MOVE MOUNTAINS
CAMPAIGN KINDLES UVM’S NEXT ERA
FALL 2015
A tremendous sense of optimism, pride in our past, and anticipation of our future filled the University of Vermont campus over the first weekend in October. While the UVM Reunion and Homecoming Weekend is a perennial time for celebration, we reached a new pitch this year as the event was coupled with the public launch of Move Mountains: The Campaign for The University of Vermont.

Thursday morning began an unprecedented run of fifteen new UVM gift announcements, a crescendo of giving that would continue across the next two days. Each gift, in its own individual way, spoke volumes about the loyalty and generosity of our donors. At the same time, taken together, they paint a picture of the myriad endeavors of the University of Vermont in 2015 as we build our future. Medical education, Fleming Museum collections, LGBTQA Center, Jewish Studies, civil engineering, and future. Medical education, Fleming Museum collections, LGBTQA Center, Jewish Studies, civil engineering, and...
On a Tuesday morning the week before fall semester began, eight new students and their two upperclassmen leaders got down to work at a Habitat for Humanity site in Shelburne.

"Freshmen backpacking the Long Trail is likely the first image that come to mind when the subject is UVM TREK. But while the immersive week-long student orientation program has its roots in the wilds of Vermont, Service TREK has carved out its own distinct place in the university's culture across nearly twenty years."

While a table saw buzzed, nail guns thumped, and rain poured outside the roughed-in house frame, Brenna Foley, an Honors College student majoring in Global Studies, says the same ethos behind Service TREK drew her to UVM more broadly.

"There was this feeling on campus that working together is valued at UVM, " she says. Foley plans to get involved in service and human rights work during her years at the university.

On August 1, UVM became a tobacco-free campus.
Washington, D.C., sinking fast

GEOLOGY | New research confirms that the land under the Chesapeake Bay is sinking rapidly and projects that Washington, D.C., could drop by six or more inches in the next century—adding to the problems of sea-level rise.

This falling land will exacerbate the flooding that the nation’s capital faces from rising ocean waters due to a warming climate and melting ice sheets—accelerating the threat to the region’s monuments, roads, wildlife refuges, and military installations.

For sixty years, tide gauges have shown that sea level in the Chesapeake is rising at twice the global average rate and faster than elsewhere on the East Coast. And geologists have hypothesized for several decades that land in this area, pushed up by the weight of a prehistoric ice sheet to the north, has been settling back down since the ice melted.

The new study—based on extensive drilling in the coastal plain of Maryland—confirms this hypothesis, and provides a firm estimate of how quickly this drop is happening. Additionally, the researchers’ detailed field data make clear that the land sinking around Washington is not primarily driven by human influence, such as groundwater withdrawals, but instead is a long-term geological process that will continue unabated for tens of thousands of years, independent from human land use or climate change.

The new research was conducted by a team of UVM geologists, the U.S. Geological Survey, and other institutions.

Lead author of the study is Ben DeJong, who conducted the research as a doctoral student at UVM’s Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources with support from the U.S. Geological Survey.

“Right now is the time to start making preparations,” says DeJong. “Six extra inches of water really matters in this part of the world,” he says—adding urgency to the models of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change that project roughly one foot of sea-level rise by 2100 from global warming.

“It’s ironic that the nation’s capital—the place is sitting in one of the worst spots it could be in from global warming,” says Leif Richardson, a UVM scientist in the Gund Institute for Ecological Economics and the Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources, who helped lead the new research. “If we don’t stop the decline in the abundance of bumblebees, we may well face higher food prices, diminished varieties, and other troubles.”

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Building a better solar panel

PHYSICS | TV screens that roll up. Roofing tiles that double as solar panels. Sun-powered cell phone chargers woven into the fabric of backpacks. A new generation of organic semiconductors may allow these kinds of flexible electronics to be manufactured at low cost, says UVM physicist and materials scientist Madalina Furis.

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To help, Furis and a team of UVM materials scientists have invented a new way to create what they are calling “an electron superhighway” in one of these materials—a low-cost blue dye called phthalocyanine—that promises to allow electrons to flow faster and farther in organic semiconductors. Their discovery, reported in the journal Nature Communications, will aid in the hunt for alternative thin film technologies to traditional silicon-based electronics.

“Hiring these two techniques together is new,” says Lane Manning ’08, a doctoral student in Furis’ lab and co-author on the study. “We have discovered that we have hills that electrons have to go over and potholes that they need to avoid.” Furis explains.

Many of these types of flexible electronic devices will rely on thin films of organic materials that catch sunlight and convert the light into electric current using excited states in the material called “excitons.” But the basic science of how to get electrons to move quickly and easily in these organic materials remains murky.

To find these defects, the UVM team—with support from the National Science Foundation—built a large scanning laser microscope. The instrument combines a specialized form of linearly polarized light and photoluminescence to optically probe the molecular structure of the phthalocyanine crystals.

“Marrying these two techniques together is new; it’s never been reported anywhere,” says Lane Manning ’08, a doctoral student in Furis’ lab and co-author on the study.

Though the Nature Communications study focused on just one organic material, phthalocyanine, the new research provides a powerful way to explore many other types of organic materials, too—with particular promise for improved solar cells.

“One of today’s big challenges is how to make better photovoltaics and solar technologies,” says Furis, who directs UVM’s program in materials science, “and to do that we need a deeper understanding of excition diffusion. That’s what this research is about.”
Blue eyes & the bottle

GENETICS | People with blue eyes might have a greater chance of becoming alcoholics, according to a new study by UVM genetic researchers. The work, led by Arvis Sulovari, a doctoral student in cellular, molecular and biomedical sciences, and Dawei Li, assistant professor of microbiology and molecular genetics, is the first to make a direct connection between a person’s eye color and alcohol dependence. The results of the research, published in the July issue of the American Journal of Medical Genetics: Neuropsychiatric Genetics, suggest the hope of finding the roots of not only alcoholism, but also many other psychiatric illnesses.

The authors found that primarily European Americans with light-colored eyes—including green, gray, and brown in the center—had a higher incidence of alcohol dependency than those with dark brown eyes, with the strongest tendency among blue-eyed individuals. The study outlines a direct connection between a person’s eye color and alcohol dependence.

From that extensive database, Li’s and Sulovari’s study filtered out the alcohol-dependent patients with European ancestry. After Sulovari noticed the eye-color connection, they retested their analysis three times, arranging and rearranging the groups to compare age, gender, and different ethnic or geographic backgrounds, such as southern and northern parts of the continent.

Next, Li wants to delve deeper into the relationship between cultural background and genetic makeup, continuing his quest to find the mechanisms of mental illness. His greatest challenge: All the genes identified in the past twenty years “can only explain a small percentage of the genetic part that has been suggested,” he says. “A large number is still missing, is still unknown.”

Li’s project with Sulovari has provided a significant stepping stone, he says. “What has fascinated me the most about this area, and we felt was a very important topic,” Fothergill says. “We also knew there were misconceptions about children and disasters.”

Among the misconceptions: children are super resilient, “like rubber balls, they just bounce back”; or the opposite, that they are “helpless victims” with no capacity to help themselves or others.

Drawing on what they learned, Fothergill and Perk clarify what kinds of assistance children need during emergency response and recovery periods, as well as the individual, familial, social, structural factors that aid or hinder children in getting that support.

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The vulnerability of children was starkly apparent in Hurricane Katrina, the most disruptive and destructive disaster in modern U.S. history. A dozen children and youth in Louisiana perished in the disaster. An untold number of children lost loved ones, were orphaned or left homeless. More than 370,000 school-age children were displaced immediately following Katrina, while 260,000 remained dislocated for years.

A new book, Children of Katrina (University of Texas Press), co-authored by sociologist professor Alice Fothergill, is the first multi-year sociological study of children after a disaster. Fothergill and co-author Lori Perk, of Colorado State University, spent seven years after the hurricane interviewing and observing several hundred children and their family members, friends, neighbors, teachers, and other caregivers.

The book focuses intimately on seven children between the ages of three and eighteen, selected because they exemplify the varied experiences of the larger group.

“The choice to focus on children and youth because there has been so little research done in this area, and we felt it was a very important topic,” Fothergill says. “We also knew there were misconceptions about children and disasters.”

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Most UVM alumni know Stephanie Seguino as a professor of economics focused on issues of inequality by class, race, and gender. But she is also a committed and talented photographer who explores those same issues through the lens of her camera. “Radical Empathy,” Seguino’s exhibit on display this summer at Burlington’s FlynnDog Gallery, was a timely exploration of black men’s images and the bias that viewers may bring to their perception.

Depending on whether the individual is photographed from in front or behind can create a very different reaction. “The project is about lifting that racial veil that obscures the deeper humanity of black men in our society,” Seguino says.

Jeffrey, 2015
20” X 30”
Stephanie Seguino
Beyond Coaching
Alumnus Fred Fayette, heart of the Catamount Nordic program

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Spend a morning on Lake Champlain visiting Juniper Island aboard Fred Fayette’s research vessel, the Neptune, and you’ll learn something from the man at the helm. Like how sonar works, some of the curiosities that lie on the bottom of Lake Champlain, and the date (October 10, 1776) Benedict Arnold and fleet sailed north past the helm. Like how sonar works, some of the same facts from Fayette, a Class of 1969 alumnus of the ski program and long-time volunteer coach with the team. Both savvy advisor and beloved uncle to skiers across generations, Fayette is a man with a lively mind and a warm spirit.

While his ski waxing wisdom may have helped athletes kick and glide to NCAA titles the skier is wearing. He recalls a few years on the team. If we are judged by how personal triumph or special moment from my life—running the Marble Island Resort he used to own with his brother David or the scientific exploration an underwater camera and other lake research efforts has guided projects for UVM Skiing, such as crafting a device to determine the exact kick zone on a ski or a hot box to optimize waxing. But when you speak with Catamount athletes about Fayette, they seldom want to talk about technical matters of skiing so much as, well, the Fredness of Fred.

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Fred Fayette’s own career as a Nordic skier began somewhat reluctantly. When the South Burlington native enrolled at UVM, after serving in the U.S. Navy’s Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron, he joined legendary coach Archie Post’s cross-country team. Fayette would add another sport when ski coach Bill Stone recruited some of Post’s fit barriers in the hope of building his Nordic ranks.

