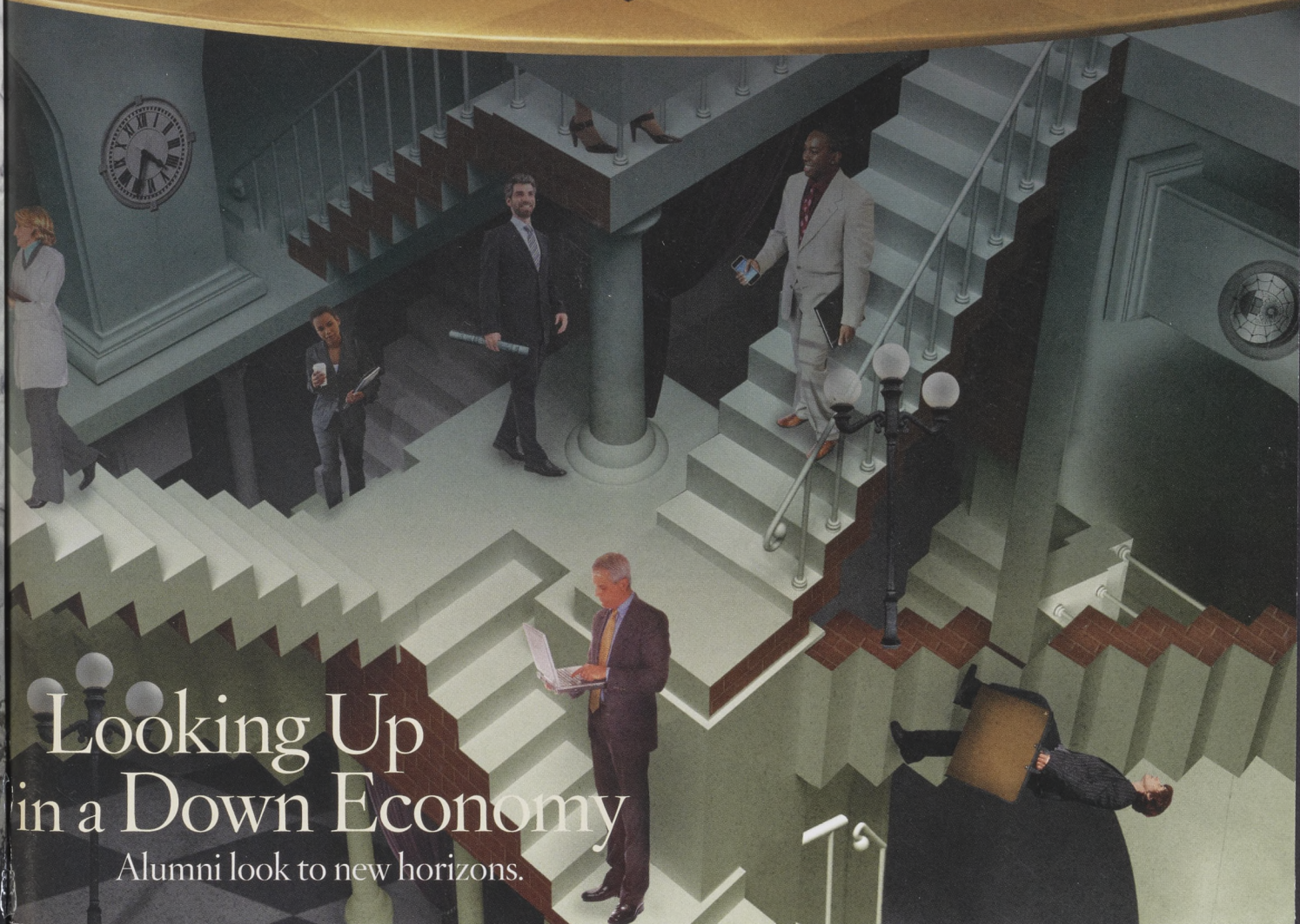


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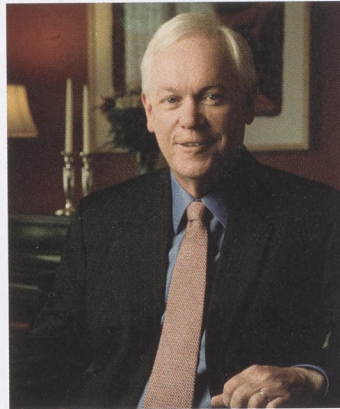
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# President's Message

The 2010-2011  
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## Answering the Challenge



**B**ucknell has felt the impact of the economic downturn in many ways. Students and their families have confronted new financial challenges, some of them extremely difficult. We had to freeze compensation for our faculty and staff. Around the world, alumni of all ages, across multiple professions, have faced the prospect of layoffs and other serious problems resulting from the worst economic turmoil in 80 years. When events like this global financial mess unfold, the reality that we are not just a university, but instead a community, becomes starkly clear.

The Bucknell community again has rallied in the face of adversity. For example:

- Alumni, parents and friends of the University met our internship challenge and offered more than 500 internships for Bucknell students this summer.
- Contributions to the University's Annual Fund surpassed \$10 million in cash gifts for the first time in Bucknell's history.
- Total contributions through the fiscal year ending in July 2009 topped \$45.7 million, the second-highest total in Bucknell's history. This raises the campaign total to more than \$122 million in its first 24 months, or 31 percent of the campaign's \$400 million goal.
- Parents gave a single-year record \$1,422,000 and more than 42 percent of all current Bucknell parents contributed, including 45 percent of Class of 2012 parents – a record for first-year parent classes.
- New career networking and mentoring relationships have blossomed, including new professional networking initiatives and online communities (alumni can check them out at B-Link, the alumni online community).

Our thanks to all of you who have made these significant examples of volunteering, leadership and generosity possible, and for your continued commitment to Bucknell.

Meanwhile, the University set aside extra financial aid to ensure that we could help students with demonstrated financial need whose family resources changed due to global economic problems. We continue to do so. The Board and the administration are committed to protecting the strength of the University, whatever the economy may bring.

Which leads me to my final point: Perhaps the clearest indication of Bucknell's enduring strength is that another stellar class has enrolled. The Class of 2013 totals 921 students. More than 7,500 applied to be part of it, and 2,261 were admitted. Our admissions rate was 29.8 percent, and our yield rate (the percentage of admitted students who enroll, a sign that we were their first choice) was 41 percent. Few universities can boast of such selectivity. These new Bucknellians have made it unequivocally clear that, whatever challenges lie ahead, they believe in the future of Bucknell too.

Brian C. Mitchell, PRESIDENT

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# Letters

## 'RAY FOR THE CLASS OF '59!

I feel that the Reunion article in the summer issue of *Bucknell Magazine* did not adequately convey the spirit of the Class of '59. We won all three Reunion giving awards, the Pete Pedrick Cup for the class with the highest percent of participation (75.62 percent), the Reunion Cup for the highest amount for the annual fund (\$684,554) and the President's Cup for highest overall annual giving (\$3,879,049). We exceeded the challenge to raise the minimum of \$500,000 in unrestricted funds and, as a result of the generosity of the Class of 1959, the Terrace Room was named in our honor. These successes were a result of dedicated volunteers facing the challenge of soliciting donations during a severe downturn in our economy. Our events committee planned a fun weekend for all and inspired 149 of our classmates to return to campus winning the award for the highest percentage of returning classmates (34.76 percent). We also planned a special "Service of Remembrance" honoring our departed classmates who remain with us in spirit. One of our own, **Stu Berelson**, was presented with the "Loyalty to Bucknell" award for his service, dedication and commitment to our alma mater. We hope that future Reunion classes also will enjoy the love, memories and successes of the Class of '59, and we challenge them to match or exceed our achievements.

Sylvia Beauregard Van Cleave '59  
*Cedar Grove, N.J.*

## BAYOU ALUMNI

I am a Bucknell alumnus and live in New Orleans. I was not aware of the Katrina Recovery Team's (KRT) efforts and presence in this city [summer 2009]. I am both appreciative and proud of them. I wish I had known of the KRT because I would like to have shown them some support in some fashion while they were here. I'm sure there are a number of other alumni here who also were unaware. Believe me,

volunteers, such as those of the KRT, have done more to rebuild this city thus far than any of the state and federal funds have accomplished.

Jim Reese '69  
*New Orleans, La.*

Note: To learn more about the KRT, contact **Kristine Kengor '03** at [kkengor@bucknell.edu](mailto:kkengor@bucknell.edu).

## POSSE PAST

I just read your article on the first Posse graduates [summer 2009]. As a school counselor, I'm happy to see that my alma mater recognizes that some students just need to be given a little help and the opportunity to show what they can do. I came to Bucknell with a posse of my own 26 years ago. We were Deppen Scholars who were fortunate to receive scholarships from our benefactor, Joseph Deppen, a self-made man from my hometown of Mount Carmel, Pa. Joseph started a scholarship program in the late 1960s in memory of his sister Gertrude, since she did not have the same opportunities because she was a woman. Many of the Deppen scholars were first-generation college students, as are many of the students in the Posse program. We did not come from expensive prep schools, or we may not have had the same college board scores, but we did have the desire and determination to get a college degree. Coming to Bucknell from Mount Carmel for many of us was just as different as the students coming from the urban areas in the Posse program. But, it didn't stop us from doing well once we got there. The Deppen Scholarship has become a very successful program at Bucknell and is still going strong to this day. I am thankful each and every day, to both the Bucknell community and Joseph Deppen, for giving me the opportunity to receive such a wonderful education. I give much credit to Bucknell for continuing its commitment to helping students like those in the Posse program.

Beth Ann Flowers Slusser '87, MS'89  
*Lewisburg, Pa.*

## ERRATA ERRATA

Regarding the letter writer in the summer issue who "corrected" Baltic states to Balkan states ... No! No! No! My half-Lithuanian blood protests! The letter writer is wrong. Estonia is one of the Baltic states, not a Balkan state. He again tries to put Estonia in the Balkans, which refers to the countries of the Balkan Peninsula, east of Italy and west of the Black Sea. The Baltics include Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. Their western border is the Baltic Sea. This information is according to my antiquated Webster's dictionary and a current map. And the film, *The Singing Revolution*, is wonderful. Your reviewer is right on about that. All three Baltic states carry on the singing festival tradition.

Diane Horton Weighart '57  
*Naples, Fla.*

## PULITZER PRIZE-WINNING POET

As interesting as your piece was on **Guy Payne 1909** in the summer issue, your readers might also be interested in the identity of the student on the far right in the photo that accompanied the "Last Word" essay. He was a classmate and friend I knew as **Charlie Williams '58**. He also is known as C.K. Williams, a Pulitzer-winning poet and author of 10 or so books. His poems are published occasionally in *The New Yorker*; most recently, of which, "Dust," appeared there on Aug. 3, 2009.

David Block '58  
*Greenwich, Conn.*

## WEB EXCLUSIVES

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News&Notes

## Managing Admissions in a Time of Changing Demographics

New admissions dean sees challenge, opportunity ahead.

By Molly O'Brien-Foelsch M'98

**B**ucknell University's new dean of admissions, Rob Springall, wants to make sure that 21st-century students are prepared to deal with 21st-century global issues. He believes that Bucknell is a good place for students to get that preparation, so he embraced the opportunity to head up the Office of Admissions. "Bucknell has great programs, a great campus and great faculty and staff. It offers the liberal arts infused with selected professional programs and a plethora of resources," he says.

"I seek to capitalize on Bucknell's strengths and find new ways to reach out to prospective students."

Springall began as dean on July 1 after working five years as associate director of undergraduate admissions at the University of Central Florida. In his new role at Bucknell, he leads admissions in recruiting and selecting entering classes, and manages the strategy behind that recruitment. Bucknell annually enrolls about 925 first-year students from nearly 8,000 applicants.

Springall cites recent data as proof of Bucknell's popularity among prospective students. "The University admits fewer than 30 percent of applicants, and more than 40 percent of those admitted students choose to enroll. These numbers speak to the attractiveness of the University."

Admissions may be experiencing success at Bucknell, but the current recruiting environment also has its challenges. Among them, according to Springall, are the economic downturn and demographic shifts. "These challenges suggest that we can't take for granted that everyone who'd be a great contributor to Bucknell already knows about the University and is inclined to apply."

The economic downturn, for instance, means that the University must clearly explain why the value of a private liberal arts education is still worth the investment families are asked to make.



Rob Springall,  
dean of admissions

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Meanwhile, the total college-age population will decrease in the next decade and shrink in the Northeast, while the number of prospective students will grow in the West and South. Springall says of these changes, "It is imperative that we think about doing things differently." He views the shift as an opportunity to ensure that Bucknell has a nationally and internationally infused student body. "Today's students need to interact with people of many backgrounds," he says.

To find the right students – those who are academically engaged, community-minded and globally focused – Bucknell has already extended its geographic reach. California, formerly home to few Bucknell students, is now the seventh-most-represented state among current enrollees. Global recruitment has expanded too: There are currently 125 undergraduate international students on campus, up from 88 in 2004. Springall hopes to further develop the University's national and international recruitment programs.

He brings 18 years of experience to Bucknell, including expertise with admissions at both selective institutions and at places that were seeking to grow enrollment. His résumé includes positions at Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), the University of Vermont and Cornell. He holds a bachelor's degree in computer science from RIT and a master's degree in higher education from the University of South Carolina.

"Rob brings high levels of talent, experience, enthusiasm, energy, commitment to the profession and dedication to students – a compelling combination," says Kurt Thiede, vice president for enrollment management. "I am convinced that he will build on recent advances on the admissions front and take the program to the next level. We are very glad to have him as part of the enrollment management team and the leader for our admissions efforts in these very challenging times."

Springall says he looks forward to working with the broader Bucknell community to identify the next generation of Bucknellians.



Left to right: William Farley, Alex Ororbia, Amy Atkins and Hunter Church.

## New Kids on the Quad

The Class of 2013 is already making its mark.

First-year student **William Farley** is likely the only member of the Class of 2013 to have visited both the mythical precincts of Lake Wobegon, Minn., and the hallowed halls of the White House. As a result of his victory at the 2009 National Poetry Out Loud National Recitation Contest, Farley, who was president of his class at Washington-Lee High School in Arlington, Va., was invited to recite a poem on *A Prairie Home Companion* and to meet President Barack Obama at the first-ever White House poetry jam. He bested some 300,000 other high school students to win the honor.

Farley joins 921 other accomplished students in the Class of 2013, representing 37 states and the District of Columbia, as well as 39 countries. Among his classmates are Lewisburg High School graduate **Alex Ororbia**, whose computer-animated film, *Creative Chaos*, won best in graphic design at the Packwood House Museum and placed among the top 20 in the FreshBrain Scholarship competition nationally. **Amy Atkins**, from Warren, N.J., was among those recently honored by the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association as one of the state's finest student-athletes. An honor student and field hockey and lacrosse standout, she captained both teams in her senior year. Another athlete, track star **Hunter Church** of Branford, Conn., hopes to become a physician who provides care for those, like his brother, Spencer, who face life-threatening diseases.

The entering class was culled from 7,572 applicants, to whom admission was offered to 2,263, a 29.89 percent admissions rate. Nearly 41 percent of those enrolled, one of the nation's highest yield rates. Median SAT scores ranged from 1250–1380.

Fifty-one percent of the class is female; 8.7 percent are children or grandchildren of alumni. Minority students account for 13.8 percent of the class. International students came from Australia, Bangladesh, Belarus, Bermuda, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Croatia, Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea, Denmark, Ethiopia, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Indonesia, Ireland, Jamaica, Mexico, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Serbia, South Africa, Sweden, Taiwan, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, the United Kingdom and Vietnam. —Sam Alcorn

Watch Class of 2013 Orientation photo galleries at [www.bucknell.edu/bmagazine](http://www.bucknell.edu/bmagazine).



## A New Catholic Chaplain

Father Fred Wangwe joins University ministry.

By Julia Ferrante

**B**ishop Kevin C. Rhoades has named the Rev. Fred Wangwe Catholic chaplain at Bucknell University. Born in the village of Bumalah in Uganda, Father Wangwe comes to Bucknell from St. Joseph's Parish in Mechanicsburg, Pa., where he served as assistant parish priest since November 2006. He served as assistant parish priest of the St. Rose of Lima in York, Pa., for the previous two years.

