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of note

Next up ...

Our Homecoming 2012 celebration—and 40th reunion of the charter class of 1972!—will be held July 20–22 in Seneca Falls. More info to follow in the spring! Details will also be posted on our website at www.eisenhowercollege.org.

Find us on Facebook!

Join the Eisenhower Facebook group to connect with other Ikesters. Search for “Eisenhower College Alumni Association (ECAA), Inc.” to find the group.

Linking up

Donna Poyner '76 has created a group on the LinkedIn website for Eisenhower alumni.

Join the group at:
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Gearing up to begin our next chapter

Thoughts and reflections on Eisenhower have a tendency to elicit a melancholy response within me, leading to a marked dichotomy—an almost desperate desire to hold fast to the vestiges of the past while, at the same time, the need to let go—at least in some ways. And yet, on a deeper level, what has always struck me most about our small community over the years is our ability to continue to grow, to learn from and celebrate each other, to evolve, to adapt, and to reinvent ourselves as circumstances necessitate. Together, we have encountered and successfully navigated many crossroads, divergences—and yes, even a few roadblocks!—on our path. We have proven, time and again, our resilience and resourcefulness. We are, once again, set to transform.

For more than a decade, the Eisenhower College Archives have enjoyed prominent positioning in the library at NYCC. Earlier this year, NYCC informed us that due to impending plans to reconfigure the library, bringing it current with the latest technology and students' needs regarding access to information and interactive learning, they would no longer be able to provide an appropriate environment for the storage and display of the Eisenhower archival material. NYCC noted that they would work with us as we move forward to find a new home for this material, and they expressed an interest in having us develop a permanent display that would speak to our mutual connection to the Seneca Falls campus.

We have begun conversations with the Seneca Falls Historical Society (SFHS) in order

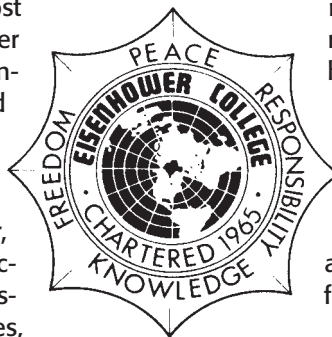
to determine their interest in our collection and how we might partner to ensure that the history of Eisenhower College, which had its roots in the local community, is preserved for future generations. In looking to that future, we have also recognized that there is a need to further cull the collection to focus on the

most prominent and meaningful representations of our shared history. This will not be an easy task. While the material in our possession tells a story, much of its significance is tied to sentimentality of which we remain painfully aware. Nevertheless, we must forge ahead or be left behind.

NYCC has given us until the end of April to relocate the archives. The board, in consultation with ECAA Archivist Gigi Carnes '81, is putting in place a plan to reduce and dispose of extraneous material, gifting items (as appropriate) to interested parties and organizations, and continuing discussions with the SFHS to ensure a permanent home for the remaining pieces in our collection. We are hopeful that by the time we gather on campus for Homecoming 2012 (July 20–22), all will be resolved and we will be poised to begin our next chapter.

As always, this extended community is pivotal to how that chapter will unfold. We welcome your feedback, your thoughts, and your assistance, and continue to deeply appreciate your sustained financial support that makes it possible for us to meet the challenges at hand.

With best wishes for 2012,
Pam Romeo Havens '78
ECAA Chair



“Eisenhower nation” gathers once again

The Eisenhower College Alumni Association held an annual reunion on the shores of Cayuga Lake in Seneca Falls. It was our 28th reunion since the college's closing. In a year when we have witnessed the Arab Spring, as many of the nations in the Middle East try to remake themselves, as well as the continuing despair of Red Sox nation, with the team's epic collapse at the end of the season ... amidst it all, on a summer weekend here in beautiful Seneca Falls, “Eisenhower nation” gathered once again at the so-called “gateway to Waterloo.” This gathering of college students (once upon a time ...) returning to their old stomping grounds to reminisce and celebrate both individual and collective accomplishments is certainly a phenomenon in its own right.

We celebrated and reminisced about Peter Farrow, an Ikester who, like many, wondered just what the heck they had gotten into upon first arriving at the college grounds—but who, like many, fell under the Eisenhower College spell, remaining a resident of the area, and after graduating from Ike, worked as an admissions counselor there. He was remembered as having a great sense of humor and being a bit of a prankster. With his infectious laugh and gregarious nature, he was a natural at selling the EC experience to high school seniors. “Pete ultimately help me understand [...] that Eisenhower wasn't for everyone ... He had a knack for ‘converting’ folks to the Eisenhower ideal. [Pete didn't] sell Eisenhower to anyone and everyone, but help[ed] prospectives determine, based on their own interests, whether or not EC was the right fit,” noted Pam Romeo Havens '78 in her remarks about Peter. The “nation” remembered and paid tribute to Pete for his unending devotion to the college and

its students and alumni. He was always willing to step up and do his part, whether as a friend or counselor; he had a way of making you feel you were the most important person in the room.

