Alumni in the news

U.S. Navy Captain Tim Harrington ’84 became the commanding officer of the Naval Sea Logistics Center in 2010. The center in Mechanicsburg, PA, provides integrated logistics, engineering, information technology expertise, and other services to support all facets of the Navy’s worldwide operations. His previous assignments have included serving on the personal staff of the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He and his wife Laura Newton Harrington ’87 have two children.

The concrete engravings Rick Lobdell ’92 created for the renovation of the Nashville Dinner Theatre are featured in the February-March 2011 issue of Concrete Decor.

How to Catch a Falling Knife, a book of poetry by Daniel Johnson ’91, has been published by Alice James Books. The poems offer a “mournful but wry homage to a childhood in the Rust Belt.” Johnson is the founding director of 826 Boston and teaches writing in public schools, hospitals, and prisons. He, his wife, and baby daughter reside in Roslindale, MA.

Three pieces of sculpture by Larry A. Davis ’69 were included in the McDonough Museum of Art’s 20th anniversary Reunion exhibition in February. Davis, who is a senior show producer for the Walt Disney Company in California, was one of 60 Youngstown State University alumni selected by the Art Department faculty to participate in the show.

Mary Dunlap Patterson ’53 was the 2011 Citizen of Honor at the Salem Historical Society and Museum’s 41st Founders’ Day Celebration in May. A medical technologist, Patterson has been a leader in the Business and Professional Women at the local, state, and national levels. She and her husband, John, reside in Salem. They are the parents of Dr. Yvonne Patterson-Kollman ’75 and John Patterson ’77.

Joe Hajcak ’54 recounted in a January 31, 2011, Akron Beacon Journal story his experience piloting the Goodyear blimp toward the Orange Bowl in 1976 for the filming of the thriller Black Sunday. Hajcak logged 11,000 hours in the air as a blimp pilot. Hajcak, of Pensacola, FL, also did the stunt flying for Hardy Working. In that 1980 comedy Jerry Lewis plays a mailman who tries to deliver a package to Hajcak and takes the blimp for a spin.

In The Innovator’s Sourcebook Dan Roberts ’02 advises would-be entrepreneurs about the process of generating compelling business ideas. He has worked for several start-up companies and is currently developing an e-book platform while pursuing his masters degree at the Illinois Institute of Technology. He and his wife, Ali Gano Roberts ’03, reside in Chicago.
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