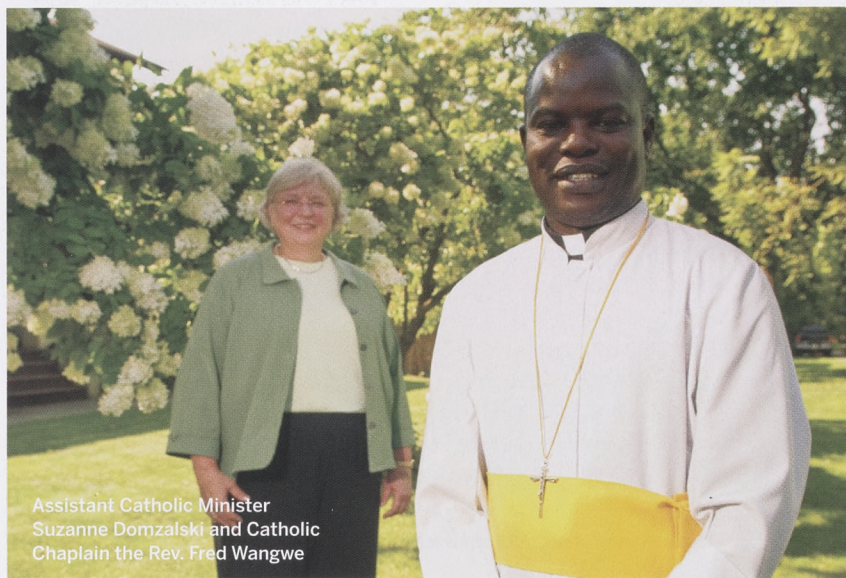
"We welcome Father Fred," says University Chaplain the Rev. Thomasina A. Yuille. "He will bring an enlightened global perspective to the University's ongoing conversation between faith and practice, and we are delighted that he is joining the Bucknell community."

Father Wangwe studied in Kenya and Uganda in preparation for the priesthood and in 1993 received a diploma in theology from the Apostles of Jesus Theologicum in Nairobi, Kenya. He was ordained in December 1999 at the A.J. Shrine at Langata in Nairobi and received his bachelor of arts in sacred theology from the

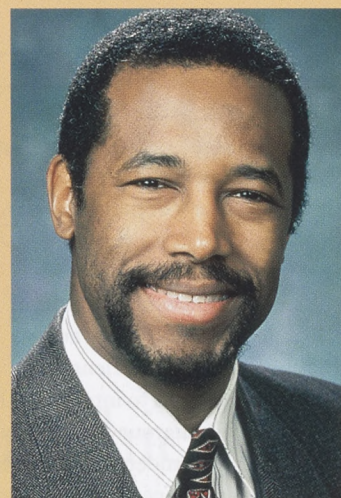
Pontifical Urbaniana University in Rome in 2000.

Father Wangwe served as assistant parish priest at the Sirari Catholic Parish and the Bunda Catholic Parish in Musoma Diocese of Uganda before coming to the United States. He joins Assistant Catholic Minister Suzanne Domzalski, who has been with Bucknell for two years.

The Rev. Michael C. Letteer, who had served as Catholic chaplain at Bucknell since June 2007, has been appointed by Bishop Rhoades as the parochial vicar of two parishes: St. Rose of Lima and the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, both in York.



Assistant Catholic Minister Suzanne Domzalski and Catholic Chaplain the Rev. Fred Wangwe



## Meeting of the Minds

Neurosurgeon to speak at 160th Commencement.

By Julia Ferrante

Benjamin S. Carson Sr., renowned pediatric neurosurgeon and philanthropist, will deliver the commencement address during Bucknell University's 160th annual graduation ceremony on Sunday, May 23, 2010.

After a childhood in a poverty-stricken, single-parent home, Carson rose to become a professor of neurosurgery, oncology, plastic surgery and pediatrics at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine.

Carson is president and co-founder of the Carson Scholars Fund and co-founder of Angels of the O.R., which provides grants for medical expenses not covered by insurance. The movie *Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story*, starring Cuba Gooding Jr. as Carson, is based on Carson's memoir.

"Dr. Carson's story of perseverance, achievement and caring is an inspiration," says **Langston Tingling-Clemmons '10**. "He has shown that it is important to test the limits as we go out into the world to see what a difference we can make."

# Q&A

Herb Wilcox '50 led the team of engineers that built the picture tube for the video camera that recorded Neil Armstrong's first steps on the moon. Forty years later, Wilcox pauses to look back.

By David Pacchioli

**Q:** What were the technical challenges involved?

**A:** In addition to functioning in that odd environment, the lunar camera had to be very small and very light, about seven pounds. At that time, television cameras — it took two people to pick them up and put them on a tripod. They weighed about 200 pounds. Building the tube was like building a ship in a bottle — a very small bottle. We

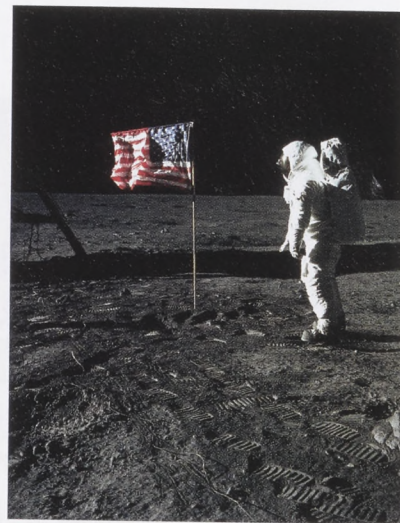
made dozens of these devices. Those that met or exceeded specifications were as valuable as jewels.

**Q:** Yet you say the camera's real importance was as a PR tool ....

**A:** The TV images from the moon were, by modern standards, rather crude, even falling far short of commercial TV at that time. But they were real time, and that was absolutely critical. To this day there are conspiracy theorists who will swear the whole thing was filmed on the back lot of some motion picture studio or out in the desert. Suppose for a moment that there had been no TV system. Who would've believed it was really happening?

**Q:** Where were you in July 1969, during the landing?


**A:** My wife and I and our three kids were spending the weekend with my grandparents in Philadelphia. We watched it, of course. Another interviewer asked me, "Weren't you excited? Didn't you jump up and down?" That wasn't the case. I knew those tubes were the best we could do. I figured if the camera didn't fall apart on impact it was going to work. And it did.



This iconic photo of Buzz Aldrin was taken with the first lunar camera that Herb Wilcox helped develop.

**Q:** What are your thoughts looking back at this Apollo anniversary and your part in it?

**A:** It was a watershed moment, the end point of the old science of electronic vacuum tubes. This was as good as they could get, and anything better had to be, well, solid state. I think it's ironic and somewhat sad that two of the major players, Westinghouse and RCA, no longer exist. But something that I held in my hands, me and a few other people, is still sitting up there on the moon.

To see an exclusive interview with Herb Wilcox, go to [www.bucknell.edu/bmagazine](http://www.bucknell.edu/bmagazine). 

## Bucknell in the News

### OLD SCHOOL NETWORK

Bucknell's Alumni Relations and Career Services office was noted by the *New York Times* in an article about how universities are offering support to alumni hit by unemployment. Bucknell reached out to 47 alumni at collapsing Lehman Brothers, offering them access to career counseling services, a network of alumni and a job database.

### EASY BEING GREEN

*USA Today* reports how universities are incorporating environmental studies into their core curricula. Dina El-Mogazi, director of the Campus Greening Initiatives, explains that Bucknell has developed a new curriculum that will require that all students take at least one class that explores the human connection to the environment.

### SUMMER SCHOOL BY CHOICE?

In a story on the increasing popularity of undergraduate summer studies, *The Philadelphia Inquirer* reports that schools like Bucknell are seeing an upward trend in the number of students participating in summer schooling. Bucknell had 39 undergraduates performing research during the summer months.

### GRAND PICK

FoxBusiness.com announced that **Kenneth G. Langone '57** will be the grand marshal for New York City's 65th Columbus Day Parade on Oct. 12. Langone, the co-founder of Home Depot and chairman of the NYU Langone Medical Center, will lead the 35,000-strong parade past crowds of nearly one million people celebrating Italian and Italian-American culture.

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## Research Focus

### University names first director of research and sponsored programs.

By Julie Dreese

Joanne Romagni-Colvin, a biology professor who established the Office of Sponsored Programs at St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas, has been named Bucknell University's first director of research and sponsored programs.



Director of Research and Sponsored Programs Joanne Romagni-Colvin

"Across campus, the impact of the Office of Sponsored Research will be apparent as we facilitate the increase in awards for research projects, curricular development, new instrumentation, and other new programs, all of which will add to the quality of education that Bucknell offers," says Romagni-Colvin.

Romagni-Colvin has extensive experience with grants and has established strong relationships with granting agencies. She has served on several federal review panels, including the National Science Foundation, and recently was awarded an NSF award to establish international Research Experiences for Undergraduates at the University of Cádiz, where she spent the summer doing research.

"We hope to enhance faculty career development and bring to fruition projects which, without grant support, may not otherwise have been possible," says Romagni-Colvin.

## LIFELONG LEARNING

### New institute offers classes to the community.

A taste of Bucknell education is now being offered to learners of all ages in the Central Susquehanna Valley this fall thanks to the new Bucknell Institute for Lifelong Learning.



The institute debuted earlier this month with a pilot group of eight courses over a six-week period. Students of all ages and backgrounds in the community are welcome. Complete details of the institute, including full descriptions of courses and registration forms, can be found at [www.bucknell.edu/lifelonglearning](http://www.bucknell.edu/lifelonglearning).

— Julie Dreese

## SHORT STACK

**D**avid Foreman joins the campus community as director of **Corporate and Foundation Relations**. He assumes responsibility for implementing a comprehensive national effort to identify, cultivate, solicit and steward support from Bucknell's corporate and foundation prospects. Foreman comes to Bucknell after serving as director of foundation giving at West Virginia University in Morgantown.

**S**tephen Appiah-Padi is Bucknell's new director of international and intercultural education initiatives, including liaison with its international partners, study-abroad programming and working with various stakeholders for campus and curricular internationalization. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada, and has worked as a professor and administrator in the U.S. and Canada.

**P**rofessor of German and Humanities **Katie Faull** was awarded a \$100,000 grant from the **National Endowment for Humanities** for her collaborative research and translations of the 18th-century Moravian diaries, most of which were written in German. The project also has been designated an NEH "We the People" project and will be supported in part by funds for that initiative.

## New and Proved

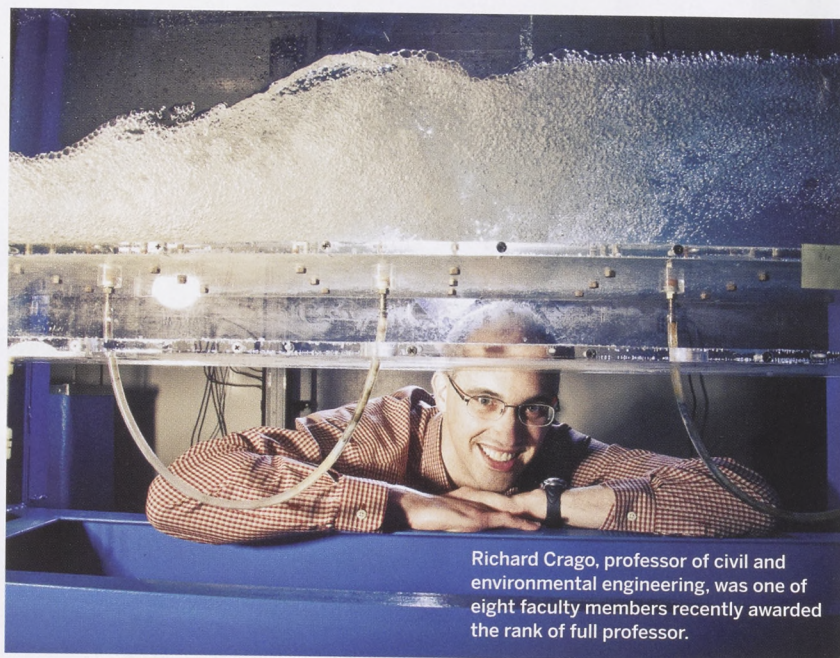
Faculty changes reflect growth, success on campus.

By Barbara Maynard '88

**T**he Bucknell faculty has much to celebrate this fall. Twenty-five faculty members have been promoted, and 28 new assistant professors have been welcomed aboard in disciplines across campus. At a time when economic crisis has forced many academic institutions to cut positions, Bucknell stands out in its dedication to its teacher-scholars.

"Bucknell has continued to be committed to tenure-track faculty as the primary way to deliver our undergraduate curriculum," says University Provost Mick Smyer. "Visiting faculty and adjunct faculty play an important supportive role, but our primary focus is tenure-track faculty. That makes us distinctive as you look across American higher education."

Eight faculty members were promoted from associate to full professor, and 17 advanced from assistant to associate professor. The teaching and scholarship




Richard Crago, professor of civil and environmental engineering, was one of eight faculty members recently awarded the rank of full professor.

of these new and promoted faculty members already has a global impact. From leading study-abroad programs in Nicaragua, to directing the international Toni Morrison society and conducting research in sites spread from the seas off Turkey to the upper atmosphere, Bucknell's faculty is a gifted and motivated team.

"We are continuing to attract very talented, very strong individuals. The common element is that they are really dedicated to and excited about working with undergraduates," Smyer says. "Regardless of discipline or specific

scholarly interest, the common element is they really get excited and passionate about how they can introduce undergraduates to the field that they have found so rewarding." Perhaps it is no surprise that this year's promotions and new additions include several Bucknell alumni, each eager to Bucknell to share the same enthusiasm for teaching and learning that nurtured their own education.

Visit us online at [www.bucknell.edu/x54568.xml](http://www.bucknell.edu/x54568.xml) to read profiles of each of the 53 promoted or newly hired faculty members. 

**T**he search for a new University president is underway. **Steve Holmes '79**, the parent of three Bucknell students ('06, '08, '12), has been named as head of the **Presidential Search Committee**. Holmes is chairman and CEO of Wyndham Worldwide Corporation. President Brian C. Mitchell has announced he will step down on June 30, 2010.

**T**he 2009 **USTFCCCA Hall of Fame** class includes **Arthur "Art" Gulden**, architect of the cross-country and track and field programs at Bucknell. During his 31 years at Bucknell, the Bison won 68 conference titles. Gulden also was named the Patriot League Coach of the Year 20 times during his career. He was inducted posthumously into the Bucknell Athletics Hall of Fame.

**T**he **Bucknell University Externship Program** is now being offered to sophomores. This short-term, usually two-day, job shadow opportunity during winter break allows students to learn about the working world in an industry of interest, while externship sponsors can give back to the University and stay connected. Interested sponsors should contact the Career Development Center at 570-577-1238.

## Renaissance Engineer

Stephen Buonopane studies the past and designs for the future.

By Barbara Maynard '88

Most professors take their work home with them. Associate Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering Stephen Buonopane brought his house to work.

As part of a Campus Heritage Grant that Bucknell received from the Getty Foundation, Buonopane worked with engineering and art history students to research the history and status of several of the University's older buildings. His students wanted to compare the properties of old versus new bricks. The old bricks came from a recently dismantled chimney in Buonopane's 1846 downtown Lewisburg residence.

Buonopane also has researched and documented the engineering history of 19th and early 20th century bridges. For one project, he acquired pieces of bridges demolished near Lewisburg, including a massive steel connection built in 1902. Students disassembled the joint, made careful measurements and created a three-dimensional computer model.

"Modern engineers would look at these old bridges and say that doesn't make sense," Buonopane says. "My approach is to look at it almost like an archeologist, where this is a historic artifact of engineering, and you can learn something about the people that designed it and built it. You can learn something about their culture – what they knew, what

they didn't know, what they understood and maybe what they misunderstood."

Buonopane, who holds the Rooke Chair in the Historical and Social Context of Engineering, often comes across revivals of historic techniques in modern structures. "I have a file where I keep track of articles promoting this great new idea that is actually 100 years old," he says. "The laws of physics don't change, so a lot of these old ideas are actually pretty good."

Buonopane also studies how uncertainty and randomness affect the safety of structures. "This is not to suggest that we build in an unsafe fashion," he says. "The idea is if you understand it better, you can build or design in a safer fashion."