The weekend also contained the honoring of Professor Rebecca Hill, who recounted her earlier remembrances of the college. She relayed the story of how she was hired on the stipulation that she would also teach a new discipline called “computer science.” Her dedication to that challenge and many others, along with a great sense of humor, reminded those in attendance of just how fortunate we were to have such dedicated teachers. They taught us more than just material; they taught us how to think. For all of this, Prof. Hill was presented the Founders Award.

No nation can exist without a new generation, and the alumni association continued its tradition of honoring local students with scholarship awards to continue their education. This year's honorees, all of whom seem to have just as many hours in community service and outside activities as hours in school, were the following: Aaron Caccamise of Alexander, New York, son of Jack and Carrie Caccamise '77; Shannon Briere of Waterloo, New York; Kyle Sadler of Palmyra, New York; Isabella Baxter of Seneca Falls; and Elizabeth Grant of Sterling, New York.

The Saturday night restoration of the Rites of Spring 2011 took place once again at the residence of Professor Sue Sauvageau overlooking the much-improved canal area in downtown



Ikesters and friends gathered at Sue Sauvageau's for the 2011 “Rites of Spring Revisited” celebration.

Seneca Falls. Of course, as seems to be the tradition, it was held on the hottest and most humid night of the summer ... karmic pay-back for all the cold “tundra” walks to the Red Barn and Deerhead during our campus years, no doubt. Prior to the Rites party, Howie Knispel '81 held a reception for his class at the Hotel Clarence, formerly the Gould Hotel. The class of '81 enjoyed food and beverages in pursuit of earning their wings; no account, however, was recorded of anyone jumping from the bridge into the canal during the night's festivities.

The weekend activities wrapped up with a breakfast at the Magee Diner, as the members of “Eisenhower nation” headed back onto the highways and byways. If you missed this year's gathering, consider coming next year, when we will once gather upon the shores of Cayuga Lake, in the gateway to Waterloo.

Mike DiPietro '83



Steve Van Arsdale '81, Jeff Allstadt '81, Barbara (Siergiej) Adelsberger '76, and Ellen (McCahon) Plossl '76 visit Eisenhower's archives at NYCC.



Teri Kelly '81, Janice DeLucia-Waack '83, and Louise (McAdoo) Wagner '81 flip through some ECAA history.

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Dr. Warren L. Hickman authors a new book, *Can Religion Survive Worship*

A GOOD FRIEND CONTINUES TO BE A SOURCE OF INSPIRATION LONG AFTER GRADUATION ...

Around the time that I graduated from college, I remember Dr. Hickman saying that "commencement" does not mean "end"—it means "the beginning of lifelong learning." His life continues to be a great example of how to live life to the fullest and never stop learning.

In the spring of 2011, Dr. David Dresser told me that he attended a birthday party for Dr. Warren Hickman near Ithaca. At the party, he learned that Dr. Hickman had just published a book entitled *Can Religion Survive Worship*.

Ever since I was a teenager, I have had a great deal of respect for both of these men, and they have continued to teach me many lessons. A number of years ago, when I learned that Dr. Dresser had published a book on the history of Eisenhower College, I immediately purchased his book—and likewise, when I learned that Dr. Hickman had published a book, I went online and purchased it.

In the intervening years between college and now, I have maintained good friendships with both Dave Dresser and Warren Hickman. We call each other, write letters, and visit as often as we can. I treasure their friendships. Each summer over the past 35 years, Warren and I have played golf together at least once, and his score has consistently been lower than mine.

This summer, I had the opportunity to catch up with Warren one Saturday morning on his porch in Chautauqua. Warren is probably as close as any person I know to being what Abraham Maslow once described as a self-actualized person. Without a doubt, he is a "lifelong learner," and someone who is willing to share his knowledge. This summer, he served as a consultant in a class offered at Chautauqua on the subject of World War II. He also attended daily lectures in the Chautauqua amphitheatre. In the same venue, he enjoys performances by the Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra and Opera Company. Not that long ago, Warren served on the board of trustees of Chautauqua Institution, and at that time, he presented daily lectures in the amphitheatre on

the subject of current world affairs—before a crowd of about 1,000 people.

I asked Warren how long it took to write *Can Religion Survive Worship*. He answered that it was only about a year and a half, but he admitted that, in truth, he has been writing it since he was a freshman at Colgate, when he started examining his own religious beliefs.

Alumni of Eisenhower College will easily be able to relate to the opening line in the preface of the book: "History is often defined as an interpretation of the relationship of people to people, events to events, and people to events. It is never a mere listing of events and people and the times and places where they were found; which only results in a chronicle rather than a history." Hickman tried to put himself in the sandals of the gospel writers and ask: Who were these writers? What were their backgrounds? What were their political/religious situations? Why did they write?

