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RAMONA GRAVES PROFILE

Great article about Ramona! I’m glad she was there to help educate my son (Gary Nilson Jr. ’08) and especially my daughter (Jessica Nilson ’13), who recently started a job for Newpek and is doing well, thanks to her Mines training.

Gary Nilson ’76

In “The Face of Petroleum Engineering,” [summer 2013], Ramona Graves’ comments about the Division of Liberal Arts and International Studies struck a deep cord of disappointment. As a proud alumnus of the Petroleum Engineering Department who took full advantage of the educational, artistic and enrichment opportunities provided by LAIS, I felt her answer didn’t do justice to the important contribution the division makes to the Mines campus. I can say without hesitation that the skills I acquired from LAIS courses make me a more complete engineer. My technical petroleum engineering courses taught me to draw the dots; the courses I took through LAIS help me connect them.

Engineering decisions are not always strictly technical; there is an “art” to drilling a well, a “finesse” to interpreting logs, a “knack” to solving mathematical problems. I’m proud of my degree and grateful for all that Dr. Graves and others have done to strengthen the Petroleum Engineering Department. I’m also deeply grateful to LAIS faculty for helping me develop skills essential to applying my technical knowledge, and for providing opportunities for artistic, intellectual and cultural enrichment.

Abdullah “Sami” Yahya ’11

PRECIOUS RESOURCE

I am so pleased to read about Mines’ growing efforts in the area of water resources [“Modeling a Beetle’s Impact on Water Systems,” summer 2013]. This emphasis seems to have emerged in the last decade and already the school is recognized as being among the leading institutions in the field, just as it has earned a reputation for being among the best in the world in other fields. Onward and upward!

John Mueller ’84

SHARED TRAGEDY

[Response to “Terror and Friendship in Algeria,” summer 2013] I work for a company called Englobal. A man named Victor Lovelady, who was a longtime employee of Englobal, quit to work at this gas plant just months before the attack. We received an email from Englobal management [during the attack] alerting us to what was going on, and we prayed for all the foreign workers’ safety for those three days. We were saddened to find out that Victor was one of the dead. I’m glad to read this story about three Miners who survived.

Laurie Flanigan ’87

CORRECTIONS

In the Alumni Network article describing the event, “Securing Your Next Move,” published in the spring 2013 issue, we incorrectly described panelist Leslie O’Connor as a recruiter. “Seasoned energy industry executive and former president of MHA Petroleum Consultants” would have been more accurate.

We reported in the summer 2013 issue that The Ramona M. Graves Endowed Scholarship Fund mentioned in “The Face of Petroleum Engineering” was established by alumni from the classes of 1989–1994. In fact, two members of the class of 1982 and one member of the class of 2013 also contributed.

In the sidebar to the profile on Hugh Evans ’49 (“A Mines Fascination,” summer 2013, p. 34), we omitted one of Evan’s three alumni grandsons—Timothy Clem ’04.

Mines regrets these errors.

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EDITOR’S TAKE

An Inspired, and Inspiring, Community

With 2013 almost at an end, I hope you can look back on a happy and successful year. As reported in this issue, the Colorado School of Mines community certainly has a lot to celebrate: After receiving a record number of applications, Mines welcomed its most academically accomplished class on record in August (see p. 9), research funding and private giving both broke records for the second year in a row, a major new residential and dining facility is under construction, and a new capital campaign has been launched, which includes ambitious plans for infrastructure development, and faculty and student support. Mines is rising on many fronts, and reading our Q&A with President Scoggins (p. 20) and “Realizing a Vision” (p. 16) will help outline these trends and the university’s strategic direction.

I also recommend the feature, “A Laser’s Edge,” which focuses on the remarkable work of Jeff Squier ’84, MS ’86. A physics professor at Mines who holds one of the original patents for Lasik surgery, Squier recently developed a new approach to laser surgery that is far more precise and safer than the technology currently in use. At the same time, he’s providing neuroscientists with 4D imagery of working brain cells, and is helping to develop microscopic diagnostic tools for medicine. It’s inspiring science led by an inspiring individual.

On the subject of inspiring individuals, the alumni association says farewell to Serena Stickney Bruzgo at the end of 2013. Since joining CSMAA in 2006, Serena’s service to the organization and the school has been tireless. With enthusiasm, intelligence and warmth, she’s expanded existing programs and developed new ones, grown CSMAA membership, helped launch an online community, and, in many creative ways, animated the organization’s presence in the global Mines community. Her perpetually positive outlook has inspired my work and that of my colleagues, particularly while serving as interim executive director during the last nine months—a role she stepped into only two months after returning from maternity leave. I know many share my heartfelt appreciation for her leadership and vision.

I’d also like to say thank you to Will Weiskopf ’13, who graduated this month, having worked for Mines for the last three years. Will has made valuable contributions to the magazine, particularly with regard to our electronic presence. His latest is a redesign of minesmagazine.com—check it out and let us know what you think. You can reach us at magazine@mines.edu or by leaving a comment on the website at the end of any of the stories you find there.

Wishing you restful and happy holidays.

Nick Sutcliffe
Editor and Director of Communications
Colorado School of Mines Alumni Association
That's SandRidge Energy.
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Successfully manipulating the DNA of bacteria so they fluoresce under ultraviolet light would have rocked the bioscience community a few decades ago. Today, it’s an intriguing, though straightforward, procedure built into an innovative freshman biology course launched this fall at Mines.

During a visit to the laboratory-classroom in October, students were confirming the genetic manipulation had worked. With UV lights and specialized digital cameras trained on petri dishes, their work was plainly visible as constellations of bright dots displayed on numerous workstation computer monitors around the lab.

The Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering’s new Studio Biology I course (soon to be complemented by Studio Biology II) takes lessons from the highly successful studio physics courses pioneered by the Department of Physics over the last decade (see summer 2012, p. 8). Studies conducted at Mines and elsewhere demonstrate that, by requiring students to collaborate in groups on carefully structured experiments and activities, outcomes for retention, critical thinking, problem solving, teamwork and initiative are all improved over conventional teaching approaches.

Teaching Associate Professor Judy Schoonmaker, who has played the lead role in creating the studio biology course and in designing the new lab, explains, “We give students meaningful, real-world problems and ask them to form hypotheses and develop procedures for testing them.”

Earlier in the year, students worked with an enzyme that catalyzes the breakdown of hydrogen peroxide into oxygen and water. The goal was to determine how the reaction was impacted by different environmental factors. Students were challenged to design their own experiments, with occasional prompting from Schoonmaker over the lab’s PA system. “I just offer ideas. ‘What do you suppose happens when you change the concentration of the enzyme—or the pH—or the temperature?’” Schoonmaker explains. “Rather than following instructions by rote from a lab manual, we encourage students to take initiative and share ideas.”

With studies of this instructional model suggesting that social interaction is one of the keys to success, the lab is configured so the 21 workstations, which each accommodate three students, are in close proximity to two other workstations, forming a pod of nine. Groups are encouraged to ask questions, share ideas and compare results with their neighbors.

Workstations are equipped with computers, dual monitors, video microscopes, digital cameras, and digital balances, as well as more specialized equipment like micropipettes and oxygen, pH and temperature sensors. “We have an enviable toolbox,” says Schoonmaker, whose enthusiasm for the new course is infectious. “They’re freshmen and their reaction is, ‘We get to work with this?’ It’s great knowing that after this course they can walk into a research lab and know how to use all this equipment.” That said, she admits the course format takes some getting used to. “They’ve spent the last 13 years being taught to, lectured to—this is a switch.”

Tony Dean, a longtime veteran of the Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering who now heads up the College of Applied Science and Engineering, is excited about the potential impact of the new course, both on the department and the rest of campus. “In addition to strengthening chemical and biological engineering programs, we also envision that Studio Biology I and II can pave the way for the creation of new bio minors in other disciplines,” says Dean. “Students would take these as foundational prerequisites and then move on to specialized coursework in their own departments.”

As Schoonmaker puts it, “If I can demonstrate engineering concepts in the context of biology, such as biomimicry, it becomes much more interesting. This is not a plain biology course—it’s a biology course with an engineering backstory.”
FIRST ENDOWED DEPARTMENT HEAD

Thanks to a $3.5 million gift from Cimarex Energy, Mines has established the F.H. “Mick” Merelli/Cimarex Energy Distinguished Department Head Chair in Petroleum Engineering—the first of its kind at Mines. It was unveiled on September 17 in a ceremony attended by Tom Jorden ’80, MS ’87, chairman, CEO and president of Cimarex Energy. Speaking about the company’s former CEO, F.H. Merelli ’59, Jorden says, “Mick had an unbelievable ability to recognize talent in others. He would handpick people and find that spark of ability in them, give them responsibility and challenge them to do things that they didn’t think they could do. He was as good a mentor as I’ve ever seen.” A search to fill the endowed chair is under way.

ADMISSIONS

Mines’ 2013 Incoming Class

Professor Vaughan Griffiths, contains new and upgraded programs and theory relating to plasticity, thermal analysis and fluid flow, in addition to a radically upgraded chapter on parallel algorithms for finite element analysis. The text has been in print since the mid-1980s and is one of the most successful finite element texts in engineering literature. (Wiley, 2013)

Too Hot to Touch: The Problem of High-Level Nuclear Waste
William Alley ’74 and his wife, Rosemarie, outline the controversies and possibilities surrounding disposal of nuclear waste in their new book. It provides a full history from immediately following World War II up to the present day, with perspectives drawn from William’s experience, including leading the U.S. Geological Survey studies of Nevada’s Yucca Mountain Nuclear Waste Repository from 2002 to 2010. (Cambridge University Press, 2013)

BOOKS

Just Published

Neuroscience, Memory, and Learning
Professor Emeritus E. Dendy Sloan Jr. and Cynthia Norrgran, a teaching associate professor at Mines and a neurosurgeon, both of the Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering, coauthored this book intended to answer the question, “How does the brain create, access and use long-term memory?” The text aims for a balance between neuroscience and learning theory, and was written for use in their own neuroscience course at Mines. Michal Schafer ’13, Norrgran’s son, illustrated the book. (CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2013)

Programming the Finite Element Method
The 5th edition of this text, co-authored by Civil and Environmental Engineering
This past summer, the world’s largest-diameter tunneling machine, “Bertha,” went into action digging a tunnel beneath downtown Seattle to replace the Alaskan Way Viaduct, which was damaged in a 2001 earthquake. The double-decker waterfront highway, built more than half a century ago, carries approximately 110,000 vehicles a day.

Mike Mooney, a professor in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering and the director of the Center of Excellence in Underground Construction and Tunneling at Mines, summarizes the unique engineering challenge the Seattle project presents: “It’s a 58-foot-diameter tunnel going under 170 buildings in downtown Seattle, and the allowable settlement for any one of these buildings is on the order of half an inch.” That isn’t much room for error.