### FACULTY PROFILE

## Virginia Zimmerman

Once a year or so, a group of students chase after each other on the Academic Quad. They aren't quite hopping or skipping as they concentrate on their steps, but they are enjoying themselves. This isn't a dance class, but one of Associate Professor of English Virginia Zimmerman's poetry classes playing meter tag.

The recipient of the Presidential Award for Teaching Excellence in 2009, Zimmerman doesn't teach the rhythms of poetry with written slashes and dashes to indicate stressed and unstressed syllables. Instead, she asks students to invent steps to fit the rhythm and play a form of tag in which each team may move only with a given metrical foot.

Zimmerman strives to find the unexpected in the traditional subjects she teaches. Her "Young Adult Fiction" students

discover how much meaning can be hidden in so-called easy reading. "When they read *Middlemarch*, they expect to discover that there is a lot going on," she says. "When they read *Peter Pan*, they don't expect it to be complicated."

Whether challenging students to move to the rhythm of poetry or see familiar literature in new ways, Zimmerman exposes students to eye-opening ideas. In and out of the classroom, her award-winning approach to teaching builds a strong foundation of student rapport and learning.

— Barbara Maynard '88





# 'Ray Bucknell

Student Life & Sports

## Persistence, and Then Some

Nana-Sinkam overcomes injuries and honors a friend.

By David Driver



Sam Nana-Sinkam also is an entrepreneur with his own clothing company.

**S**am Nana-Sinkam '10 has worn No. 58 throughout his football career at Bucknell, where he won the Stuart M. Smith Award as the most valuable newcomer as a first-year in 2006. But this season, Nana-Sinkam will switch to No. 6 in honor of former teammate **A.J. Pompliano '10**, who was deployed to Iraq last season and is slated to return to Lewisburg for the spring semester.

"I really wanted to do something for him and let him know he was still in our minds and hearts," Nana-Sinkam says of his friend, with whom he tries to communicate weekly. "We think we are working hard [in football], but he is doing something we can't even begin to think about."

Nana-Sinkam, a senior linebacker for the Bison, has had his own physical challenges during his college career. But the product of Manheim Township High School in Lancaster County wouldn't dream of comparing them to those of Pompliano. Nana-Sinkam missed the entire 2007 season with a shoulder injury. Last year, he broke an ankle in the sixth game of the season.

"I felt I had let everyone down," says Nana-Sinkam, who led Bucknell and the Patriot League in overall tackles for the season at 62 when he was injured.

"I know it was a trying time for him," Bucknell Head Coach Tim Landis says. "He hung in there and fought through it." Sinkam went to Landis' office last spring and, healing from his ankle injury, told Landis he was committed to play in 2010. "He is mature beyond his years.

He is a coach's dream. He really plays for the love of the game," says Landis. "He wants to do well, and he wants others to rise to that level."

Nana-Sinkam also takes his spirit of tenacity to the classroom. He won the Arthur Ashe Sports Scholar Award earlier this year. He earned Dean's List and Patriot League Academic Honor Roll honors in 2006 and 2008 and had a 4.0 GPA last semester. A management major, he will graduate in the spring with an overall GPA around 3.6.

This past summer, he was an intern at the national headquarters of Target in Minneapolis. He oversaw three other college interns. Their team did research and analysis of how Target could improve what type of sporting equipment to put in its stores, based on the popularity of a sport in a certain area. Nana-Sinkam says his team projected Target could increase its sales of sporting goods by \$120 million annually with such an approach. He would like to pursue marketing or consulting after he graduates, though Landis points out the Bucknell linebacker could apply for another year of football, since 2009 will be just his third season with the Bison.

MARC HAGEMER

LEFT: COURTESY OF KATE MATELAN. RIGHT: GORDON WENZEL

# Miss Wheelchair U.S.A.

Bucknell senior promotes disability awareness.

By Sam Alcorn



**K**ate Matelan '10 was crowned Ms. Wheelchair U.S.A. 2009–10, the highest honor in a program dedicated to celebrating the abilities and successes of women with disabilities.

Matelan, a quadriplegic after a car accident at 5, dazzled the judges at the national competition with her accomplishments and platform on creating disability awareness. Matelan is a business management major and resident adviser who volunteers with her sorority, Delta Gamma, and acts as writer, editor, secretary and alumni-relations manager for Bucknell's student-run fashion magazine, *BE*.

"Having a disability does not hinder me from achieving my goals nor does it mean that I have boundaries put on my future possibilities," she says. "Disability awareness is key in creating an improved future for everyone with disabilities."

Matelan will travel the country as Ms. Wheelchair U.S.A. to promote disability awareness.



Grace Han is a second-generation Bucknellian, whose father first learned about Bucknell while he was a research assistant at Peking University. There, he met Professor James Pusey, who was on sabbatical in Beijing.

## STUDENT PROFILE

### Grace Han '11

When **Grace Han '11** was conducting her college search, her father, **Sherwin Xiaowen Han '85**, recommended Bucknell University. Although her father spoke highly of his college experience, Han had no idea about the world of opportunity she would discover here.

As a first-year student, Han traveled with the Bucknell Brigade to Nicaragua, where she witnessed first-hand the plight of the former Nicaraguan banana workers, many of whom were sick and dying from exposure to illegal toxic pesticides.

Han and her fellow students felt desperate to help in any way they could. Upon returning to Bucknell, they applied for a \$10,000 grant available through 100 Projects for Peace, a Davis Foundation grant, to help tell the banana workers' story. With a deadline only two days away, the students worked tirelessly to perfect their proposal. Their hard work paid off when they became one of 81 grant recipients and used the money to return to Nicaragua to create the documentary *Missing Seeds* and launch [www.hearoutyellow.org](http://www.hearoutyellow.org). Han attended the Clinton Global Initiative this past spring to promote her group's work.

Through the experience, she was reminded how even just one person has the potential to create change in the world. "We really were just six lucky students who got excited about something and made something happen," says Han. "I think the biggest discourager to young people is that they feel so small against the many big problems that exist in the world. The most important factor in completing the project was that our hearts were totally and completely in it."

Han, who is from a close-knit Chinese-Armenian family, has decided to follow her dream of making a difference in the world, first, as an international relations major and, hopefully, after graduation as a Peace Corps volunteer.

"I don't feel very accomplished at all. I think it's important for students to understand that solving problems such as these is not an easy feat. It is an ongoing struggle," says Han. But she does believe in the power of inspiring people to do something they are passionate about regardless of their skill level or the odds against them.

— Julie Dreese

# The Mind *and the* Muse

## Reviews & Criticism

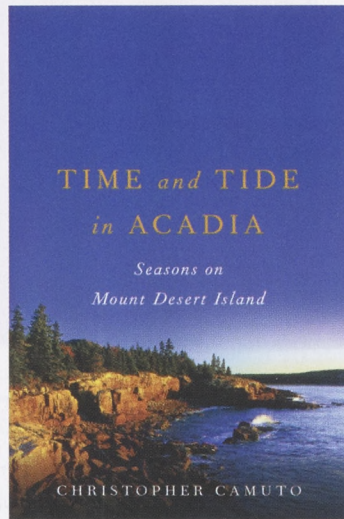
### BOOKS

Christopher Camuto

*Time and Tide in Acadia*

(W.W. Norton & Co.)

Associate Professor of English Christopher Camuto has long been admired by outdoor enthusiasts for his writings on the Appalachia wilderness. In his new book, *Time and Tide in Acadia*, he reveals his other passion, coastland Maine, particularly Mount Desert Island where he keeps a summer home. This dramatic landscape inspires his most accomplished work to date in which he studies “the nature of nature” in lyrical, urgent prose that puts the reader directly on the trails of Acadia National Park, seeing, hearing and feeling the place as he does. He effortlessly weaves travelogue with lessons in animal and plant life and human and geological history. By the end of the book he has made progress in answering that eternal question, “What are we looking for in the sea?”



that took him into fierce combat in Vietnam, gave him the wherewithal to pursue careers in advertising, publishing, writing and teaching, and ultimately to battle cancer. He was a tough guy's tough guy, and *Guts* is a frank appraisal of what that has meant in the world of the last 50 years. In the end, it is as much about the human condition as it is about one man.

Mark Kiselica MS'85

*When Boys Become Parents*  
(Rutgers University Press)



From years spent as a counselor, therapist, professor, research fellow and award-winning author, **Mark Kiselica** understands

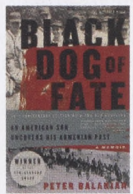
that the traditionally invisible factor in teen pregnancy, the young father, requires significant education and emotional support to stem the social problems associated with unwed parenthood. In his latest book, Kiselica observes that risky sexual behavior can result from many different factors, including peer pressure, lack of education, childhood sexual abuse, dysfunctional homes and emotional disorders. He champions pioneering programs emphasizing counseling, career guidance and/or legal support that have produced results, and reviews media and online resources for these young men. He concludes with recommendations for policy reform to promote effective prevention and to help those who already are fathers become responsible parents.

Peter Balakian '73

*Black Dog of Fate*

(Basic Books)

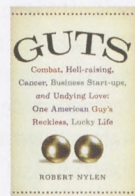
The 10th anniversary edition of **Peter Balakian's** PEN/Albrand award-winning memoir *Black Dog of Fate* includes new chapters recounting further experiences in pursuit of his grandparents' fate in the 1915 Turkish-led genocide of ethnic Armenians. In 2005, Balakian took advantage of a guest poet turn in the Middle East to locate the terminus of the death march his grandmother and aunts barely survived. This meant crossing into Syria at a time when its relations with America were deteriorat-



ing precipitously. The narrative effectively captures the mood and history of the city of Aleppo and the impact of finding bones upon crushed bones, some of which could have belonged to his grandfather, in a desert burial field.

Robert Nylan '66

*Guts* (Random House)

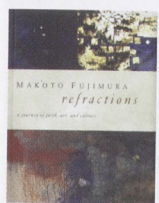


It does not seem possible that **Bob Nylan** is gone, especially since he lives out loud on the pages of the frank memoir he finished shortly before his death last December. Funny and opinionated, he takes a long look at his own endless capacity to run toward trouble, a trait

**Makoto Fujimura '83**

*Refractions* (NavPress)

In 2003, **Makoto Fujimura**, an internationally acclaimed artist and church leader, was appointed to the National



Council on the Arts. This came as he continued to struggle with the aftershock of Sept. 11, 2001. He began a practice of Saturday morning

reflective writing through which he reached for the healing power of art to re-humanize a shattered world. His book *Refractions*, richly illustrated with color plates of his and other artists' work, collects many of these very readable, contemplative essays that are an amalgam of art criticism, philosophy and spiritual journey. "Theologically speaking," he writes, "we are all living in the ashes of Ground Zero, in our own Waste Land. But we carry the dust of Eden in our DNA."

**Harry M. Bobonich MS'58**

*Pathfinders and Pioneers: Women in Science, Math and Medicine* (Infinity)



History has largely ignored the women of science, but they have been since the dawn of modern inquiry making significant discoveries.

**Harry Bobonich**,

professor emeritus and dean of research at Shippensburg University, recognizes women who advanced science in the late 19th and 20th centuries in *Pathfinders and Pioneers*, a book intended for general readers. Of the 11 profiled, Rachel Carson and Admiral Grace Hopper are familiar names, but their careers bear repeating alongside those of the pioneer in chemotherapy, the first person to explain nuclear fission theory, the world's leading limnologist, a gifted mathematician, a Nobel-winning biochemist and other groundbreakers. Bobonich hopes their stories will inspire more young women to consider careers in mathematics and science.

**Jim Zervanos '92**

*LOVE Park* (Cable Publishing)

The physical and cultural landscape of Philadelphia pervades the debut novel from **Jim Zervanos**. Its title, *LOVE Park*, is taken from Robert Indiana's famed sculpture located at JFK Plaza and 15th Street that provides an

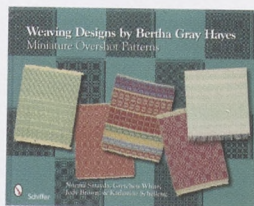


apt background for the story of 26-year-old Peter Pappas, a would-be writer who is just trying to find himself, and possibly discover what love is too. That he still lives in his parents' house where traditional immigrant Greek values collide noisily with contemporary American realities does not help. Neither does stumbling upon secrets about his perfect brother, his rebellious sister and their father, a highly regarded Greek Orthodox priest. And then, in walks Daisy Diamond, his own Mrs. Robinson, and life starts happening in spades.

**Norma Skow Smayda Staley '55**

*Weaving Designs by Bertha Gray Hayes* (Schiffer)

Overshot weaving, produced on a manual loom, evolved into a sophisticated craft in the 19th century and experienced a revival of interest in the early decades of the 20th.

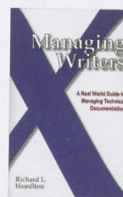


In 1976, **Norma Skow Smayda Staley**, a member of the Weaver's Guild of Rhode Island, discovered the scrapbooks and sample cards of Bertha Gray Hayes (1878–1947) that comprise the most comprehensive overshot archive in America. The collection was bequeathed to the Guild, and Smayda and her colleagues have produced an attractive art book documenting its contents in color photographs and accompanying historical notes.

**Richard L. Hamilton '74**

*Managing Writers: A Real World Guide to Managing Technical Documentation* (XML Press)

Technical writers have not always enjoyed visibility and respect. More often than not, they comprise the clean-up crew after the creative party breaks up. **Richard Hamilton** had no intention of staying in the field of documentation management when he accepted a position over 20 years



ago, but he remained there by choice. He found that end projects and customer satisfaction were enhanced by injecting the documentation process into project development

from the outset. *Managing Writers* emphasizes the smaller-scale teams that are becoming the industry norm and offers advice for all phases of a project.

**James Stuart Gessner '56**

*Spaceship Earth* (Wild River)

**James Gessner** asks, "If you saw a child running toward a truck, you would try to rescue it, correct?" That is the theme



of his call-to-action to save the earth from environmental catastrophe —

*Spaceship Earth*, a book published in PDF on DVD. Gessner envisions the planet as a spaceship and his book as the operating manual. *Spaceship Earth* is in very bad condition, and he predicts it will take 70 years to repair it if everyone, from scientists to children to legislators, steps up and takes responsibility. In a cleverly illustrated text accessible to readers/users of all ages, he assesses the damage done and how to get the ship running again. His motto for the future: "If you create it, you must be responsible for its end products, and their safe return to the environment."

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# Legacies

## Gifts & Giving

### Silver Lining

The global economy slams charitable giving to higher education, but support for Bucknell stays strong.

By *Christina Masciere Wallace*

**W**hen **Jim Leahy '03** lost his Wall Street job as an equities analyst last fall, one of the first things he did was reach out to his Bucknell network — friends, former professors and even administrators. At a local alumni event, President Brian C. Mitchell encouraged Leahy to send him his résumé to help broaden his search.

Throughout his job search, Leahy continued making gifts to the Annual Fund, just as he has always done since graduation.

“I knew that Bucknell had been looking out for me, which was very comforting, so I felt that it was almost necessary to keep giving,” says Leahy. “I’m grateful

for the environment that the University created for me as a student, and continues to create for me as an alum.”

Despite the financial challenges of the past year, Bucknellians around the world continued their consistent support of the University. The Bucknell Annual Fund raised a record \$10 million in

unrestricted cash gifts, making it one of just three schools, along with Middlebury and Wesleyan, in a 34-member peer group to reach this level in fiscal 2009.

Total gifts and pledges to Bucknell that were received between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009 topped \$45.7 million — the second highest total in University history — even as the U.S. economy suffered its most difficult challenges in 80 years. In addition, the Parents Fund raised \$1.4 million, a program record; and bequests to Bucknell exceeded \$20 million for the second year in a row.

“Bucknellians are exceedingly loyal to the University,” says Sam Lundquist, vice president for development and alumni relations. “As the comprehensive campaign continues, we are grateful that they continue to prioritize Bucknell in their philanthropy. The Annual Fund provides a way for donors at every giving level to do that.”

The Annual Fund allows the University to direct funding quickly to the areas of greatest need during the current fiscal year. Because it supports all areas of the institution — including academics, student life, the arts, the campus and athletics — the Annual



Fund enhances the learning experience of every student.

Donor generosity enabled the University to establish 13 new endowed and 10 new annual scholarships during 2009's fiscal year. It also funded eight new tenure-track faculty positions — part of the three-year initiative to create 37 new tenure-track positions to strengthen the academic core.