Problem was, Fayette really wanted to ski alpine. A deal was struck. If Fayette and some of his fellow runners would attend the pre-season Nordic camp, then they would also get a tryout for the alpine team. Smiling at the memory, Fayette recounts when alpine coach Hermann Mucken- schnabl watched him ski down the moun-tain around gates then, with thick Austrian accent, said, “Well, Fayette, you turn OK one way.”

With those words, a Catamount Nordic skier was born.

There’s no sport like cross-country ski racing for wringing an athlete dry. Fay-ette and his fellow-convert runners soon fell in love with it. “That feeling of being exhausted, but a good exhaustion,” he says. The bonds built training and racing lasted long beyond graduation. Mention the name of an old teammate like Perry Bland ’71 or Dave Hoozer ’66, and Fayette will feign a hazy memory of this person of whom you speak, before cracking a smile.”

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Knut Nystad ’94, chief of service for the Norwegian national team, cites Fayette’s rare gift for being equally adept at storytell-ing and listening. “Fred is a walking Wikip-e-dia with facts and tidbits about everything (and nothing) worth discussing,” Nystad says. “Thanks to his patience it was possible to have great discussions with us stubborn foreigners about culture, politics, finance, economics, and other fun subjects.”

Dave Stewart, a former assistant with the UVM team and now head Nordic coach at the University of Denver, recalls the freewheeling discussions—“always with an open mind and always forcing me to question my own ideas”—as he sat shotgun next to Fayette on the drives to races. Stewart continues, “I get to talk with Fred once or twice a year, and he so often amazes me by recalling some minor per-sonal triumph or special moment from my years on the team. If we are judged by how we make others feel, Fred has no equal.”

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A cool morning mist raised goose bumps on my skin when I set out on the Goethe Trail. I had picked this particular trail because it offered the most direct access to where I wanted to go, but the idea of hiking in the footsteps of the great poet-thinker-naturalist-all-round-genius certainly added to the appeal of my quest. Where I wanted to go was the Harzer Grenzweg, the trail in Germany's Harz Mountains that traces the former border (Grenze) that divided the country for forty years. For most of that time, this had been one of the deadliest borders in the world—a high-security strip cleared of all vegetation and studded with land mines, watch towers, and booby-trapped fences.

I really was in the former death strip now. For anyone who didn’t notice the concrete grid, there was a large wooden sign pointing out this fact. Across from it, four people were sitting at a picnic table, engrossed in conversation over thermos bottles and Butterbrots homemade sandwiches wrapped in parchment paper. Throughout the morning, I had wondered how other people felt about hiking in this history-heavy place. Was it as meaningful to “normal” Germans—those who had everyday lives here—as it was to me? I decided to approach the four and ask.

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The power of the place burns brightly within the most ambitious fundraising campaign in the history of the University of Vermont.

BY | RICK GREEN ’82
STUDENT OPPORTUNITY
Without the aid of a Donald H. DeHayes Multicultural Scholarship, it’s unlikely Jacqueline Cordoza ’17 would be enrolled at the University of Vermont. That critical financial assistance has given her the opportunity to thrive in college.

Early coursework sparked her interest in environmental health and social justice and career goals in environmental epidemiology. “I learned that who you are and where you live can directly impact your health, and my dream is to help those where you live can directly impact your health, and my dream is to help those where you live can directly impact your health, and my dream is to help those where you live can directly impact your health, and my dream is to help those where you live can directly impact your health, and my dream is to help those where you live can directly impact your health, and my dream is to help those where you live can directly impact your health, and my dream is to help those where you live can directly impact your health, and my dream is to help those where you live can directly impact your health, and my dream is to help those where you live can directly impact your health, and my dream is to help those where you live can directly impact your health, and my dream is to help those where you live can directly impact your health, and my dream is to help those where you live can directly impact your health, and my dream is to help those where you live can directly impact your health, and my dream is to help those where you live can directly impact your health, and my dream is to help those where you live can directly impact your health, and my dream is to help those

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Move Mountains: The Campaign for the University of Vermont aims to raise $500 million in private support by 2023 to nurture academic programs, expand scholarships and professorships, and strategi-cally transform the campus through new and enhanced facilities. In the eyes of President Tom Sullivan, the fundraising campaign also works like a giant lever, lifting UVM to a new position of distinction among public research universities.

While the campaign is about the hard business of asking for gifts at a time when more universities are aggressively fundraising, Move Mountains is about the invisible glue that cements a diverse community of 100,000 UVM alumni across the world. It is about declaring “this is where” sharpening and focusing the possible of a public university that even its graduates might not fully appreciate sometimes.

“We educate and encourage our students to be leaders in commu-nities and societies. The experience here is about the educated per-son, the whole person,” Sullivan explains. “That’s the uniqueness of the University of Vermont undergraduate experience.”

The public launch of the campaign on October 2 at Gutterson Fieldhouse capped a four-year effort that began with the creation of the UVM Foundation in 2011 and comes as universities turn to pri-ivate foundations for a helping hand. Created to engage UVM’s most capable supporters, the nonprofit UVM Foundation is governed by its own board of directors and exists solely to benefit the University of Vermont.

At the October launch, President Sullivan announced to a crowd of more than five-hundred supporters that about $248 million has already been raised toward the goal of $250 million by 2019.

“The timing of this comprehensive campaign is really critical at this point in the university’s history,” says Sullivan, who since his arrival three years ago has met with alumni and students to hear how the UVM Foundation can benefit the University of Vermont.

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Twice the size of UVM’s last fundraising effort in 2007, the Move Mountains campaign has been in its silent, or planning, phase for the last four years as the UVM Foundation ramped up. While new and improved campus facilities are part of the strat-eogy—including a $104 million STEM Complex, an Alumni House, an expanded and renamed Grossman School of Business, and a first-ever partnership with the recently renamed University of Vermont Medical Center—it’s young women such as Jacqueline Cordoza who will illustrate the vital role private support can play.

Her story is one of the most basic messages of the Move Mountains campaign: a financially accessible education for talented students of all backgrounds. The campaign is seeking nearly $120 million in scholarship support from private donors.

“I was looking at universities and colleges a lot smaller than UVM. I ended up taking a tour, coming up here and braving the cold. As soon as I stepped foot on the campus I just knew I wanted to be here,” says Cordoza. Private support, through her Donald H. DeHayes Multicultural Scholarship, has made her experience at the University of Vermont undergraduate experience.

When you have a big idea to move forward and you have a friend of the university or a donor or an alumnus and you have a passion about that idea—and they have the ability or the capacity to make an investment—then those things come together, the big idea, the passion, and the capacity, it’s magical.”

FACULTY ENDEAVOR
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Among the high-profile goals President Sullivan has brought to campus is a plan to double the number of endowed professorships and chairmnanships. The university has made rapid progress on this front and the Move Mountains campaign aims to push it to a new plateau with a plan to raise more than $48 million to create new professorships, chairs and deanships across UVM—an acknowledgement that a public university must be a talent magnet to compete in a world where other state universities receive more support from their state legislatures.

A gift that creates and funds a named professorship “enables us to build strong programs around it. It immediately institutionalizes a program in a way that says this is something that’s really important,” says Penny Bishop, professor of middle level education and the director of the Tarrant Institute, a donor-supported initiative that trains Vermont teachers and schools to use technology more effectively in the classroom.

“IT enables us as a university to attract new faculty, who are doing really innovative things with research, to showcase a lot of the research that’s being done as well as to invest more in the teaching that’s done within the program,” says Bishop.

Both President Sullivan and Provost David Rosowsky point out that these endowed positions become the essential DNA for a successful UVM future—they keep top professors on campus for long careers, add to the university’s capaity for high-quality research, and serve as a beacon to attract more talented faculty and scholars.

“IT’s a phenomenol tool that the university can have to make sure that it perpetuates itself with very strong leaders,” says College of Medicine Professor Beth Kirkpatrick, who founded the Vaccine Testing Center, which works to tame some of the world’s most deadly diseases.

All of this complements a campus that already has a strong reputation as a place that “is open to creative ways to do different things,” Kirkpatrick says. “People feel a little less pigeon-holed here and are able to think more broadly.”

Rosowsky, who as provost must make sure UVM has top academic programs, emphasizes that while a comprehensive fundraising campaign is about students, faculty and programs, it can’t stop there. A centerpiece of the UVM Board of Trustees’ plan to transform the Central Campus is the $266 million square-foot STEM Complex now under construction just east of University Row. The big buildings, slated for completion in 2018, have deep symbolism: the $154 million project aims to bring the university into a future where top students choose UVM because of lab and research facilities—and faculty remain or are attracted here because of the unique interdisciplinary cooperation that the STEM facility will nurture.

“It’s also a critically needed and timely investment in the science and technology and engineering side of our house. It’s not changing the university’s emphasis on academics. It’s not changing the character or the ethos of the university’s academic programs,” says Rosowsky.

“It’s simply elevating those programs to the same level of quality and opportunity that we have across the rest of the university. And science and engineering and math and computer science facilities are expensive, similar to medicine and nursing. These are expensive facilities to construct and to maintain, but...
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Five hundred million is a dramatic number for a humble state and a public university with a reputation for modesty.

But Richard Bundy, president and CEO of the UVM Foundation, sees a striking opportunity amid the ambitious goals. He points to the more than 25,000 donors who expressed their confidence in UVM’s promising new path this year, as private support continues to help to shape the future of one of the nation’s oldest public universities.

“This year we broke the $65 million mark for the first time in UVM history,” Bundy says. “Fiscal 2015 was the fourth consecutive year of record-setting fundraising for the UVM Foundation. That is a testament to our donors and their commitment to UVM’s mission and values. And it speaks volumes about the quality of the people who work at the foundation.”

The days before the campaign launch bolstered Bundy’s optimism, adding to the growing sense that the Move Mountains campaign is a turning point for UVM. More than $40 million in new commitments to UVM were revealed in a series of fifteen gift announcements across campus on October 1 and 2, culminating in a two-day crescendo of gifts that comprises the magic “We are in a different place today,” Bundy says. “When you have a really creative, transformative, inspiring big idea, it’s transformative. And that’s what this campaign is going to do as we celebrate the 225th anniversary of UVM—transform it so that the University of Vermont continues to be in the forefront of the great universities in the United States.”

From the Fleming Museum to Billings Library, Davis Center to Guttenson, the challenge and progress of Move Mountains: The Campaign for the University of Vermont crackled across campus as the largest fundraising initiative in UVM history went public the first weekend in October.