Helping meet the challenge, Mooney’s students made contributions to the design of the Seattle tunnel as part of their project design course. “They got to design components of the largest bored tunnel in the world,” says Mooney, who expected to return to tour the project in December with 19 students, including Kamyar Mosavat, who’s conducting his graduate research at the site. Three Mines alumni are also connected to the project: William Hodder ’10, Sean Leo ’13 and Jordan Ter Har ’07.

Demand is rapidly on the rise from the underground construction and tunneling industry for engineers with the skills to tackle these types of projects. When KPMG issued its Top-100 infrastructure projects report last year, more than 10 percent of them involved major tunneling. Continued urbanization accounts for some of the demand. “The only place big cities can go now is underground,” Mooney says. Recently, New York City began work on a large underground rail hub 16 stories below Grand Central Station. The new terminal will allow transportation to and from the west and east sides of Manhattan.

Another factor driving demand is the need for compliance with a major EPA mandate regarding stormwater management in urban areas that has many major U.S. cities considering tunneling solutions, particularly in Colorado following the recent devastating floods. However, despite the clear need for engineers with expertise in this area, until recently no university in the United States offered a specialized graduate degree in underground construction and tunneling (UC&T).

That changed this fall when Mines became the first university in North America to offer an interdisciplinary graduate program specializing in the field. Mines’ UC&T program features integrated coursework from civil, geology and mining classes, as well as opportunities for industry experience—which, these days, is not hard to arrange. “The industry relies on internships by our students. It’s the way they interview them,” Mooney explains.

Mooney was recently appointed Grewcock University Endowed Chair in UC&T. The chair was established in 2012 through a generous donation from Bruce E. Grewcock ’76, chairman and CEO of Kiewit.

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Coast Guard Officers Find Unlikely Fit

Going inland to a landlocked state to earn a graduate degree seems like an odd choice for members of the U.S. Coast Guard, but the program's alumni report they take valuable skills back into the service.

For Tony Hahn MS '04, the idea of heading to the mountains for a graduate degree dates back 10 years. He was moving through the ranks of the Coast Guard, had graduated from its flight school and was an aeronautical engineering officer. To continue his professional ascent, he applied and was selected for the Coast Guard's avionics/project management advanced education program, and began researching master's degrees that the Coast Guard would approve.

His search led him to the Engineering and Technology Management program in Mines' Division of Economics and Business. Hahn had spent his freshman year at Mines (1985–1986), but joined the Coast Guard in 1986 to pursue his passion for flying helicopters.

“I pitched ETM to my program manager and he was puzzled. ‘Where? Colorado School of what?’ he said. But after he read more, he approved it,” says Hahn. “He was impressed by the quality and reputation, and it certainly didn’t hurt that active-duty military pay in-state tuition rates.”

Hahn fell in love with ETM. “I can easily say Mines was the best intellectual experience of my life. I still use the analysis tools and decision framework I learned,” he says. “The ETM program taught me how to be successful. It wasn’t easy, but from day one, my professors made the material relevant to real-world examples that captured my intellectual curiosity.”

Not long after Hahn left Mines, he became deputy chief of aeronautical engineering for the Coast Guard, managing (continued)
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graduate school requests. “After my experience, I encouraged grad school applicants to consider applying there. Without exception, every officer has excelled and had a great experience. We see a proven product that provides critical thinking and excellent project management skills,” he adds. “We learn new ways to analyze decisions and provide our senior leadership with sound, data-driven recommendations. Because of the environment in which we work, we have to manage uncertainty, making defensible decisions aimed at optimizing outcomes.”

To date, the U.S. Coast Guard has seven alumni of the ETM program. In addition to Hahn, they include Tim Barelli MS ’09, Pat Lineberry MS ’11, Brian Kostecki MS ’12, Brian Willson MS ’12, and two December graduates, Ed Aponte ’13 and Benjamin Norris ’13.

After chasing drug runners in high-speed boats on the Caribbean, plucking climbers off California cliffs, and hoisting the sick and injured from boats pitching violently in rough seas off the coast of Alaska, Aponte and Norris admit the Mines graduate program has been a big change.

“I’m glad I came to Mines. Everything I’m learning—best business practices, operations research and decision making—will translate directly into my next job,” says Norris, who has been flying helicopters for eight years and describes his time spent commanding a crew and helicopter in the Bering Sea as “the most rewarding and exciting tour of my career.”

Aponte, an aircraft commander who oversees crews, mission execution and helicopter mechanics, chose Mines over George Washington University and Johns Hopkins. “There was no debate, and I’ve never looked back,” he says.

After graduation, they were both assigned to Elizabeth City, N.C. They are excited about their new jobs and the new opportunities that await them, but having lived close to campus for the past year, they are not looking forward to their new commute: They plan to move their families to the Norfolk, Va., area to have more schooling options, which will mean a 1-hour commute each way. The last time we spoke, they were still working on a solution to this problem—the best one they’d come up with was sharing the cost of a small plane and flying to work. “We’ll be working next to a runway,” Aponte says, a twinkle in his eye.

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What $350 million can do for Mines

By Lisa Marshall

Realizing a Vision

From his third-floor office window in the historic Guggenheim Hall at the center of campus, President M.W. Scoggins can see the future:

To the south, prospective students and visiting alumni will be greeted at a sleek new Welcome Center. To the east, a state-of-the-art academic and research building will offer future physicists and engineers new labs and classrooms. To the north, at a new athletics complex, students, faculty and alumni will come together to cheer the Orediggers to victory. On evenings and weekends, the university will bustle with life, with more students living on campus than ever before, expanded recreational programs, and more diverse cultural and intellectual opportunities to complement Mines’ highly technical curriculum.

And thanks to a robust financial aid program, funded in part by grateful alumni paying it forward, the student body will be known for being academically—not necessarily economically—elite.

“I like simple visions,” says Scoggins, who came to Mines in 2006 after spending 35 years with Mobil and ExxonMobil. “Our vision is to transform Mines into a globally recognized top-tier research university, and we’re well on our way to achieving that goal.”
MEETING A GLOBAL NEED

To help realize this vision, Mines launched the Transforming Lives campaign in September, aimed at raising $350 million in private philanthropic and nongovernmental research support. Priorities include student scholarships, faculty positions, enrichment and outreach initiatives, K-12 and international partnerships, and several capital projects.

Along with the monetary goal, the campaign also has a less tangible objective: to broaden the school’s circle of support by cultivating a lasting culture of philanthropy. “We want to permanently expand the world of donors who are interested in helping Mines,” says Scoggins.

In an age of dwindling state funds, private support is more critical than ever; while undergraduate enrollment at Mines has increased 24 percent over the last five years, state funding per resident undergraduate student has declined 34 percent.

To offset the loss in revenue, Mines has had to increasingly rely on tuition and fees, which in turn has put more pressure on financial aid resources as the university seeks to make good on its commitment that all qualified students will be able to attend Mines, regardless of their ability to pay.

Funding for capital projects has been similarly hit. “It wasn’t too long ago that states were providing two-thirds of the funding for public higher education, and parents and students paid the other third. That has more than flip-flopped,” says Scoggins.

In his meetings with potential donors, Brian Winkelbauer, executive vice president for university advancement, often discusses the big-picture reasons to support Mines, which apply to a broader audience than the student and alumni communities.

“The world needs Mines,” he says. “Global population is expected to reach 9 billion over the next 40 years. That kind of growth results in some pretty profound global challenges, including increasing demand for energy, water and natural resources. These are the kinds of challenges that Mines has been addressing for decades.”

PROGRESS THROUGH PHILANTHROPY

Alumni say that private support has already played a role in transforming Mines into a residential campus, which now includes new and refurbished housing, an outstanding recreation center, a new health center, a new Center for Academic Services and Advising, and more than 170 campus organizations.

“When I went to Mines, it was survival of the fittest. They didn’t have nearly the same services or facilities available to students,” recalls trustee and campaign co-chair Tim Haddon ’70, who came to Mines in 1966 from Rhodesia, thanks to a generous grant from the Hochschild Family, of AMAX Mines.

“Today it is tough to get in, but if you do, we will do everything we can to help you graduate and succeed.”

For senior Alex Steadman, help came in the form of a generous financial aid package from the start, as well as a boost from a departmental scholarship fund and the Dean Burger Memorial Endowment Fund when things got tough.

“I wouldn’t be here without financial aid,” says Steadman, who graduated from Estes Park High School in 2010 at a time when his parents, already hit hard by the financial downturn, suffered more financial and emotional setbacks when the 2012 High Park Fire swept through his family’s property.

For 27-year-old Brianna Svoboda, who started graduate work at Mines in 2011, help came in the form of a grant from the Dean Burger Memorial Endowment Fund, which allowed her to engage more fully in campus life. “Before, I had three jobs, and I didn’t really have the time to participate,” says Svoboda, who is now president of the student chapter of the Association of Environmental and Engineering Geologists.

“These clubs are a really important part of your campus experience...I am very appreciative of the helping hand, and I intend to give back some day.”

If she’s like many Mines grads, being in a position to give back might not take too long. In Payscale’s 2014 College Salary Report covering almost 1,500 national colleges, Mines ranks sixth for first-year salaries, and sixth for 30-year return on investment, which factors in average 30-year earnings for graduates, along with the cost of attending the university.

LOOKING AHEAD

The Transforming Lives campaign is off to a strong start. Mines has seen record levels of giving during the campaign’s silent phase, which typically precedes a public launch. The record of $32.5 million set in 2012 for private gifts and commitments given during the fiscal year was broken in 2013, which saw $35.4 million in giving. To date, alumni, friends, foundations and corporate partners have given nearly $166 million to the campaign, including more than $104 million in private philanthropic support.

“With this campaign, we are achieving a much broader reach, particularly internationally,” says Haddon. “Every donor has a
passion, and we are working to match Mines programs to fit those passions.”

Winkelbauer adds that broad participation is an important objective for the campaign. “Everyone’s gift is valued. Everyone can be a part of this. Our goals are about meeting the needs of Mines through the involvement of all donors.” These donors, he points out, include students, who sometimes start giving to Mines before they even graduate.

The number one priority for campaign organizers is to boost financial aid resources, which now benefit more than 80 percent of students. Another key priority is to create new student programming. “We have made great progress with physical infrastructure, and we have developed some exciting new programs, but there are many promising initiatives that need enhancing or are not off the ground yet,” says Dan Fox, vice president for student life. He envisions more external speakers on campus, weekend leadership workshops, and expanding Theme Learning Communities, which group freshmen in dorms based on their interests.

Another high priority for the campaign is establishing new faculty chairs—positions that often come with higher salaries, discretionary research budgets and added prestige. “To recruit the best and brightest students, we need to recruit the best and brightest faculty,” says Winkelbauer. “Endowed positions can help achieve this.” Campaign gifts totaling $14.5 million have already created seven new named faculty positions, which brings the total number of named faculty chairs and professorships established at Mines to 33. Of Mines’ 14 academic departments and divisions, only three have yet to receive an endowed chair.

Several capital construction projects are among the campaign goals, including construction of the Clear Creek Athletics Complex that will include training facilities, sports medicine, office and event space, locker rooms, a new soccer field, and—in honor of the former coach and athletics director, professor emeritus and 1963 alumnus—the new Marv Kay Stadium. Winkelbauer reports that fundraising is progressing well for the project, which will be entirely funded with private donations.