The book reminded me of our World Studies classes because of the way that Dr. Hickman builds a solid historical perspective on the subject of the evolution of many religious traditions. He emphasizes how much all religions have in common. In our conversation, he spoke about his respect for Judaism, Hinduism, Buddhism, and other religions. He described how valuable it can be to try to search for the universal truths in each tradition. One way we can all learn a great deal from the lessons of Eastern religions is to study their concepts of "letting go of attachments" and "emptying one's self."

Reading Dr. Hickman's book is also like reading Dan Brown's novel *The Da Vinci Code*, because Brown tries to unravel the puzzles and mysteries in the parables written by the gospel writers. Dr. Hickman encourages the reader to view the Bible stories figuratively rather than literally. He emphasizes the importance of searching for the

deeper spiritual messages in the Bible—about love, peace, hope, forgiveness, compassion—and not getting caught up in too much of the worship and rituals of religions.

Dr. Hickman makes no bones about the fact that we really need to carry the teachings of prophets and past religious teachers into the future without the literal acceptance of the myths and legends springing from parables. He calls for a paradigm shift. As he states, "In our age of scientific rationalism, insistence on a literal reading of the gospels

will continue to swell the ranks of the atheists. Our younger generations deserve a better legacy."

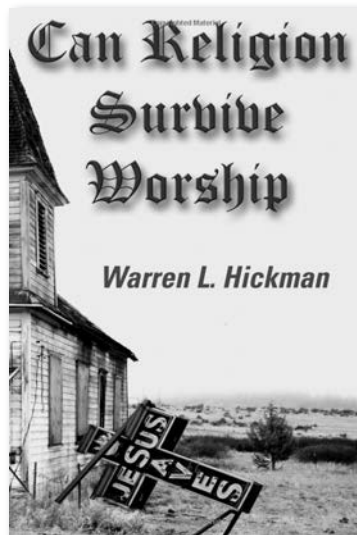
After Warren and I spoke about his book, we spent a few minutes talking about David Eisenhower's new book, *Going Home To Glory: A Memoir of Life with Dwight D. Eisenhower, 1961–1969*. Our discussion about Eisenhower's book led to a discussion about Eisenhower College, the creation of the World Studies program, and the outstanding faculty of our college.

In his book, David Eisenhower mentions our college and many of its trustees, whom Dr. Hickman had the opportunity to get to know personally.

Dr. Hickman told me that he is in the process of publishing three other books. One is about his father, who was an inventor. Another is a novel, which is somewhat autobiographical. (As a young sergeant in World War II, Warren served in central command headquarters in England, where Eisenhower and his generals planned D-Day. The fact that Dr. Hickman has a photographic memory helped him to be a valuable resource to the members of Eisenhower's staff.) The third book focuses on war and crisis from 1914 to 1947.

I have not been able to attend as many alumni reunions as I would like to attend. However, the friends I met in Seneca Falls and the great education I received at Eisenhower College have had a profound influence on my life. I hope I will always be—as Dr. Hickman continues to be—a lifelong learner and a person who is willing to share experiences along the path of life.

Bill Grant '75



Perspectives on the Eisenhower experience, some 35 years later

About a year ago, Bill Grant '75 decided to reach out to his EC classmates by email—an outreach that inspired a number of responses and reconnections among alumni. We decided to share this experience with the greater EC community by featuring some excerpts below. Enjoy!

Bill's original email (December 16, 2010):

"Carmen Carter, Mike Longyear, and I exchanged emails back in June. We were trying to figure out some way to acknowledge/recognize the 35th anniversary of our graduation from Eisenhower College. Our lives were busy in June and we did not resolve this challenge.

"It occurred to me this morning that it might be good just to do something to commemorate this 35th year. As I was digging through some old Eisenhower memorabilia, I came across a letter written by Robert Anderson.

"Robert Anderson (former chairman of the board of Eisenhower College) became a close personal friend of Dwight D. Eisenhower when he served on his cabinet. Anderson said that when Dwight was confined to the hospital with his terminal illness, Eisenhower asked Anderson to make it clear that Eisenhower College was the institution he most wanted perpetuated as his national memorial. Eisenhower viewed the college as an excellent opportunity to serve the two chief interests he saw as the hope of our future: young people and international understanding.

"Over time, things change. You have probably seen plenty of change since our Eisenhower days. Although our college has closed, there is still a warm spot in my heart for the friends, professors, and administrators associated with Eisenhower College. Two professors who had the greatest impact on me during my Eisenhower years were Drs. Ed Hosley and John McDermott. Dr. Hosley, who was always very well prepared for class, was my adviser, and I did a JIST with him, reading three James Michener novels and preparing a paper on what I learned about life from this author.

"The Eisenhower experience expanded my world view, and I am sure you probably feel the same. I think it is great that leaders of our alumni association have worked hard to keep us all in touch. They also deserve credit for continuing the annual scholarship award for high school students, which seems to be very much in keeping with

Dwight's two chief interests stated above.

