in Baltimore, we moved back to Rochester in 2014 and bought a house in the South Wedge. Matthew is a high school teacher and football coach and I’m an early childhood teacher.”

Pictured are: (top row, left to right) Wilson Rose, Conor McMahon '12, Maggie Arbogast, Kevin Gay, Peter Wen, Al Vostal, Chris Skipper '15 (MDA), Richard Beckerman '07 (third row) Andrea Difilippo Yezier, Dimitra Georgakopoulos, Michelle Ketcham '12, Kate Agan '12, Zack Millstone '12, Nina DeSoi '12, '14N, Dean Gomes, Brad Mills '10, '14M (MS), Andy Kryszak, Travis Hughes, Michael Tichenor, Meg Battin '12, Kelly Rickert '12, Alykhan Alani '12; (second row) Ben Yezier, Zachary White-Stellato '12W (MS), Quinton Mitchell '13, '14W (MS), Jackie Berko Beckerman '82, '95M (MS), Clarence Onyiriuka '125 (MS), Matthew, Claire, Diane Marshall Ennist '78 (the bride’s mother), David Ennist '78 (the bride’s father), Cynthia Francis Gensheimer '74, Julie Hussey '155 (MBA), Rachel Bender. Emily Cohen '07 (the groom’s sister), Allison Light '15M (PhD), Stephen Cohen '95M (Res), '95M (Flw) (the groom’s father); (front row) Essie Cohen Germanow '43, Charlotte Cohen '54, and Norman Francis '46, '52 (PhD). . . .

Jacob Mitchell graduated with honors from Wright State University medical school in May. He heads next to Indiana University Hospitals in Indianapolis for a year of internal medicine, followed by a residency in diagnostic radiology.

2012 Claire Ennist ‘13W (MS)

(see ‘11). . . .

Gary Waiyaki (see ‘02).

2013 Judy Hu (see ‘87).

Graduate

ARTS, SCIENCES & ENGINEERING

1958 Julian Heiklen (PhD)

(see ‘58 College).

1958 Larry Kerpelman (PhD)

has published a memoir, Concrete Steps: Coming of Age in a Once-Big City (Pratt Brook Communications), about growing up in Baltimore as a first-generation Jewish immigrant.

1972 Elinda Fishman Kiss (MA),
'83 (PhD) won a Distinguished Teaching Award from the University of Maryland's business school. She sends a photo of herself receiving the award from business school dean Alex Triantis.

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

1977  John Moritsugu (PhD) writes that he's moved to phased retirement from Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington, after 40 years of teaching.

1985  Elinda Fishman Kiss (PhD) (see '72).


1988  Carsten Kowalczyk (PhD) sends a photo of himself meeting Pope Francis during a visit to Rome. An associate professor of international economics at Tufts Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Carsten was in Rome to give a series of lectures on international trade.

1989  Peter Bowen (PhD) has been named dean of the School of Behavioral and Social Sciences at Wayland Baptist University.

1997  Rich Andre (MS) (see '96, College).

2009  Aviva Dove-Viebahn (PhD) sends a photo of her and her partner, April Miller '08 (PhD) (left), with actress Kate Mulgrew. Aviva was named a Ms Magazine contributing editor for their Scholar Writing Program. The photo was taken in May 2015 at the awards gala of the Feminist Majority Foundation, which publishes Ms. Mulgrew portrayed Captain Janeway in Star Trek: Voyager, the subject of an article Aviva published in the journal Women's Studies while she was a student in the graduate program in visual and cultural studies. (See page 38.)

Eastman School of Music

1955  Tom Hohstadt '62 (DMA) has published a book, Film Music: A Journey of Felt Meaning (Damah Media). Tom is a conductor, composer, and senior lecturer and director of the philharmonic orchestra at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

1963  Diane Deutsch Thome, who was among the first women composers to venture into computer-synthesized music, has published a memoir, Palaces of Memory: American Composer Diane Thome on her Life and Music (FriesenPress). Diane is a professor emerita and former chair of the composition program at the University of Washington.

1968  Bill Cahn writes that Nexus has released the CD The City Wears a Slouch Hat: Nexus Plays John Cage (Nexus), the ensemble also includes Bob Becker '69, '71 (MM).