A cornerstone academic and research building is another high priority. Situated in the heart of campus, it will add much-needed instructional and lab space for the physics department, while establishing a hub for interdisciplinary collaboration within the recently formed College of Applied Science and Engineering. “Particularly in the areas of materials and bio, we are trying to group faculty and students from our four departments based on their areas of research, instead of their academic disciplines,” explains Tony Dean, who heads up CASE. The arrangement will make it easier to share resources and equipment, but the real goal is to promote the exchange of ideas. “As researchers with
diverse backgrounds become familiar with each other’s work, novel ideas and insights will emerge,” says Dean. “As it is, Mines’ small size makes interdisciplinary collaboration easier, but we want to magnify this dynamic in these rapidly evolving fields. It’s a concept with tremendous potential,” he adds. (CASE is made up of the departments of Chemical and Biological Engineering, Chemistry and Geochemistry, Metallurgical and Materials Engineering, and Physics.)

A parallel approach has guided planning for the Welcome Center, a new facility to be built west of Illinois between 18th and 19th streets, which will house several outwardly focused campus offices, including admissions, the foundation, the alumni association and public relations. Proximity will encourage collaboration and information exchange, Winkelbauer believes, making the center the primary conduit for communicating information about the university to external audiences. “It’ll amplify our message,” he says. At the same time, it will provide a gathering place for visiting alumni, industry partners, and prospective students visiting with their families. “For the first time, Mines will have a formal gateway,” says Winkelbauer.

Amping up Mines’ marketing efforts to reach a wider audience will be welcomed by many who are familiar with the university’s capabilities and accomplishments, yet still see unrealized potential.

“With our focus on the areas of earth, energy and environment, this university is probably the best-positioned of any to tackle the global issues of our time,” says Scoggins. “This represents an opportunity and a challenge—one we have committed to take on. Success will be determined to a large extent by the support of alumni, friends and industry, and it’s already clear to me that the community has our back. We have some very exciting years ahead.”
Seven years into his presidency, with plenty of milestones on record, a capital campaign in full swing, and some big changes on the horizon for Mines, we recently sat down with President Scoggins for an informal Q&A. Partly retrospection, partly introspection and partly forward-looking, the conversation that follows will be of interest to all those who support the growth and success of Mines, and are curious to learn more about its president.

Mines: Nearly seven years ago, you transitioned from the corporate world to academia. What motivated your decision?

Scoggins: Not too long before I retired after more than 35 years in the oil and gas industry, I joined the board of trustees of my alma mater, the University of Tulsa. After I retired, I became increasingly active, serving on the executive committee and spending a great deal of time on campus. My wife and I both enjoyed the experience of being involved in the university. When I received the call from Mines asking me to consider being a candidate, I realized this was an opportunity to be part of a remarkable community.

Mines: What aspects of leading Mines do you find most rewarding?

Scoggins: The most rewarding moments revolve around students—seeing them be successful. I’m getting ready to participate in my 15th commencement, so I have had the opportunity to watch many wonderful students walk confidently across the stage, proud of their accomplishment, and poised to make great contributions to society. It’s very special to be a part of that.

I recently heard about an alumnus who is about to graduate from the University of Texas with master’s degrees in environmental engineering and public policy. At Mines, he was a lineman on the football team, and we got to know each other a little. Whenever he saw me on campus, he’d ask, “You gonna come to the game this weekend?” At his graduation, just before I handed him his diploma, I called out his jersey number and said, “James Tyree, #65, you did a hell of a job.” I got the biggest bear hug I think any president’s ever gotten during a college graduation ceremony.

Karen and I try to attend as many student activities as possible—from athletic events to plays and concerts—and we enjoy them all. I particularly enjoy the graduate research conference and looking at the students’ posters, even though I have to admit I really don’t understand all of them.

Really, the most rewarding aspect of my job is seeing the growth in our students over their time at Mines, which is a testament to their own hard work and to the dedication of the Mines faculty and staff who teach and interact with them.

Mines: When you speak to individuals or groups less familiar with the university, how do you make “the case for Mines”? What does the university have to offer that sets it apart?
Scoggins: I talk about the focused nature of the school’s mission, the quality of the education our students receive, and the relevance of our research programs. Mines is uniquely positioned to deal with global challenges related to our focus areas of earth, energy and environment. These issues are at the forefront of the world’s most pressing concerns, and Mines is playing a critical role in educating students who will be leaders in addressing them—through their careers and through meaningful research.

I also always point out something you will hear from almost every Mines alum—and that I completely agree with—which is that our students develop a work ethic unlike almost any other university. By the time they graduate, our students truly have the skills to hit the ground running. They are a very special group.

Mines: The financial crisis erupted relatively early in your presidency. This must have posed some significant challenges.

Scoggins: When I interviewed for the position, the board of trustees indicated they wanted a lot of focus on the school’s financial condition. When I arrived, Mines was already in the process of putting together the all-funds budget. We tightened down our systems, controlled our costs and planned carefully. As a result, we have managed to weather some major cutbacks in state funding. We faced some financial challenges, but the school came through it with minimal adverse impacts.

Mines: In fact, you’ve overseen more building on campus than has taken place during any seven-year period in Mines history. How has this been possible? What has driven the expansion?

Scoggins: When I came to Mines in 2006, the school had recently finished a strategic plan and had been through a period of tremendous growth. It was clear that we had a significant shortage of academic infrastructure that had to be addressed immediately. We also needed to build the school’s residential capacity.

We faced a big challenge in financing these major building projects and used the full range of financing options available to us to make them possible. The students voted in favor of a capital fee that enabled us to expand Brown Hall. The state funded the Center for Technology and Learning Media expansion. We had private donors who funded Marquez Hall and the W. Lloyd Wright Student Wellness Center. We used our balance sheet to borrow money to allow us to construct the residence halls. We have made strides in catching up with our infrastructure needs, but we still have a long way to go when we look at current campus needs and where we see the school going in the next decade.

Mines: So what’s next, in terms of construction?

Scoggins: The Elm Hall residential and dining facility is under way, and the Welcome Center and privately funded Clear Creek Athletics Complex will all be under construction this year.

What’s next? We are discussing funding with private donors and the state of Colorado for a new cornerstone academic building to house physics and several other disciplines. The Green Center needs significant renovations. The library needs to be considered in our future planning, as well as a new research facility. And we anticipate continued growth in graduate enrollments, which may make another addition to Mines Park necessary. It’s a long list, with a big dollar commitment associated with it.

Mines: As we near the end of 2013, what do you believe are the top three strategic priorities for Mines?

Scoggins: Over the last few years, we haven’t just increased the size of the student body; we’ve also raised the bar for admissions. Now we need to improve our retention and graduation rates. I want to see more of
our students complete their degrees, so they can go on with their careers and lead successful lives. We are making progress—our freshmen-to-sophomore retention this fall was the best in decades, and I suspect that is because of the changes we’ve made to create a more supportive and diverse community environment—but I believe we can do better. Our top priority must be to improve student outcomes.

Second, we need to attract talented new faculty to join our remarkable and highly regarded corps of teaching and research professors. It takes a world-class faculty—in the classroom and the lab—to attract the best and the brightest students and provide a first-class education. One way we’ll achieve this is by encouraging continued growth in our research programs. Funding in this area has tripled in recent years, bringing with it great opportunities for faculty and students.

Third, we must continue to improve the school’s financial position so we have the flexibility and agility to take advantage of opportunities and implement our vision. The financial model for public higher education has changed, probably forever. It’s unlikely that there will be a significant influx of state funding, so we must forge our own path forward with value-based tuition revenue, a solid balance sheet to enable us to move forward in creating an infrastructure that matches our world-class programs.

**Mines:** How are the goals of this campaign different from Mines’ past campaigns?

**Scoggins:** The financial goal, $350 million, is substantially higher than past campaigns. Many of the areas we’re focused on—student support, faculty support and capital needs—are similar. We will still be relying on the support of our broad alumni base, the corporations that have historically supported us, and donors who are friends of the school. But we will also be reaching out to new potential individual and corporate donors to broaden our base of support.

**Mines:** Is there anything you’d like to say that we haven’t asked you about?

**Scoggins:** We’ve talked about adding new buildings to campus, and expanding our faculty and graduate enrollments, but I want to make it clear that while we’ve enjoyed significant enrollment growth in the last few years, we recognize the value of our relatively small size. Future growth is going to be carefully managed.

We also talked about the importance of the campaign to the university. I’m not sure I adequately conveyed the depth of my appreciation to the alumni and friends who have always been there to support us. There are folks out there I can call and say, “We need your help,” and they can always be relied upon to support the school. I’d like to be able to say, “This is the last time I’m ever going to call and ask for your help,” but it won’t be. I just want all our loyal friends and supporters to know how very important they are to Mines.

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How can light be manipulated to slice a clean incision in the fragile lens of a human eye? Or to create three-dimensional videos of processes deep inside the brain? Or to carve a tiny laboratory on a microscopic chip?

These are not the questions Jeff Squier ‘84, MS ‘86 was pondering in 7th grade, when he wrote the words “optical physicist” on a questionnaire asking what he wanted to be when he grew up.

“Really, I just liked the idea of playing with light,” he recalls.

Thirty-nine years later, that boyhood fascination has led the Mines physics professor and researcher to not only ask such questions, but also answer them by designing and building ultra-fast lasers that can cut, image and micro-machine in ways never before possible. His research team’s creations have been used by everyone from neuroscientists wanting to peer inside the dense neuronal tangles of a fly’s brain, to geneticists wanting to better understand, at the molecular level, how a corn plant grows. Through collaborations with private companies and other research institutions, they’re also working to develop more affordable and accurate laser-based microscopes and safer laser-based surgical techniques.

“He isn’t just building a bigger laser. He has a deep respect for the way light interacts with material,” says neuroscientist and University of California, San Diego, professor David Kleinfeld, who has used Squier’s lasers to chart blood flow and neuronal activity in the brains of rodents.

“He is very clever in building lasers with interesting intrinsic properties. They could have a big impact.”
A better view

The first lasers were invented in the late 1950s and, as Squier puts it, were initially “a solution looking for a problem.” They moved from laboratory obscurity to pop culture fame in 1964, when the villain in the James Bond thriller “Goldfinger” used a laser to gruesomely fillet his adversaries. By the ’70s, an array of industries were finding a more practical use for them.

“They captivated everyone’s attention,” Squier says. “Now they’re in everything from scanners in the supermarket, to your Blu-ray player at home, to the operating room.”

But, as he points out, not all lasers are the same.

While conventional lasers use a continuous beam of light, new “femtosecond” lasers developed in the early ’80s chopped that light into infinitesimally short, ultra-intense bursts lasting just a few one-millionths of one-billionth of a second.

The possible applications of such a precise and powerful pulse of light fascinated Squier. So after earning a master’s degree in physics from Mines in 1986, he sought out one of the fathers of femtosecond lasers, Gérard Mourou at Rochester University, and went there to get his PhD in optics under his guidance.