The University's recent fundraising efforts have focused on being able to meet financial aid requests of current students and ensure that their education continues without interruption in the uncertain economic climate.

In a summer survey conducted by the Center for Philanthropy at Indiana University, 86 percent of fundraisers said that the economy had a "negative" or "very negative" effect on their ability to raise money in the first half of 2009.

*Giving USA* reported that giving to higher education in 2008 fell 9 percent when adjusted for inflation. The Council for Advancement and Support of Education predicted that the final tally of giving to education in the 2008–09 academic year will reflect an average decline of 3.9 percent. Over the past 20 years, the annual average rate of growth for giving to education has been 7.1 percent.

While some schools conducting campaigns have chosen to stretch out campaign timelines or reduce fundraising goals in response to the recession, Bucknell is not among them. As of Aug. 15, the University had raised \$123 million since launching the comprehensive campaign in July 2007, 30 percent of the \$400 million goal.

"Bucknellians identify strongly with the University," says **Ken Freeman '72**, chair of the campaign and chair of the Board of Trustees. "And they are savvy. They understand that this is not the time to pull back or lower expectations. They continue to invest in Bucknell because they place a strong value on a Bucknell education. We have great momentum for the campaign and *The Plan for Bucknell*. The economy will rebound — and Bucknell will emerge in an even stronger position."

**Vincent Mistretta '86, P'12**, an investor who recently left his position in financial services to assess his career direction, agrees. "Putting *The Plan for Bucknell* into place was a really important step. I've always thought that every institution needs a long-term plan."

Mistretta and his wife, **Lee Ann '86**, have been Annual Fund donors since they graduated. Now, as Bucknell parents, they are seeing the fruits of their support for the University. "The facilities continue to improve, and the number of faculty relative to the number of students has grown significantly. We're also happy that the University has plans for a management college," he says. "Sending one of our children to Bucknell is about as strong a statement as we can make."

Leahy, who recently landed a job in investor relations, echoes that confidence. "To me, the University's future is bright," he says. "Bucknell is positioning itself for the next hundred years. I want to be a supporter of that growth and a part of that vision."



## Big Splash for Water Polo

Bucknell has had a men's varsity water polo team since 1977 and a women's team since 1999. In December 2008, the water polo program received its first endowment gift from **Greg and Robin Canonica P'11**, whose daughter **Kandis '11** is a member of the women's team. The Canonicas, who live on the West Coast, where water polo is more popular, wanted to see Bucknell's program grow in prominence. They identified a need and chose to help fill the financial needs of the program, hoping their gift will inspire others.

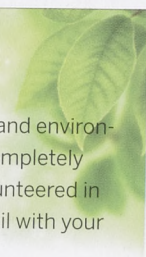
**John and Julie Stupp P'10**, parents of **John '10**, paved the way by giving generous annual gifts through the Parents Fund since 2006.

Water polo also received a \$1.5 million commitment from **Dan '78** and **Chris Peterjohn Richards '76** in honor of Coach Dick Russell, who created the water polo program at Bucknell, coaching the men's team from 1977–86. The Richards both were swimmers under Coach Russell.

"We are very happy that we can provide the water polo program with some much-needed support, while paying tribute to Coach Russell," says Dan Richards. "Chris and I are thankful that we have the ability to make this gift in his memory."

## Green and Secure

In keeping with Bucknell's commitment to good stewardship of financial and environmental resources, the annual *Honor Roll of Donors & Volunteers* is now completely paperless. Alumni, parents and friends who made gifts to Bucknell or volunteered in FY09 will have secure access to the electronic version. Watch for an e-mail with your password this fall.







**B**eing downsized out of a career is rarely an easy adjustment, but when it happens at the end of a career, it can be particularly devastating. “I stared blankly at the person giving me the news. A voice in my head just kept repeating, ‘Say nothing.’ When he was finished, I simply took the packet of papers and left the room without a word,” remembers **Betty Kordes Samuels ’62**. “I had been blind-sided. When I reached my office, I fell apart crying and left. It was a Friday at about 2 p.m. I left a Post-It on my computer that said, ‘Had to leave early.’ Then I cried most of the way home.”



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Samuels knew the economy was bad and that the large hospital where she worked, located just outside of Philadelphia, was in trouble. But she never dreamed her many years of dedicated service as the administrative assistant for the chief of the Department of Anesthesiology would be deemed, in the face of the hospital's financial struggle, all but irrelevant.

"I had been taking on more and more responsibilities when, after 16 years and just two years short of retirement, I was summoned to our conference room to learn that my job was going to be restructured to a half-time job, meaning half-pay, half-vacation, half-benefits," remembers Samuels. "This was not acceptable."

Rather than suffer the constraints of her restructured job, Samuels, at the age of 67, chose to begin again and seek new employment. However, she soon discovered that she was competing with many equally skilled applicants for very few jobs, and she wasn't alone. The hard-hit economy rendered many Bucknellians unemployed, at all stages in their professions. They were forced to reassess their own skills, to search for jobs in new and unfamiliar fields and, ultimately, to reinvent their careers.

**R**einvention isn't a new concept in the working world. Professionals often reinvent themselves throughout their lifetimes, and in doing so they create what career development experts call "the protean career."

"The idea of a protean career was premised on the idea of going through many different careers in our lifetimes," says Michael Johnson-Cramer, assistant professor of management. "Pundits reinvent these numbers every year. The simple fact is that people are holding more jobs and changing careers with greater frequency. People once held three to seven jobs over a working lifetime. That average is closer to 10 for younger Baby Boomers. And the number is certainly going up for today's young workers."

Named for the mythological sea-god Proteus, who reinvented himself to avoid having to foretell the future, this concept was first introduced by Douglas Hall in his 1976 book *Careers in Organizations*. He defined the pursuit of a protean career as an internally motivated choice driven by aspirations of self-fulfillment. Today, as the economy dips and dives, jobs remain scarce and entire industries face collapse, the concept of a protean career is less of a choice and more of a necessity. No longer does it describe the career path of savvy workers trying to achieve personal goals. Instead, legions of sucker-punched professionals are reinventing themselves not for success, but for survival.

"You see people shape-shifting and developing themselves in different, nontraditional ways," says Johnson-Cramer. "People have to learn to be adapters. That's the only skill that is going to get them through this crisis."

Adapting to changes in one's surroundings is an instinctive human response. "Particularly in this environment, there are pockets of the economy, and subsectors of specific industries, that have been so negatively affected that no matter how you had performed in your career, the destruction that has taken

place caused it to be exceptionally difficult to find a job in that specific industry," says **W. Blake Sturcke '93**. "As such, this economy has very much created a need for professionals to be much more flexible and nimble with respect to their career."

The virtual collapse of a bank he joined in May 2008, following 15 years at Morgan Stanley and Deutsche Bank, placed Sturcke in a situation that compelled him to adapt his skillset to the new paradigm in his specialization within the investment banking industry. "Shortly after I joined, the firm came under pressure from tremendous write-downs relating to an earlier acquisition, leading to a government-led bail-out of the bank," says Sturcke. "This unexpected series of events abruptly placed me in the worst labor market the financial services sector has seen in at least 70 years."

Sturcke had to modify career plans. "If there aren't opportunities in this area where I've worked the better part of my career, where do opportunities exist where my experience and professional assets will allow me to excel on a new career path, or at least contribute meaningfully to a firm in an interesting capacity over the near term?"

Professionals are learning that their education and experience qualifies them to work not in just one field, but in many. "The technical term is meta-competencies," says Johnson-Cramer. "It's not just that you've learned how to do something. You've learned *how* to learn how to do things. Journalists have learned how to write articles, but if they're aware of how they learn, they can apply that skill to learning to multimedia design or web-development."

This was a particularly challenging task for those on the final leg of their careers. Samuels, only two years from retirement, had to adjust her perception not only of the job market, but also of her own skills and experience. "Difficult as it was, I kept my options as open as possible," she says.

Samuels took full advantage of her large network of friends and associates to find a new job in a new field. She sent e-mails to her friends and former colleagues asking for help finding a job. After a few false starts, she found a position at a company that manufactures sterile products for pharmaceuticals, "an area with which I have absolutely no familiarity," says Samuels. "My previous employment had involved education, then medicine. This company manufactures sterile products for pharmaceutical companies. Much chemistry, which is not my thing at all."

According to Sturcke, who is currently working in a strategy and business development role for a technology services company, focusing on meta-competencies at the expense of setting limits can pose some risk. "If you take an approach that's more horizontal, then you could get into a 'where do I go from here?' situation," he explains. "If an executive determines that she is analytical or has terrific relationship skills or is an excellent strategic thinker, but comes to a realization that those skills are relevant all across the economy, a challenge may emerge in terms of focusing energies on one or two specific industries or verticals."

Sturcke believes that a Bucknell education, networking and the help that Bucknell can provide, provides an excellent

foundation for the inevitable twists and turns of the protean career. "As I have learned, in a somewhat challenging manner, careers often do not progress in a straight line," he says. "One must be prepared to navigate the curves in the road as well as to enjoy the periods of stability and rapid professional growth."

Some generations may be better prepared to navigate career curves than others. Johnson-Cramer says he believes the response to the current economy is, in some ways, generation-specific.

"Gen-Xers graduated from college in the early 1990s, the beginning of the tech boom, but also a deep recession," he says. "They didn't have jobs or the typical hiring process, and were underemployed and generally entrepreneurial. Also, corporate downsizing started to happen, so even the people who thought they had corporate jobs didn't have *secure*

market I think that's right. This gives you a roadmap. You can identify the companies in the industry you should be trying to talk to. There's more of a framework to follow."

Now, however, that roadmap is out of date for both the Millennial generation and their Baby Boomer parents. At a time when people whisper words like "recession" and "depression," "some Baby Boomers are just as surprised as their kids are," says Johnson-Cramer. "People in turbulent industries, like healthcare, are reaching the end of their trajectory. It's not a given that the next step takes them further up the career chain. But they still need to bridge the next five or 10 years, somehow."

Millennials, like the Gen-Xers before them, are being tested very early in their careers. "These are students with wonderfully admirable qualities," says Johnson-Cramer. "They're eager, well-networked — in some ways they're the perfect organizational

*'These graduates are faced with a completely different dilemma: competing against people who have been done with school for years, but are laid off or out of work and are competing for the same positions.'*

corporate jobs." Johnson-Cramer contends that Gen-Xers are therefore somewhat prepared for the economy's current state of flux. "It's not surprising to them," he says.

Baby Boomers, says Johnson-Cramer, had a much steadier career trajectory and therefore are experiencing the current economic woes quite differently. "The first Baby Boomers graduated from college in the late 1960s. The economy was bad during that time, but it was still largely riding the boom of the post-WWII period," he says. After college, they went to work for large companies and in the financial sector. "For the most part," says Johnson-Cramer, "even though the world was changing around them, they followed the typical career security path."

As parents, Baby Boomers were eager to share their secrets for success with the children of the Millennial generation. "Their career advice to their kids has been to get a good education, get an internship at a big company, get a job offer, go through your last year of college, get your degree, go to the job, work your way up, get an MBA — literally it's mapped out for them," says Johnson-Cramer. "Baby Boomers created amazing successes this way."

Many Millennials enter college with a good idea of what they want to major in and what they want to do after they graduate. "I think, historically, the common advice is that you really need to determine what you want to do," says Sturcke. "You need to have a focused job search so that you're efficient with your time. In conversations with potential employers, you need to convey to them a sense of conviction and understanding of their business. That was traditional wisdom, and in a normal

players. It'll be interesting to see if they can convert some of the resources they have at their disposal."

One such resource is networking. For young Bucknellians who haven't had the opportunity to excel at one career yet, much less launch a second one, being able to reach into a large pool of experienced, employed alumni is invaluable.

**Sophia Leong '09** and **Kelly Hanlon '09** both expected to get positions in the finance industry after graduating from Bucknell. "I thought I had a job lined up going into my senior year," says Hanlon. "I interned for Goldman Sachs Operations in Jersey City over the summer and was unofficially told I would receive an offer." But with the market crash, the job offer never materialized.

"Searching for jobs this year was nothing short of chaotic and disappointing," remembers Leong. "I applied to numerous places and spent more time drafting cover letters than doing class work. Ultimately my work paid off, as I had several interviews — but offers were hard to come by."

Leong and Hanlon were prepared, and educated graduating seniors who were ready to start down a career path they'd envisioned and planned for months, if not years. When the economy seemed to close off those paths, they felt frustrated and anxious. Instead of reinventing their fledgling careers, however, many young alumni are choosing to overhaul their expectations.

"These graduates are faced with a completely different dilemma: competing against people who have been done

with school for years, but are laid off or out of work and are competing for the same positions,” says **Allison Hirsch '08**. “Every candidate needs some sort of an edge. It may be their GPA, their leadership skills or their internship experience. I believe that the most beneficial edge, though, is the connection they can gain from networking.”

Hirsch reached out through Bucknell's Career Development Center to let graduating seniors know about opportunities at Lockheed Martin, where she works as a financial analyst. “At first, I was skeptical about the position because it didn't seem to fit my perception of ‘sexy finance,’ which was investment banking and accounting,” admits Leong. “Allison helped me realize that Lockheed Martin offered opportunities beyond Wall Street, and that seemed to fit with what I wanted to do.”

Hanlon was also hesitant to apply. She didn't have any contacts in the King of Prussia area and wasn't thrilled with the idea of moving there. But her job search continued to

stagnate, so she took the plunge and landed an interview and was glad she did. “The Bucknell connection with Allison was the only way I was made aware of this opportunity,” said Hanlon. “I would never have thought Lockheed Martin would have such a great program in finance.”

**W**hile today's economy will undoubtedly recover and take its place in the history books alongside other perils of financial turmoil, the resourceful, determined Bucknellians who have seized the opportunity to reinvent their careers may provide a glimpse into a new, emerging workforce. Alumni of all ages are showing remarkable resilience in a difficult time, with their eyes focused on the future. “I have absolutely no regrets,” says Samuels. Proteus would be proud. **B**

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## JOB SEARCH STRATEGIES IN A TOUGH ECONOMY

In a challenging economy, every job seeker is looking to get ahead of the competition. Finding a job in today's economy takes dedication, focus and persistence. Consider the following tips from Bucknell's Career Development Center (CDC):

- **STEP OUTSIDE YOUR COMFORT ZONE.** Avoid limiting your search to your current industry or field. Identify your transferable skills and experiences, and communicate them to prospective employers.
- **MINIMIZE WORK HISTORY GAPS.** If you are unable to find a position right away, consider temporary assignments, internships and part-time opportunities, all of which could lead to a full-time role.
- **BE FLEXIBLE.** Remain open to all possibilities, even if the job title, location, salary and/or benefits may not be exactly what you wanted. With a foot in the door, you will have a chance to prove yourself.
- **FIND JOBS BEFORE THEY'RE ADVERTISED.** Read business journals and newspapers to identify companies that are hiring or expanding. Get in touch before everyone else does.
- **LOOK BEYOND JOB BOARDS.** General job boards can be useful, but don't forget industry and trade association websites, which may have more targeted career opportunities.
- **NETWORK.** Online and off. Tell everyone you know that you are looking for a job, whether in person or by using professional networking websites. Take advantage of meeting and interacting with professionals in your fields of interest, find out who is hiring, and ask, when appropriate, for referrals.
- **MANAGE YOUR DIGITAL FOOTPRINT.** Potential employers can find information about you on blogs, personal websites and personal networking site profiles. Make sure you do a thorough “self-search” and amend where necessary.
- **CUSTOMIZE.** Tailor your resume and cover letter for each opportunity. Be sure it shows you have done research on the company. Employers want to see why you're the right person for the job.
- **ENHANCE YOUR MARKETABILITY.** Find out what skills are most in-demand and take steps to give yourself an edge in these areas. Be prepared to define the many ways your past and present experiences are an asset to the targeted employer.
- **FOLLOW UP.** Keep in contact with the employers and individuals in your network regularly. Contact employers by phone approximately two weeks after submitting your résumé to ensure that your documents were received, ask questions, and reiterate your interest in the organization. Always write thank you notes after informational interviews, networking leads and interviews.

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# STEEL REQUIEM

The Motor City has seen better days; its once-gleaming chrome has turned to rust. But as a boy, native son Richard Stankiewicz was inspired by Detroit's detritus and later made a name for himself by turning junk into "witty, pungent assemblages" that played an important role in the redefinition of art in New York during the 1950s.