Multiple events heralded new gift announcements, totaling $40 million, and led up to President Sullivan announcing the campaign’s goal, $500 million, in the Davis Center atrium, packed with faculty, staff, students, and alumni. Later that evening, supporters gathered in a magically transformed Guttenson Fieldhouse for a celebration of the campaign’s launch. As Move Mountains transitions into the public phase, $247,636,555 has been raised.

Two-day crescendo of gifts leads to campaign’s public launch

In addition to Steven Grossman’s $20 million in support of the business school, gifts announced in the days prior to the campaign launch included:

- $8.9 million from Robert ’39, MD’42 and Helen Larner to establish the Robert and Helen Larner Medical Education Fund in the College of Medicine.
- $3.0 million from Daniel and Carole Burack to support the programs and activities of UVM Hill and enhance Jewish life on campus.
- $1.5 million gift-in-kind from J. Brooks Buxton, UVM Class of 1936, who is donating his art collection to the Fleming Museum.
- $1.2 million to support the work of the LGBTQA Center on campus. This includes $875,000 from UVM Foundation Leadership Council member William Meezan, UVM Class of 1967, and his husband, Michael Brittenback, $200,000 from Sanford Friedman, Class of 1973, and his husband Jerry Higgs; and $125,000 from Michael Upton, a member of the College of Medicine, class of 1994.
- $1 million from John ’68 and Julia Hilton to establish a Faculty Research Support Endowment and expand the Janus Forum Lecture Series. John Hilton is chair of the UVM Foundation Board of Directors.
- $1 million from Eugene ’50 and Joan Kalkin to fund a professorship in the College of Arts and Sciences. Eugene is chair emeritus of the UVM Foundation. Both Kalkins are former UVM trustees.

- $1 million from the Richard E. and Deborah L. Tarrant Foundation to support the Patient Care Facility project in The UVM Medical Center.
- $900,000 from Gregory N. Sweeney ’70 to support the civil engineering program in the College of Engineering and Mathematical Sciences with a scholarship, professorship, and program support.
- $500,000 from the university’s food services provider, Sodexo, to support the university’s Food Systems Initiative.
- $350,000 estate commitment from John Bossange of Burlington to add to the scholarship fund he established to honor the memory of his late wife, Dr. Janet Bossange, a long-time faculty member in the College of Education and Social Services.
- $250,000 from Richard Adery ’63 to support UVM’s Alumni House capital project. Adery is a member of the UVM Foundation Board of Directors and Foundation Leadership Council.
- $250,000 from the Crowley family of Princeton, Mass., to support the student internship program in the Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources.

- Robert ’90 and Meghan Clifton ’91, a gift to endow the men’s basketball coaching position.

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Diana Brooks ‘13
WORK: Studio art instructor at North Branch Arts, and art instructor for kin-
dergarten, fifth, and sixth grades through North Branch Arts at Edgebrook Element-
ary School. HOME: Chicago, Illinois. UVM DAYS: Began her undergraduate
studies at UVM at age twenty-seven after earning an associate’s degree from Com-
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IN HER WORDS: ‘‘My students’ intelligence and perseverance really shows through when you allow
them to find their own answers. This is the way artists create outside of the class-
room, and I want my students to consider themselves artists, to think of themselves
as capable and creative people.’’

Michael Hurdzan ‘69 G ’74
WORK: Golf course architect with an international practice whose firm has
worked on 400-plus projects on five con-
tinents over the past forty-five years. Hurdzan has been a pioneering thinker
and practitioner in creating environmen-
tally friendly courses. HOME: Colum-
bus, Ohio. UVM DAYS: ‘‘Vermont was a para-
tise to this midwestern, redneck kid,’’ Hurdzan recalls. He came for a master’s in plant and soil science and ended up stay-
ing for his PhD. He credits his professors
and the state’s environmental ethic for setting his path. IN HIS WORDS: ‘‘One of my greatest challenges is convincing col-
leagues, clients, and golfers that the best
golf is enjoyed in the most natural envi-
ronments. We strive to make golf courses environmental assets not liabilities.’’

Madeline Murphy Hall ’10
WORK: Global affairs regional officer, working at the State Department on human
rights policy in the Middle East. HOME:
Washington, D.C. UVM DAYS: A political science major and anthropology minor, she
was inspired by Professor Gregory Gause, Middle East expert. She studied Arabic in the
Middlebury Language program, then won a Boren Scholarship to study abroad in
India her senior year. IN HER WORDS: ‘‘Being part of the Lawrence Debate Union
at UVM was hugely influential. My coaches, Tuna Stinder and David Register, and my
teammates, were my family on campus.’’

Sascha Mayer ’89
WORK: CEO and co-founder of Mamava, Inc., a company that makes self-contained
lactation pods, allowing nursing moth-

ers to use their breast pumps or nurse
in private. Business was incubated at
JDK Design in Burlington, where Mayer
worked for nearly twenty years. HOME:
Williston, Vermont. UVM DAYS: Soci-
ology major with a minor in women’s studies. Post-graduation, worked for then
Congressman Bernie Sanders in his Bur-
lington office. Has fond memories of the
view from Williams Hall and ‘‘digging into
a steaming plate of Nectar’s fries’’ with
friends. IN HER WORDS: ‘‘Mamava’s mis-

sion is to create a healthier society due to
a changed cultural perception of pump-

ing/nursing that affords every woman the
opportunity to nurse her child regardless
of her circumstances.’’

Sanjeev Yadav ’05
WORK: Recently co-founded Banyan Tree
Capital, a boutique investment advisory
firm based in Boston. Prior to that venture,
Yadav served for nearly two years as a vice
consul for trade and investment at the Brit-
ish Consulate-General in Boston, where he
worked on furthering trans-Atlantic trade
between New England and the United
Kingdom. HOME: Boston, Massachusetts
UVM DAYS: The son of longtime psychol-

gist professor Dharma Yadav, Sanjeev calls
UVM a ‘‘home’’ to his family in many ways.
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Gary J. Margolis ’91 G ’96 ’01
WORK: President & CEO of Social Sen-
tinel, a service that alerts officials in
education, local government, and other
entities to potential threats on social
media. Co-founder of Margolis Healy &
Associates, LLC; Former chief of police at
UVM. HOME: Richmond, Vermont. UVM
DAYS: Gained valuable experience work-
ing in police services, residential life, and
admissions; undergraduate courses with
Professor Robert Tzibhir and graduate courses with Professor Robert Nash guided
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Social Sentinel.’’

Jilyne Higgins ’09
WORK: Co-founder of ZGiRLS, a non-
profit organization dedicated to elevat-
ing and empowering the lives of girls
through athletics. Established in Seattle in
2012, ZGiRLS has begun to branch across
the country. HOME: Charlottesville, Vir-
ginia. UVM DAYS: A public communica-
tions major, Higgins balanced her studies
with training and competition as an elite
alpine skier. She was a seven-time NCAA
All-American for the Catamounts.
IN HER WORDS: ‘‘I know that we’ve set a
really big goal and with that comes chal-
gen. But I always come back to exactly
what we teach at ZGiRLS—chasing down
your dreams takes courage, and by doing
so, you make courage contagious. Like fire,
it spreads and ignites even bigger dreams
in those around you.’’

Joshua Prince ’86
WORK: President of The CDM Group, a
global healthcare communications com-
pany. Named 2015 Industry Person of
The Year by MedAdNews, he is also the
author of two well-reviewed children’s
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fun.” IN HIS WORDS: “I love how you can take a bunch of smart, creative folks, dig into a problem, and make something that moves people. We created the Tamiflu commercials with that giant flu guy...and I remember the moment when the team sitting around a table came up with the idea. Magic!”

Robert Bayer ’56, G’68
WORK: An expert on lobster health and nutrition, he is executive director of the Lobster Institute, and professor of animal and veterinary sciences, at the University of Maine. HOME: Orono, Maine. UVM DAYS: Credits his animal science major with teaching him approaches to solving problems of food production, the main focus of his work today. Made lifetime friends in Buckham residence hall and joined some of them this summer to watch the walls tumble down. IN HIS WORDS: “What I do is about preserving a way of life that is lobstering. Lobsters are doing very well this season, but the issues that we’re concerned about are climate change, ocean acidification, and pollution.”

Nancy Clark ’71
WORK: Co-founder and director of the Zierene Foundation, which supports AIDS orphans and caregivers in rural Zimbabwe; care coordinator at Gifford Medical Center in Randolph, Vermont. Last year Zierene supported approximately one thousand orphans in school. HOME: West Topsham, Vermont. UVM DAYS: Majored in nursing because it felt like a “safe and predictable women’s career” at the time, but her main focus, she says, was working with financial markets—the working with financial markets—the.

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Lesléa Newman ’77
WORK: Author of seventy books for readers of all ages including the children’s classic, Heather Has Two Mommies. HOME: Holyoke, Massachusetts. UVM DAYS: Professor David Huddle’s creative writing class made a great impression. IN HER WORDS: “As Heather was challenged, burned, and defeated upon over the years, I looked on in amazement that my little book caused such an uproar. It’s such a sweet little story with the message that ‘The most important thing about a family is that all the people in it love each other!’ I never expected that to be seen as controversial. I’m thrilled that children with two moms or two dads now have the legal protection they deserve. Love DOES conquer all!”

IN HIS WORDS: “Having guys on the team who could work together that way was just an incredible experience and those lessons have helped me throughout life.”

Laura Bernardini ’95
WORK: CNN Washington’s director of coverage. After fifteen years in the field, she’s now managing the assignment desk and live unit, and planning D.C. coverage. Ber- nardini is writing some, too, contributing to CNN’s Belief Blog as she reads through the Bible. HOME: Washington, D.C. UVM DAYS: Bernardini was an English major, but her main focus, she says, was working on the Cynic; an experience she credits for her career today. IN HER WORDS: “The Cynic gave me the chance to write, edit, and work with a team. I may not have been the best student in the classroom, but I loved being in that newsroom.”

Vincent Mugisha G’14
WORK: Educational development adviser for FH360, a Washington, D.C.-based international development think tank. Current project is a collaboration among FH360, the government of Equatorial Guinea, and HEIS Petroleum Corporation to improve the quality of public schooling in the country. HOME: Professionally based in Washington, D.C., but currently working in the west central African nation. UVM DAYS: Mugisha earned his doctorate in Educational Policy and Leadership Stud- ies. He credits many faculty members for

Charles Lacovou ’92
WORK: Dean of the Wake Forest University School of Business, Kirby Chair in Business Excellence and Professor of Management. HOME: Winston-Salem, North Carolina. UVM DAYS: Came to UVM from Cyprus to become a high school teacher, like his mother, but changed course after conducting research with his undergraduate advisor on the use of information systems by small companies. IN HIS WORDS: “I was captivated by that research experience. That was when I realized I could still be a teacher and follow my passion, and that a PhD would allow me to educate students at the college level. It changed my life.”