Jeff Squier has supervised Erica Block’s research into SSTF focus for lasers, which has great potential for improving the precision and safety of laser surgery, particularly for eyes.

ILLUSTRATING THE POINT The two photos depict the depth of field, or length, of a standard femtosecond focus (left) and an SSTF focus (right) projected into a fluid that fluoresces as a result of a phenomena called two-photon excitation fluorescence. The benefit of SSTF is clearly visible, as the depth of focus (length) of the fluorescence is strictly confined compared to the standard focus.

“The complex light trick involves breaking the beam into its many colors and then lassoing them back together in a micro-instant at the focal plane.”

Soon he was replacing the light bulbs in microscopes with femtosecond lasers—with remarkable results.

“It acts like the ultimate strobe camera,” he explains. “If I can make a very short burst of light, I can freeze motion and understand really fast events (like a material melting, or a chemical reaction occurring inside a cell). It can aid our understanding of a whole array of processes that have been too fast for us to follow before.”

Squier notes that laser imaging was long fraught with a perplexing shortfall. Aimed at thin-walled living cells, which don’t absorb or scatter much light, they produced a low-resolution image with little contrast. They also spread their beam broadly, creating a bleaching effect far beyond the intended focal plane. And they tended to damage the sample.

“With a normal laser everything lights up. With a femtosecond laser, only the exact focal plane lights up. This is huge,” Squier says. Because it uses an infrared beam, rather than an ultraviolet one, a femtosecond laser is also less damaging to the sample. And it can penetrate deeper, allowing for exploration of cells well below the surface.

In 1992, Squier was co-inventor of the first ever video-rate multi-photon imaging system, a laser-based device that allowed biologists to take detailed sequential photos of cell activity and string them together in a frame-by-frame animation. (The technology is widely used today). He’s been toiling in the lab ever since, working to make faster, real-time, three-dimensional, high-resolution imaging possible.

In 2012, his team took a major technological step forward when they developed a system that allows for simultaneous imaging at multiple locations. Rather than take one picture at one location of a rat brain or plant stalk and then move along to another, it can take as many as six at once from six different planes, and then splice them together to create a vivid 3D video.

Thus far, it’s not commercially available. Work will start this summer on a new system at the University of California, San Diego, where it will be used to better understand the inner workings of a fruit fly’s brain. “They are really trying to understand the neural network,” says Squier. “How does a smell get converted into an electrical signal inside the brain and what path does it follow?”
PENETRATING IMAGES
Taken simultaneously using a single detector, these four images of the interior of a fly antenna illustrate cellular activity on four parallel planes 7 micrometers apart.

A cleaner cut
Squier has also been instrumental in shaping the femtosecond laser into an ultra-precise scalpel. He holds one of the original patents for femtosecond Lasik eye surgery.

And in May of this year, he, PhD student Erica Block, and colleague Charles Durfee, an associate professor in the Department of Physics, published a groundbreaking paper demonstrating that a technique called simultaneous spatio-temporal focusing (SSTF) could vastly improve the precision with which living biological tissue can be cut.

The complex light trick involves breaking the beam into its many colors and then lassoing them back together in a micro-instant at the focal plane.

“We focus the laser beam not just spatially but also in time,” says Squier. “It enables us to generate tremendous intensities and really precisely deliver the light in a controlled fashion.”

For one recent experiment, he and his colleagues made incisions in the lens of a pig’s eye, using both conventional laser technology and SSTF. The difference was stark, with the SSTF laser cutting a clean line while the conventional laser was more jagged and bubbled—a situation that in a human patient could increase risk of complications.

Thus far, eye surgery is the most obvious application. But Kleinfeld, who is collaborating with Squier to explore surgical applications, believes surgeons who operate in extremely delicate areas—like ear, nose and throat specialists—could also benefit from the technology someday.

“It’s a way to do the cutting in a different and more efficient way,” he says.

Training the next generation
Futuristic imaging and surgeries aside, Squier says he already sees immediate uses for both the cutting and imaging laser tools. The cutting tool could be used now to prototype three-dimensional glass and plastic microfluidic devices, or “labs-on-a-chip,” for conducting scientific research or medical lab tests. And already, by building custom-designed laser-based microscopes for use by researchers at Mines and other institutions, his work is saving them money.

“A commercial multi-photon microscope costs about a half-million dollars right now without a laser. My students can build one with a laser for $35,000 that outperforms the commercial ones,” he says. “Plus, instead of making the experiment fit the microscope, we build the microscope to fit the experiment.”

Meanwhile, he’s giving his students an education they can get nowhere else.

“There are only a handful of groups in the world that develop the lasers and the technology around the lasers, and do experiments with them,” he says, noting that institutions elsewhere often buy the microscopes with which they conduct research. “We do everything and our students have to do everything. I think it gives them a unique skill set.”
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HOMECOMING 2013

Back in Blue

Celebrations at this year’s Homecoming had a special Mines twist, with a unique Field Day event replacing the traditional parade. Students, alumni and the broader campus community applied their engineering skills and athleticism in competitions like the shaving cream cheese puff toss and egg-football balance. Later, Bluegrass band Woodshed Red provided entertainment during the pre-game spirit festival, and alumni gathered on the lawn of Coolbaugh House for a mixer after an Oredigger 30-10 victory over New Mexico Highlands at Campbell Field.

FOOTBALL REUNION

Twelve players and two coaches of the 1983 football team returned for a 30-year reunion in September, recollecting good times over a round of golf and taking time to reshoot the cover photo from Mines’ October 1983 issue. 2013 photo, back row, left to right: Chip Lane ’84, Jeff Osborn ’86, Scott Dorsey ’84, Brad Bacon ’83, Mark Oberle ’83. Middle row: Coach Robert McCandless, Lawane Luckett ’84, Greg Gordon ’85, Cory Wesson ’83, Gary Sanchez ’83, Coach Marv Kay ’63. Front row: Mike Scherrer ’83, Curt Lightle ’85, Troy Tack ’85, MS ’91.

ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME

On September 7, the following individuals and teams were welcomed into the Oredigger Hall of Fame Class of 2013: Stephen Bahl ’08 (2001–2005, men’s basketball), Greg Marshall ’93 (1989–1992, football), the 2005 women’s cross country team, and William “Bill” Henry ’62 (1958–1962, men’s swimming). The latter was an unusual posthumous award in the Special Recognition category. Although he’d lost his right leg from the hip down at the age of eight, Henry was a remarkable swimmer, and held the school’s 200-yard backstroke record. He is particularly remembered for his performance at a meet in 1958 at the University of Denver, where he competed in two grueling races, back-to-back. After winning the 400-meter backstroke, he hopped straight to the starting block for the 1,500-meter freestyle race, in which he swam backstroke and came in second.

On Friday evening of Homecoming, alumni and friends celebrated at the Evening of Excellence, a special event kicking off the Transforming Lives campaign (see p. 16). The program included an outline of campaign objectives, speeches by the president and campaign organizers, and presentation of four philanthropy awards to Steve ’64 and Dollie Chesebro’, Forest ’03, MS ’05 and Olivia ’03, MS ’05 Bommarito, William Fleckenstein ’86, MS ’88, PhD ’00 and student Alex Truby. Read more about awardees at giving.mines.edu/awards2013.

STUDENT ASSISTANCE

Meet the Remarkable, Nontraditional, 2013–2014 Fritz Scholars

CSMAA awarded the Fritz Scholarship this fall to petroleum engineering students (left to right) Lyle Hanson, Dustin Stevens and Edward Wolfram, all of whom expect to graduate in May 2015. Administered by CSMAA, the scholarship was established by Duane ’51 and Marcine Fritz (both deceased) and is awarded to Colorado residents majoring in either petroleum engineering or geology.

Hanson has lived most of his life in South Dakota and comes to Mines after eight years of experience drilling oil, gas and water wells.

Stevens hails from Tunkhannock, Pa., and is pursuing his degree at Mines following service in the Air Force and Colorado Air National Guard (he currently is still serving in the guard). In 2010, he was deployed to Afghanistan, where he assisted with troop build-up and managed construction projects for the Marine Corps.

Wolfram, who is following in the footsteps of his brothers Phillip ’08 and Preston ’11, MS ’13, is entering his second year at Mines as a senior thanks to transfer credits from college-level classes taken during high school. He is also enrolled in the McBride Honors Program in Public Affairs.

2013–2014 Coolbaugh Senior Award

This year’s Coolbaugh Senior Award went to Theodore Brandt, a physics major from Northglenn, Colo., who enjoys computer programming and founded a club at Mines to promote the game Go—the world’s oldest strategic board game, originating in China more than 2,500 years ago. This alumni association award provides need-based financial support to a rising senior who has achieved academic success.

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A MINING LOVE STORY  Eloise A. (Montoya) Golden ’79 met her husband, Pat Golden, at a hematite iron ore mine in Wyoming in 1977, the summer before her senior year. Pat, who was studying pre-med at Loyola University of the South in New Orleans, La., worked at the mine as a sample bucker during the summer as part of a scholarship from the mine. Eloise worked in the lab. They dated during college, but parted ways after graduation: She moved to Globe, Ariz., and worked as a metallurgist in the mining industry for 20 years; he moved to Fresno, Calif. In 2003, after both had been married, had families, and divorced, Pat sent Eloise an email:

Eloise, Just wondering how you are doing. Pat

They married in June 2006. “If I had not maintained contact with the CSM Alumni Association, he would never have found me again,” says Eloise. “He was the first man I ever spoke to of children, love and marriage. I am eternally grateful that he took his time to find me, and that I was a member of CSMAA!”

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COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES RECENTLY* RECEIVED THREE OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP GIFTS AND COMMITMENTS:

Anadarko Petroleum Corporation made a new commitment of $1,250,000 to support the Department of Geology and Geological Engineering, the Department of Geophysics and the Petroleum Engineering Department.

Harold M. ’68 and Patricia M. Korell committed $143,650 to The Mines Fund as part of the Class of 1968 Giving Challenge.

J. Steven Whisler ’84 contributed $100,000 to The Mines Fund as part of the E-Days Giving Challenge.

Other generous gifts and commitments of $25,000 and more:

The American Gas Association contributed $50,000 to establish the American Gas Association Scholarship Fund.

ArcelorMittal contributed $62,000 to support the Metallurgical and Materials Engineering Department, the Multicultural Engineering Program, the Career Center, Senior Design and the campus chapter of the Society of Women Engineers.

The ARCS (Achievement Rewards for College Scientists) Foundation committed $50,000 in support for the ARCS Foundation Scholarship Fund.

BP made gifts and commitments of more than $145,000 in support for scholarships, fellowships, the Career Center, the SAFE (Summer Academic Focused Education) program and the Multicultural Engineering Program.

Cameco Corporation contributed gifts totaling $48,673 in support of a graduate student project.

Marshall C. III ’67 and Jane Crouch made gifts totaling $50,000 to support faculty and students in the Department of Geology and Geological Engineering and the Department of Geophysics.