Students returning to campus this fall were greeted by one of Stankiewicz's gritty works, *Australia No. 13*, a soaring sculpture of rusted steel, hollow cylindrical forms and I-beams, on the second floor of the Elaine Langone Center. The sculpture was a gift from the J. P. Morgan Chase collection through a joint program of the Business Committee for the Arts and the Association of College Museums and Galleries.

"Stankiewicz is one of the most prominent mid-century American sculptors and one of the first off anyone's lips when speaking of sculptors associated with the Abstract Expressionist movement," says Dan Mills, director of Bucknell's Samek Art Gallery.

Though born in Philadelphia in 1922, Stankiewicz grew up in the shadow of the famed Dodge auto plant in Hamtramck, a municipal island literally surrounded by the city of Detroit. There, Stankiewicz said, he played beside train tracks littered with rusting, cast-off machinery.

"This is the stuff of memory that eventually emerged in his art," writes *Detroit Metro Times* art critic Glen Mannisto.

After leaving Detroit, Stankiewicz studied briefly at the prestigious Cranbrook Art Academy, which he ultimately could not afford, before joining the Navy. He later continued his studies with painter Hans Hofman in New York, and, in


Paris, with Fernand Leger, known for his bright, geometric canvases, and sculptor Ossip Zadkine.

"Over a period of more than 30 years, the witty, pungent assemblages that he pioneered in welding from bits of junk metal, and his later sculpture of more formal elegance, have retained their power and vitality," *New York Times* art critic Grace Glueck wrote following Stankiewicz's death at the age of 60 in 1983.

His work appears in the collections of the Museum of Modern Art, the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, the Smithsonian American Art Museum, the Whitney Museum of American Art and Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

*Australia No. 13* is the second piece of public art to be installed on the Bucknell campus during Mills' eight-year tenure as director of the Samek. The first is Agnes Denes' *Stelae – Messages from Another Time – Discoveries of Minds and People* (1986). The sculpture comprises two hand-carved marble tablets that depict major scientific breakthroughs and is installed on the courtyard side of the Olin Science building. The work is emblematic of Bucknell's attention to both the liberal arts and the sciences and engineering.

Mills says the Stankiewicz work is similarly well suited to its home at Bucknell.

"He studied mechanical drawing and drafting initially. He had a more technical and architectural background," Mills says. "Now, he is someone who students of modern contemporary art will study." 



BUCKNELL STUDENTS WHO  
HAVE LIVED THROUGH THE  
WORST ARE DETERMINED TO  
CHANGE THEIR COUNTRIES  
FOR THE BETTER.

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# Children of War

When elephants fight,  
it is the grass that suffers.

– Proverb of Kenya's Kikuyu Tribe

**S**imin Wahdat '11 still has nightmares two or three times a week. She relives the bombings and hears the cries of the wounded whom no one can help — like Wahdat and her family were, they are huddled in their Kabul basements trying to save their own lives. Wahdat's tears flow steadily as she describes her childhood in Afghanistan and later Pakistan, where her family went to escape the civil war that convulsed their home country. Today, she still remembers clearly the gnawing hunger and the desperate need for security as she mourns the loss of her childhood and innocence.

"Everyone was just waiting for death. I was just a child, yet I was always thinking, 'I am the next to die,'" says Wahdat. "I remember as a seven-year-old asking my mother, 'Does it hurt to die?' She had no answer for me."

As tragic as her story is, Wahdat is not alone at Bucknell, as she learned last spring when she was asked to participate in a panel discussion on Women of War. Co-panelist **Zumra Balihodzic '09** was living in Sarajevo when Bosnia erupted in battle in the early 1990s. Though she, her mother, and her brother eventually escaped to Germany, her father was captured and imprisoned in a concentration camp.

Fellow panelist **Sowande Parkinson '11** grew up in Sierra Leone, a country engulfed in civil war for nearly half of his 22 years. The main government opposition during the war came from the Revolutionary United Front, but there also were coups and attempted coups by members of the army. Parkinson suffered less than many of his countrymen

the day the war landed on his doorstep. The Armed Forces Revolutionary Council, a splinter group of Sierra Leonean soldiers, attacked the main prison in the city and freed prisoners affiliated with their rebel group.

"They came in with the objective of burning the city to the ground," Parkinson recalls. "As they came through the city, they were killing people, torching houses, amputating people's limbs — whatever you can think of." Parkinson most of all feared losing his mother, who was then and remains today the center of his world and the source of his strength.

One rainy night in late March, these three students came together in Vaughan Lit.'s Trout Auditorium to tell their fellow students about the painful experiences they usually keep buried deep inside. They were brought together by Balihodzic and **Rudo Mawema '09**, as part of their work for Bucknell's Women's Resource Center. "I think people relate better to stories when they can put a face on the situation," says Mawema, who has previously spoken about the deteriorating situation in her native Zimbabwe.

"We met several times over several months preparing for the panel discussion," Mawema says. "It was a kind of therapy for the speakers. They supported each other, and together they built up the confidence to actually speak in public. It makes a difference when people at Bucknell know about and take an interest in our lives, when we know that they care."



because he lived in a section of the capital city of Freetown that was spared much of the violence. The war severely restricted his movement, however, and it was not until the fighting ended in 2002 that he saw the villages and rural countryside of his own country.

Like many who lived in Freetown, Parkinson vividly recalls Jan. 6, 1999,



Audience members asked questions and voiced their support. Their expressions showed mixtures of compassion, horror and disbelief. Many cried silently when they heard about their fellow students' heartbreaking stories, like the day Balihodzic's best friend died in her arms. They were 11 years old at the time. Though it was dangerous to venture outside, people tried to go on with their lives, and children continued to attend school. One day, Balihodzic and her friend were running from one

school building to another, ducking behind trash cans for cover from the ever-present snipers, when Balihodzic's friend was hit. "He died while I was holding him. I was found lying there crying in the middle of the street with him in my lap," she says. "I live with this every day. I see it, I relive it, I dream about it. I live my life now for the two of us."

Before being asked to speak on the panel, Parkinson had spoken about his life in Sierra Leone to very few students at Bucknell. He confided in his friend **Muyambi Muyambi '11**, who grew up in Uganda, where the government continues a battle against guerillas from the Lord's Resistance Army that began in 1987 and is now one of Africa's longest-running conflicts. The guerilla group has been accused of murder, mutilation, the sexual enslavement of women and children and forcing children to become soldiers.

"It's difficult reliving all those memories, very painful," says Parkinson. "Muyambi and I have been able to talk about it a little, mostly in jokes. The only way to let it out is little by little." After his experience on the panel, Parkinson says he is willing to talk again about what war has done to his country and its people. "It's something I owe to the world. They need to know how people suffer, how these situations turn people into animals."

Parkinson and Muyambi met in Norway, where both were attending a Davis United World College preparatory school. Bucknell is one in a consortium of colleges and universities that accept and financially contribute to the support of Davis Scholars, who are drawn from countries throughout the world, not just those in political turmoil. In the 2008-09 school year, three students came to Bucknell through the Davis program. Last year, an additional nine matriculated. The current first-year class includes five Davis scholars. All are funded through scholarships and grants from Bucknell and the Davis program.

Wahdat came to Bucknell through the efforts of volunteer business people involved with the nonprofit group Bpeace, which helps women in Afghanistan and Rwanda start and grow

in business management and minoring in Arabic, her seventh language. Palwasha receives financial aid through a diversity scholarship founded a decade ago by trustee **Dave Ekedahl '56** and his wife, **Patty P'79**. This fall a third Bpeace student, Rwandan **Malyse Uwase '13**, joined the first-year class.

Balihodzic came to Bucknell as a Jack Cooke Kent Scholar from Garrett Community College in western Maryland. She landed there, thanks to the friendship and support of a member of the Maryland National Guard for whom she worked as a translator when she returned to Sarajevo in 1998, after hostilities had abated. While the international community has shifted focus, the situation in Bosnia remains precarious and getting worse, Balihodzic says. She would like to return home, but her mother has told her it is not advisable.

Mawema will not be returning to her home in Zimbabwe anytime soon either. She left for Bucknell before the worst of the suffering began, and conditions there have since become untenable. The government of Robert Mugabe, Zimbabwe's president since 1980, has been blamed for hyperinflation, chronic shortages of food and fuel, health epidemics, human rights abuses and election tampering. In 2002 the government seized farms from whites and redistributed them, leading to the further collapse of an agricultural system that once earned Zimbabwe the reputation as the breadbasket of Africa. Daily life continues to deteriorate. "There was no petrol, no food. People would spend all night waiting in line to get bread," Mawema says of her teenage years. "It got really bad two years ago. Supermarket shelves were empty, and my mother would drive four to five hours to Mozambique to shop for groceries."

Mawema says she and her family are luckier than most Zimbabweans. Her family has been able to avoid being endangered by the country's cholera epidemic, for example, because they are now drawing their drinking water from their pool instead of the public water system. But she wonders what will happen when that water runs out.

The family of **Jacquelin Kataneksza '09**, Mawema's former teammate on Bucknell's field hockey team, is experiencing these and other distressing ramifications of Mugabe's failed rule. Kataneksza's mother is a black South African, and her father is a white Polish immigrant. "It became a race thing in Zimbabwe when white families were told to leave their land,"

she says. In 2003, when Kataneksza was 15, her family was displaced from their home near the tourist area of Kariba, where her parents made a living fishing in Lake Kariba. They were relocated to the capital city of Harare. To support themselves, they live in Mozambique for months at a time so they can fish there.

About 18 months ago, ethnic violence forced Kataneksza's father to flee to Mozambique. Now that the political unrest has calmed a bit, he is back in Zimbabwe, but daily life continues to be difficult. "Like most everyone else in Zimbabwe, they have

trouble finding potable water and getting enough food to eat," Jacquelin says. "I wake up every day and feel guilty because I'm here in the U.S. where there's so much excess and so much ignorance about social issues that matter on a much bigger scale."

Some of the students can remember a time before war and destruction, when life was happy and their land still beautiful. They aspire to return someday to help the countries and people they love. Both Parkinson and Muyambi are studying civil engineering so that they can help to rebuild their countries' infrastructure.

Others are studying political science, international relations or economics with a goal of working in the government or in humanitarian organizations. Years before coming to Bucknell, Balihodzic had worked as a translator for the U.S. Embassy and for U.S. peacekeepers in Bosnia. Wahdat has worked as a translator for nongovernmental organizations in Afghanistan. She also has worked in refugee camps in Pakistan as a project officer, educating women about the parliamentary process and women's rights. Mawema has completed an internship at the World Affairs Council.

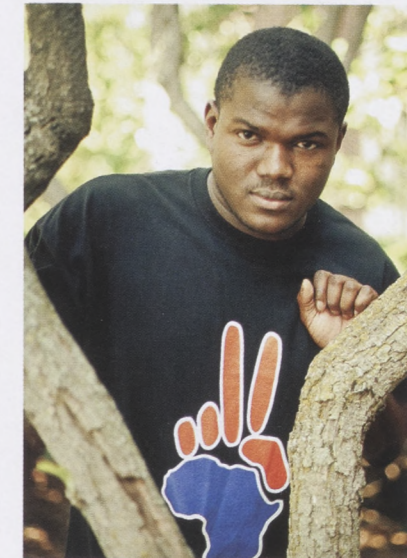
Muyambi has been active over the past few years with several initiatives related to Uganda. The summer before matriculating, he visited a refugee camp in the Gulu area in northern Uganda and interviewed people who had been affected by the civil war. That fall he organized a "Gulu Walk" at Bucknell to raise money and awareness about child soldiers. Last fall he organized a second walk and brought former Liberian child rights advocate Kimmie Weeks to speak on campus about child soldiers. He began a project called Bicycles Against Poverty, a microfinance project that provides bicycles to Ugandans so they can start their own businesses.

Once she has recovered from surgery on her knee, Kataneksza hopes to do development fieldwork with a nongovernmental organization before beginning graduate school. Wahdat, Balihodzic and Mawema plan to pursue graduate studies as well. After that, Wahdat would like to return to Afghanistan "to do something to help women. There is a lot to do," she says. Mawema hopes to work in international diplomacy. Balihodzic aspires to become prime minister of Bosnia. "As a little child I always said 'I am going to be the first female president of Bosnia,'" she says, "but I learned through my classes at Bucknell

that a prime minister has more power in the Bosnian political system, and now my goal is to be the first female prime minister and help my country achieve its potential."

Despite their own past trauma and the continuing conflict and uncertain futures of their countries, these students and recent alumni remain determined to use their Bucknell education to improve life in their homelands for generations to come.

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Top to bottom: Simin Wahdat '11, Sowande Parkinson '11 and Zumra Balihodzic '09.



small businesses in order to support their families and contribute to peace and prosperity in their communities. Wahdat was working as a translator for Bpeace in Afghanistan when she was befriended by an American woman who helped her get to the U.S. and, subsequently, Bucknell.

**Palwasha Siddiqi '10** also came to Bucknell through Bpeace. Born in Afghanistan, she was raised primarily in Pakistan before her family eventually returned to Kabul. She is majoring



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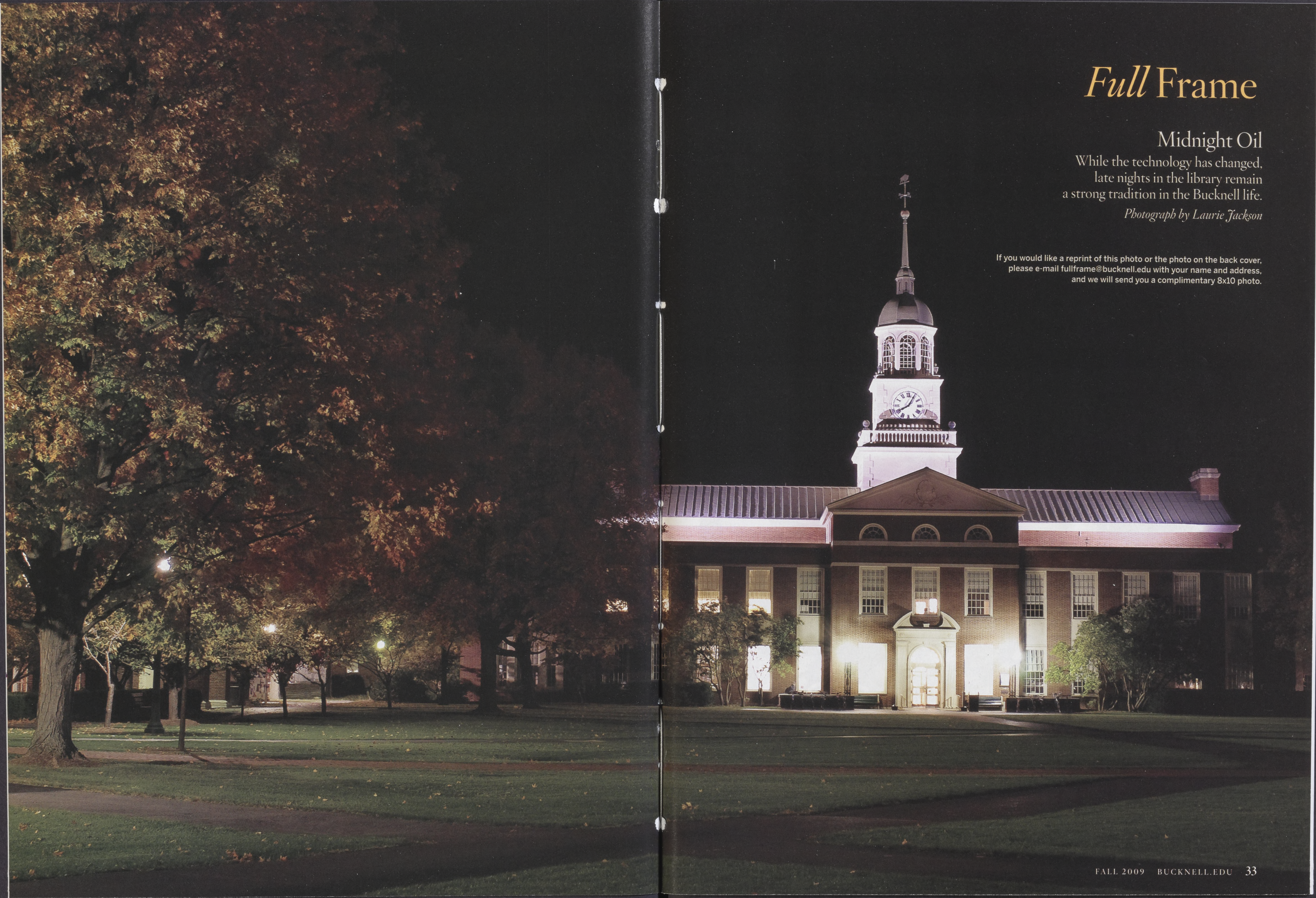
# Full Frame

## Midnight Oil

While the technology has changed,  
late nights in the library remain  
a strong tradition in the Bucknell life.