1995  Bob Becker '71 (MM) (see '96).

1977  Nancy Uscher has been named dean of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, College of Fine Arts. Nancy was previously president of Cornish College of the Arts in Seattle.

1977  Deborah Brown '79 (MM) writes that she completed a solo piano recital tour of 22 concerts in Maryland, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Washington, D.C., last spring. She’s recording a CD that will include

1985  Diane Abrahamian '86 (MM) writes: “I'm teaching at Nazareth College near Rochester in the musical theater department after serving 35 years as a voice teacher and chorale director at Penfield High School. I was nominated and selected as a quarter-finalist for the Grammy Music Educator Award for four years in a row. I was a semifinalist in 2015.”

1980  Richard Kravchak has been named director of the University of Southern Mississippi's music school. Richard was previously the founding director of the school of music at Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia.

1985  Stephanie Sant'Ambrogio (MM) has released a CD, Soaring Solo: Unaccompanied Works for Violin and Viola (MSR Classics). Stephanie is an associate professor of violin and viola and director of the orchestral career studies graduate program at the University of Nevada, Reno.

2006  Mateva


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1990  Linda Chatterton has released a CD, French Connections (Proper Cany), with pianist Matthew McCruig. Recorded at Ordway Concert Hall in St. Paul, Minnesota, the CD includes sonatas by Sergei Prokofiev and Yuko Uebayashi as well as Linda's tran-
description of Camille Saint-Saens’s Violin Sonata No. 1. Linda toured Australia with Matthew McErlignt, performing in Melbourne, Canberra, and Sydney.

1995  Kelly Hall-Tompson received an honorary doctorate and delivered the commencement address at the Manhattan School of Music last spring. A New York City violinist who performs solos as well as chamber and orchestral music, Kelly writes that the honor was “one of the most extraordinary experiences of my life.” Kelly has been the violin soloist for the Broadway production of Fiddler on the Roof this past year. She writes: “It has been a very exciting season in my career, at Fiddler on the Roof and beyond. I have now played close to 200 shows. As time goes by, I am enjoying the opportunity to explore deeper levels of nuance, collaboration, and interaction with our music director/orchestrator Ted Sperling and fellow musicians, and especially with the actors on stage, particularly Danny Burstein and Jessica Hecht. The violin solos help to bring to life several key and poignant moments in the drama and, for me, the connection between us is often electrifying. I’m also enjoying a close collaboration with my co-Fiddler, dancer Jesse Kovarsky. . .” Linda Lister (MM) is the coauthor, with Matthew Hoch, of Voice Secrets: 100 Performance Strategies for the Advanced Singer (Rowman & Littlefield).

2005  Composer Zachary Wadsworth writes that he’s released The Far West (Bridge Records), the first CD entirely of his own work. The CD includes a cantata set to the poetry of Tim Dlugos, a prominent New York City poet who died of AIDS in 1990 while studying to become an Episcopal priest.

2010  Silvia Mateo (MM) has completed a DMA in organ performance at the University of Oklahoma. . . Malcolm Merriweather has been named the ninth music director of the New York City’s Dessoff Choirs. He’s also an assistant professor and director of choirs at Brooklyn College, a faculty member and guest artist-in-residence at Union Theological Seminary, associate choirmaster at Cathedral of St. John the Divine, and the music director of the “Voices of Haiti” children’s choir in Port-au-Prince. 1966

Benson  School of Medicine and Dentistry

1960  Irvin Emanuel (MD) is the namesake of an endowed fund to support graduate students in maternal and child health at the University of Washington’s School of Public Health in Seattle. The fund was established by a longtime collaborator of Irvin’s in both teaching and research. A Navy veteran of World War II, Irvin has directed two interdisciplinary and interdepartmental programs at Washington, and has either taught, conducted research, or both in rural Alaska, Taiwan, Hawaii, the Solomon Islands, the Philippines, England, Thailand, and Zimbabwe. He’s a professor emeritus of epidemiology and pediatrics at Washington and lives in the Ninth music director of New York City. . .