Stan and Judy Dempsey gave $25,000 to support Arthur Lakes Library and the Dempsey Endowed Scholarship Fund.

ExxonMobil gave gifts totaling $54,500 in support for the Don L. and Patricia Warner Scholarship Fund, at the direction of Don Warner ’56, as well as for several academic departments and student organizations.

Gordon L. Gray ’50 provided $50,000 in support for the Gordon Lee Gray Endowed Scholarship Fund.

Halliburton Foundation made gifts totaling $41,000 in support for the Multicultural Engineering Program’s Challenge Program, the Halliburton Female Engineers Professional Development Workshop Series, and the Making the Connection outreach event for female high school students.

Andrew M. ’01 and Jaclyn B. ’01 Haney established an endowed scholarship fund with a $25,000 gift.

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Jack W. ’72 and Cherri M. Musser made a $25,000 gift to The Mines Fund.

James “Chip” A. and Debbie Ozee established the Ozee Family Endowment for Mines Baseball and provided additional support to the program with gifts totaling $30,000.

Peabody Energy gave $25,000 in support for the Department of Mining Engineering.

Geraldine Piper added $25,000 to the Robert G. and Geraldine D. Piper Endowed Scholarship Fund in memory of her husband, Bob Piper ’49.


SM Energy Company provided gifts and commitments totaling $61,000 in support of the SM Energy Company Endowed Scholarship Fund, the Career Center, the Petroleum Engineering Department, and the Department of Geology and Geological Engineering.

Thomas C. ’66 and Mary Snedeker made an additional life income gift of $100,000.

Michael R. ’83 and Patricia K. ’83 Starzer made a $25,000 gift to The Mines Fund.

Statoil contributed $25,000 in support for Department of Geology and Geological Engineering field trips.

Michael S. Stoner ’94 contributed $25,000 to the Dr. Billy J. Mitchell American Driller Scholarship Fund.

Bequest distributions of $43,583 from the Pension Fund will provide unrestricted support for Mines.

Fun-Den Wang provided $25,000 in support for the Mining Water Jet Technology Fund.

Fred P. Wehrle ’49 gave $37,000 to establish his second life income gift.

*The CSM Foundation received the gifts and commitments listed here between 5/16/13 and 10/21/13.
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PRESERVING A COLORADO LANDMARK
Nathan Torres ’03 (far left) and Cooper Best ’09 (fourth from left) are helping shore up The Crystal Mill, an oft-photographed Colorado landmark entered in the National Register of Historic Places. Working with other volunteers from the structural group at the engineering firm SGM in nearby Glenwood Springs, the team treated the exterior with preservative and conducted fire mitigation in 2012. This summer they had planned to build a cofferdam and reinforce the base of the penstock, but after an investigative dive revealed the work was not necessary, the team focused on completing a 3D scan/survey of the structure and making minor repairs. Torres uses his 1988 Land Cruiser (shown right, newly outfitted with Mines plates) to access the site, which is 5 miles up a rough 4WD trail. “The fun part of this particular project is that I get to combine my engineering skills and personal skills—climbing and diving,” says Torres. “The icing on the cake is that we actually get to review, design and then physically implement our engineered solutions.” The mill, originally called Sheep Mountain Powerhouse, was built in 1892 to supply compressed air to a nearby silver mine. It was abandoned when the mine closed in 1917.

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HOUSTON—FRIDAY, APRIL 4
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David M. Skelton is a competence management project manager for BP and lives in Brookshire, TX.

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Richard W. Smith is a reserves manager for Maersk Oil and lives in Denver, CO.

Vasantkumar Thakkar is a competence management project manager for BP and lives in Brookshire, TX.

John R. Underhill is an NOJV D&C manager for Chevron and lives in Richmond, TX.

Samuel I. Vera is a lead planning engineer for Exxon Mobil and lives in San Bruno, CA.

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Randal S. Barnes is a regional VP for Newmont Gold and lives in Delta, CO.

Charles J. Barthel Jr. is a senior civil engineer for Jefferson County Planning & Zoning and lives in Golden, CO.

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Brent K. Christner is a senior director of engineering for Eclipse Aviation and lives in Albuquerque, NM.

David E. Dombrowski is a program manager fuel fabrication for Los Alamos National Laboratory and lives in Los Alamos, NM.

Elane C. Flower-Maudlin is the owner of Excelsior Orchard and lives in Paonia, CO.

Daniel J. Helgoth is a facilities engineer for Marathon Oil and lives in Lafayette, LA.

Robert L. Koch is a senior mining engineer for Strata Worldwide and lives in Fairmont, WV.

Guy M. Lawyer is a plant engineer for Independence Tube and lives in Lombard, IL.

Jerry M. Nettleton is a manager – environmental affairs for Twenty-Mile Coal and lives in Steamboat Springs, CO.

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Erol Ozensoy is chairman of Kimetsan Chem Group based in Kizilay-Ankara, Turkey.

Jeffrey A. Russell is a market development manager for North America Kraton Polymers and lives in Conroe, TX.

Daniel J. Shearer is a senior advisor – geophysics for Chesapeake Energy and lives in Oklahoma City, OK.

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Manouchehr Bahavar is a product specialist for IRIS Data Management Center based in Seattle, WA.

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T. David Burleigh is a professor for New Mexico Tech and lives in Socorro, NM.

Mark F. Coolbaugh is a chief geoscientist for Renaissance Gold and lives in Reno, NV.

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Jeffrey J. Johnson is a project manager for Chevron and lives in Sugar Land, TX.

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NEW IN TEXAS James ’02 and Jennifer Hochnadel announce the birth of their first child, Ethan, on September 28, 2012. They live in Houston.

STARTING MARRIED LIFE IN PARADISE Julia Oakes ’03 married Joshua Diehl on October 13, 2013, in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.

IRRESISTIBLE On June 26, 2012, Sofi was born to Ustun PhD ’09 and Yasemin Duman.

GO MINES Daven was born May 24, 2013, to Jonathan ’06 and Caitlin ’06 Wilson. He joins big brothers Josiah (3) and Collin (2).

BRONCO BUDDIES Twins Leland (left) and Landon were born July 9, 2012, to Rees ’05 and Kathryn Arnim.

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Charles V. Monninger is a manager of innovative contracting for Mowat Construction and lives in Woodinville, WA.

James J. Moore is a VP for St. Augustine Gold & Copper and lives in Gilbert, AZ.

Peter M. Mueller is a SVP operations for Saga Petroleum and lives in Centennial, CO.

Art J. Nelson is a physicist for Lawrence Livermore National Lab and lives in Livermore, CA.

Kenneth J. Nelson is a GM exploration, Europe – Eurasia – Middle East for Chevron and lives in Sugar Land, TX.

Douglas A. Patterson is a senior safety engineer for the State of California and lives in El Dorado Hills, CA.

Jeffrey P. Sattler is a SVP of technology for Lloyd's Register and lives in Houston, TX.

Brian W. Sherwood is a senior consultant for ERM and lives in Suttons Bay, MI.

Robert M. Taylor is the COO of U.S. Silver & Gold and lives in Livingston, MT.

John S. Voris is a project executive for IBM and lives in Scottsdale, AZ.

Bruce D. Wilkinson is an RND research engineer for Los Alamos National Laboratory and lives in Rio Rancho, NM.

Shelley J. Skopinski Wolf is a senior systems engineer for Wise Alloys and lives in Muscle Shoals, AL.

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David A. Bird is a GM, Rockies/mid-continent for Microseismic and lives in Highlands Ranch, CO.

Thomas F. Buchholz is a consultant for Marengo and lives in Arvada, CO.

Martin W. Chenoweth is a senior mining geotechnical engineer for Tetra Tech and lives in Grand Junction, CO.

Jay D. Cleary is the owner of Roosters Men’s Grooming Center and lives in Arvada, CO.

A. Silvana Cusati is a director – business development for Latin America for Lincoln Composites and lives in Windermere, FL.

Peter A. Drobek is the president of Golden Mining and lives in Golden, CO.

John A. Falk is a dam safety manager for the Idaho Department of Water Resources and lives in Boise, ID.

Richard E. Fraley is an advisor for The Carlyle Group and lives in Farmington, NM.

Tracy W. Gunn is a mine superintendent for Halliburton Energy Services and lives in Spring Creek, NV.

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Mark W. Lockhart is a process technology manager for Burns & McDonnell and lives in Bellaire, TX.

Steven L. Losh is an associate professor for Minnesota State University and lives in Mankato, MN.

John P. Lowrey is a drilling operations superintendent for Exxon Mobil and lives in Waterman, IL.

Ken P. Marts is a technical fellow for Lockheed Martin Space Systems and lives in Morrison, CO.

Douglas K. Maxwell is a lead process engineer for Lyntek and lives in Arvada, CO.

Danford C. Moore is a project manager for DeLaval and lives in Lake Lotawana, MO.

David L. Ogan is a GM for American Operation and lives in Tucson, AZ.

Dennis A. Pieters is a reservoir engineering consultant for Aramco Services and lives in Katy, TX.

Kim D. Powers is a licensing manufacturing leader for Univation Technologies and lives in Luling, LA.

Raymond D. Priestley is a reservoir engineer for Encana Oil & Gas (USA) and lives in Denver, CO.

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A Steep Ascent

Two days after graduating with a doctorate in mechanical engineering, Jennifer Labs ’97, MS ’01, PhD ’04 was running her own business.

This is what aviators call a “steep takeoff angle”—an apt metaphor for Labs’ company, Paradigm Shift Solutions, which designs and manufactures cockpit simulators for pilot training schools. Founded in 2004, Paradigm has made a remarkably rapid ascent in a competitive industry. And it’s still gaining altitude.

“We stand out because of our price point,” says Labs. “Our simulators have the same high quality and high fidelity as our competitors’ products, but ours cost about half as much.” This has made her machines extremely appealing to private flight schools and university-based aviation programs, which have scrambled in recent years to meet surging demand for pilot training, driven by post-9/11 changes in the airline industry. Along with tighter security regulations and beefed-up certification requirements for pilots and instructors, airlines have increased the number of flights serving smaller regional airports by flying smaller planes. For this, they need more pilots. On top of that, novice pilots have to master ever-more-advanced cockpit technology.

All these factors have driven the cost of flight training sky high, creating a growing niche for Paradigm’s affordable products.

“Simulators are faster and cheaper to learn in,” Labs explains, “and they’re a lower-stress environment.”

Although her father spent about 30 years as a machinist and engineer at Buckley Air Force base in Aurora, Colo., the most influential advice he gave her had nothing to do with aviation. “He once said, ‘My only regret in life is not working for myself.’ He doesn’t remember saying it, but it’s something that always stuck,” says Labs. His penchant for applied, hands-on engineering also stuck.

“He was always working on cars,” says Labs. “His specialty was ’57 Chevys. When I was growing up, there were always 10 or 20 junked-out Chevys in our backyard. He had a lathe and a mill and a welding gun, so I got familiar with those things growing up.”