"Dwight Eisenhower was genuinely interested in helping young people contribute to world understanding and global peace.

"Mike, Carmen, and I had good intentions, but life has a way of sweeping us away from things we want to do. As the year draws to a close, on behalf of Carmen and Mike, I would like to wish you all the best. We hope this December finds you surrounded by family, good times, and good friends.

"As Anderson said in the conclusion of his letter, written October 14, 1978, '... A modest man, Dwight Eisenhower would be proud to know that more than 800 young persons have graduated from Eisenhower College, which commemorates his name and ideals, and that their contributions to the world community will grow in proportion to their increasing numbers in years hence. He would wish it so'

"May peace prevail on earth. Sincerely, Bill Grant (namaste500@aol.com), Eisenhower College, Class of 1975"

From Dr. Ed Hosley (ehosley@gmail.com):

"Your email to members of the class of 1975 was very well crafted, and said a lot—about you, your classmates, Eisenhower College, and the man it was named after. In my own academic career, I have taught and/or served as an administrator at several colleges and universities. Eisenhower, however, was by far the best place I ever worked—good and congenial faculty, interested and interesting students (many of whom have gone on to be very successful in life), a kind of magical place I have never seen duplicated elsewhere. I have many great memories of the place—the Red Barn, the Deerhead, the JISTs, the time someone told me I was a good teacher and would therefore make a great administrator! (Different skills sets, but I adapted.) The school was, in a way, formative for me as well—since afterward I went to the SUNY university system

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– Bill Grant '75

and combined some teaching with administrative work—ending up as a vice president. I always liked doing JIST independent studies with students, since I found I could usually tailor things more readily to the student's needs and interests—something you can't always do with a group. Your comments on my teaching and your experience in our JIST project were very much appreciated. Most often, a professor never hears again from his former students as they go on with their lives—although I have heard from a few many years later and have maintained contact with some throughout the years since 'Ike U' closed."

From Ken Freeman (kenjasmit@aol.com):

"I feel fortunate that we shared a unique educational experience. As someone who is now living and working as an academic, government official, and business person in the U.S., the Netherlands, Germany, Greece, Poland, and Canada, and who is married to a native of India who grew up in the U.K., I find I am constantly drawing on lessons from World Studies and from my interactions with our fellow students. I cannot stress enough how the interdisciplinary approach has benefited my personal development and enabled me to participate at a high level in several different fields. We were very fortunate to experience real education at a formative age, and I am doing my best to help our eight twins (born in Ireland, but currently growing up in the U.K.) have a similar experience."

From Mark Schneider (mschneider@followproductions.com):

"How great to hear these voices from a past few can relate to. I'm sure everyone is familiar with the blank stare one receives when trying to explain where you went to college. In August 2009, Mark Newbold and I met up for a night in Seneca Falls to see each other after all these years and to visit the college. The campus was eerily familiar but lacked any identification with the Eisenhower years. It seemed rather strange, but then we found out that sometime after we'd all moved on to our futures, someone in the town revealed that Seneca Falls was the model for Bedford Falls, the mythical town in the holiday classic, *It's a Wonderful Life*. (You can see this marketing effort in every other storefront.) The basic plot of the film is a

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Joseph D. Coffee Jr.: *December 8, 1918 – January 23, 2011*

Joseph D. Coffee Jr. served Eisenhower College from 1965 to 1983, first as vice president for development, then as executive vice president, followed by president, and finally as chancellor. He was there when the first class entered and there when the last class graduated. Students knew him for his ever-present enthusiasm and unshakable optimism.

Born in Glens Falls, New York, Joe graduated from Columbia College in 1941 and served in the Navy in World War II, rising from the rank of ensign to lieutenant commander. After the war, he returned to Columbia and began a 20-year administrative career there, culminating in the position of

assistant to the president for alumni affairs. A loyal alumnus of the college, Joe became an honorary permanent member of its alumni association's board of directors, served as a university trustee, and received numerous awards, among them the Alumni Federation Medal in 1957 and the John Jay Award for distinguished professional achievement in 1998.

Dedicated to public service, Joe was proud to have served as a trustee of the board of education of Teaneck, New Jersey, during which time Teaneck became the first town in the United States to voluntarily integrate its schools. For 40 years, Joe was the director of the educational fund of the Joint

Industry Board of the Electrical Industry, which administered college scholarships for union members. He was also an active member of Rotary International, where he devoted himself to an ambassadorial scholarship program that promotes studying abroad, receiving recognition as an honorary Rotarian in 1988 and as a Paul Harris award winner in 1988 and 2002.

