our place in the world

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We served in France in 1918,

and traveled to Manchuria in 1924,
and to Cuba in 1934.

We started again from Germany in 1945.
visited with Mexican amigos in 1950, and studied in Finland in 1963.
We trekked across Europe in 1971.

UNIVERSITY DEAN SERVES AS ENGINEER-AMBASSADOR

By Darwin Brand
University News Bureau

D. E. P. Segrest, Jr., associate dean of the University of Alabama College of Engineering, returned from a three-week European Research trip inspired by the same sights and sounds, culturally impacted by the same experiences, and equally impressed by the same conclusions as he previously has in the past.

"The experience was an enjoyable one," he commented. "But we all come back with a much greater appreciation of America and what it means for us. There's no room for the American in the world."

Dean Segrest, in conjunction with other official engineers, were invited to the United States Congress, the White House, the State Department, and other leading organizations as guest engineers.

The purpose of the visit was to exchange technical knowledge, experiences, and information on engineering and construction techniques, focusing on the principles and practices that are fundamental to the development and implementation of modern infrastructure.

During the trip, the engineers engaged in discussions with leading figures in the fields of construction and engineering, sharing insights and promoting cross-cultural understanding.

The visit provided an opportunity for the engineers to share their knowledge and experiences with their counterparts in the United States, fostering a greater appreciation for the challenges and solutions that are integral to modern engineering.

The experience was an enlightening one, not only for the engineers themselves but also for the broader community.

The trip also served as a platform for strengthening diplomatic ties and promoting international cooperation in the fields of engineering and construction, highlighting the importance of collaboration in addressing global challenges.

In conclusion, the trip was a remarkable opportunity for the engineers to engage with their counterparts in the United States, share their knowledge, and promote a greater understanding of the importance of engineering in shaping the future.
Rugby—An Old Kind of Rough Sport
Hits The University Campus

Photos and Story
By Carl Carter

An alumnum down for the Citizen game must have thought on Travelers' football game was about to get under way. Spectators were seated on the grounds watching the two teams in an open space on the campus. The center of University campus was a central space. It was a serious battle, with neither team losing. The game was played on a field that had been prepared specifically for the event. The game was

A Low Tackle Stops The Action

The goals of the two teams are basically the same—to get the ball across the goal line and score points. The rugby ball is similar in shape to a football, but more difficult to throw and much larger, making it more difficult to score and thus more difficult to score. The teams are divided into two equal parts, with a goal in the center of each half. The game is played on a field that has been prepared specifically for the event.

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Big Man Almost In Clear

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explored Bangladesh in 1985,
and taught in Yugoslavia at the end of that year.
We sailed the ocean blue in 1995.

By Pamela T. Burt

The 35-foot sloop we named "Shamrock" sailed in the Atlantic Ocean from April 29 to August 24, 1995, as part of the Round The World Yacht Race. We were among 141 teams from 20 countries, all attempting to complete the 27,000-nautical-mile course. It was an opportunity to explore different cultures and experience the beauty of the world's oceans.

The journey was not without its challenges. The crew faced rough weather, mechanical issues, and the pressure of meeting the race's strict schedules. But through it all, the bond between the crew members grew stronger. The experience was one of the most rewarding of our lives.

In conclusion, sailing around the world is a once-in-a-lifetime adventure. It challenges you physically and mentally, and provides a unique perspective on the world. If you have the opportunity, we highly recommend it.
visited family in Ireland in 2001,

...
and impressed the locals in Venezuela in 2006.

We lectured in Russia in 2004,
We fed Kampala, Africa, in 2008, and made sure to take photos on our journeys.
The TOP of the WORLD

by Eric Abrahamsen

LEATHER CLIMBERS HAVE DISCOVERED a world of unique and challenging climbing opportunities that were previously inaccessible. In recent years, new routes and ascents have opened up, offering climbers a chance to push their limits and experience the thrill of pushing the boundaries of human achievement.

The accidental climber

Kevin Shorter had never been much of an adrenaline junkie. He considered himself a more traditional student who enjoyed the social and academic aspects of college life. However, after earning his degree in business from Harvard University in 2010 and working for a few years, Kevin decided to take a gap year before heading to medical school. During this time, he went on a trip to Australia with his friends, where he stumbled upon a primitive mountain climbing expedition. Intrigued, he joined the group and found himself climbing some of the most challenging routes he had ever seen.