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# Class Notes

Alumni Near&Far



Identify the famous Bucknellian in the photo above. The first five correct responses will receive a Bucknell T-shirt! Tell us who the Bucknellian is and where he's standing. E-mail responses to [classnotes@bucknell.edu](mailto:classnotes@bucknell.edu).

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# 1934

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**Col. Sanford "Spark" Barcus** writes, "June marked the 75th anniversary of our 1934 graduation from Bucknell. We take this occasion to pay everlasting homage to our alma mater. The accomplishments of the Class of 1934 alumni reflect the values and training of our university years. Someone once wrote that experience is the only school from which no one ever graduates, but Bucknell truly gave to us the means and methods for achievement. It was in its revered halls of learning that we acquired the experience of a Bucknell education. How can we ever pay tribute to the generations who came before us and enabled us to reach this milestone in our lives? May the future bring even greater fulfillment to Bucknell."

# 1935

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It was a pleasure to receive the most recent issue of *Bucknell Magazine* in Sydney. As you must know, I volunteered to

keep up the Class of '35 notes following the death of **Jean Hagenbuch Moore**, the previous class reporter. There does seem to be some confusion, however. I have had an e-mail from Diane Deschanel, the daughter of **Ann Orr Deschanel**, who was unclear as to why I would take the role as class reporter. (I am happy to report that Mrs. Deschanel and I have been in touch and all is cleared up, I think).

Ann Deschanel and **Bert Rutgers Conover** had lunch with Diane Deschanel, who, coincidentally, also has a daughter living in Australia (Brisbane).

**Anna Gertrude Carey** is well and continues to enjoy life at Londonderry Village, Easton, Md. She receives regular visits from my parents and mostly from her nearby niece and her husband, Robbie and Jay Carey.

The *Bucknell Magazine* summer 2009 article "Into the World" was particularly attractive reading. As a junior at Bucknell, I lived and worked in Vienna, Austria, and the former Yugoslavia. My own daughters, having been raised in Chicago and Hong Kong, appreciate their experiences, even the unsettling ones, very much. Kelsey, now a law student at Australian National University (ANU), has made several trips to Europe and South East Asia in the last 10 years, most recently to work in an orphanage and respite care center for HIV/AIDS-positive children. — L.C.

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Wonders never cease, thanks to a call from **Clyde Noll**. He, of course, is retired and lives on Amelia Island, Fla., with wife No. 2. His first wife, **Betty Boyd Noll '40**, died in 1971. Clyde remarried shortly thereafter and has led an active life, with golf consuming much of his leisure time. He has numerous kin who are Bucknellians and a grandson who is leaning toward Bucknell, and hopefully will end up there. That will make a number even **Robert '40** and **Annabel Kreider Schnure '40** will envy.

It seems difficult for me to avoid contact with other Bucknellians, as evidenced by the spring 2009 issue of *Bucknell Magazine*, in which I was pictured with the lovely **Bridgette Mayer '96**, who owns and operates a thriving art gallery at 709 Walnut St., Philadelphia, PA 19106. I interviewed her for HMC channel 20 and learned what it takes to operate a successful art gallery during difficult economic times. You will be able to see this interview sometime in October on the Bucknell website.

Now, my fellow classmates, if I don't hear from you, you'll have to endure a lot of stuff I manage to pick up, so please communicate with me. I know some of you are out there. We still need to contribute to our class scholarship fund and keep it growing. We have seven students on our scholarship. — C.V.

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Put it on your calendar: Our 70th Reunion is June 3–6, 2010.

**William McKee** sends word that he is another to be counted as a 90s — 92, in fact. He and Frances, his wife and "high school sweetheart," have celebrated 67 years of shared life experiences and they delight in their four great-grandchildren. One activity Bill has had to let go is golf. "Our social life is centered around going to the doctor and the grocery store," he says.

**Elsie Van Nort McShea** continues to share her pleasure in John Adams country and attending the church the Adams family attended. At Plymouth Plantation she had her picture taken with "Miles Standish," who informed her "Priscilla" was next door with "John Alden." While at a restaurant, a group of visiting teenagers asked to have their picture taken with Elsie in her red hat. Life with a red hat is never dull.

**Dean Gulnac** called to bring us up to date on life in Irvine, Calif. He had some heart repair work done in January and feels back to normal. He and Fay have let cruise trips become a thing of the past, but the good memories linger.

**Doris and Warren Eister** have been in their retirement home for four years, and Warren declares they are the healthiest couple there. That's good news. They miss getting back to Reunion. He hopes his book is published within the year.

**Bob Stanton** supplies me with a steady stream of wonderful photographic e-mail forwards. They are to be enjoyed and shared, which I do.

## Alumni Near&Far

I enjoyed reading a delightful capsule of **Evelyn Brooks Farnsworth's** activities. We share the daily routine on most days. She is active in her church and joins others twice a month to make quilts distributed locally and worldwide, and she serves on the Altar Guild.

**Jeanne Brozman Crawford '39** gave a dotted-line account as she sat down to type her letter — all too familiar as we go from room to room. For her this included an hour's walk, pruning the lupine, touching a bit of putty with paint, raking under the lilacs, time for lunch and writing the letter. She enjoyed a visit from her son and his daughter and husband with a picnic in the hills surrounding Yakima. Jeanne included a long list of suggested books to read, on hold at present.

**Dottie Smailes Nutt '41** says several friends visited her new Pinehurst, N.C., home en route to and from Florida. — A.H.W.

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**Emilie Sherman Sanborn '55** writes, "Jim and I attended

Bucknell's scholarship luncheon last Saturday. We sat with a classmate of yours, **Lois Henneberger**. We had a good chat and found out we had some of the same professors, since we were both biology majors. The recipient of her scholarship has been admitted to Jefferson Medical School, and she was delighted by that. Life goes on here at a more hectic pace than I'd like, but at least we're still in pretty good shape to endure it all."

**Jane Griffith** and her sister, **Mimi Reed P'72, P'73**, also attended the Scholarship day luncheon. "We were glad to spend some time with Lois Henneberger and spoke briefly with **Honey Rhinesmith Baker '44** and the **Rev. Julia Dawson '48**," writes Jane. "The number attending these luncheons seems to grow each year, a good sign. It was our good fortune to have seated at our table the recipient of the Class of '43's scholarship, **Stephanie Diegel '11**, a lovely young lady studying electrical engineering. Also at our table were three pre-meds and a computer engineering major. Talk about brains! I hope I can continue to drive out to these affairs for a few years. It's always gratifying to meet the students, see the beautiful campus and hear the inspiring speakers. Mimi and I will also be going out to the graduation of our cousin's grandson May 17 and wishing for another beautiful day."

Talking with **John Zeller '41**, I learned that on his 90th birthday he was honored with a celebration at the Demie house with Bucknell's president and provost in attendance. John was among those honored at the Union County Veterans Recognition Ceremony on June 27. A member of Bucknell's first class of Phi Beta Kappa, John served his country in two wars.

Alpha Chi Omega's spring *Red & Green Scene* edition says **Eleanor Goodrich Shipman** "is still working in the business of wholesale foods. She is self-employed and is the president of the company, which she has been for 36 years. When she's not working hard, Eleanor enjoys

gardening, reading and spending time with her grandchildren."

**Doug Sholl '66** writes that a great review of **Betsy Neary Sholl's '67** new book, *Rough Cradle*, appeared in the *Portland Phoenix*. Betsy is the poet laureate of Maine.

**Nina Osovick Magilligan** writes, "At 88, I'm not doing very well. My arthritic knees bother me a lot. But several weeks ago Eleanor, 24, my granddaughter from Australia, came to visit me for a week. I was very nervous about entertaining her because of my knees. Well, surprise! She insisted on an hour of exercise early in the morning. She already knew where to go, and I would drive her there. And then she believed in eating healthy food! I was lucky to have friends drive her around, show her San Francisco. I am relaxing now, but Eleanor says she had such a good time she would like to visit me next year."

Nina, dear, wonderful to hear about Eleanor. I challenge our classmates to write about their grandchildren or their greats. — J.B.S.

## 1944

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It always seems to be a beautiful day in April when the scholarship luncheon takes place. Attendance was possible since daughter, **Kitty Baker Sarro '72**, went with me — or realistically, I went with her. Our '44 class scholarship recipient, **Alexandra Ellis '09**, was unable to attend as she was visiting graduate schools in Baltimore. Familiar faces weren't too plentiful, but it was ever so pleasant to be with Martha and **John Zeller '41**, **Charlie '37** and **Ginny Fisher Vogel '40**, **Lois Henneberger '43** (a retired M.D.), **Jane Griffith '43** and her sister, Mimi, wife of our late class president **Henry "Duke" Reed**.

The Bison Club had several receptions in May to introduce

the sports coaches and staff. The one in New Jersey was hosted by **Ray Cosgrove '62** and his son, **John '86**, a most gracious pair and the proprietors of Bahr's Landing. Again, attendance was thanks to one of my children, **Tom Baker '77**. We caught up with **Bob Megargel '47**, **Penn Shelley '53**, Steve and **Betsy Kilbury Foster '59**, and Carolyn and **Roger Conners '59**. The coaches all have great hopes for the coming season. There won't be an attempt to name them, lest I forget someone. By the time you read this (and I hope you are), the football schedule will be more than half completed. Hope you've been to some games.

The new address for Doris and **Lee Psaty** is 18520 Eighth Ave. NW, Apt. 213, Shoreline, WA 98177. They live close to their son, Bruce, and his family. It is nice to know Lee has dusted off his golf clubs.

A note from **Anna Fetterman Gutekunst** includes the obituary of **Ruth Smith Mendes**, which she cut from a North Carolina paper while visiting. Smitty had been in touch at Christmas and all seemed to be well then. She was predeceased by her husband, **Frank**, in 2006. Memories of them are happy from our 60th Reunion, and they were amongst the old faithful classmates. Sincerest sympathy to their two children and their families.

*Note: See Ruth's obituary in this issue's In Memoriam section.*

With the holidays approaching, anticipate them happily and in good health. It would be great to hear from you. Love and peace. — H.R.B.

## 1945

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*Bucknell Magazine* is searching for a reporter for the Class of '45. Please contact us if you are interested. Please direct your news for the next issue to [classnotes@bucknell.edu](mailto:classnotes@bucknell.edu) or Class Notes, *Bucknell Magazine*,

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## 1946

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## 1947

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"A Tribute to '09' in '09:  
Remembering Guy Payne and  
the College Inn," by **Bill Curnow**  
'61, in the summer 2009 issue  
of *Bucknell Magazine*, echoed  
**Barbara Messer Hale's** request  
for the Honor House '47 round  
robin. The "bird" flew in May  
filled with wonderful Bucknell  
memories from Barbara, **Tamara**  
**Gurvitch Goldman**, **Mollie**  
**Wolfinger Woehling**, **Gloria**  
**Child Goelz**, **Grace "Lynn"**  
**Deissler King**, **Ruth Richardson**  
**Bullock**, **Lois Miller Tandy**,  
**Helen Klauder Bohs**, **June**  
**Stott Matthews** and your  
reporter. Just a few will be  
reported for this issue of  
*Bucknell Magazine*.

Tam, who was our class  
reporter for more than 50 years,  
writes, "My fondest memories  
are of people who encouraged  
and nourished my interest in  
journalism. Among them was  
**Peg Thompson Fischer '46**,  
who today would be called  
my mentor, and of course  
**Roger Haddon**, a kind and  
knowledgeable colleague."

Mollie recalls, "Bucknell in '43.  
Remember? We went to college  
via train with only a suitcase,  
sent our laundry home, had  
housemothers, stayed at  
Bucknell over Thanksgiving —

the war years! Oh yes, the  
V-12 program was in full force,  
plus curfews."

Bobby, our round robin  
coordinator (Ruth preceded her),  
says, "My Bucknell memory  
dates back to February 1947.  
June and I took a couple of  
trains to Dartmouth. The  
occasion: Ed, winter carnival in  
Hanover and an engagement  
ring on Valentine's Day. We had  
a wonderful time. So wonderful  
that several times (on purpose)  
we missed the once-daily train  
from White River Junction. On  
our eventual return to Honor  
House we found a message  
to see the new Dean of Women  
*immediately.*" As early-on  
negotiators, both Bobby and  
June have happy memories  
of this event.

It's been 62 years since  
graduating from Bucknell. Many  
have had illustrious careers,  
wonderful family events and  
hobbies, as well as lifetime  
challenges. Our classmates  
would like to hear about them,  
as well as your memories of  
Bucknell. — J.M.R.

## 1948

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A newsy e-mail came from  
**Florence Kreidler Davis**,  
"Kandy" to us '48ers. She  
and her husband, **Walter '47**,  
returned from Boynton Beach,  
Fla. They saw **Mary Anne**  
**Ettenger Thompson '49** and  
heard from **Nan Waldner**  
**Sweeney**. They also are in touch  
with **Liz Cargill France '47**.  
Lastly, do any of you remember  
the V-12 Navy contingent up at  
Bucknell? Kandy and Walt still  
have contact with several  
sailors who went on to R.P.I.  
It sounds like Blacksburg, Va.,  
is a great town to live in, like  
Lewisburg, Pa.

**Gloria Burkhardt Cowdrick**  
is on the move again. Her son,  
Bob, writes that she resides at  
the Friendly Home, 3156 East  
Ave., Rochester NY 14618, and

enjoys social activities. She  
enjoys time with her children  
and grandchildren and is still  
a wicked crossword puzzle  
challenger. That is a great  
activity, Burky. Keep it up!

Sadly, I received notification  
of **Robert McLaughlin's** passing  
in February. Bob was a civil  
engineer major, and his wife says  
he always commented how much  
he enjoyed Bucknell. Our sym-  
pathies are with you, Catherine.

*Note: Robert's obituary*  
*appeared in the summer 2009*  
*issue.*

In June, my husband and I  
had lunch with **Florence Fellows**  
**Skove** and her husband, Jim.  
We were in Culpeper, Va., at the  
friendliest luncheonette I've  
been to in a while. Flo is just as  
bubbly as ever and we talked  
away a few hours, reminiscing  
about Bucknell, Bucknellians  
and, of course, our good times  
in Spanish House. We'll do it  
again, Flo. — J.G.B.

## 1949

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About 11 members of the Class  
of 1949 enjoyed their 60th  
Reunion in late May, including  
**Dominick Chirico**, **Nick Daviduk**,  
**Richard English**, **Sherman**  
**Herman**, **Donna Spencer**  
**Johnson**, **Mike Kronisch**, **Alan**  
and **June Folkart Molof '52**,  
**Arlene Nemeth Stec**, **Roger**  
**Traxler** and me. **Alice Bogdanoff**  
**Miller** and **Doris Wilde Thomas**  
had signed up but were unable  
to attend (we missed them).  
Although this was a small group,  
we enjoyed getting together for  
two dinners (one with the Class  
of 1954) and the all-class lunch-  
eon. Donna and Walt Johnson's  
son and daughter-in-law, and  
their children, joined us, giving  
us some youthful input. All in all  
it was a nice weekend. It is really  
hard to believe we have been  
out of college 60 years!

I have not gotten any news  
from other classmates. One of

our classmates who was at  
Reunion (I did not know him)  
did not know the Class of 1949  
had a reporter. I gave him my  
information so he could contact  
me, but he has not done so.  
I really wish more (or at least  
some) classmates would drop  
me a note.

I noted from the memorial  
service program (which Donna  
Johnson sent to me) that 28 of  
our classmates died in the past  
year. Well, that's the way it goes  
at our age. I wonder how many  
of the 600-plus graduates are  
still alive. Please send, call or  
e-mail me any news you might  
have. — C.M.D.