As vice president at Eisenhower, Joe was responsible for virtually all of the college's public relations and fundraising, and that was indeed a challenge, because the college had no alumni base to draw from at first,

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man gets to see what life in his town would be like if he never existed. Sounds way too familiar for an EC graduate—at least we all know that the college existed and was a great foundation for the lives we've gone on to lead."

From Kevin Spitz (kspitz@helpingelders.com): "Thank you for your thoughts and your contact. It is great to hear from everyone and to know that everyone is doing so well. Your message brings me back to a time when I was young, dumb, naïve, and very happy. I'm 35 years older now (really?), and still dumb, a little less naïve, and very happy. My years at Eisenhower not only opened up a new educational experience for me, but its smallness allowed me to meet and get to know people from different parts of the country—and from around the world. It allowed me to realize that people from different places can be intelligent, kind, creative, funny, and personable—that they are not to be feared but enjoyed. I think my best memories of Eisenhower are of hanging out at the dorms with a bunch of friends ... or sharing conversation and brews at the Deerhead or Red's. Getting to know and enjoy the people was as much of an education for me as the early-morning lectures and seminars. I hope everyone continues to do well for years to come. If you ever find yourselves in the Boston area, please get in touch. I still enjoy conversation and brews."

From Paul Likoudis (paullikoudis@empacc.net): "Kevin, I agree with your sentiments exactly—especially EC giving me a love of learning ... I never stopped loving World Studies."

From Stephen Nagle (nagleinsurance@yahoo.com): "World Studies made me want to learn and helps me every day of my life. I hope that doesn't sound over the top—it's true. It is so good to read these comments. All of these kindred spirits bring back great memories. The experience of living on a campus in the middle of nowhere, living, eating, sleeping, drinking, and attending classes with roughly the same group of people for the better part of four years left me with enduring memories and strong, everlasting friendships. I am thankful for the efforts of people like Bill Grant, Carmen Carter, and Mike Longyear to keep the lines open. Life does have a way of sweeping us away. As John Lennon observed, 'Life is what happens to you when you're busy making other plans.' Find me on Facebook and LinkedIn under Stephen W. Nagle (all other Stephen Nagles are third cousins)."

From Kevin Rafferty (archeoman53@hotmail.com): "It brought back amazing memories when I received your email. My four years at Eisenhower were formative for me, and at the 35-year mark, I look back and can see exactly what the school did for me. It gave me a lifelong love of learning, a great respect for those of achievement of any kind, and experiences that could not have been duplicated at a larger college. I

have much to be thankful for—both the institution and the professors who saw something in me, despite the fact that I was so rough around the edges. Thanks for the reminder of how blessed we were to share in that amazing, short-lived institution that died way before its time."

From Carol Mikoda (caro.miko@gmail.com): "I'm glad, too, that you wrote to such a large list, Bill. You folks are the community who sent me on my way to where I am today, and though it wasn't a four-year experience for me, it was an experience worth remembering."

From Anne Ackerson (anne@awackerson.com): "So good to hear from you, Bill. I think the fact that you've reached out to so many of us with your desire not to let this year pass without some attempt to note the 35th anniversary of our graduation has accomplished your goal! Thank you for doing it. I stopped by the campus this summer—it's gratifying to see it being so well used and cared for by the chiropractic college. Although the Phase III dorms (my home for my sophomore–senior years) are essentially abandoned—at least Slater is—the rest of the campus is in great shape. As I sat outside the admin building looking at those tall dining hall windows, I recalled the food fight during which one of those windows was cracked by a certain classmate who shall remain nameless. The windows today don't look as big and imposing as they did that day. All the best for 2011: peace—peace—peace."

like alumni send their news & notes

David M. Catherman '72 was recently named assistant vice president for philanthropy at Our Lady of Holy Cross College in New Orleans. Send congrats to him by postal mail at 2338 Magazine St., Apt. 6, New Orleans, LA 70130; or by email at dcatherman@aol.com.

"Doug and I have sold our home on the lake—after living here for decades—and are enjoying the freedom of non-ownership," writes **Kathleen (Colby) Groenhout '72**. "Since our kids are all grown, we are planning the retirement stage of our lives. We're renting for now (haven't done *that* since the '70s) and plan to visit Central America this fall. If you have any insights and experiences about life in Roatan, Belize, or Ecuador, send me an email! I would love to hear about what those areas have to offer. Contact me at kathygroenhout@hotmail.com; P.O. Box 2219, Sandpoint, ID 83864."

Brian C. Miller '72 has a new postal address: 18 Old Meadow Rd., Dover, MA 02030; his email is bmillerbcm@aol.com.

"I am happily retired from the work force and still living in Phoenix," writes **Pamela M. Mulvehill '72**. "Despite being retired, I'm busier than ever! I'm currently the president of the Ahwatukee/Foothills Friends and Neighbors Association—a local 270-plus women's social organization. I also chair or participate in golf, hiking, book club, garden club, and Dining on the Town. As a master gardener (certified in 2010), I volunteer at several local gardens, as well as the Mesa Community College Rose Garden, the largest rose garden in the Southwest with over 9,000 rose bushes! You can keep in touch with me at 12232 S. Mandan St., Phoenix, AZ 85044; or pmulvehill@cox.net.