Ricky Strauss ’88
WORK: President of marketing for Walt Disney Studios, overseeing global market- ing strategy including creative, media, digital, promotions, publicity, research, and synergy for live-action and animated motion pictures. HOME: Los Angeles, Cal- ifornia. UVM DAYS: Was his involvement in UVM theatre, film, creative writing, and art history as “stoking his passion for the arts,” and a summer internship at TriStar Pictures for paving the way for his current career. IN HIS WORDS: “With a portfolio of films from Marvel, Pixar, Lucasfilm, and Disney there is something currently stimulating every day. I’m also fortunate to work alongside some of the industry’s top filmmakers and lead a team of incredibly talented and strategic marketers.”

Thorodd Bakken ’96 G’98
WORK: Head of sales and research for Nordea Markets in Norway, one of Europe’s largest banks. Leading the Norwegian operation involves setting stra- tegic direction and continually develop- ing the talented team that Bakken says is critical to success. HOME: Oslo, Norway.

UVN DAYS: A four-time NCAA cham- pion in Nordic skiing, Bakken also was the Catamounts’ top cross-country runner. In addition to his coaches, he counts business faculty members Lauck Parkz and Len Tashman as key influencers. IN HIS WORDS: “I guess I have always liked working with financial markets—the everlasting chase to try to figure out how and why they move like they do.”

Linda Sell Steil ’83
WORK: Helping rehabilitate veterans as military adaptive sports and recondition- ing site coordinator, Warrior Transition Battalion-Europe. HOME: Recently moved to San Antonio, Texas, where she contin- ues to work with soldiers, after nineteen years in Germany. UVM DAYS: Worked in an athletic trainer and was introduced to adaptive sports in a required physical edu- cation course. “My UVM experience gave me the courage to leave Vermont for a job at Albert Ein- stein Hospital in the Bronx, where I had my first experiences working in intensive pediatrics among underserved popula- tions, an experience that has guided my entire career.”
creating a welcoming and supportive environment. In his words: “My journey through the sports world has been filled with the chance to see athletes at all levels achieve spectacular personal accomplishments. From the NHL to the Little League World Series, my view to succeed in this environment one has to develop important competences such as political savvy, intercultural competence, program planning, monitoring and following through abilities, human empowerment, and capacity development.”

Marion Brown Thorpe ’58
WORK: After graduating with a degree in home economics education, she went on to earn her master’s at Syracuse University, then returned to join the faculty at UVM, where she taught home economics education for thirty-three years, retiring in 1974. (Thorpe turns 100 November 27, 2014.) HOME: South Burlington, Vermont. UVM DAYS: Her students found in her an inspiring and gifted teacher, a friend, mentor and advisor who helped launch and sustain many a successful career. IN HER WORDS: In her “Opening Reflection” at UVM’s historic two-hundredth Commencement Ceremony in 2004, she said, “I leave you with this. You may be only one person in the world. But you may be the world to one person.”

Chris Zimmerman ’81
WORK: President and CEO of Business Operations for the St. Louis Blues. Held similar positions with the Vancouver Canucks, Nikle, Bauer, and Easton. HOME: St. Louis, Missouri. UVM DAYS: Zimmerman recalls the joy of playing hockey to packed houses at Gutterson Arena and the power of the Catamount community. IN HIS WORDS: “My journey through the sports world has been filled with the chance to see athletes at all levels achieve spectacular personal accomplishments. From the NHL to the Ryder Cup to helping World Series to Special Olympics to six year-olds playing Ryder Cup to the Little League World Series...”

Jay Shindler ’94
WORK: Chef, chocolatier, and owner of Catering Chocolate, a retail gourmet food shop with a focus on catering. Shindler’s client list has included Mikhail Baryshnikov, presidents Clinton and Obama, as well as beloved Chicago institutions such as Steppenwolf and Goodman theatre. HOME: Chicago, Illinois. UVM DAYS: Philosophy major, Delta Phi brother; Mad River skier, Kountry Kari Delli lover. IN HIS WORDS: “Catering covers a lot of ground and we need to be prepared to cook anything at anytime. Staying creative with the changing seasons and meeting the needs of varying events certainly is a daily challenge. People say I’m a workaholic; I say my customers are unrelenting.”

Melissa Wolff Burke ’82
WORK: Physical therapist, professor of physical therapy at Shenandoah University, and founder of the Adventure Ampu- tee Camp for children, now in its twenty-first year. HOME: Winchester, Virginia. UVM DAYS: Still talks about the donut machine in Redstone dining hall. IN HER WORDS: “We have campers with (cAMP) hild amputated limb in pictures, never went swimming because of a bathing suit, climbed a ladder, rode a bike, or thought someone would like them. And something magic happens at camp when they’re surrounded by other people with physical differences... there is a bigger, prouder self that emerges.”

David Perez ‘81
WORK: Founder and CEO of Seamless Medical Systems, Inc., a digital healthcare company that replaces the paper forms patient fill out in medical offices with a smartphone app. HOME: Santa Fe, New Mexico UVM DAYS: Double major, economics and political science, focus on economic development and international affairs. Away from class, worked with Concert Bureau and loved to ski. IN HIS WORDS: “I am a serial entrepreneur. This is my third venture since 1999. The challenges of starting a business from an idea are manifold—raising capital, building the team, building the software, getting customers, scaling the enterprise. I love the creative experience of coming up with an idea, then building a team and business to execute it.”

Bill Barron ’89
WORK: Carpenter, founder of the nonprofit Renewable Energy Resources, dedicated to educating the public in ways to utilize renewable energy and improve energy efficiency; founder of the Salt Lake City Citizens’ Climate Lobby; a post (and likely future) single-issue climate change candidate for U.S. Senate and Congress. HOME: Salt Lake City, Utah. UVM DAYS: Geography major and founding member of UVM Crew, rowing in the team’s first competitions, including the 1987 Head of the Charles. IN HIS WORDS: “My work as a carpenter keeps me grounded, offers tangible results, creativity, and a sense of accomplishment. My advocacy work offers a way to speak from my heart for what I believe is possible and necessary.”

Meghan Clohessy ’05
WORK: Studio director of Daniel Arsham Studio, a role that includes overseeing the production of Arsham’s artwork and films, working with galleries and museums to arrange exhibitions, manage press, and plan events. Previously, she managed artist Vanessa Bercrott and Kehinde Wiley. HOME: Brooklyn, New York. UVM DAYS: Double major in art history and studio art. Professors Kelley DiDio and Frank Owen and an internship at Burlington’s Firehouse Gallery were key influences. IN HER WORDS: “My work is fulfilling because it allows me to use my business sense to help an artist achieve their professional and creative goals. I’m involved in the creative side of the art world without being a professional artist myself, which is a unique position.”

Matt Carreira ’05
WORK: Business card with TwoXSea reads “Sustainable Fishmonger.” Carreira defines that as primarily a sales role to connect chefs with the company’s sustainable seafood, but adds, that could span making deliveries to analyzing financials—basically doing whatever it takes to keep the company moving in a positive direction.” HOME: Alameda, California. UVM DAYS: Carreira looks fondly on the fellowship of friend students and mentorship of professors in the School of Business Administration. His passion for sustainability was kindled by an elective course in environmental studies. IN HIS WORDS: “It feels great to wake up every day utilizing my talents to make the world a better place. For me, it does not get any better than that.”

Rebeka Foley ’13
WORK: Pursuing a master’s degree in International Relations and Russian Studies at the European University of St. Peters-
Angeles, California.

Association of Elementary Schools Principal Award from the National Disney Interactive Media.

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my country by entering a career field that position after making an impression on an internship on the 2012 Sundance and television studies major, Trowbridge participated in mentoring/tutoring programs and volunteered in community elementary schools. Previously, she found a friend and mentor in Professor Jean Kiedaisch, who brought Turowbridge got his first break in the business with an internship on the 2012 Sundance Film Safety Not Guaranteed. He scored the position after making an impression on the director during a class visit. IN HIS WORDS: “I think about UVM often. I appreciate my analytical education now more than ever and have found it gives me a leg up in my largely technical industry. I miss the lake and cold winters. L.A. is really warm, just a heads up.”

Kristin Hubert ’00

WORK: Worked at Recreational Sports

HOME: Rutland, Vermont

WORK: Principal at Northwest Primary

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Emily Berlet ’08

WORK: Founder of the CSR Alliance, a corporate social responsibility and sustainability advisory firm specializing in social entrepreneurship, social innovation, and social business.

HOME: Lyon, France, until she moves to Paris this fall. UVM DAYS: Vice president of SGA and co-coordinator of the Big Buddies program.

IN HER WORDS: “Social entrepreneurs are individuals with innovative solutions to society’s most pressing social problems in create value while fostering a strong social and environmental impact, proving to the world that making profits can be compatible with bettering society and the planet.”

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IN HIS WORDS: “In college I went into the shoe manufacturing business with my father. Now I’m in the country, and daughter, Jill, have joined the team and they plan on extending our history well into this century.”

Jamie Christian ’94

WORK: Christian and his wife run Karisia Walking Safari, using camels to explore northern Kenya—rich with wildlife and far out of reach of vehicles. HOME: Lai-kipia, at the base of Mt. Kenya, where his children was born. UVM DAYS: Credited his profs Ross Bell, David Hirth, and others for a solid grounding in natural history. IN HIS WORDS: “On the property we currently have hundreds of elephants—and lions that are trying to eat our camels. Like any business we face some mundane challenges, but rural Africa does also present some interesting obstacles. We’ve had to consult a witchdoctor to dissuade an argument between two employers. The night before last a leopard ate one of the dogs that guard the camels.”

Alana Chain ’06

WORK: Senior construction manager on solar energy projects with Barron Partners. HOME: Boston, Massachusetts. UVM DAYS: Chain recalls quickly falling for the university and Burlington when she visited as a prospective student. She studied French and political science, counting Professor Garrison Nelson as inspiration, mentor, and friend.

IN HER WORDS: “You can’t help but feel fulfilled when you’re standing in that field among thousands of modules that were once just a concept in a CAD file and know that by harnessing this natural source of power we’re not only reducing energy costs, but most importantly, we’re combating greenhouse gas emissions, reducing our dependence on fossil fuels, and creating jobs in the process.”