She now uses these tools routinely to perfect her simulator designs, which contain exact cockpit replicas of specific airplane models (such as the Cessna 172 or Cirrus SR20). Every component of the interior is faithfully reproduced, from the programmable instruments on the dashboard right down to the seatbelts. Labs designs each element from a 3D scan of the actual part, and then crafts prototypes to ensure that her assemblies offer authentic function and feel.

For example, an airplane’s flight controls, or yoke, exert varying degrees of resistance, depending on speed, altitude and other factors. Labs reproduces these forces in the simulator’s flight controls via a control-loading feature driven by rotary servomotors.

From the simulator cockpit, pilots look through a virtual “windshield” that displays a streaming, true-to-life visual field generated by three projectors. Based on satellite imagery and GPS data, these extraordinarily detailed scenescapes are custom-designed to match the environs of each client’s airport.

“They’ll see the exact runway markers and taxiway signs that they’ll see when they’re out on the airfield in a real plane,” Labs says. “If there’s a golf course off to the right on final approach, you’ll see it in the simulator as it would look from the air.”

Although not a pilot herself, Labs has one close at hand for advice—her husband (and Paradigm partner) Jesse Schoonover, a longtime pilot instructor who used to operate a flight school at Front Range Airport.

“It was Jesse who first recognized the market opportunity for affordable simulators.”

“After 9/11, the airlines had to ‘right-size’ a lot of their routes,” says Labs. “Instead of carrying half-full 737s, they started using 50- and 75-seat jets, with shorter hops and more flexible schedules.”

Regional jets’ share of commercial traffic tripled during the last decade, and they now carry roughly 50 percent of the overall passenger load. The result has been a flood of new openings for regional jet pilots—and a corresponding flood of aviators seeking the flight training necessary to compete for those jobs.

Their first simulator was a Canada Regional Jet CRJ-200. Paradigm later added simulators for single-engine Cessna, Cirrus and Diamond aircraft. In 2014, they will ship their first air traffic control simulator, which will enable trainees to track and direct simulated planes in real time. And the company is already looking ahead to the next growth opportunity in flight training: commercial drones.

Labs didn’t focus specifically on aeronautics or aircraft engineering at Mines, but she says she applies her education on a daily basis. “It was invaluable,” she says. “Mines prepared me for the fundamental hard work that’s necessary to build a company. I learned how to problem-solve—how to focus on a project and get it done.”

With Paradigm now safely aloft, Labs can ease off on the throttle just a tad. But don’t expect her to go on autopilot anytime soon.

—Larry Borowsky
Robert E. Spencer is an alloy production superintendent for Precision Castparts and lives in Gresham, OR.

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George R. Walgrove III is a robust design quality engineer for Eastman Kodak and lives in Penfield, NY.

Robert A. Biernbaum is a chief reservoir engineer for Renaissance Offshore and lives in Katy, TX.

Thomas S. Bruington II is a project evaluation manager for Sandstorm.

George F. Canjar is a director global new business for Hess and lives in Houston, TX.

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Jeffrey R. Corwith is a principal reservoir engineer for ConocoPhillips in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

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Sharon L. Hart is working for Joshua School and lives in Golden, CO.

Robert W. Hessek is a forensic structural engineer for Fay Engineering and lives in Denver, CO.

Jorge N. Mahfuz is an entrepreneur with Nova Bandeirante based in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Michael G. Maslowski is the COO of American Bullion Royalty and lives in Hayden, ID.

Callie A. Ridolfi is the CEO and president of Echochem and lives in Mercer Island, WA.

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Rebecca L. White is a plant manager for LyondellBasell Chemical and lives in Beech Bluff, TN.

Dennis F. Wright is a VP sales for Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Foundation and lives in Phoenix, AZ.

Douglas E. Yates is an operations manager for ConocoPhillips and lives in Haslet, TX.

DUNE BUGGY BABY  Steve ’03 and Tara Maxson welcomed Lydia to their family in May 2012, joining older sister Adelaide (3).

AUTUMN JOY  Andy MS ’03 and Jamie ’03 Headley welcomed their second child, Emerson, on March 10, 2013. She joins big brother Everett (3).

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- Joel F. Brown
- Kenneth W. Curfman
- Arlo E. Ellison
- Steven R. Enger
- Robert K. Foster
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- Roger P. Johnson
- James K. Jeske
- Dawn M. Krupp
- Mark J. Ludwig
- Christopher M. Nyikos
- John C. Poulos
- Eric F. Peterson
- Serge Nicoletis
- Gerald R. McLeland
- Donnie R. Enns
- Kelli A. Shuter Cessna

### 1982
- Brice W. Barker
- Matthew R. Earlham
- Abelb W. El-Rabaa
- Donnie R. Enns
- Gerald R. McLeland
- Chris Gerolntis
- Eric F. Peterson
- John C. Poulos
- J. Wesley Powell
- David J. Reimer
- Kevin Stank Richards
- George B. Rooney

### 1983
- Charles S. Brooks
- Mark E. Becker
- Michael B. Guinn
- Andrew D. Jones
- Mary Revoir Jones
- Julie A. Kinder
- Eric H. Matheson
- Norma L. Moze
- Brent P. Nelson
- Kathy A. Rosborough
- Ronald J. Toland

### 1984
- Mark E. Baker
- Sherry A. Barnett
- Barton R. Brookman Jr.
- Eric J. Dupont
- Jeffrey A. Frim
- Craig A. Fulton
- Larry D. Kennedy Jr.
- Cynthia A. Kraver
- Randy L. Latta
- Alan Lindsey
- Stephen Liu
- John M. Patterson
- M. Ward Polzin
- Colleen T. Porro
- Dennis E. Smith
- Daniel E. Wolf
- Chie-Chung Yen

### 1985
- John Anthony
- Larry E. Arnold
- Kelli A. Shuter Cessna
- Scott R. Clark
- Robert P. Daniels
- William T. Donadio
- Timothy R. Fix
- Catherine L. Gardner
- Lawrence M. Kersting
- Sophie-Adelaide Magnier
- Steven H. Sanders
- Rick D. Sisk
- Robert A. Spee
- William T. Tack
- Steven J. Wysocki

### 1986
- Jeffrey L. Allison
- David J. Becker
- John W. Felten
- Gregory S. Floreke
- Perry L. Hoffman
- Helena C. Huckabee
- Atif Khan
- Timothy M. Marsh
- Mitchell S. Mather
- Douglas R. Moore
- Duncan W. Rile Jr.
- John S. Sprackling
- Anthony J. Wernsman
- Sally A. Williamson

### 1987
- Todd P. Courtney
- Peter C. Dillingham
- Tina Veronica Faraca
- Nicholas M. Giallourakis
- Chip Hodge
- Richard G. Weber

### 1988
- Carlos A. Baptista
- Christian S. Kendall
- Robert D. Lawler
- Timothy J. Lewis
- Bruce G. Sachetti Jr.
- James K. Traver
- Bambang Trigunarsyah
- K. Shaine Tyson
- Gary B. Whipple
- Michael Wichmann

### 1989
- Douglas G. Barr
- Scott E. Biagiotti
- Matthew J. Herbst
- Diane M. Johnson
- Richard R. Keagy
- Timucin Kilinc
- Raymond M. Lencioni
- Victoria J. Maricic
- Jeffrey A. McClain
- Richard J. Schepis
- Mark E. Zitterich

### 1990
- Xiao-Jun Deng
- James E. Hall
- Julia Hoagland
- Dirck E. Tromp
- Sean J. Maksen
- John N. Marcelli
- Sean A. McCormick
- William P. Mulligan
- Kari Susan Sanders

### 1991
- Laura S. Foulk
- Peter Lo
- Brett A. McGregor
- Jeffrey A. Phillips
- David Ray
- Angela K. Yearous

### 1992
- Christopher E. Elmer
- James J. Emerick
- Scott A. Gustafson
- David C. Haines
- Carlton Hambrick Jr.
- Christine Hunt
- Rick V. Rosser Jr.
- James K. Roudembush

### 1993
- Kevin D. Burke
- Harvey S. Eastman
- Bradley Horn

### 1994
- Bryan J. Burinda
- E. Buddy Damm
- Marcelino De Santiago
- Kristina M.D. Fehringer
- Svein Hellvik
- Pelima A. Ingka
- Sharon J. Jackson
- Joe H. Kellow
- Cecilia E. Suaznabar

### 1995
- Peter B. Barnhill
- Rhonda G. Gathers
- Corey F. Hartwig
- Stanley A. Kongnetisman
- Erich B. Krumhoeker
- Pele J. Nunnley
- Pedro J. Ortega
- Jati L. Sano
- Ahmed Khaleefa
- Al-Neaimi

### 1996
- Ramon C. Bargas
- Ronelba I. Blanco
- J. Sally Bommern
- Daniel J. Cutting
- Robert A. Ferrera
- Scott Geiser
- Vicki Alexander Hutson
- Kendra L. Lema
- Karen M. McHale
- Erik P. Ressel
- John S. Oakey
- Ahlum A. Park
- Corey A. Scheele
- Angelina C. Southcott
- Jennifer Strong
- Whitney Trainor-Gutlin

### 1997
- Wendy L. Church
- Joe H. Kelloff
- Cecilia E. Suaznabar

### 2000
- Chris L. Baker
- Allred Boghara
- Magdalina Boogaard
- Charles D. Carwin
- Geoffrey A. Eddy
- David Estabrook
- Tyson S. Foutz
- W. Paul Francis
- Zachary S. Herman
- Joshua Lau
- David J. Livesay
- Karen Morgan
- Catherine E. Rockman
- John Robert West
- Matthew J. Wilfieord

### 2001
- Simone M. Aiken
- Hoyt A. Brown
- Kimberly Cox
- Christopher Cody Duran
- Michael J. Harrington
- Suzanne Moore Heskin
- Donald P. Kean
- Gregory P. Milligan Jr.
- Dawn M. Paling
- Juli A. Park
- Carey A. Scheele
- Angela C. Southcott
- Jennifer Strong
- Whitney Trainor-Gutlin

### 2002
- Kevin M. Walters
- Craig R. Whipp
- Kyle T. Wray

### 2003
- Ahmed Khaleefa
- Al-Neaimi
- Janelle M. Bartscherer
- Shawn A. Begay
- Courtney Beard Bird
- Forest J. Bommarito
- Olivia O. Bommarito
- Justin B. Buckmaster
- Christina L. Clarke
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BLOOMING BABY  Jason ’07 and Darcy (Souta) ’08 Stingerie welcomed their daughter, Madison, born in Norway on June 20, 2013.


IT’S GREAT TO BE ME  Willa was born to John ’08 and Rachel Compton on June 5, 2012.