1965  Joseph (Joel) Andrews (MD) sends an update. He writes: “I’m a physician, author, activist, and history buff.” Formerly a resident of Boston, Joel moved to Concord, where he’s a licensed historical guide, the author of two books on Concord, and founding director of Concord Guide Walking Tours—“Revolution, Renaissance, and Renewal” (Concordguides.com). Joel adds: “I’m a Vietnam-era veteran of the Air Force Medical Corps, and a descendent of Revolutionary War soldiers and patriots Haym Salomon, Col. Isaac Franks, and Maj. Benjamin Nones.” Semiretired from medicine, Joel continues as a lecturer at Tufts University’s medical school and maintains a practice in internal and pulmonary medicine on a part-time basis. He’s a widower and has three children and four grandsons. He also notes that classmate Lauro Halstead (MD) has published a memoir, An Unexpected Journey: A Physician’s Life in the Shadows of Polio (Self-published). “It details [Lauro’s] lifelong battles overcoming serious physical handicaps, the residuals of a bout of polio with which he was stricken at age 18. There are excellent passages about his life as a U of R medical student,” Joel writes. Lauro was one of the nation’s few experts on post-polio care during his career in rehabilitative medicine, and has given many interviews for news outlets including National Public Radio. He’s retired and lives in Washington, D.C. . .” David Hungerford (MD), ’64 (Res) was awarded the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons Humanitarian Award last March. A retired Johns Hopkins Hospital surgeon, David helped train doctors in nations including Zambia, Ethiopia, Kenya, Ghana, and Liberia. He’s a member of the board at Cure International, a faith-based organization that provides surgical care to people with disabilities.

1965  Kurt Stenn (MD) is the author of Hair: A Human History (Pegasus Books). Kurt is a former professor of pathology and dermatology at Yale medical school and former director of skin biology at Johnson & Johnson.

1980  Gerardo Ortega (Res) won the Baptist Health System W.B. Russ, MD, Award. The award is named for an influential healer and supporter of community health in the San Antonio, Texas, area. Gerardo is a physician at Peripheral Vascular Associates in San Antonio.

1985  Stephen Cohen (Res) (Flw) (see ‘11 College).

1991  Savvas Papacostas (Res) has written a book, Madness and Leadership: From Antiquity to the New Common Era (Edward Elgar Publishing). Savvas is senior consultant neurologist and head of the Epilepsy and Behavioral Neurology Clinic at the Cyprus Institute of Neurology and Genetics in Nicosia, Cyprus.

1996  Andrea Jones (MD) writes: “I graduated from Loyola University Chicago School of Law in December 2015, with a JD. I am continuing my studies and will earn an LLM in health law this fall. I am practicing as an OB/GYN hospitalist and working part time as a medical paralegal.”
at Smith Blake Hill in Chicago in the medical malpractice defense division. I will eventually transition into the role of a practicing attorney at the firm. I am excited about this new chapter in my life.”

2007  Sarah Schneider Woods (MS) (see ’05 College).

School of Nursing

1966  Eileen Benson sends a photo (page 59) from the Highland Hospital School of Nursing Class of 1966 reunion last June. “Half of our class toured Highland Hospital,” she writes. “We all agreed that there have been many advances in nursing, but the caring element is still the same.” Pictured are: (top row, left to right) Sharon Hamann, Elizabeth Myers, Patricia Farman, Linda lms, Margaret Nash, Martha Verplank, Linda Hamilton, and Margaret Gibbs; (middle row) Linda Shelley, Maureen Rohde, Bonnie Beechey, and Jean Rotoli; (front row) Eileen, Linda Robinson, and Pam Hanzman.

Simon Business School


1983  Robert Mayer (MBA) has been named CEO of the Buffalo retirement community Weinberg Campus. He’s been the longtime chief financial officer of the facility.

2004  Jon Scailhill (MBA) (see ’98 College).

2006  Charles Maxwell (MBA), a maker of hardwood artisanal clocks, had an image and write-up of one of his clocks included in the May-June 2016 issue of Fine Woodworking magazine. He made the clock from white oak and mahogany as a wedding gift for his daughter. It stands six feet tall.