## 1950

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The Class of '50 extends deepest  
sympathy to the family and  
friends of the **Rev. Max Coots**,  
who died at his home in Canton,  
N.Y., on April 21. Very active in  
the ministry and his community,  
and the author of three books,  
Max returned to his early love of  
the arts following his retirement  
in 1992. He audited sculpting  
classes at St. Lawrence University,  
worked in a studio there and  
eventually opened his own studio.  
St. Lawrence hosted a show of  
his sculptures, "The Sublime  
and the Ridiculous," and the St.  
Lawrence Arts Council honored  
him with an exhibit of his works  
at Art Central in Potsdam, N.Y.

*Note: Max's obituary*  
*appeared in the summer 2009*  
*issue.*

When I talked with **Eleanor**  
**Lieper Williams** in July, she said  
her husband (and great chef),  
Irving, along with a grandson,

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were at the family island in Canada getting things in order for a gathering of the clan. They had an honest-to-goodness *Northern Exposure* experience when, for the first time ever, they saw a moose wandering around the island. With three children, six grandchildren and one moose in attendance, the Williams' reunion was a lively affair. Ellie is an expert gardener and an active volunteer at the Packwood House Museum in Lewisburg. She chaired a committee responsible for organizing a beautiful collection of Pennsylvania quilts on display through October at this jewel of a museum on Market Street.

It was July 20, 1969, when 500 million people watched in awe as Neil Armstrong climbed down the Apollo 11 lunar module ladder and made man's first step on the moon. **Herb Wilcox** was the leader of the Westinghouse team that developed the video picture tube for the camera that made it possible for the world to see the amazing pictures of Armstrong and Edwin E. Aldrin Jr. walking where no man had walked before. The extraordinary achievement of our classmate and his team was featured in the July 19 issue of *The Daily Item*, Sunbury, Pa. — P.W.

Note: See Bucknell Magazine's Q&A with Herb on p.7.

Would you believe we're coming up on the 10th anniversary of Y2K? Let's remember to set aside some time to attend our 60th Reunion next year, June 3-6, 2010. That will be Y2KX.

An obituary for **Wally Boswell '49** appears in this issue's In Memoriam section. Wally did a great job as caterer for the Demies, but of much greater note was his service in the Air Force piloting B-29s in both WWII and the Korean War.

After reading the fine tribute in *Bucknell Magazine* to **Guy Payne '09**, **John Mook** called and reminisced about how much he and others were helped by his Uncle Guy. He mentioned that Mr. Payne came to Bucknell on route to the ministry, but never left the campus restaurant once there.

**Charis Taylor Gridley** still lives in a fine, big old house in Dayton, Ohio. She revealed that the house was built in 1918. She also divulged that she used to give the afternoon radio market report when she worked for Smith Barney. Her New Jersey accent caught some attention in those days, and it still was notable in our telephone conversation. Charis retired on April 1, 2006, just in advance of the financial turmoil.

We talked to several classmates while trying to recall who served as class reporters over the years. The results thus far, in chronological order, are: **Carol Van Alen Sprout**, **David Grimm**, **Charis Gridley**, **Sue Williams Gessner '51**, **Ralph Jones**, then the present Coleman and Wagner pairing. Sue Gessner served on behalf of her husband and our classmate, **Dick Gessner**. Surely we have an error in the list offered and we welcome corrections. — D.C.

## 1951

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I want to thank **Sue Williams Gessner** for her message, which came a hair too late to include in the summer issue. She and her husband, **Dick Gessner '50**, see **Marian Headley Melville** in the winter when they go to Aspen. She also hears from **Marion Bucher Snyder** and receives her e-mail photos and letters. Sue is amazed at how we've all aged. I, personally, cannot believe we left Bucknell 58 years ago.

Sue also sent news of Dick's induction into the Cable TV Pioneers Class of 2009. This is for those in the cable industry who have made meaningful contributions to the development of the industry. Their children, children's spouses and a grandchild accompanied them to D.C. for the awards banquet at the Mayflower Hotel.

Just think of all the things around today we never dreamed of in the dark ages of the '40s and '50s: e-mail, computers, cable TV, Twitter, Facebook, etc. Since **Ray** and I have no grandchildren living close, we are still in the dark about a lot of that stuff. At least I am doing e-mail. Please send news by e-mail, Pony Express or any other means. Happy holidays to you all. — B.L.S.

## 1952

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Did you smile with pleasure when you read the exciting news about **Larry Breakiron**? Larry was honored as a Bucknellian who reaches far beyond our alma mater to represent the essence of core educational values and leadership qualities embraced by Bucknell. The Doctor of Humane Letters was conferred on Larry at the 159th Commencement ceremony before the 2009 graduating class. His generosity and wisdom have provided guidance for the best in community engagement and service to Bucknell. Larry responded to my congratulating him by writing, "This big moment in my life was a surprise. My granddaughter also received a degree and I had the pleasant job of giving her the diploma. Gary Sojka and I have had a long relationship, which made it even more special to receive a degree with him." The Breakirons are summer neighbors on Nantucket to **Lindy** and **Betty Elliott Butler '55**. Lindy had the distinct pleasure to personally applaud Larry's outward reach to serve the world with compassion. Congratulations, Larry, from your Class of '52 for your outstanding contributions to humanity.

The revised 2009 Reunion Rally, "Time for Bucknell," was a phenomenal surprise for 1,900 returning alumni. The five-star performance of the- atrical, musical and multimedia

scenarios presented a humorous and heart-tugging show of memories intertwined with campus life. The production was an energized celebration that creatively transformed past traditions to honor committed alumni, recognize generous class contributions and endorse accomplishments — all within one hour of joyful attention. Audience response to the new rally was a mixture of many laughs, appreciation for talent and high entertainment standards affirmed by rousing applause. It was intentionally a 60-minute "feel-good" show. Plan to attend in 2010. Thank you, alumni staff!

The Rally and President's leadership breakfast gave me an emeritus link but a desire to find absent classmates. Finally, I found **Sally Baumgardner Stanton** and joined her at the all-class indoor picnic in Sojka Pavilion. Throughout the weekend, multigenerational seniors were given unending attention by the emeritus student ambassadors **Christina Mattioli '11**, from Warren, Pa., and **David Reilly '10**, from Long Valley, N.J. All classes were grateful for their ambassadors' sensitive gifts of patient hospitality and kind ears that eased the senior alumni anxiety of where to go next on this dramatically changed and unfamiliar campus of my "Dear Bucknell."

Mary Ann and **Larry Bloom** have a winter home on Anna Maria Island, Fla., where they look forward to the Southwest Florida alumni club luncheon every March. This year the University speaker was Bison football coach Tim Landis. Coach Landis accepted Larry's invitation to join him last summer at an Eastern League Altoona Curve baseball game. Do you know this Pittsburgh Pirates' AA farm team was named for Altoona's famous railroad horseshoe curve, combined with baseball's curve ball? To date, the plan has remained derailed because of a routine medical check-up for Larry while still in Florida. He was diagnosed as needing emergency surgery, which

required a chartered jet flight to Pennsylvania. Extended hospital and rehab care canceled the Blooms' April cruise through the Panama Canal with their grandchildren and children, **Julie Bloom Citron '91** and **Mark Bloom '86**. In July Larry assured me that his health was as good as new, except for a few pesky physical changes expected in his eight score years longevity. More good fortune was that Mary Ann also fully recuperated from a sprained ankle and minor cut resulting from a crash that totaled her car. These double physical detours prevented the Blooms from joining us at Scholarship Day in April. Coincidence compensated for their absence, however, for their scholarship recipient served them throughout the summer at their Hollidaysburg dining club. The Blooms' 50th anniversary was also celebrated with a gathering at home. Congratulations and best wishes for their golden years to be continued in good health.

**Don and Molly Tompkins Manning** again hosted the West Florida regional reunion. They were radiant with the arrival of their first grandson, Cole Douglas, the son of Doug, who lives in nearby Sarasota. You can see Cole's photo in the B-Link '52 album at [www.b-link.bucknell.edu](http://www.b-link.bucknell.edu). The ecstatic grandparents are ready to demonstrate their generative expertise with joy whenever called to travel a few short miles. The Mannings are equally pleased that their granddaughter, Lauren, announced her engagement. Don and Molly, avid Elderhostel attendants, added a New England trip to pursue another curricula of lifelong learning. The Vermont cheese and maple syrup food industry was the place to gain new culinary knowledge. Learning the production secrets from beginning to tasteful end was the reward for gathering gourmet recipes to practice at home. The Mannings affirm that age never matters unless you're a cheese.

**Bob DeGroot** is a New England resident in the seaside

community of Mystic, Conn. He is busy adapting a life of learning which draws him into volunteering for the historic Mystic Seaport museum and constructing homes for Habitat for Humanity. In spite of his commitment to volunteerism, Bob took the time to e-mail for help to reconnect with a Bucknell friend. Thank you, Bob, for staying in touch.

Summer excitement overflowed for the Ruslings when we immersed ourselves in the 2009 U.S. Women's Open at Saucon Valley Country Club. We attended all six days, from beginning to the final cliffhanger end. We grew in our knowledge about the beautiful game of golf, although our scores may never benefit from this experience.

How are you discovering that aging is no more than forming a bad habit if you keep life learning as a goal? I hope I hear from you. — R.C.R.

## 1953

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I received a package in the mail of Bucknell memorabilia. **Barbara George Frazer** is downsizing and forwarded the items to me. She and her husband, Ted, are moving from their home in Gladwyne, Pa., (Ted says he will believe it when all of the papers are signed) to the nearby Waverly Heights Retirement Community, actually right down the street from their home. Best wishes, Barb and Ted.

Among the items in the package were photos, the freshman handbook (a real gem that I will show to my granddaughter, who will be a freshman at the University of Miami this fall), and three issues of *Etc.* magazine that were edited by **Phil Roth '54**. I noticed many familiar names among the list of magazine staff. One was **Alan Raynor**, associate editor. Within a few days of reviewing those magazines, I received an e-mail

from Alan with the subject "Etc." A coincidence. Alan reports, "In my own little world, it's all a bit of non-news; I am treading water a bit. I am going to have my best year (or not) in track meets, and I have a contract with a movie producer, which means the film I have written will be produced (or not). So, I'll be a very happy or despondent guy by the end of the year." By the time of our next issue we may have news. Good luck, Alan.

Also in Barbara's package were Bucknell decals. It was interesting to note that the word "Bisons" accompanied the image of the University mascot on the decals. I noticed in the *Etc.* magazines, the bookstore's advertisement for college rings showed "Bisons" on the ring. I wonder how many of our classmates have a ring like those pictured as a cherished possession. And I wonder when and who at the University realized that the plural of the name of our mascot is simply "Bison."

Remember our 40th Reunion? That was when **Walt McConnell** sold us T-shirts to fund his climb of Mt. Everest. As I recall, he climbed higher than than anyone his age. I discovered my shirt, which read, "Bucknell on Top! Everest '89." The shirt is in good condition. I am pleased to wear it. When I reminded Walt about his climb, he said he still would love to try again.

**Claire Vogelsong Pease** and her husband, Ted, have a small cottage in western Massachusetts on the property where Ted's family had their summer home. Claire and Ted come from their home in Anchorage to visit twice each year, once in spring during Alaska's mud season and once in the fall when the foliage is so glorious. **Trudy Knutzen Powelson, Shirley Reidinger Ostendarp** and I had a lovely visit with them in the spring at Trudy's home in the Berkshires. Claire and Ted are having a new structure built on an island in Alaska for their summer retreat. It will replace a previous one, but it will still be a real camp with minimal amenities. Those folks are a very hearty pair.

**Carolyn "CG" Gould Smoyer** is a permanent resident of Florida. She says she has not been back to Pennsylvania in three years. She was in Pennington, N.J., in the spring for her grandson's graduation from the Pennington School. She visited with **Joan Jenkinson Haag** and **William "Bud" '57** and **Anne Schoonmaker Pearson**. Good to catch up on the news of the Phi Gams and other classmates.

**Barbara "Bobbie" Maurer Reitz** writes about Donald Ray Pollock, author of *Knockemstiff*. Bobbie heard Donald speak in an English class at Ohio University-Chillicothe. "Yes, there is such a place here in Ohio, about 15 or 20 miles from Chillicothe (where I live)," she writes. "Donald won the Penn/Robert Bingham Fellowship this year, presented in New York last month. He told me he was fine onstage until he saw Philip Roth in the first row, and then he got nervous. Donald reads his writing well (Appalachia accent included). His book is very crude, but true to life and written very well. I told him that now I had been in class with Philip Roth and Donald Pollock." Bobbie, of course, is referring to an English writing class under the direction of Mildred Martin.

**Marge Boote Heine** and her husband, Harold, had a nice dinner visit with **Spencer '54** and **Elise Mueller Bruno '55**, who were on campus with a large family gathering for the graduation of their granddaughter, **Amy Bruno '09**. I assume **Katherine Dederer '09** was cheered by her grandparents, **Bob and Nancy Field Dederer**, and that **Norwood Lowry** and his wife attended for their grandson, **Robert Lowry '09**. Lots of Bison chips to carry on the family tradition and be cheered by Bucknell grandparents, parents, aunts and uncles, as well. Congratulations.

This is our 60th high school reunion year. **Marilyn Gardner** says Lewisburg High School planned a multi-day event for September. I assume **Max** and **Mary Jane Webber Van Buskirk** were involved in the festivities. A friend from Delaware sent me

## TRULY GOLDEN YEARS

**Marianne Lavelle '55** has had a lot to celebrate this year with the 50th anniversaries of both her marriage and her career. On June 13, Lavelle was honored by her Carbon County (Pa.) bar colleagues for 50 years of service. She was the first woman to join the county's bar in 1959 and continued to be the sole practicing female attorney there for the next 20 years.

"I never thought of it as being a particularly big challenge for a woman. My dad never told me I couldn't or shouldn't be a lawyer," says Lavelle. "His encouragement was reinforced by my professors at Bucknell."

At Bucknell, Lavelle found "fertile grounds" for her developing mind. Her professors encouraged her interests not only in her English and math majors, but also in debating and political science. "No one ever told me I couldn't do that because I was a woman. I was given equal importance to the men," she says of her time at Bucknell. She was a member of Debating Club, Cap and Dagger, the Dance Company, *The Bucknellian* and the Politics Club, among others

She went on to Villanova Law School, where she met her husband, John. Upon graduation the couple married and joined her father's law firm, Shutack, Lavelle and Lavelle, where Marianne still practices today. During his career, John became the Carbon County president judge, which meant she couldn't try her cases in front of him. "I had to cart my clients to other counties for a few years," she says.

Balancing the law firm and pro bono work, Lavelle also made time for family. "In the process, I raised four children of whom I am very proud," she says.

Since leaving litigation behind her, Lavelle is inspired and motivated by her small county general practice. Workdays also include quality time with her husband and youngest son, who both have joined her firm.

As for retirement? "Not at all," she says. "My dad taught me one important thing — retirement should never be part of your vocabulary."

— Julie Dreese



## 1954

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The husband of an alumna wrote to ask if we print news of Bucknellians who completed only two years at Bucknell. His wife had died, and he wants those who knew her to learn of her accomplishments. The e-mail somehow was lost in cyberspace and I cannot retrieve his letter. If he is reading this, please write again, and we are all very sorry for your loss.

— B.M.A.

## 1955

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I am in Maine, and since June we have had fewer than a dozen sunny days. Fog, rain, drizzle — it's overcast, cool in the daytime and cold at night. The golf course is a swamp so I've only played once. They won't allow golf carts, so Bill isn't playing. Doug and **Bobbie Evans Turner '88** and their children came to visit from Denver along with **Bauer Evans '85** and his family. I spent nine days in Burlingame, Calif., where my daughter, Day, had her third baby girl. That's three under age 3. A bit of a challenge, don't you agree?

**Jim Mackenzie** writes that he left Bucknell after his sophomore year but follows the news of classmates in *Bucknell Magazine*. He lives near Beaufort, N.C., where he and his wife, Sally, moved in 1998. After Sally died of cancer in 2001 he married Peggy, one of Sally's friends. In May he spent a weekend running his radio-controlled boats in the demonstration pond at the North Carolina Maritime

a newspaper clipping about Pierre S. Dupont High. **Pat Pratt Knodel's '54** husband, Don, chaired their reunion as he has for the past 30 years, and Pat will be helping for the Class of 1950. I wonder if you have any stories about your celebrations.