SIX-DECADE CELEBRATION  Four members of the Class of 1975 recently celebrated their 60th birthdays by completing Cycle Oregon, a supported, one-week, 400+–mile bike ride in southeast Oregon that includes about 2,200 cyclists. From left to right are Matthew Thiel, Steven Lambert, Steven S. Anderson and James Waugaman.
BROWN AND BLUE CONNECTION Scott Hodgson ’03 and Sarah Tudor ’09 married on July 5, 2013, in Granby, Colo. Several alumni celebrated with them, including groomsmen Nate Lanci ’03 and Chris Nocks ’03, MS ’06. About two weeks after Sarah graduated, the two met playing pool at Golden’s Blue Canyon, where Scott and his friend, Troy Delaplain ’03, were unwinding after a busy week working on the addition to Brown Hall (see profile on Hodgson in the summer 2010 issue, p. 35). Sarah recalls, “We talked for a few hours, he asked for my number, and the rest is history!”

TYING THE KNOT UP TOP Christine Hillier ’07, MS ’10 and Justin Chichester ’07, MS ’08 first met during their freshman year at Mines, but they didn’t start dating until four years later. On September 28, 2012, they exchanged wedding vows on top of Mt. Kilimanjaro, Tanzania, and were formally married on July 6, 2013. The wedding party included best man Gabriel Green ’07, MS ’08, Corey Brill ’07 and Regina Hutchings ’07.

GETTING BUSY This summer, Kyle Voget ’09 started his residency in the department of Family Medicine at AnMed Health in Anderson, S.C., where he lives with his wife, Jayla, and children, Luke (on the left; born October 23, 2011) and Micah (born April 18, 2013). Both boys were born in Israel.

INSTANT HAPPY FAMILY Jamie M. Henderson ’04 married Adam Sears on June 8, 2013, in Bend, Ore., with Adam’s son, Kellen (4), present. Other alumni attending included Heidi (Sporleder) Brown ’04, Rachel (Falon) Morrish ’04 and Christine White de Ciro ’05.

REACH FOR THE STARS Bryce ’05, MS ’07 and Sarah ’05 Lakamp welcome their son, Connor, born August 16, 2013, ready to explore science in all its forms.

HAPPY COUPLE Caylynn Bowman ’11 and Matthew Grall were married October 6, 2012, at Arrowhead Golf Club in Littleton, Colo. Mines alumni Cody Moery ’11 and Aaron Totsch ’10 were ushers. Other Mines alumni in attendance included Amanda Bell ’11, Stacie (Erbes) Gallegos ’11, Chance Uhrich ’08 and Sean Conway ’08.

BEACH WEDDING Reinhold Huber ’97 and Cheryl Miller married on December 9, 2011, in Playa del Carmen, Mexico. Other Mines alumni who attended were Reinhold’s brother, Danny Huber ’96, MS ’03, and Sean McCormick ’97.
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George S. Ansell of Tucson, Ariz., died August 30, 2013. George, born in 1934, was Mines’ 13th president, serving 1984–1998. After graduating from the elite Bronx High School of Science in New York, he was awarded a Naval ROTC scholarship to attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in metallurgical engineering in 1954 and a master’s degree in 1955. After graduation, while serving for three years on active duty as an engineering officer in the U.S. Navy, he was appointed to the Metal Physics Consultant Staff of the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory as a physical metallurgist. In 1958, he returned to RPI, where he earned a doctoral degree in metallurgical engineering in 1960 and joined the faculty that same year. Active in both teaching and research, he was promoted to professor of metallurgical engineering in 1965 and named Robert W. Hunt Professor in 1967. His career in academic administration began at RPI in 1969, first as chair of the Materials Division and then, in 1974, as dean of the School of Engineering.

After joining Mines as president in 1984, George and his wife, Marjorie, became enthusiastic ambassadors for the school, and together they made a formidable fundraising team. Of the school’s 33 endowed and titled professorships, 17 were established under Ansell’s tenure. Their impact on student financial aid resources was similarly dramatic. The student body became more diverse during his presidency, with the number of underrepresented minorities and female students rising considerably. He also had a significant influence on the academic landscape, encouraging expansion of graduate and research programs across campus and accelerating the school’s evolution into a nationally recognized research university.

George worked hard to cultivate strong ties with the State Legislature, helping to secure funding for numerous capital expansion and improvement projects, including renovations to Berthoud Hall, Coolbaugh Hall, Stratton Hall, Alderson Hall, Engineering Hall, the Green Center and Steinhauer Field House, as well as a major addition to Hill Hall.

Upon his retirement in 1998, George received an honorary doctorate of engineering from Mines, and the metallurgy department was renamed the George S. Ansell Department of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering. He and Marjorie were members of the President’s Council for 26 years and established the George and Marjorie Ansell Endowed Scholarship Fund in 1991, which provides need-based financial aid to undergraduates.

George was active for several decades in the American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical, and Petroleum Engineers, which recognized him in 1998 with its Distinguished Service Award. He served as a director and a trustee on the United Engineering Trustees board (1983–1997) and was a fellow of The Minerals, Metals & Materials Society, serving as president, vice president and treasurer, as well as an executive committee member (1974–1987). He was also a fellow of ASM International. At the time of his death, he was on the boards of two corporations, Cyprus Amax Minerals, which he joined in 1987, and OEA, joined in 1993.

His wife, Marjorie, who received a Mines Medal in 2000, also died on August 30. They are survived by their children, Frederick, Laura and Benjamin, and three grandchildren.
IN MEMORIAM

EDMUND R. BLAKEMAN ’51 of Houston, Texas, died July 16, 2013. Ed was born in 1925 and grew up in California. Color blindness kept him out of the U.S. Air Force, so he served in Army Intelligence with the 89th Division. He attended Pasadena Junior College in California, met and married his wife, Nancy, and moved to Golden, where he earned a professional degree in geophysical engineering from Mines.

Ed was a longtime petrophysicist for Superior Oil. To aid in analyzing well logs, he developed and built a three-dimensional graphical simultaneous solution to four linear equations that was called Ed’s Playpen and took the shape of a box, 5 feet square. Ed became Mobil’s chief petrophysicist when the company bought Superior Oil. Upon retiring from Mobil, he and Nancy moved to Kauai, Hawaii, where they remained until her death. He then returned to Texas, moving first to Dallas and then Houston.

Ed was member of the President’s Council at Mines for many years and a life member of CSMAA. He is survived by his second wife, Wilodyean; and nine grandchildren.

ROBERT F. BOWIE ’42 of Hotchkiss, Colo., died July 23, 2013. Bud was born in 1920 and spent his childhood in Bowie, Colo. (named after his grandfather). He earned a professional degree in mining engineering from Mines, where he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and played an important role in the 1939 undefeated football team. The day after his graduation in 1942, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving in the Army Corps of Engineers 1942–1946, primarily in Trinidad and Tobago. Bud then worked for Union Pacific Coal in Rock Springs, Wyo., before returning to Bowie in 1954 to become general manager of the Juanita Coal and Coke Company’s King Mine. When the mine closed in 1975, Bud became a consulting engineer, with a brief stint as general manager of the Cameo Mine in Palisade, Colo. He retired to Hotchkiss in 1985.

Bud was a member of the President’s Council for several years and established the Robert F. Bowie Scholarship in Mining at the school. He is predeceased by his wife, Sadie, brother William Bowie ’55, cousin Kenneth Bowie ’30, and uncle James Bowie 1894. He is survived by his sister, Katherine Stokes, and 10 nieces and nephews, including James Abshire ’79.

HAMDI A. BOZBAG ’42, MS ’43 of Istanbul, Turkey, died February 22, 2012. Born in 1918 in Giessen, Turkey, Hamdi studied engineering at Istanbul University. He received the Institute of Mining Engineering Scholarship from Mineral Exploration Research (MTA) in 1937 to study in France, but enrolled at Mines in 1939 when World War II began. At Mines, he earned professional degrees in geological engineering and mining engineering, as well as a master’s degree in geology.

After graduation, he worked as a research engineer for an oil company in Houston and then in 1944 returned to Turkey, where he completed his military service. He worked for the Institute of MTA for two years and then started two businesses: Besiktas Engineering in Istanbul in 1949 and Barit Maden in 1956. After the revolution in Turkey in 1960, Hamdi spent two years in prison. He restarted his career in 1963 in Ankara, Turkey, establishing Barit Ore; in 1970 he returned to Istanbul and opened the country’s first strontium mine in 1972. A year later, the world’s largest deposits of celestite were found in it.

Hamdi was a member of the President’s Council at Mines. The Hamdi Bozbag Anatolian High School in Giessen is named after him.

VICTOR BYCHOCK ’42 of Dallas, Texas, died April 26, 2013. Vic was born in 1920 to Russian immigrant parents in Claremont, N.H. He received a New Hampshire State scholarship in 1938 to attend Mines, where he was a member of Kappa Kappa Psi honor society and earned a professional degree in petroleum engineering.

Vic’s career began on a geophysical seismic crew with Atlantic Refining Company; he worked for ARCO for 41 years as a geophysicist until he retired in 1985. During his career, he worked all over the world: Australia, Bolivia, Canada, Cuba, Libya, Malta, Syria, the U.K., Louisiana, Texas and the Gulf of Mexico. After retirement, Vic volunteered in the Presbyterian Hospital emergency room and GI Lab, and volunteered for AARP doing income tax returns. Vic is survived by his wife of 58 years, Clarlyn; daughter Victoria Ann Bychok Seitz; and four grandchildren.

CHARLES W. CAMPBELL ’47 of Tucson, Ariz., died July 7, 2013. Born in 1922, Chuck attended Mines 1940–1943 and 1946–1947, his education interrupted by service in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Marine Corps Engineers. After earning a professional degree in mining engineering from Mines, where he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and Theta Tau honor society, Chuck worked for Asarco’s Mexican mining department in Mexico until 1973. By the time he and his family returned to the U.S., he had advanced to VP of mining and exploration operations in Mexico City. He was subsequently named general manager of the Western Mining Division of Asarco and retired from that company in 1982.

Chuck received a master’s degree in industrial management from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1963. He was a member of the Legion of Honor; the American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical, and Petroleum Engineers; the Society of Mining Engineers; and the Mining and Metallurgical Society of America. Chuck was predeceased by his wife, Dottie; he is survived by his daughter, Debbie.

THOMAS J. CARNEY ’51 of Golden, Colo., died February 3, 2013. Tom was born in 1926 and orphaned by the age of 17. He was drafted into the U.S. Army after graduating from Culver Military School in Indiana on D-Day, June 6, 1944. As a second lieutenant, Tom spent two months in charge of a disarmed enemy forces camp in Landau, Germany, where he was responsible for 35 German generals, one colonel and 16 Waffen-SS non-commissioned officers. Eventually he attended their war crime trials in Nuremberg.

Tom earned a professional degree in petroleum refining from Mines, where he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and met his first wife, Patricia Amack; together they had two children. For two years he owned a business re-refining motor oil, but sold it to pursue
David L. DeGiacomo  
73, MS ’80 of Golden, Colo., died July 6, 2013. David was born in 1950 to Col. Frank ’32 and Laura Maio-DeGiacomo. He was recruited by Coach Jack Hancock to wrestle at Mines. David earned his bachelor’s degree in metallurgical engineering and later, after a U.S. Army commission, a master’s degree in mineral economics. He was also a member of Sigma Nu fraternity. David organized and established the Colorado Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame and was also a wrestling official. He is survived by his brother, Frank, and his godson, Zane Lambert.