The thrill of it all

As Kevin continued his climbing journey, he realized that this was something he was passionate about. He began to focus on improving his skills and exploring new routes. Eventually, he decided to make climbing his full-time career, traveling the world and pushing the limits of human endurance.

We climbed the highest mountains in 2010.

For some, climbing Africa's tallest mountain was an emotional journey, while for others, it was a professional pursuit. Regardless of the motivation, the experience of reaching the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro was unforgettable. The climbers were met with breathtaking views of the African landscape and the challenge of high altitude climbing.

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won medals in the Bahamas in 2011, and did some shopping in Israel in the fall.
We set off from Singapore in 2012, and made a stop in China on our way back.

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ARTIS BROWN
Graduate goes global
by Haley Hoffpauir

Art Brown has only one fuel source—a passion for work. The executive vice president of Waelz Nickel, a mineral processing company, he earned his bachelor’s degree in chemical engineering from Carleton University before serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II. In 1959, he returned to the U.S. and began working for the company that would eventually become Honeywell. Brown’s passion for work led him to join the Waelz Nickel team in 2012, where he is now responsible for the company’s operations in China.

“I can’t have every answer, and I admit that but there isn’t a single person who can’t provide help in the same time,” he said.

In addition to his daily work, he is passionate about volunteering in the community. “I’m not sure I can answer any questions from my community in any organization to help me become an advocate for America. I’d be happy to talk to you and add to the conversation,” he said.

Brown and his wife are well-travelled for his career following his time in the U.S. Army, where he served as a captain, and in China, where he served as a lieutenant. He and his wife have two children and live in the Washington, D.C. area.

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CHARLES LI
An unexpected path
by Bill Grill

EAT is a startup that focuses on Hong Kong, a city that is on the cusp of China’s growth. But despite having to balance the challenges of doing business in China, its co-founder and CEO, Charles Li, has done it successfully. And in the process, he has discovered a passion for teaching and mentoring the next generation of entrepreneurs.

“People often talk about the Chinese influence as a way to grow your business, and that’s definitely true,” he said. “But I’ve also seen a lot of people who have not been successful in China. The key is understanding the culture and finding the right partners.”

Charles Li, an alumnus of the Alabama Alumni Association, is a frequent speaker at events across the country. But his story is not just about success; it’s about failure and what can be learned from it.

“My advice would be to embrace every opportunity, and every experience counts.”

Bill Grill is a senior communications specialist at UGA College of Business.

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we’ve traveled the surface of the Earth, we’ve also traveled below it...
above it...
and beyond it.

MAN'S NEXT STEP

UA graduates with NASA probe the next generation of possibilities

The Eagle has landed!

On July 20, 1969, four days after launch from Pad 39A at Kennedy Space Center, two-thirds of the world’s population watched as Neil Armstrong, Edwin “Buzz” Aldrin and Michael Collins accomplished what even the most optimistic had said could not be done.

Today, 25 years after the lunar landing, Americans are poised to make another reflection of our past and a cornerstone for the future of the space program and mankind.

On July 20, 1969, plumes like a smoke from a science-fiction story. See all the people who are entering the frame of their television sets, the implications of what was happening were, in many respects, beyond comprehension.

How would the flag meaning of what they were sacrificing mean to their families years hence? Like the rest of America, Alabamians graduates remember what they were feeling during the 1969 moon landing, especially those who were on or are now part of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Marshall Space Flight Center flight systems engineer Charles Darby ’75, was 9 years old. “I wasn’t aware of the significance of man landing on the moon, but I do remember it very well,” he said. “That night there was a full moon. I remember looking up and saying to myself, ‘I could actually see a man on the moon’.”

Howard Buchanan ’57, and JD ’70, now has retired from NASA, but he was involved with the entire Apollo program, which led to the moon landing. Ron, who prepared for the requirements for the launch vehicle and the Apollo spacecraft, recalled, “My most vivid memory is when they landed and the astronaut stepped onto the surface and made his tracks out of the dust on the moon. At that time I forget about the eight years I had put into the program.”

The significance of Armstrong’s bold step onto the moon’s lunar surface was not realized. Not only was this the first time since explorers had landed on another body in space, but America had accomplished it. Having watched a race on television and on a screen in several space “Times,” Armstrong followed his own intuitive sense of direction, and what became an overwhelming sense of pride and patriotism.

“The lunar landing, man’s first time on the moon, was done in 1969. It was a historic event for mankind, a ‘‘first’’ milestone. By landing on the moon, we were able to achieve our dreams, set new goals, and inspire others to do the same.”

By Michelle Franklin

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