Rick O'Connor '72 says he hears from **Jimmy Waddell '72** and **Cindy "Pookie" Reynolds '72** from time to time. Jimmy has a summer home on Atlantic Beach, North Carolina, not far from Rick's family beach house on Emerald Isle. Rick wrote, "I recently heard that **Professor Charles Ertle** passed away in Burlington, Vermont. He was living with his son, Stevie. I speak to Marion Ertle once in a while; both she and Pookie live in North Carolina, as I do. I saw Marda Kirn recently in Boulder, trying to track down Kelly Cook and

Ward Wetlin from the original class of 1972." Rick sends love to all from the Reedy Branch Farm, 6097 Applewhite Rd., Wendell, NC 27591; roconnor@dublin.com.

"Still enjoying life in North Carolina with Jim Drake," writes **Joanna E. (Erickson) Pagano '72**. "I have basically retired from my book-keeping and accounting business, although I have kept one small client. I am very passionate about duplicate bridge and play quite frequently, including some regional and national tournaments every year. Other than that, we are home entertaining our six cats!" Catch up with Joanna at 42003 Worth, Chapel Hill, NC 27517; jepster@msn.com.

Robert P. Pagano '72 was presented with an interesting opportunity to join Boston Beer, overseeing marketing and branding for the number-one craft beer in the U.S., Samuel Adams. Send congratulations to "Goldie" at 46 Pendleton Rd., Sudbury, MA 01776; bpag645@aol.com.

Martha Dwyer-Bergman '73 can be reached via email at mdwyerbergman@gmail.com.

"My book, *Becoming You*, is selling very well, and is required reading in multiple graduate courses on behavior change," writes **Brenda (Lebowitz) Marshall '73**. "It can be purchased on Amazon.com—or visit becomingyounow.com for more information. I am now an associate professor of research and psychiatric nursing, as well as the coordinator of William Paterson's new doctor of nursing practice program! I was very sad to learn of the passing of **Dr. John Moen** this past year, in Hawaii. He was a wonderful professor who kindled the spirit of inquiry. He will be missed." Send congratulations to Brenda on her new book at 305 Terhune Dr., Wayne, NJ 07470; learn2choose@aol.com.

John R. Austin '74 planned a trip to Italy, Greece, and Turkey and reconnected with **Pan Iordanidis '75**, who is now a doctor in Thessaloniki, Greece, and world-renowned in his specialty. Check out Pan's website at www.medicalhypnosis.gr (but you'd better brush up on your Greek first). You can get in touch with John by writing to him at 21840 New Hampshire Ave., Brookeville, MD 20833; or by email at joroaustin@verizon.net.

Keep in touch with **Laurie Goldsmith-Heitner '74** by sending postal mail to 750 Castleman Dr., Westfield, NJ 07090; or by sending email to goldy750@aol.com.

Dean A. Little '74 writes: "I thought I was retired in June 2008, but the V.A. has called me back to work (psychiatry) for the past two-plus years. My son, Jeff, and daughter, Kara, are in college, and my wife, Audrey, also a physician assistant, is now working at the V.A. I will have retired for the fourth time in mid-July. I hope to return to my avocational interests: writing, photography, and multimedia art. Greetings to my fellow Ikesters!" Reconnect with Dean at 3627 Paint Fork Rd., Mars Hill, NC 28754; deanalittle@gmail.com.

"My daughter, Valerie, graduated in June 2011, from Randolph-Macon Academy, a 180-year-old military prep school in Front Royal, Virginia," writes **Douglas R. Pratt '74**. "Valerie is a national champion debater, ranked number two in the state of Virginia in Public Forum Debate, and was captain of the team for the past two years. She graduated with honors in German and AP English, and as a first lieutenant in the AFJROTC. She will be attending Messiah College in Grantham, Pennsylvania, in the fall, majoring in politics; she wants to work on the Hill and eventually serve in Congress. Since I run my own business, I have had the chance to spend a lot of time with her over the past four years, traveling with the team, judging debates, attending events such as CPAC and YAF, and volunteering at R-MA, which is a fantastic school. It's been an amazing experience, and I feel truly blessed to have spent so much time with some great kids. Valerie and I even ran a bi-weekly talk show on the local AM radio station (rmadebate.blogspot.com), and we had so much fun with it. We're working on bringing it back as a podcast. Once she gets settled, I'm going to get serious about moving back to New York. I would like to find time to work on another book, and I have plans and dreams for the arboretum my grandfather planted in Lyndonville. Drop me a note if you're going to be in the area, 2513 Iron Forge Rd., Herndon, VA 20171; dad@pratthobbies.com (details and directions at www.robinhillpreserve.com)."