Ryan Fletcher ’02

WORK: Principal, Piedmont Middle School. Not only was he named one of the most promising young minds. As a teacher, I made a positive impact on the students I taught. As a principal, I have the ability to make a positive impact on my school and the community.”

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Rose Levy Berenbaum ’65

WORK: Cookbook author and designer of bakeware products. A three-time James Beard Award winner, she has authored ten bestselling cookbooks with an eleventh on the way and hosted her own PBS cooking series. HOME: Hope, New Jersey. IN HER OWN WORDS: “In a food class at UVM I learned how to make lemon meringue pie, and when I tried making it on my own in a friend’s house it would not thicken. It turned out it was the hard water, and that was the beginning of my investigative approach to baking—the merging of science, art, craft, precision, and instructional and creative writing—all the things I love.”

Mark Biedron ’74

WORK: President, New Jersey State Board of Education. Co-Founder, The Willow School in Gladstone, New Jersey, home of LEED gold and platinum facilities where “children discover who they are, the joy of learning, and the wonder of the environment around them.” HOME: Pottsville, New Jersey. UVM DAYS: Majored in business, enjoyed skiing at Mad River, hiking in the mountains, and exploring the countryside around Starkboro.”

IN HIS WORDS: “Education is my focus. It is the process for real and lasting change. In K-12 education, you are designing the future.”

Gulnar Pothiawala

Odera ’03 MD ’08

WORK: Cardiologist at Kaiser Permanente in Antioch, California. HOME: San Francisco. UVM DAYS: Favorite hangouts ranged from the Molecular Genetics labs to muddy Waters coffeehouse. Favorite activities: intramural soccer, running, studying in the medical library in the dead of winter. “UVM was and still is an idyllic place to go to school.”

IN HER WORDS: “What I enjoy most about my job is the variety: I see patients in clinic, I supervise stress tests, read echocardiograms, place pacemakers, and take care of patients who are hospitalized with more acute cardiac needs. The most challenging part is making sure I’m making the right decisions for my patients.”

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REALITIES OF CHANGE

Energy expert Jennie Stephens has led her students to the edge of a dam. They’re standing on top of Green Mountain Power’s hydroelectric plant #19 along Route 2A in Essex, Vermont. It’s a sunny morning, but a sparkling torrent of water pouring over the concrete spillway is strangely silent. It’s March and in Vermont that means winter. With a closer look, it’s clear that the whitewater is frozen solid.

The course is “Natural Resources 385: Energy System Transitions.” Stephens’s graduate students, in wool hats and Ray-Bans, chat amiably about the falling cost of solar panels and ask their tour guide, GMP plant operator Bob Young, questions about this power station and carbon markets. It’s a cheerful scene.

But Stephens, hired last year as the Blittersdorf Professor of Sustainability Science & Policy—with appointments in both the Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources and the College of Engineering and Mathematical Sciences—wants her students to take a closer look at the realities of our energy situation.

“We know fossil fuels are limited, and we’re eventually going to move away from them to renewables—but the important thing to consider is that an energy system transition is not primarily a technological change,” she says. “Some may think it’s about switching from coal to wind—but more fundamentally it requires deep cultural change.”

With ever-rising global demand for energy, land, and materials, “and with an expanding population—it’s impossible,” she says, “unless we voluntarily limit consumption.” In other words, while humanity may benefit from technological innovation, cleaner power, and improvements in efficiency, there is, finally, no engineering fix to problems from “our ideology of endless economic growth,” she says. Which is why her own social science research explores the interconnections between emerging social movements “that aim for human well-being instead of growth,” and new expectations for energy production and consumption—both in Germany and Vermont. “We can’t know the future,” Jennie Stephens says, but she and her students are looking closely for ways to avoid a drop-off into what she calls “overwhelming unsustainability.”
Imagine that you’ve lost your hard drive. Argh. There goes your term paper. Now jump forward into a foreseeable future and imagine that you’ve lost a hard drive—that’s wired into your brain. There goes…what? Your memories? The behavior modification software that controls your heroin addiction?

“If I am really tied in to my iPhone—in the sense that it has taken over some of my cognitive functioning—should it get a protective status now?” wonders Randall Harp, assistant professor of philosophy. “Should technologies have a moral and ethical status as part of me?”

As a teacher, Harp wants his students to think deeply about questions like this—about what, exactly, does “me” mean? And as a researcher, Harp has thought deeply about how that me—that self or “agent” as the philosopher speak puts it—can be understood to have chosen to act.

Harp tips back in his chair and directs his eyes toward the ceiling when he is thinking. Musing out loud, he quotes famed philosopher Ludwig Wittgenstein from memory: “What is left over if I subtract the fact that my arm goes up from the fact that I raise my arm?”

Far from daydreaming, Harp’s field of action theory has pressing relevance for guiding new developments in behavioral science, neurobiology, and law. “If you hit somebody while having a seizure, generally we say, ‘Oh that’s unfortunate, but that’s not your fault,’” Harp says, but figuring out “what the boundaries of agency are is very important. A growing strategy in law—neuro-law—is to reduce all of the things we do, to some extent, to something like seizures.” Not guilty, your honor, my brain did it.

“Is it taking away free choice if you know how someone is going to choose based on the way their brain works?” Randall Harp wonders. “These are the kinds of questions that we are going to need to face up to, the more advanced our behavioral sciences get. Asking them is my job.”

CHARTING BOUNDARIES

Evolution is not just a theory to plant biologist Steve Keller. He watches it happen. “Most people think of species evolving very gradually,” he says. And, indeed, sometimes change within a lineage of plants is imperceptible over millions of years. But when environmental conditions shift quickly—as with human-caused climate change or when people carry species across oceans—“evolution can happen fast too, year to year, generation to generation,” he says.

In his work, studying poplar trees and other plants, “evolution is not a cartoon that people debate philosophically,” Keller says. “Exploring evolution is an experimental science just as much as any other science.”

“The key is that it’s measurable,” he says. “I can go out there and quantify and measure it.” Which is exactly what he and his students do. “We’ve looked at specific genes in balsam poplar involved in light and temperature sensing, and have found rapid evolutionary changes in these genes during the range expansion of the species since the last ice age,” he says.

In other words, trees can change and move fast. Not quite so fast as the Ents in The Lord of the Rings, walking on huge bark covered feet, but almost. At the end of the last ice age, about 20,000 years ago, much of North America was covered to bedrock. Then, as temperatures warmed, the trees, squeezed into the south, started marching north again, bits of their DNA getting constantly triggered by natural selection as they recolonized millions of square miles in a few thousand years.

Today, balsam poplar is the hardwood found farthest north in North America—and a keystone forest species across the whole continent, taking Keller to field sites from Alaska to Vermont. Back in the lab, he uses an advanced technology called “Genotype by Sequencing,” or GBS, to discover slight genetic differences between hundreds of poplar trees from many different regions. “We’re looking across the entire poplar genome,” he says, “for signals of adaptation to climate.”

Keller and his team have focused on the southern edge of the poplar’s range to better understand the genetics of trees already adapted to the warmest growing season poplars currently face. Now they’re combining this knowledge with landscape modeling to predict which stocks of these economically and ecologically important trees might be able to keep pace—as global warming gathers unprecedented speed.

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EVOLUTION ON FAST FORWARD
It’s hard to suck a milkshake through a straw,” says Adrian Del Maestro, assistant professor of physics. Not so with helium. When cooled to just above absolute zero, it forms a bizarre state of matter, called a superfluid, “that has no friction,” Del Maestro says. “It’s a perfect liquid.” Once it has been stirred, a closed ring filled with superfluid helium will continue circulating for months.

Now, “think about a wide river heading into a narrow canyon,” says Del Maestro. “What’s it going to do?” Common sense tells us that liquids speed up as the channel containing them tightens. But what if a faucet were so amazingly tiny that only a few atoms of helium could squeeze through its opening at once? There, slippery perfection—and common sense—reach their quantum limits, it seems.

According to a longstanding model of quantum mechanics, once the pipe shrinks to the nanoscale, the bizarre behavior of superfluid helium should become even more odd: far from speeding up, it should actually slow down. For more than seventy years, scientists have been studying the flow of helium through ever-smaller pipes. Now, Del Maestro and a team of researchers from Canada and Germany have successfully created the world’s smallest faucet: a pore through silicon nitride that is less than thirty atoms wide. In results published in May, in the journal *Science Advances*, Del Maestro and the other researchers report that the flow of helium through this microscopic pipe does, indeed, appear to slow down.

Del Maestro used computer simulations on the Vermont Advanced Computing Core at UVM to understand just how small the faucet will have to be before this new physics fully emerges. “This ‘Luttinger liquid,’ as it’s sometimes called, is a very strange state of matter,” he says. “Because it exists in strictly one dimension, it’s not really a liquid, it’s not really a superfluid, it’s not really a solid—it’s everything, all at once.”

“We’re almost there,” he adds. “This knowledge could lead to novel technologies including ultra-high-precision rotation sensors with application to the GPS system.”

At first glance, Katie Gough’s work life is marked by the disparate. Even her resume includes academic positions in three different countries, in three different disciplines. Now, as resident dramaturge in UVM’s Department of Theatre, she’s enjoying her role as “the academic wing to a creative arts department, where everyone is a designer or playwright or acting teacher.” It may be a position that’s different from her peers in Royall Tyler, but she’s in an environment, she says, that “feeds my theoretical interests really well.”

Those theoretical interests happen to be rooted in finding connections among unlikely subjects. She’s published a book on relationships between Irish and African-American culture, *Kinship and Performance in the Black and Green Atlantic*. She’s also at work on a project that explores the relationship between medieval and digital performance and culture, two areas that seemingly have nothing in common, but in fact, she says, mirror and relate to each other in interesting ways.

Broadly, her work focuses on “people, performances, objects, or time periods that don’t seem to have a lot to say to each other, or that you wouldn’t think had anything in common,” she says. “I think there’s always an ethical imperative in my work to see interconnections and relationships across cultures, situations, people who maybe wouldn’t think of themselves as the same. Yet, often times these diverse cultures and people were involved in similar projects and worked within and against similar political structures. Those principles are an effective means of seeking common ground.”

J.B.
If Patrick Garcia, assistant professor of management, finds himself feeling a little depressed while researching employee aggression and deviance in the workplace he can always turn to his other area of expertise: career development and self-efficacy.