Richard F. Dewey  
’43 of Grand Junction, Colo., died February 11, 2012. Born in 1920, Dick earned a bachelor’s degree from Mesa State College in Grand Junction and a professional degree in mining engineering from Mines. After graduation, he served in the U.S. Navy as executive officer on a sub chaser in the Pacific during World War II until he was discharged as a lieutenant in 1946.

Dick worked as a mining engineer for Anaconda Copper Mining, Standard Coal, Hamilton Overseas Contracting and American Gilsonite; he spent the bulk of his career with the latter, where he achieved positions up to VP and manager of operations and contributed to some of the early horizontal tunnel and shaft boring technology. He retired in 1985. Dick was a member of a number of organizations, including the American Institute of Mining Engineers, the Society for Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration, Grand Junction Geological Society and CSMAA.

Dick was predeceased by his wife, Frances. He is survived by his children, William Dewey, Louise Hernandez and Jane Henderson; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Richard B. Hohlt  
’47, MS ’48 of Victoria, Texas, died January 3, 2013. Born in 1923, Richard began attending Mines in 1940 and enlisted the following year in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, serving three and a half years. He was one of 40 combat engineers from Mines known as the “fair-haired boys.” A first lieutenant, Richard served his final year as deputy chief, coal and mining section, Office of Military Government for Bavaria.

After World War II, he returned to Mines—where he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity—to complete professional and master’s degrees in geology. He earned a doctorate in the same discipline in 1977 from Rice University. His career as an exploration geologist included work for Chevron in New Orleans and for several other companies in Houston: Lehman Brothers, San Jacinto Oil and Gas, W.S. Kilroy, Border Exploration and Florida Exploration, as well as several years of independent consulting. He spoke four languages: Spanish, German, French and English.

Richard was predeceased by his wife, Laura Maio-DeGiacomo.
Katherine. He is survived by his children, Richard Hohlt, Mary Walrod and Barbara Ann Hohlt; two grandchildren; and sister Betty Pecore.

**Ed T. Hunter** ’53 of Victor, Colo., died July 7, 2013. Born in 1926, Ed served in the U.S. Army 1944–1946 before earning a professional degree in mining engineering from Mines, where he was a member of ROTC, Kappa Sigma fraternity and the varsity football team. His career included work in copper, lead and gold underground mines in many positions, including driller, mucker, engineer and manager. He worked for U.S. Smelting, Refining, and Mining for many years, and retired from Cripple Creek and Victor Gold Mining in 1993 as history, culture and permit manager.

In retirement, he volunteered with a number of groups, including the Western Museum of Mining and Industry, where he was former chairman of the board and an honorary life trustee. His interest in preserving mining history and educating the public about its contributions led him to coauthor two books for WMMI—“The World’s Greatest Gold Camp” and “A Concise History of Mines Hoisting.” Just before his death, he completed his final book, “Cherry’s Art: Images of Mining History,” a collection of his wife, Cherry’s, drawings paired with his own descriptions. Ed received the Rodman Paul Award for outstanding contributions to mining history from the Mining History Association.

Ed was predeceased by his wife. He is survived by his children, Katherine Hunter, Andrew Hunter ’76, Nancy Hunter and Elizabeth Hunter-Ball; four grandchildren; and sister Patricia Mitten.

**George H. Kennedy** of Golden, Colo., died June 7, 2013. Born in 1936, George joined Mines in 1965 as a professor in the Department of Chemistry and Geochemistry, becoming department head in 1977 until his retirement in 2003. He was awarded Mines’ outstanding teacher award in 1992 and served as president of the faculty 1982–1993. George helped guide the department through its transition from a teaching role to one that included research. He was involved with the McBride Tutorial Committee and took sabbatical appointments at the University of the South Pacific in Fiji, The University of Auckland in New Zealand, and the University of Tasmania in Australia. He received a bachelor’s degree in chemistry from the University of Oregon and a doctorate from Oregon State University.

George climbed all 54 of Colorado’s 14,000+-foot mountain peaks as well as several mountains in Switzerland and New Zealand. He was a SCUBA diver and dove in Fiji and the Great Barrier Reef. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Kay, and children Joseph and Jill Kennedy.

**Keith Douglas Jung** ’53 of Mammoth Lakes, Calif., died October 6, 2012. Born in 1928, Doug earned a professional degree in petroleum engineering from Mines, where he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He earned an MBA from the University of Southern California in 1970. After working in the petroleum industry for 39 years, he retired in 1993. Doug had many interests, including racing sailboats; of his sailing triumphs, he was most proud of winning a national championship for his class in 1984. He fly-fished around the world and was an accomplished artist, winning several awards in juried exhibitions. Doug was also an alumni admissions representative for Mines.

He is survived by his partner, Brigitte Berman; daughters Lisa Jameson and Heidi Acedo; two granddaughters; and brother Donald Jung.

**Robert J. Knox** ’49 of Prospect, Ky., died June 29, 2013. Bob was born in 1925. He served three years in the U.S. Air Force and then earned a professional degree in metallurgical engineering from Mines, where he was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity and played baseball. After graduation, Bob began a 39-year career with Alcoa Aluminum, during which time he was responsible for operations of rolling mills, coordinator of plant development and control activity, chief metallurgist, quality assurance manager (in both the U.S. and Europe), and manager of field service. He retired briefly in 1987; a year later Bob took a QA and consultant position with ARCO in Kentucky that lasted 10 years.

He established the Robert J. Knox Endowment Scholarship at Mines. Bob is survived by his wife of 65 years, Rosemary; children Jennifer and Tom; two grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

**Richard L. Klebe** ’51 of The Villages, Fla., died March 9, 2013. Born in 1928, Dick spent one year at Eau Claire State College in Wisconsin before attending Mines, where he earned a professional degree in metallurgical engineering. At Mines, he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, Blue Key honor society, Sigma Gamma Epsilon, Tau Beta Pi, Scabbard and Blade, and ROTC; he was also a cheerleader. His family relates that he delighted in telling the story of the CU Boulder bell heist.

During the Korean war, Dick served in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (1951–1953), and then worked at the General Electric Aircraft Engine Division in Ohio as an engineer and later a purchasing agent. He also worked for Union Carbide and retired from United Technologies Pratt and Whitney Aircraft Division in Florida, where he was program manager of materials contracts. Throughout his life he served on the local boards of trustees for the YWCA; he was also a member of ASM International. Dick is survived by his wife of 57 years, Gail; children Mark, Susan and Donna; and five grandchildren.

**Gerald P. Nelson** ’56 of Sequim, Wash., died May 12, 2013. Born in 1930, Jerry entered the U.S. Navy in 1948 and enrolled at Mines following his discharge. He graduated with a professional degree in metallurgical engineering and was a member of Kappa Kappa Psi honor society. After graduating, Jerry worked for Alcoa, first in New York and then in Pennsylvania, California and Washington. He enjoyed woodworking, music and boating, and was a member of the President’s Council at Mines for several years. His wife, Meredith, predeceased him. He is survived by his children, Cynthia Blank, Valerie Parsons, Stephanie Mantey and David Nelson; and nine grandchildren.
Kent D. Peaslee ’78 of Rolla, Mo., died May 17, 2013. Born in 1956, Kent earned a bachelor’s degree in metallurgical engineering from Mines. He worked in the steel industry for 13 years and was general manager of technical services for Bayou Steel.

Kent joined Missouri University of Science and Technology as an assistant professor in 1994—the same year he earned a doctorate from the school—and was promoted to associate professor in 2000 and professor in 2005. He was named a Curators’ Teaching Professor of metallurgical engineering in 2006 and became the university’s first F. Kenneth Iverson Chair of Steelmaking Technology a year later. That same year, Kent received the Governor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching from former Missouri Governor Matt Blunt. He served as president of the Association for Iron and Steel Technology, and was a life member of CSMAA. A month after his death, Missouri S&T announced it would rename its new center for steel manufacturing in his honor.

Kent is survived by his wife of 36 years, Mary; children Michael Peaslee, Sarah Wiggins and Matthew Peaslee; two granddaughters; parents Don and Verla Peaslee; and sister Sherry Nagel.

Thomas J. Ryan ’53 of Hamden, Conn., died July 30, 2013. Born in 1930, Tom earned a professional degree in metallurgical engineering from Mines, where he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and retired as plant manager at PGP Industries – Gerald Metals. He was also a founding member and former president of the Hamden Youth Hockey Association and former president of the Alice Peck School PTA. After retiring, Tom volunteered at The Hospital of St. Raphael and St. Ann’s Soup Kitchen. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Lee; children Michael Ryan, Karen White, Colleen Riley, Paula Beckman and Bethanne Ryan; eight grandchildren; and sisters Mary Burke and Patrice Scavone.

Howard V. Scotland III ’84 of Cheyenne, Wyo., died July 11, 2013. Howard was born in 1960. He earned a bachelor’s degree in mining engineering from Mines and worked in that industry for 16 years in positions ranging from underground mine foreman to mine and plant manager. He published articles in mining journals and made presentations to professional mining organizations such as the Society of Mining and Exploration. In 1993, Howard earned a master’s degree in environmental engineering from Johns Hopkins University, and in 2003, he earned a law degree from the University of Wyoming. He practiced law in Wyoming, primarily in estate planning, probate and trust administration.

Howard climbed several mountains in North and South America, and had climbed all of Colorado’s 14,000+–foot peaks. He was predeceased by his parents, Dorothy Scotland and Howard Scotland Jr. He is survived by his wife, Deborah Broomfield; sister Barbara Scotland; stepmother Judith Scotland; and step-siblings Kristin Danni, Robert McMullen and Carolyn McMullen.

Pete Sluyter ’92 of Austin, Texas, died January 22, 2013. Born in 1968, Peter grew up in South America, Canada, Colorado and Texas. His father coached his soccer team, the Kingwood Flyers, which toured Europe in 1984. Pete played varsity soccer at Mines, while earning a bachelor’s degree in metallurgical engineering; he was also a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He is survived by his mother, Mary Sluyter; daughters Isabella and Bianca; and sister Karen Hammersley.

James A. Wood ’63 of Delta, Colo., died July 17, 2013. Born in 1941, Jim earned a professional degree in geophysical engineering from Mines, where he was a member of ASCSM/student government, Sigma Nu fraternity, Blue Key honor society, and the varsity football team. After graduating, he worked for Texaco, while serving in the U.S. Army’s Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory in New Hampshire. Positions with Petro-Lewis, Adobe Resources, and Fina Oil and Chemical followed. He became an independent consultant, a profession he carried to Delta, where he and his wife, Cheryl, moved to be closer to their grandchildren. There he took a job as a real property appraiser in the Delta County Assessor’s Office.

Jim was a past president and 50-year continuous member of the Society of Exploration Geophysicists. He is survived by his wife of 47 years; children Don Wood, Tim Wood and Tracey Quit; eight grandchildren; and siblings Linda Ewing, Alyson Luney and Bob Wood.

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