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"I work for the Tompkins County Mental Health Department," writes **Nicholas J. "Nick" Berg '75**, "along with **Jon Kloppel '79**, so our Eisenhower memories are kept alive. Whenever we have too much coffee, we think of **Jim Troisi**, but fondly, as his classes were really lively. I make postcards and will put you on my mailing list if you email me. They are completely recyclable. I'm married with two kids ... but that's a long story." (6262 Willow Creek Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850; berg7777@zoom-dsl.com)

William F. Grant II '75 writes: "When I started to read Dr. Warren Hickman's new book, *Can Religion Survive Worship*, I sent Dr. Hickman a note to tell him that I agree with his premise. I mentioned that I have participated in a book club for the past couple years, and we have been studying the works of people such as Marcus Borg, John Dominic Crossan, Amy-Jill Levine, and John Sheby Spong. All of these authors are similar to Hickman in that they view the Bible from a historical, 'non-literal' perspective. I told Dr. Hickman that reading his book was like taking another World Studies course, and I told him how much World Studies impacted all of us." (For more about Dr. Hickman's book, see Bill's article on page three.) Bill continues: "My wife gave me David Eisenhower's new book for my birthday. Entitled *Going Home to Glory*, it is a

memoir of his life with Dwight D. Eisenhower, 1961–1969. There are a couple of references to Eisenhower College. Many of the people mentioned in the book would be familiar to Eisenhower graduates, faculty, and administrators because we interacted with some of the people mentioned in the book. I found the insights into the Bay of Pigs Invasion to be particularly interesting. Also, folks who lived in Slater Hall may be interested to learn that it was named after Dwight's friend Ellis Slater, who owned Frankfort Distillers (among other things, Frankfort bottled Old Grand Dad). I recommend this book to our EC community." Classmates can reach out to Bill at 1304 Chelsea Ave., Erie, PA 16505; wtg1304@yahoo.com.

"In addition to work, I volunteer some 40 hours a month to the local EMS as a state-certified EMT and ambulance driver," writes **Donald A. Offinger '75**. "I also play horn in a brass quintet for fun." Reconnect with Don via email at donoffinger@juno.com.

Janet M. Fry '76 sends greetings from 3517 Carolyn St., Ann Arbor, MI 48104; drop her an email jmfry07@comcast.net.

In July, **Mindy Paticoff-Weinman '76** wrote: "Sorry we couldn't make it to this year's Rites of Spring weekend, but there was a reunion of Houghton Hall's F-Suite from the class of 1975, 1976, and 1977. **Deb Sharpe**

'76, Elaine Briceland '76, Denise (Muench) Lipman '76, Ellen Silverman '76, Janet Day-Strehlow '77 (who flew in from her home in Germany), **Patty (Jackson) Cook '77** and husband **Bob Cook '75, Mary Lea (Wood) Blake '77, Janine (Kebba) Forsythe '77, Robilee Smith '77**, and I all gathered with assorted family members in Massachusetts at **Pat Warner-Shelby's ('72)** parents' home. Mary and Ed Warner were a big part of our Eisenhower days, and it's wonderful to still be able to visit with them." Mindy reports that she also keeps in touch with **Rick Zakalik '75, Mike Longyear '75, Bill Grant '75**, and Chris Wendal—"makes it hard to remember that Ike U was really a very small school!" Mindy and husband David are still practicing dentistry in Buffalo, where she also teaches restorative dentistry to both third- and fourth-year dental students as well as dental residents. She continues: "I also do some work at the assisted-living facility of the Weinberg Campus Nursing and Rehabilitation Home. Our daughter Amy is 26 and a kindergarten teacher in the William Floyd School District on Long Island. Our other daughter, Sara, is 22. She recently graduated with a speech language pathology degree from the University of Pittsburgh and is contemplating her graduate-school options." Get in touch with Mindy at 60 Forestglen Dr., Williamsville, NY 14221; toothdocs2@aol.com.

"I live in an adorable log-cabin town home in a small town in the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia," writes **Joann Stephens-Forrest '77**. "Although I've lived in Virginia for 30 years, I still have that Midwestern/New York accent with an occasional 'y'all' thrown in for good measure. The summer heat is overwhelming at times, but I certainly haven't missed the New York winters! I have three grown children—two boys and a girl—who have become compassionate and conscientious adults. As for me, I moved to Richmond, Virginia, in 1980 to pursue a master's degree in social work. I worked in psychiatric and general hospitals before moving to Radford, Virginia, in the early '90s. It's here that I found my passion as coordinator of disability services at the local university. This is my 13th year of serving students with various types of disabilities. I continue to sing the



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praises of my World Studies education at Eisenhower, knowing I received a first-class education from brilliant, compassionate educators." Keep in touch with Joann at 9 Windstream Ct., Radford, VA 24141; jrstephe@radford.edu.