“My research interests involve two parallel research streams,” says Garcia. “I call this my yin and yang. People often ask me how I got into doing research on the ‘dark side’ of organizational behavior. Looking back, I guess it has something to do with my background and training in clinical psychology, where we usually focused on psychopathology and mental illness.”

Garcia became even more intrigued with the yin side of his research after working as an employee in organizations in the Philippines. “Like most of us, I encountered my share of abusive, aggressive, and dominant colleagues and supervisors,” he says. “These experiences further motivated me to find answers to the questions ‘why do they behave the way they do?’ and ‘what happens to the rest of us if they behave that way?’”

Garcia hopes to produce evidence-based approaches for how to detect, prevent, and/or minimize aggressive behavior at work. “My ultimate goal is to be able to use what I find in my own research to develop specific training programs that organizations can implement to manage abusive supervision.”

As for the yang side of his research, Garcia is exploring how employees adapt to the ever-changing career landscape and how adolescents and older workers make decisions regarding their future career goals. “The answers to these questions would have important implications for career counselors, educators, students, and employers,” he says.

As a high school math teacher, Carmen Petrick Smith found that her students learned geometric principles more easily when she incorporated physical movements into her lesson plans. Today, as an assistant professor of mathematics education, she is reimagining what a math class looks like based on a similar question: What if instead of manipulating symbols on a paper, you manipulated your body?

Her latest research in the Journal of Mathematical Behavior shows significant gains in the understanding of angles and angle measurements by elementary school students who performed body-based tasks while interacting with a Kinect for Windows mathematics program. “Maybe they don’t know the words quite yet, but they have a way to express it using their body that they didn’t have before when they were sitting in a row of desks looking up at the teacher and searching for an answer.”

Smith and her research team engaged thirty third-and fourth-grade students in a series of tasks that involved moving their arms to form angles projected on a large Kinect screen that includes a motion-sensor input device that allows people to interact with computers based on their natural movements.

“We’re finding that these kinds of activities are giving students new ways to think about mathematics and new ways of expressing their ideas,” says Smith, who once taught students how to write geometric transformations by having them do the Electric Slide on a giant coordinate plane she placed on a dance floor. “Our hope is to continue to develop these activities and support teachers in integrating them effectively in the classroom.”
CHEMISTRY’S CODES

The typical image of a chemist is a guy wearing a lab coat, shaking a flask,” says Jianing Li with a big smile, “that’s not me.” Li is a chemist, but she does her experiments in a virtual way—simulating chemical processes on supercomputers, including on the Vermont Advanced Computing Core at UVM.

Her goal, “to help decipher the sugar code,” she says. Besides nucleotides (like DNA) and amino acids (that form proteins), sugars are considered “the third alphabet of life,” she says.

Li’s research simulates the motions of atoms in these sugars and proteins as they interact. “If we can block parts of these interactions, we might come up with new ways to treat diseases. But these molecules are super-large. Even with a supercomputer, it’s impossible to see all the atomic detail at once,” Li says. “So in my lab we are coming up with a smart way to adjust the resolution of the model to study different parts of the interaction.”

Li grew up in China, a few hours from Hong Kong, and went to college near Shanghai before coming to the United States to complete her doctorate at Columbia. Her parents are doctors who practice traditional Chinese medicine. “The reason I chose chemical physics is because when I was young I loved how my parents grew and prepared different herbs. You drink the black soup and you can get better. For a kid, it’s like magic. So I became interested in how they did this. I wanted to learn this magic.”

“A goal for me would be to marry computational chemistry with traditional Chinese medicine—but we’re not there yet!” Li says. “Somewhere we might be able to islate each compound, each molecule, but it’s very difficult to do.” In the meantime, she carries a bit of her upbringing into her workday routine. “I drink tea everyday,” she says. “Monday green tea; Tuesday black tea, and flower teas over three or four different days.” She swirls a pale green liquid around in an oversized cup and holds it up to the light. “See what I’m drinking this out of? It’s a beaker actually.” J.B.

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Francis Nye called in from Albuquerque, New Mexico, to say that at 97 he is physically unable to attend the October Homecoming activities but wishes every attendee a most memorable weekend.

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Gwendolyn “Gwen” Brown, 93, died peacefully on Monday, April 13, 2015 in Milford, Massachusetts. She received her bachelor’s degree in teaching from UVM, where she served as class secretary. Gwen taught in Newport, Vermont, where she met her future husband, Arthur “Slim” Brown, whom she married in 1944. They settled and raised a family in Milton, Vermont. Gwen had been very active in her church and the Milton Historical Society and kept up with her many friends and family.

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While doing my spring house cleaning (yes, I still do that!), I forgot I was 93 and did something stupid. My stupidity resulted in a hospital stay plus rehab of over four weeks. Not a happy time, I had a double whammy: compression fractures of the spine with the usual spasms and an enflamed colon. One malady would have been enough. The good news is that I am getting better slowly, but surely.

After an amazing trip to Cuba in March, I am now planning a road trip across the United States with my daughter and grandkids. California to Vermont and it should be interesting—either bickering or bonding.”

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Rose Eiseman Boyarsky and Saul Boyarsky '44, MD’46 write, “We have been in a continuing care retirement community for two years now, having moved there at age 90. We met on President DuBose’s first day at school in 1939 and have been happily married ever since. We celebrated our 70th wedding anniversary this year. We moved from our home in Miami to Venetian Birches in Miami Beach. We are now at 1401 NE 36th Ave and are at 441 or 4E still around!”

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Natha Wright, who graduated from UVM magna cum laude. The daughter of Dr. George and Janet Wright ’44, and six children. The former of whom is now 65 and is a retired police officer. She also worked at Middleton Union High School*

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Vinian Dubreil Ells was away on May 5, 2015 in Northampton, Massachusetts. Vinian and Bernard Ells of Essex Junction had five children and a very rewarding life. After her younger child went off to first grade, Vinian went back to school herself. She earned a master’s degree in education from the University of Massachusetts and then worked as the reading supervisor for the town of Wil- liamsburg, Massachusetts. After retirement, Vin- ian moved to Lango, Florida, and enjoyed the sun- shine for 20 years. Recently, due to health concerns, Vinian moved back to Massachusetts to be closer to her children. She never forgot her experiences and the good times she had at UVM. She was very proud to be an alumna. Louise Washabauf Bedars writes, “After graduation I went to Washington, D.C., since I had my degree in political science. There I met my wonderful international science professor, Robert Eli Long, who I supported to the Cen- tral Intelligence Agency. I did and became a coun- ter intelligence agent in the Baltic Division since I knew Lithuanian. We were sending displaced men, volunteers from the Baltics, to their countries par- tisan, at top secret work. I married one of the vol- unteers and we moved to California. I bought a franchise from creator Glen Bell and a 14-artz restaurant which I still have. During this time I had a son, John, and daughter, Laurie. John’s son gradu- ated from UVM and Macaulay School as a welding technician along with four honors in other subjects. My daugh- ter, Laurie, is very successful in real estate in Texas, where her daughter attends the University of Texas.”

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Mary Dustin Hutchison reports that four generations of her imme- diate family have graduated from the same high school (Randolph High School) and UVM. A daughter-in-law, Nancy Gliss Hutchin- son ’70, did so. She recently attended the grad- uation of granddaughter Annie Hutchison ’15 who graduated from UVM magna cum laus. The other family alumni include Clifford Dustin ’19, Mary D. Hutchison ’52, Mark Hutchison ’78, Marsha Hutchison ’78, Abigail Hutchison ’12, and Annie Hutchison ’15 “How the university has grown’. Many notes, I would have difficulty finding my way around Hello to all my classmates of the class of 1962” Katie Berger Saunders ’79 wrote, “My dad, Lawrence C. ‘Larry’ Berger, a UVM graduate of the School of Business Administra- tion, died at the age of 84 in June 2015. Send your news to—
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Norman O. Stevens died on July 2, 2015. Norman taught agriculture at Whitening, Chicago and Ches- ter High Schools. While in Chester he received his master’s in education administration at Keene State College. He went on to be the principal of Green Mountain Union High School in Chester, Ver- mont, and then as house master at Mill River High School. He held various positions in the Vermont Headmaster’s Association. In 2012, he was proud to be named to the Vermont Principal’s Association of the class of 1952. “Katie Berger Saunders ’79 wrote, “My dad, Lawrence C. ‘Larry’ Berger, a UVM graduate of the School of Business Administration, died at the age of 84 in June 2015. Send your news to—
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50th Reunion — September 23-25, 2016