Warner School of Education

1968  Richard Sorrell (MA) (see ’66 College).

1971  Charlotte Mendoza (EdD)

TRIBUTE

Russ McDonald: Left Lasting Legacies at Rochester

Russ McDonald, a preeminent Shakespeare scholar, teacher, and opera critic at University of London Goldsmiths College, suffered a fatal stroke on his 67th birthday last June. If we think within the medieval and Renaissance paradigm of the three stages of life, Russ excelled in the youthful years of his academic career at Rochester, then exceeded beyond measure in his “middle elde” years at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and Goldsmiths in London, but was denied the joys of “elde” by his early death in the dazzling prime of his career.

Russ first came to Rochester in 1978 to attend an NEH Summer Fellowship for College Teachers taught by Joseph Summers. He loved the music scene and the temperate climate (he and his wife, Gail, had grown up in Texas); both had a deep interest in theater; and, in addition to Renaissance literature, Russ found soulmates in opera among others in our department.

Russ joined our faculty in the fall of 1979. During his years here he established several lasting legacies: the annual trip to the Shakespeare Festival in Stratford, Ontario; close ties to Shakespeare studies at the Folger Library in Washington, D.C.; and the Theater in London seminar for undergraduates, which was taken over by others in the English department when Russ left in the fall of 1992 for the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, an institution that offered teaching positions for him and for Gail, who had just finished her PhD. Russ also set up summer seminar work at the Shakespeare Association in Stratford-upon-Avon, United Kingdom, which several graduate students attended over the years.

I’ve never known a teacher as delightfully engaged in his work. He loved the subtle ways in which language worked, especially in Shakespeare, and wrote brilliantly on that topic. His Shakespeare and the Arts of Language (2001) and Shakespeare’s Late Style (2006) open new doors of appreciation. His most recent Shakespeare Up Close (2012), an anthology of essays on reading moments in the plays, will appear in its third edition in 2016. He was a shrewd close reader of the music of Shakespeare’s lines, and their perpetually new life in the unique play of every performance. His book Look to the Lady (2006), a study of three great actresses of different centuries—Sarah Siddons (18th century), Ellen Terry (19th century), and Judy Dench (20th century)—brings to life the intimate day-to-day relationships between the bard, the actors, and their audiences.

Perhaps Russ’s greatest literary contribution is his Bedford Companion to Shakespeare, which

SHAKESPEAREAN: A renowned scholar who began his career at Rochester, McDonald established the Theater in London seminar for undergraduates.

Ralph Alan Cohen (founder of the American Shakespeare Center and creator of the Blackfriars Playhouse in Staunton, Virginia) cites as “the most lucid introduction to the writer and his works.” Russ’s The Bedford Shakespeare (an edition of Shakespeare’s 25 most read and performed plays), coedited with Lena Orlin, is a landmark in editing, accompanied by shrewd insights into what’s worth looking into, whether you are a new reader of Shakespeare or the most experienced scholar critic.

In 2003, Russ was named North Carolina Professor of the Year (the prestigious CASE award) and received the Board of Governor’s annual Excellence in Teaching award. He took those strengths that he himself was only beginning to realize with him to London, where he continued to flourish as a truly influential teacher and scholar. He served as president of the Shakespeare Association and wrote regularly for Opera News and Opera Review. He laughed heartily at the idea he would actually be paid and sent pairs of tickets and travel expenses to the Bayreuth Festival for doing what he most enjoyed. His vibrant personality pulsed through thousands of his friends and students. We are all diminished by his passing.

—RUSSELL PECK

Peck is the John Hall Deane Professor of Rhetoric and Literature at Rochester.
retires as professor of education at Colorado College on September 1 after 45 years of teaching there. She writes: “As department chair for 35 years, I expanded MAT offerings, created a summer program for gifted children, developed the international teaching program, and directed a professional development program that united current area K-12 teachers with liberal arts faculty.” Charlotte was also elected president of both the Association of Teacher Educators and the Association of Liberal Arts Colleges for Teacher Education.