Christa (Spindler) Leman '77 sends greetings from 20849 Cardiff Ct., Ashburn, VA 20147; lemanch@verizon.net.

"I have been in Grand Rapids, Michigan, for over 13 years now, after living in Cleveland, Ohio, for 14 years," writes **R. Scott Keller '81**. "I am divorced and remarried to my wonderful wife, Michele. My 22-year-old daughter is a zoology major at Michigan State, and my 15-year-old son is a freshman in high school. I am extremely happy with the change in my career to my current firm, Warner Norcross & Judd. I am still an intellectual property attorney and love the team atmosphere that my firm provides. I would love to hear from any of my old Ike friends, especially if anyone will be in West Michigan. Drop me a line at skeller@wnj.com."

"This year, I have served as a classroom fellow for the U.S. Department of Education's Teaching Ambassador Fellowship initiative. In this capacity, I have worked part time for the department, providing advice and performing outreach," wrote **Steve Owens '81** in April. "In January, I was appointed to the state board of directors for Vermont-NEA and expect to be elected to the seat this spring. I'll be attending the representative assembly in Chicago in July 2011. As a committed socialist (Bernie's my senator), I try to make as much

trouble as possible. I've also joined the Teacher Leader Network of the Center for Teaching Quality, which allows me to write far more on a daily basis than I did at Ike (if you can believe it). I'm morphing into a writer and speaker on education issues." Reconnect with Steve at 291 W. County Rd., Calais, VT 05648; sowens@ezcloud.com.

A USAG Schweinfurt military personnel division supervisor, **Victor M. Roman '81** has been living in Germany for 23 years. Keep in touch with him via postal mail at Reid Str. 11, 97505 Geldersheim, Germany; or by email at vroman8645@aol.com.

Donna M. Siergiej '81 can be reached at her new email address: siergiej@earthlink.net.

Stephen R. VanArsdale '81 has a new home address. You can now reach Steve at 307 Allens Creek Rd., Rochester, NY 14618.

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Congratulations to **Don Allen**, who turned 100 on September 9, 2011! "I enjoy Ferris Hills," he adds. Catch up with him at 214 Ferris Hills, Canandaigua, NY 14424; dsallen@flare.net.

We're delighted to announce that **James** and **Cookie Campbell** have just celebrated their 50th anniversary! Send congratulations to them at 518 Glenview Court, Webster, NY 14580.

"To those of you who will remember this aging anthropologist from some 35 years ago, my greetings and best wishes to those who recall the Nacirema," writes **Ed Hosley**.

"We have moved again, having sold our little country place in Idaho and returned to Oregon. We can currently be reached at P.O. Box 878, Sublimity, OR 97385; ehosley@gmail.com. This address is temporary while we build a new home in a retirement community in Albany, Oregon. I always enjoy hearing from former students and faculty, and reading the news in *World Studies XI*!"

Richard R. Klotz has a new address. Keep in touch with him at 1575 John Knox Dr., Apt. P115, Colfax, NC 27235.

Daniel J. Petrizzi can be reached at his seasonal address (from November 1–April 30) at 1920 E. Edgewood Dr., #Q-1, Lakeland, FL 33803. This is their 25th year! Send email to jbpetrizzi@gmail.com.

deceased

We regret to announce the deaths of:

Warren J. Blackstone, Faculty
October 31, 2011

William F. Shepherd Jr. '83
October 2, 2011

Kathleen J. Gray '74
January 9, 2009

Dorothy M. "Dottie" (Muller) Bush '73*
January 1, 2011

Charles Ertle, Faculty

Edith Barnett Delavan
(wife of Trustee Nelson B. Delavan)
April 30, 2011

**didn't graduate*

Joseph D. Coffee Jr.

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and in later years, one that was very small and young. Instead, the college had to rely, to a great extent, on public appropriations and the friends and admirers of General Eisenhower. After the general's death in 1969, the "Tribute of a Grateful Nation" was launched, but construction debts and operational costs prevented the college from ever establishing an endowment.

Hopes turned to "Silver Dollar Legislation," which might have given the college a

permanent income stream from proceeds of the sale of Eisenhower commemorative coins. But the appropriation was capped at \$9 million and the college's precarious financial position was made known in the process of seeking Congressional approval. The resulting negative impact on enrollment ultimately led to a merger with the Rochester Institute of Technology and the college's eventual closure.

There were many other efforts and campaigns to raise funds for the college, and Joe Coffee was involved in all of them from 1965

on. For years, he served as an alter ego to President Rosenkrans, who had no administrative experience in higher education. He always took great pride in the faculty and great interest in the students.

Mr. Coffee passed away in Lakewood, New Jersey, at the age of 92. He was predeceased by his wife, Margaret, and their son John, and was survived by their five other children—Jim, Matt, Mary Joyce, Barbara, and Erin—and 19 grandchildren.

David L. Dresser