If you are interested in planning your upcoming reunion, email alumni@uvm.edu. Larry Millar ’66 is planning to head up a group of UVM alumni living in Colorado and will be our camp on Lake Chapin. Life is good in Colorado and we all look forward to seeing you all. Send your news to— Sharon Roberts Palmer tells us, ’61 ’65 (Gero Sharff) shared that he and Sally Barrett ’66 had all eleven grandchildren together at their home in Seminole, Florida. Ralph lived in Coral Springs, Florida. Ralph D’Altilia ’62 (Gero Sharff) said he and his wife, Jordan, recently had twins. Blake and Jake! He hopes to play both soccer and lacrosse. I am a retired school media specialist. I also have been doing advisory work for Save the Children, a group that I have been involved with for many years. I am especially grateful to UVM for her years there and she regularly recognized the importance in her life of Dr. Harry Keane and Dr. Trump. 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Richard T. Cassidy, partner at the Burlington law firm of Hoff Coutts has been elected to serve a two-year term as president of the Uniform Law Commission (ULC). Richard is the first Vermont lawyer to serve as president of the ULC since George G. Young served from 1925 to 1927. Jude Cohen shares, “I just retired from UVM in May and am at Cape Cod. I would have been a professor emerita after teaching there for the past 34 years. I continue to be connected to UVM as I serve on the executive board of the retired faculty organization and am their representative to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.” Jan Morison writes, “I am widowed two years ago. For 40 years, she ran the selling of tea in our tea room. Glad both are well. We both have managed to live love in our first years. This past June after a 38-year career in music education in Vermont. She recently accepted the position of director of commissioning at Song and Fire. This is the owner and creative liaison at Malletts Bay Music in Castleton, Vermont. Margery A. Kaye writes, “My work continues to influence people. I am graduating this summer (her dad is also a UVM alumn). My business continues to strengthen up lots of lives. I am a micro-business. Aquafaba: My parents (both UVM Alums) are doing well nearby. Life is good! Cheers to all of us! Enjoy and be well!” Jon Nelson writes, “Sam and I finally left Pennsylvania for Florida, Idaho, to enjoy the warm weather and sandy beaches. Our oldest boy is working at Brown University in economic research, while the twins finish their last semester at university (Pitt and Susquehanna)?” Sharon Kline writes, “These children in college (son at University of Utah Honors College; two daughters at Barnard College-Columbia University). I guess that would make me an empty nester? I miss the green trees, lushness of New England, Sandy and East Coast friends. Looking forward to the 40th Reunion in October. Not ready to retire—maybe someday.” Send your news to — Dina Dyer Child
Bob Hopwood writes, "Members of the 'Christie Command Tradition that dates back at least to 1979." Bob Hopwood, who passed away in July of 2015, is survived by his two daughters, Callie and Sarah. Recovery Centers, Inc., a non-profit organization, headed towards a new phase of our lives. I always looked forward to returning to Vermont. " I have been living in the Midwest for 20 years and am ready to get back to the real world. I'm confident that all classmates who have made the big '60' milestone will be happy to find their way back. Other Commandos can reach out to any of us for help in finding classmates or events. It is not too early to plan and wonder, like me, how can we get there soon? How can we plan the details of the event? We can start by collecting addresses and phone numbers of all of the awesome Catamount cross-country skiers and alpine skiers! Debi Chaffee Seamans, who was killed in a car accident in 1986, Brothers from 1979-83 raised funds for the Sigma Nu Athletic Fund in Stahlin's honor. Sigma Nu brothers offered special thanks to Bruce Rockowitz '80 and Mark Bronte '82 for helping to organize a large financial matching challenge all the way from China, to the group that helped kick start and motivate the campaign. Collective support in memory of Byrne and Stahlin totals $250,000. Leaders of the fundraising note that the effort is driven by the role the fraternity has played and continues to play in their lives. "While the chapter is gone, the strong affiliation with UVM and the hockey program continues," Sigma Nu brothers interested in supporting the Sigma Nu Athletic Fund, should contact the office on how to organize an effort to remember and honor a fallen brother, Terry Fuller '79, dfuller@remodelingnewsew.com or Peter Beckman '79, peterbeckman1979@gmail.com. Athletic program supports honor late Sigma Nu brothers Sigma Nu brothers are offering a gift of the summer to raise funds in support of the Sigma Nu Athletic Fund, which began in 2008 in modestly in 2013 with collective gifts in memory of Tommy McNamara, son of Tom McNamara '72 who lost his life in a boating accident in 2012. Gifts in Tommys memory were used to help launch the summer aca- demic program that includes the men's hockey team in the sum- mer of 2015. Our hockey team and athletic department hosted a cookout for more than fifty brothers from the classes of 1976-1983 who returned that weekend to honor two Sigma Nu brothers: Mark "Bronco" Byrne, who had an untimely death in March 2015, and Charles "Chuckie" Stahlin, who was killed in a car accident in 1986. Brothers from 1979-83 raised funds for the Sigma Nu Ath- letic Fund in Stahlin's honor. Sigma Nu brothers offered special thanks to Bruce Rockowitz '80 and Mark Bronte '82 for helping to organize a large financial matching challenge all the way from China, to the group that helped kick start and motivate the campaign. Collective support in memory of Byrne and Stahlin totals $250,000. Leaders of the fundraising note that the effort is driven by the role the fraternity has played and continues to play in their lives. "While the chapter is gone, the strong affiliation with UVM and the hockey program continues," Sigma Nu brothers interested in supporting the Sigma Nu Athletic Fund, should contact the office on how to organize an effort to remember and honor a fallen brother, Terry Fuller '79, dfuller@remodelingnewsew.com or Peter Beckman '79, peterbeckman1979@gmail.com.
been a Special Education Resource Room teach-er in a 4th/5th grade elementary school for 12 years and also have taught special education classes for 15 years. I also tutor students during the sum-mer and after school. I love my job, and I have really enjoyed working with the kind and caring special education professionals who I work with. My three daughters are all in their 20’s, Laura is 26, and is a student at Johns Hopkins University studying for her mas-ter’s degree in healthcare administration, gradu-ating in May 2016. Elizabeth is 24, and is close to completing her bachelor’s degree, hopefully in May 2016. Kathryn, 22, just graduated from the University of New Hampshire and is looking to do a job while working in Kensington for the sum-mer. Overall, 26 is wonderful! We look forward to connecting with classmates at the 30th Reunion in October!

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Paul Greiss was named president-director of the Ohio Association for Justice for the coming 2015-2016 year at its annual convention. Greiss is a member of the association’s executive committee, and has served in the past as vice president, treasurer and secretary. Greiss is a partner with the Landlino-ner Greiss Merriam law firm based in Cleveland. He has been with the firm since 2001. In 2014, he joined the firm of Danziger & Mark-ner at White & Case for 21 years, Mark Hamilton was selected as Vermont EMS Edu- cation Director in 2014. He has been teaching EMS for 15 years. In 2015, he was an instructor for the UVM EMS program.

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Mark Hamilton, formerly a part-time faculty member at UVM, joined the firm of Danziger & Mark-ham, LLC as a counselor in June 2015. Mark counselor-plans to continue to work with employees and compensation plans. In addition to advising business owners and cor-porate executives, Mark represents pension plan sponsors, investment fund sponsors, plan participants, banks and other financial serv-ices firms regarding fiduciary issues related to their plans. Thornton Tomasetti Principal and Sustain-ability Practice Leader Gunnar Hubbard, AIA, LEEF Fellow, has been elected a fellow of the American Institute of Architects. The designation is awarded to architects who have made signifi-cant contributions to architecture and society, and those who have achieved a standard of excellence in the profession. Hubbard has more than 25 years of experience as an architect, consultant, educator and advocate for projects around the globe. See photos of the Alumni Association Website Photo Gallery. Stephen Farrington recently installed a new soil moisture monitoring technology developed by the firm he owns with wife Catherine Vogheli. Farrington ‘89, ‘93 is a groundbreak-ing experiment in Puerto Rico that will examine the effects of warming on a tropical rainforest eco-syste. Farrington founded Transcend Engineering in 2015. The firm has applied for three patents related to the PRBSM moisture monitoring tech-nology and has sponsored Electrical Engineering Professor Ian Xia and graduate student Tais Fan to research system performance. Celeste Leon writes, “As a physical therapy alum and a mother, I am pleased to announce that my novel, Luke is Just the Beginning, is being released this fall, published by Floricanto Press. A labor of love for nearly 10 years, the novel is inspired by a true story. I would love to hear from you and your comments. For more information, please visit me at www.colestel-leetson.com.” Happy 50th everyone! You are all doing well and have found time to celebrate this big milestone with family and friends! I celebrated mine with Keri Wolfson Craft, Karen Murray Busrow, Jennifer Cohen McAllar, and Carolina Hahloch. I hope to see you at any UVM birthday celebrations to us!

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After 12 years with Ralph Lauren Corp., Liz Poley was just named to a new role as senior vice president of strategic initiatives and chief of staff to the presi-dent and chief operating officer. Although she recently stepped down as a many-year member of the Board of Advisors to the UVM School of Business, she remains engaged with students and young alumni in the area of career development. Chris- tina McCarthy was selected as Vermont EMS Edu-ca-tor of the Year. Sonna Swan Allen shares, “I am still living on Long Island, and teaching high school chemistry. I have been the science department chair at Portfield School for 15 years. My husband and I are lucky to have an ocean view that we get to enjoy at Hanover Beach, New Hampshire, most sum-mer weekends. We are doing well and we are in touch with Karen Nobbs Sharpe occasionally. Recently, Jeff Wadsworth, Kathy Korenzenitis Morse, Beth Blanchard Landry and Mark Landry. Needless to say, all are excited for the great new Catamount!”

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Kathy Clark writes, “What a great night at the home of Sean Martin ‘97, ‘10. Connecting with Sam Williams, Ed Kim ‘97, Lara Kelly Bohlke, Mike Bucalossi, Andrew Malkin and others. Marren Mary Sand-ers, ’93 is serving as president of the Board of Directors and is celebrating 20 years of outstanding work for the Children’s Home in Lebanon, Vermont. She has practiced physical therapy for over 20 years, as a focus on sports, ortho-pedic, and post-surgical rehabilitation. Her areas of expertise include foot and ankle biomechanics, orthotic evaluation and fabrication, manual ther-apy including fascial restrictions and work hard-ening.”

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Mark McGowan wrote, “Catamount Gallery will be participating in the Alumni Association website photo gallery, entered the Black Island Row/Row Regatta. We had two alumni teams, one from Paul Noniewicz ’86 was trimming head-sails and we were at the helm. We had a great week and finished second among all other Flying Tiger teams. While we were there, we stayed at Payne’s Marina where the owner’s wife and son are both alumni. With the UVM flag flying as our sailing war flag, we met Latrell and Mike Overman, both of whom are alumni of the College and have been sailing with the UVM Rowing Club for the past 15 years. They are famous. So it’s good for all of us!”


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56th anniversary in May with a cel-ebration. Kim writes, “How is it possible that 25 years have passed since we celebrated our 25th anniversary in May with a celebration? We are over the moon excited that our son Ryan Chevalier ’91, Paul Noniewicz ’86, Laura Kelly Bohlke, Mike Bucalossi, Andrew Malkin and others. Marren Mary Sanders, ’93 is serving as president of the Board of Directors and is celebrating 20 years of outstanding work for the Children’s Home in Lebanon, Vermont. She has practiced physical therapy for over 20 years, as a focus on sports, ortho-pedic, and post-surgical rehabilitation. Her areas of expertise include foot and ankle biomechanics, orthotic evaluation and fabrication, manual ther-apy including fascial restrictions and work hard-ening.”

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J.P. LaFeira writes, “I’m still using my marketing degree as chief opera-tions officer of a Richmond, Virginia- based advertising agency, Free Agents Market-ing. Also still playing tennis and love to ski!”