1975 Judy Jacobson Wertheimer
(MA) (see '68 College).

1983 Jasmine Ellison-Moody
(MS) (see '02 College).

2011 Cassie Dobins
(MS) (see '10 College).

2012 Matthew Cohen
(MS) (see '11 College).

2013 Claire Ennist
(MS) (see '11 College).

In Memoriam

ALUMNI

Garson Merimsy '37, June 2016
Barbara Cutler Driscall '39E, June 2016
Eleanor Robertson Hamill '39, July 2016
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Robert J. Schier '43, May 2016
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Elaine Finestone Eplan '47, January 2015
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Dorothy Helmer Bandemer '48E, July 2016
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Thomas W. O’Connell '49, July 2016
Joan Fitzgibbons '50, '64W (MA), April 2016
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Thomas R. Kozsalka '50, '59M (PhD), November 2015
John R. Goff '51M (MD), June 2016
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Frank S. Stalzer '51E (MM), April 2016
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Mary Williams Nelson '52N, June 2016
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Donald D. Snow '52E, '56E (MM), December 2015
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Morton D. Shulman '54, May 2016
David G. Wade '54, October 2014
Raymond H. Handfield '55E, June 2016
Willis E. Lowery '55, July 2016
Sandra Vantuy Spindler '55N, June 2016
Robert G. Thomas '55M (PhD), June 2016
Thomas F. Hewes '56M (Res), December 2014
Nancy Bedford Moler '56, March 2016
Kenneth J. Monty '56M (PhD), May 2016
Herbert P. Constantine '58M (Res), '63M (Flw), May 2015
Dennis J. McGuire '58 (MS), June 2016
Robert J. Murray '58E (MM), February 2016
Carl P. Resek '58 (PhD), May 2016
Nancy Fischer Becker '59E, December 2015
Elaine Gillette '59N, June 2016
Frances R. Wischerth '59, May 2016
Stephen F. Cleary '60M (MS), June 2016
Emily Cooper Gibson '60E (MM), '69E (DMA), May 2016
Victor R. Greene '60 (MA), September 2014
Marilyn Rowley Nowak '60W, June 2016
Richard C. Ball '61, June 2016
Robert J. Hanss '61M (MD), June 2016
John S. McIntosh '61E (MM), '73E (DMA), April 2016
Gareth D. Chasey '62S, July 2016
Donald E. Faulkner '62M (MS), June 2016
David S. Maddox '62D, July 2015
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Vincent S. Frohne '63E (PhD), February 2016
Richard C. Groth '63, July 2015
Richard F. Harmer '63, June 2016
Moo-Young Han '64 (PhD), May 2016
John F. Milne '64, June 2016
William A. Yanno '64W (MA), June 2016
Crystal Martin Horwitz '65, June 2016
Sheldon Weiner '65M (Res), January 2015
John A. Jensen '66W (EdD), July 2016
Ming Chia Chuang '67 (PhD), December 2015
Kenneth R. Magnani '67, January 2016
Paul S. Rohwer '67M (PhD), June 2016
Barbara Arnold Frielingshaus '68W, June 2016
Philip L. Kumbler '68 (PhD), June 2015
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Dave B. Hooper '69S, February 2016
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Gail Wegman Tobin '69W (MA), July 2016
Edward L. Rupp '70, May 2016
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William H. Parsons '72, '80 (Flw), June 2016
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Allan J. Schwartz '73 (PhD), July 2016
Thomas J. Walsh '73W (MAs), July 2016
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Christine Burns '75W (MS), '93S (MBA), June 2016
Catherine Shea Opar '75, June 2016
Jack Hauser '76, June 2016
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Thomas A. Labadofor '76E, June 2016
Collette Cirillo '77, '78S (MBA), June 2016
Steven W. Snyder '79, June 2016
Alan E. Lewis '81, '82 (MS), April 2016
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Andrea Baird '86 (MS), October 2015
Patsy Griffin '87 (PhD), April 2015
Shirley Tiffany '87N (MS), June 2016
Elaine Dantner '89 (PhD), May 2016
Annette Dewolf '90W (EdD), July 2016
Gerardo B. Flores '92S (MBA), June 2016
Jocelyn Smith '96 (MS), July 2016
Brendan P. Kelly '98M (Res), May 2016
Gregory A. Deturck '04E, '14E (DMA), July 2016
Jenny Jan '04S (MBA), June 2015
Eliza Ketchum '13N, July 2016
Cynthia Ryan '14 (MS), June 2016
Jesse R. Steck '16, July 2016