Rob Cronin writes, “In early August, UVM ’94 out-}
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Kit Wiehe Caballot recently moved back to Vermont with husband and children. Kit and Caballot to take a job at UVM Medical Center in the surgical ICU. She is excited to be back in Burlington and reconnecting with friends. David Volain (’03) was honored by the Beijing municipal government for his work. He and his wife, Clara, welcomed Clara, their second child, on July 6, 2015. Baby Clara is also welcomed by her parents, Sarah Jane Compton, Rini Mayer and Christine Vela, reunited on Lake Fairlee, Vermont, in July. The visit was spent eating, laughing, and reflecting on the ten-plus years of friendship, countless Orchard Terrace memories, date parties, and, of course, commemoration. In October 2014, Marisa Dubois and Michael Fuman were married in Rancho Santa Fe, California. The couple reside in White River Junction. Erica Brunish has been promoted to the district operations manager for Nissan USA covering the Maine and Devon counties of New Hampshire. She started with Nissan seven months ago as a frozen operations manager covering Vermont New Hampshire. In her six-year career in the automotive industry, this is her fourth promotion.

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Sarah Jane Compton, Rini Mayer and Christine Vela are excited for their new little sister, a daughter, Harper Elizabeth, on June 8. Aidan, 6, is excited to be a big brother. Tim Collingham and wife, Jamie- son up until Collingham ’06, welcomed their second child on July 9, 2015. Baby Clara is also welcomed by her parents, Sarah Jane Compton, Rini Mayer and Christine Vela, reunited on Lake Fairlee, Vermont, in July. The visit was spent eating, laughing, and reflecting on the ten-plus years of friendship, countless Orchard Terrace memories, date parties, and, of course, commemoration. In October 2014, Marisa Dubois and Michael Fuman were married in Rancho Santa Fe, California. The couple reside in White River Junction. Erica Brunish has been promoted to the district operations manager for Nissan USA covering the Maine and Devon counties of New Hampshire. She started with Nissan seven months ago as a frozen operations manager covering Vermont New Hampshire. In her six-year career in the automotive industry, this is her fourth promotion.

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Jeremiah Baras got married in December, 2014 and moved from Boston to Chicago with his wife. Jeremiah is the CEO of Populi Republic, the leading end-to-end enrollment service provider for the $50 billion dollar 21st century pop-up industry. He is currently working with his team on “How to be a Biz-Wiz” and to write the definitive book on pop-ups. The book will be released in stores (and on Amazon) in October, 2015. Bailey Decker is a new recruit at the company. The couple resides in Brookline, Massachusetts. Holly Whittles wrote, “I have spent the past year or so pursuing the clinical internship for my doctoral degree in Audiology in Seattle. I graduated in May 2015 from Washington University in St. Louis, but decided that it was too quick and that I needed more months to work in the area. I am now working as an audiologist in a clinic in Seattle.” Send your news to—

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Katherine Carter-Bacon Weigl and husband, Benjamin Weigl, are the proud parents of our first, Connor Philip Weigl.” Andrew Richard- ard recently returned to the United States from yet another year in the field. “Since graduating from UVM, Andrew has completed a master’s in cultural heritage and international development from the University of British Columbia. He was awarded a full scholarship by the Cultural Heritage. I married my wonderful husband, Albert, in August, on September 9, 2014. We have both been working on the completion of our doctorates, with his being undertaken in New Zealand. Mine was in management and development of cultural heritage from MIT Institute for Advanced Stud- ies, Lucia, Italy. I focused on world heritage tour- ism and understood the needs of United States, Serbia, and Morocco. I completed a research project at the University of Canterbury in Christ- church, New Zealand. I successfully defended my thesis on July 10, 2015, and I hope to find a future career focusing on cultural heritage tourism.” Christine Elliott and Adelle Minott have lived together in Boston, Massachusetts, for the past four years. Christine worked in healthcare at Massachusetts General Hospital for several years and just accepted a business development position at a healthcare startup called American Well. Adelle continues to work in emer- gency room engineering and rehabilitation for a small company in Winchester, Massachusetts. She is also president of her local pro-bono chapter. She and Adelle are really excited to be involved in the bike polo club to participate in hardcourt bike polo. “Our favorite pastime is racing through the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina. They’re pretty exciting!” Send your news to—

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Abbie Desreichers, and Jeff Reiff ’11 welcomed son, oli- ver John Reiff, on Tuesday, July 28. Oliver was 5 lbs, 14 oz, and 19.5 inches long. All are doing well and Ollie eagerly awaits moving his father at a Cata- mouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, New Hampshire. The couple reside in White River Junc- tion. Erica Brunish has been promoted to the dis- trict operations manager for Nissan USA covering the Maine and Devon counties of New Hampshire. She started with Nissan seven months ago as a frozen operations manager covering Vermont New Hampshire. In her six-year career in the automotive industry, this is her fourth promotion.

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Deniz Sevohoo received the 2015 L. R. Turcer Outstanding Senior Award on Saturday, May 9, 2015, at the Col- lege of Agriculture and Life Sciences’ Alumni and Friends Dinner in the Grand Ballroom of the named senior. The award recognizes outstanding achiev- ements and character of one senior who exhibited the highest standards and distinguished themselves enough to stand out from the rest of the seniors present. Congrats Deniz! Tom Maclarett teamed up with Joshua Barker, Matthew Bailey, Richard Stolar, and the New England True North Mallett Mover at Mount Snow in Vermont. Send your news to—

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William Vitagliano ‘91, worked in the Office of the Registrar for the five years as the university residency office, and employment management professional. During my time as an employee, I also earned my master of education in interdisciplinary studies in May of 2015 and represented the graduate student body as the vice president for the Graduation Student Senate. Upon completing my degree, I began my job with the University of San Francisco (USF) as the assistant registrar for course and degree audits and challenging for the semester in Plattsburgh, New York, where I launched a news bureau for NPR-affiliated North Country Public Radio. I was recently profiled in a local business magazine which quoted me as follows, “I then was accepted into a respected radio studio called Transom. I did some work for a station in New York City, and one day, I woke up and I was a full-time reporter for an award-winning NPR station. I bring our average age down! I help make sure that our patients are comfortable. And I have a unique news sensibility, my self-assigned stories show that I enjoy telling the story in an adventurous, quirky and uncomfortable.” Abbie Desreichers, and Jeff Reiff ’11 welcomed son, oli- ver John Reiff, on Tuesday, July 28. Oliver was 5 lbs, 14 oz, and 19.5 inches long. All are doing well and Ollie eagerly awaits moving his father at a Cata- mouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, New Hampshire. The couple reside in White River Junc- tion. Erica Brunish has been promoted to the dis- trict operations manager for Nissan USA covering the Maine and Devon counties of New Hampshire. She started with Nissan seven months ago as a frozen operations manager covering Vermont New Hampshire. In her six-year career in the automotive industry, this is her fourth promotion.

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After meeting in UVM’s Integrated Marketing and Communications class in spring 2015, former ‘05 groupie in- Chief Mike Eaton and I are happy to announce another Catamount Couple engagement! Set for a wedding next year, we will be tying the knot in our beloved Vermont. Joe Conners writes, “For those entering the field of psychology, inquire in the New England area where positions are readily available and are in high demand. The job market has been more than kind, and I have since been employed at two prominent corporations. While away, ” and a graduate degree in public health from the University of California in San Francisco. I am excited to be back in Burlington and reconnecting with friends. David Volain (’03) was honored by the Beijing municipal government for his work. He and his wife, Clara, welcomed Clara, their second child, on July 6, 2015. Baby Clara is also welcomed by her parents, Sarah Jane Compton, Rini Mayer and Christine Vela, reunited on Lake Fairlee, Vermont, in July. The visit was spent eating, laughing, and reflecting on the ten-plus years of friendship, countless Orchard Terrace memories, date parties, and, of course, commemoration. In October 2014, Marisa Dubois and Michael Fuman were married in Rancho Santa Fe, California. The couple reside in White River Junction. Erica Brunish has been promoted to the district operations manager for Nissan USA covering the Maine and Devon counties of New Hampshire. She started with Nissan seven months ago as a frozen operations manager covering Vermont New Hampshire. In her six-year career in the automotive industry, this is her fourth promotion.
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Douglas Parker Shaw ‘51, of Manchester Center, Vermont, May 4, 2015.
Dorothy Post Stevens ‘51, of North Scituate, Rhode Island, June 20, 2015.
Donald L. Booth ‘52, of Princeton, Massachusetts, August 18, 2015.
Marylin Bates Smith ‘54, of Westfield, Massachusetts, June 11, 2015.
Cyrilian F. Swain, Sr., ‘55, of Shreveport, Louisiana, June 6, 2015.
Gloria S. Dugan ‘60, of Falmouth, Maine, May 2, 2015.
David Newton ‘61, of Northampton, Massachusetts, June 9, 2015.
Margaret Miles Waddington MD ‘61, of Rutland, Vermont, May 21, 2015.
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Carrie Towne Rhinehander ‘73, of Putney, Vermont, August 10, 2015.
DRESSING MAURA

Marie Schley, UVM Class of 1994, won a 2015 Emmy Award for her costume design on “Transparent.” Schley and her colleague Nancy Jarzynko were honored for their work on the Amazon Studios comedy-drama that revolves around a transgender character played by actor Jeffrey Tambor, who also won a 2015 Emmy. We caught up with Schley via e-mail.

Q. Tell me about the particular challenges or opportunities dressing transgender characters for “Transparent.” What have you tried to achieve in your costuming of Maura Pfefferman?

A. Ultimately, I was dressing a fully rounded person, not just someone whose only facet is that they are transgender. Maura is in her late sixties. She has a bad knee. She was a professor who taught at Berkeley in the seventies. She’s from an upper middle class background. She is liberal and well traveled. She has a beautiful mid-century house in the Pacific Palisades. These were all factors that I took into consideration when thinking about what Maura would like and how she would like to present herself to the world.

Q. Is it an interactive process working with Jeffrey Tambor on the show? Does he have costumes he prefers, thoughts on ways the character should dress?

A. It is definitely an interactive process. Jeffery and I talked about who would have influenced Maura’s style choices. Maura was a young adult in the seventies, and we decided she would have been influenced by some of the women of that time like Stevie Nicks and Mama Cass. But some costume choices were made in a less cerebral way and were more visceral. For instance, during the pilot and in my first fitting with Jeffrey, I tried dangling earrings on him, and he immediately said, “Oh, that’s nice! I don’t know why, but I like the movement.” He began to feel Maura come alive. After that we tried some flowing pants and a top. The sensuality and comfort made him feel like Maura. It made sense because of where Maura was in her life and in her transition to a woman.

Q. Congratulations on the Emmy. What does that achievement mean to you?

A. Of course it’s amazing and wonderful to win the Emmy, but especially for this show, which has so much heart and love and passion at its core. The show has a profound message for the world about authenticity and acceptance of one’s true self. I am honored to have been a part of that message.
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