**Jane Brown Maas** sent this news right before the deadline for this column. Thanks, Jane. "My world, happily, is full of Bucknellians," she writes. "I had a lovely quiet dinner with **Ed Axelrod**. He has retired from his practice in orthopedic medicine, sold his Westchester home a few years ago and is living in Greenwich Village, right in the same area where he lived when he attended medical school at

NYU. He has been taking courses at NYU and the New School, seeing a lot of theatre, ballet and opera, and loves living in New York City. And he is as delightful and wise and witty as always.

"Philip Roth and I had dinner at our favorite Greek taverna. Philip's new novel came out in September, and he is working on another one. We reminisced a lot about our Bucknell days — rehearsing for *The Madwoman of Chailot*, which we performed together, and *Sammy Sandblast*, which we didn't.

"Another familiar face has popped up. **David Kahn '51** was editor of *The Bucknellian* our sophomore year and went on to become one of the world's

greatest experts on codes and code breaking. His book, *The Codebreakers*, is 965 pages of breathless non-fiction adventure that rivals Dan Brown's work. I get back to Lewisburg often and see some of our favorite professors, including Harry Garvin, who is still teaching a seminar on literature on art that I attend whenever I can; David Martin, who is still playing a mean game of golf; and **John Zeller '41**, who will always hold the all-time title of Mr. Bucknell."

Facebook! Yes, look for some of your classmates there. Folks are beginning to try it. Not sure why. You might want to check it out. — C.H.K.

Museum's Annual Wooden Boat Show. At home he works on his model railroad when he is not cutting grass or volunteering at the South River-Merrimon Fire and EMS department. Peggy is active in master gardener organizations in Carteret and Craven counties, in the Beaufort Historical Society's herb garden and in the Loosely Organized Garden Society. She tends to several hundred species of plants in her home garden. They have quite a menagerie on their acreage of wilderness. In addition to deer they have river otters, bobcats, turkeys, black bear, foxes, raccoons and squirrels. Their home overlooks the inter-coastal waterway, where they watch the annual spring parade of pleasure boats, in addition to cruise ships, commercial barge traffic, Navy Seals doing practice maneuvers, shrimp and crab fishermen, and mile-long dredging rigs. Jim says it's a neat place to live, and it certainly sounds great.

**Linnea Lindberg Jepsen** plans to be at Reunion 2010. I surely hope all of you reading this are planning the same. Linnea lives near Reading, Pa., in Wyomissing. She says this year has been a little quiet; no travel or kids coming home. She teaches three Svaroopaa yoga classes a week and two Ayurvedic vegetarian cooking sessions a year. She rides her bike often and takes good walks in their beautiful local park. Her home address has been the same for 50 years. She's not sure that is a distinction or not. She has not kept in touch with many Bucknellians over the years. Her large family does take some time to keep organized.

I hope you are all well and having a wonderful summer wherever you are. Please keep in touch. — B.B.E.

## 1956

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An e-mail from **Emily Maxwell Holzschuh** shares the news of the unexpected death of **Barb Caffrey Faulhaber's** husband, Mark. At the time of his death, Barb was in Alaska to attend her grandson's graduation. In sharing this news I heard from **Betty Kielar Skweir**, who was godmother to Barb and Mark's first child. Betty and her husband, Leon, spend winters in New Smyrna Beach, Fla. They say they head south in November, stay until April and return "when the lawn needs to be mowed in Pennsylvania."

A note from **Alan and Sally Berry Christenson** says, "At the 50th Reunion we reconnected with a lot of old friends and have kept it up via e-mails with **Margie Marshall Lawler**. On a return from North Carolina we stopped at Palm Coast and lunched with Margie and her husband, Harry, **Barb Bauer Tanner** and **Jan Replogle Roberts**. **Ginny McCully Straub** was down for an extended visit with all the Bucknellians in Palm Coast. We regularly see Ginny on our trips to New Jersey, as well as **Rol Smith**. **Shirley Laffin Bartholomew** resides near us in Naples over the winter and we talk often over the summer while she's in Normandy Beach.

"Our retirement is centered on golf and travel. If we're not planning it, we're doing it. In October we will be in San Antonio with **Ed and Anne Smith Janes**, who will drive over from Houston. Spain and Portugal are in our sights for 2010. We are proud grandparents of six grandsons, who visit us somewhat regularly. They range from age 8 to 23. We are both in reasonably good health considering that magic age of 75, and we intend to keep it that way. We welcome visitors and have a spare bedroom to accommodate anyone heading to Naples, so keep that in mind." — P.G.H.

## 1957

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**Joan Henry Kindy** moved from her home of many years in Palm Harbor, Fla., to Lexington, Ky. She decided she wants to be a hands-on grandma to Andrew, 9, and his little sister, Lauren. Joan enjoys her new life and looks forward to signing up for at least one course at the University of Kentucky. She will continue hospice volunteering and plans to try to help a little one read better at the school across the street. She loves helping out with Lauren and attending Andrew's baseball games, and comments that "they take their baseball seriously. Fortunately Andrew is a very good player who gets lots of warm fuzzies for his play." You can reach Joan at 624 Blandville Road, Lexington, KY 40509 or 859-327-3581.

**John '56 and Marilyn Edgcombe Grant** traveled from Rowland Heights, Calif., to Southampton, N.Y., for a two-week family reunion in August. It takes lots of planning to make arrangements for the siblings, kids and grandkids, but they've been doing this for years and are always delighted with the outcome. In early July Marilyn had a hilarious experience that she shared via e-mail: "My son, George, and I are big Monty Python fans. We attended the Los Angeles opening of the Broadway show *Monty Python's Spamalot*. I had an aisle seat, third row orchestra. In the last act, one of the performers came off the stage to find the Holy Grail (a big gold cup which happened to be under my seat). I was asked to come on stage to receive the Best Peasant in Los Angeles Award from King Arthur, played by John O'Hurley. They asked my name, then the cast sang to me and gave me a certificate and trophy. Like an Academy Award presentation, they opened the envelope and shouted out, 'And the winner is

Marilyn Grant!' It was all so funny I was crying from laughing so hard. As I was leaving the theater I felt like a celebrity. Everyone wanted to see the trophy, a big gold foot used in Monty Python TV shows to squash people and engraved with 'The Arthur Award — Best Peasant.' I hope some of you are Monty Python fans; it helps to love being very silly. My favorite skits are the 'House of Silly Walks' and the 'House of Arguments.' Hope the rest of my summer is this much fun!" Thanks, Marilyn.

I look forward to hearing from you. As most of us will turn 75 this year, maybe you'll share your celebrations, tell us about great-grandkids, etc. Almost anything is welcome! — D.H.H.

## 1958

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Two classmates sent notes expressing enjoyable times spent in Mexico. **Dorothy Ann Slifkin Altwarg** says she is devoted to winters spent in Oaxaca, where she meets people from all over the world. While there, she studies Spanish. Traveling in her same circle during the past winter was **Pati Hohl '06**, who teaches English in Oaxaca. The two felt that instant Bucknell bond.

**Alice Brewen Acheson** and **Ed Greub** began their February 2008 vacation in Mexico. Punta Mita, just north of Puerto Vallarta, was their first stop. After three very hot days with friends in their condo, Alice and Ed boarded a bus to Guadalajara. They recommend waiting to visit that city until 2012 after a complete installation of the city wide sewer system is finished. They traveled to San Miguel de Allende, where they stayed in a compound of tres casitas. Alice and Ed were joined by two

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couples from San Juan Island, Wash., where they live. With lovely weather, great friends, good food, time for reading seven books and the opportunity to take a paper mache class, Alice uses the word "wonderful" to describe their time at the compound. She says they found no danger in the areas they visited, and Mexicans are a warm and friendly people.

My husband, **Dick '59**, and I enjoyed a visit from **Clark '56** and **Ann Moore Workman** in late June. From their summer quarters in Pittsburgh they traveled to our area to attend the memorial service in Eagles Mere for **Ginny Davis Coniff**. Ann recalled seeing Ginny at their 50th high school reunion in Danville, Pa., in 2004. Ginny had an antique business in beautiful Eagles Mere. Sympathy from our class extends to family and friends.

*Note: See Ginny's obituary in this issue's In Memoriam section.*

Another longtime Bucknell friend, **Mark Peterson '60**, along with his wife, Carol, visited us in May. After a number of years as New England residents, the Petersons moved to Philadelphia. Mark is involved in the education field.

We will probably be in the Philadelphia suburbs quite often in the upcoming year since our daughter, **Carole Reed Trainer '97**, and her husband, Tom, became parents on May 13. They live relatively close to our former location, which allows us to reconnect with many friends. Of course, our new granddaughter, Gwendolyn, will be the chief reason for our trips!

**Carol Davies Aronis** shares news concerning a visit from their first granddaughter, Natalie Grace, 5 months. The Aronises' daughter, Dawn, and son-in-law, Larry, brought Natalie from Spokane, Wash., to Cincinnati, Ohio, to have her dedicated in true Baptist style at the church where Alex has been pastor.

Grandchildren are honored! **Cathy Hoffman Doremus** traveled from New Jersey to Wyoming to attend her grandson's high school graduation. Cathy and her husband, John,

enjoyed summer at their beautiful lake house near Branchville, N.J. Cathy met with **Betty Jones Zoch, Isabel Gordon Sklar** and **Adele Irving** for a late May get-together.

In May, **Rog** and **Jane Scheifele Frassenei** traveled to the Historic Baldwin Hall in Millersville, Md., to attend **Edge** and **Lorian Rodi Deuel's** surprise 50th anniversary party, given by their four daughters, Avery, Alison, Alissa and Adrienne. Forty-five guests gathered in the Annapolis area on May 17 to celebrate the occasion. Some Bucknell friends attending were **Bill** and **Shirley Cook Hatch, Don** and **Gail McMullen McCain** and Alice and **Bob Stumpf**.

Rog and Jane took a cruise to Bermuda with the four Herwig grandchildren and their parents. Luckily on the day after arriving home, the Frasseneis' schedule allowed a visit to our daughter's house to see us, the new baby and her mother.

Dick and I plan to move to a retirement community in the Lewisburg area. We've toured the ones most appealing to our needs as we see them for the future. On one tour I met **Ruth Heidemann Drozin**. She is part of the marketing team at Buffalo Valley Lutheran Village in Lewisburg.

As usual, I thank all of you who take the time to share news for all of us to read. Your efforts are much appreciated. Please encourage your Bucknell friends to do the same.  
— N.J.R.R.

## 1959

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What a wonderful 50th Reunion, as described so well by **Bob Bowman** below. Room would not allow us to print the names of all the energetic, persistent, hard-working and dedicated people that made our Reunion

and fund drive such a fantastic success, enabling us to garner the below mentioned awards. You have earned a jubilant, "well done." Class of 1959.

Bob Bowman writes, "It was a lovely weekend in May as 149 members of the Class of '59 returned to our beautiful campus to celebrate our 50th Reunion. The program chairs, **Mona O'Neill Sharkey** and **Willi Rilling Stahura**, along with the staff at the alumni office, had carefully planned a weekend of entertainment to share fond memories with our classmates. We officially began with a special Service of Remembrance at newly renovated Bucknell Hall to honor our departed classmates, who still remain with us in spirit. The class dinner at Larison was fun, and we enjoyed the challenge of a trivia quiz. The next morning we gathered to be honored as the returning seniors when we entered Weis Center. The new format for Reunion Rally, designed and enacted by staff and students, was extraordinarily entertaining. The class volunteers, under the guidance of Kim Allen and her annual fund staff, had worked diligently on fundraising throughout a difficult economic year. We were all particularly impressed with the 21st-century reports on our achievements. Our class was honored when **Stu Berelson** was presented with the Loyalty to Bucknell award for his service, dedication and commitment to our alma mater. The parade, with everyone cheering the Class of '59 as we entered the all-class luncheon, was also filled with fun and nostalgia. The weekend culminated at the class dinner in the Terrace Room of the Elaine Langone Center, named for the wife of **Kenny Langone '57**. It was very festive, with vocal musical entertainment from the Bison Chips and a wonderful video of class photos with '50s background music put together by **Andy** and **Jane Roudabush Cahn**. President Brian C. Mitchell congratulated us for exceeding our fundraising goals and dedicated the room in which we dined as "The Class

of 1959 Terrace Room." Later in the evening, Sam Lundquist, vice president for development and alumni relations, presented the Pete Pedrick Cup for the highest percentage of a class making a gift to Bucknell, the Reunion Cup for the largest amount raised for the annual fund, the President's Cup for the largest amount raised overall, and the award for having the highest percentage of the class back for a Reunion. **Bill Schreiber** agreed with me, stating, "Yes, what a great Reunion and another big thank you to Mona and Willi for such a terrific job. What are we doing for our 55th?"

**Jim Shannon** sends his regrets. "I wasn't able to make it to Reunion. I hear people had a good time. I teach information technology and business courses part time at Lord Fairfax Community College. Carol and I take care of our grandchildren a few days each month. We get to love them for a few days and send them home. It's great. Carol is still doing a lot of genealogy research. She has compiled records back five and six generations on both sides of our family. We took our second trip to Canada in summer to finalize the records on my side of the family."

**Pat Reish Hemphill** e-mails, "We had a wonderful time at our 50th Reunion. **Bob '58** and I celebrated our 50th anniversary on Aug. 15. We had a celebration with our family, some of our wedding party and some long-time friends. We also took our whole family on a Disney cruise."

**Ann Hardy Sharp** writes, "A few days after Reunion, we had the pleasant surprise of an impromptu visit from **Howie '58** and **Loie Iffert Rudge**. **Howard 'Sharpy'** and I headed west the following weekend, stopped in Omaha and spent several wonderful hours with **Eelco** and **Birte 'Chris' Petersen Gerlings**. Her son, Peter, was visiting from Amsterdam. When we returned from lunch at a local eatery, two grandkids, **Josh, 12**, and **Katie, 10**, had been dropped off by their mom for the afternoon — so we met

almost half of Birte's family. That evening Sharpy and I braved the 109-degree heat index to witness the first game of the College World Series baseball championship. On our way home from visiting our daughter in Hayden, Colo., we had lunch in Denver with **M.J. Louis Hopkins '60**, one of my little sisters in AXO. It's fun to catch up annually with old friends from Bucknell days!"

Willi Stahura says Patti Callahan Henry is the daughter of **George and Bonnie Steele Callahan '60** and the author of several books, the latest of which was on the *New York Times* bestseller list. *USA Today* also included the book on its list of 10 best summer reads.

**Joan Perego Thayer** e-mails, "Summer flew! We enjoyed being at home. Major house expenses in the spring helped us make that decision. Another grandson is off to college. After four years at Westfield High School, the largest high school in Virginia, Chris chose Longwood University and plans to study criminology. His cousin, Richard, will return to Florida State University where he enjoys being in the Marching Chiefs. Both Chris and his younger brother, Nick, played in all-star baseball games. My husband, Ted, played in the Army reunion band. He was a member of the band from 1958-61. We were in Ashland, Ore., for a few days, where Ted lectured band directors on how he teaches French horn. Southern Oregon University runs a three-summer master's program. Before that, he was in New Hampshire, teaching at the Kendall Betts horn camp. I am working with four Latin students whose Latin II skills need to be strengthened before school begins or they will not be allowed to take Latin III. Designing the curriculum was fun and time consuming."

**Jim Gasprich** writes, "Our 50th Reunion was a great success. Thanks to all who put so much time and effort into making it such a great experience. Staying in the dorm was fantastic, from the young ambassadors to former class-

mates who helped me around campus. The afterhours parties set up for us in the dorm were not to be missed."

**Janet Thompson Salzer** e-mails, "I had a great time at our 50th and loved seeing everyone. The memorial service on Friday afternoon for members of our class who had died was especially meaningful. My roommate from sophomore year, **Ann Norris Snyder**, died in March 2008. She and her husband, Jim, had attended several of our past Reunions. He came to our 50th to share the special time with all of us, even though he was not a Bucknellian. (He attended Georgia Tech, a much larger school.) He particularly came to attend the memorial service. When I greeted him afterward I found that he had a special story. He had received a kidney at Easter time from **Linda Hardy O'Connor '61**. Linda was the president of the women's student government association her senior year, as well as a chemistry major and Alpha Chi like her sister, Ann Sharp, and Ann Snyder. Jim recovered well from the operation and he was, of course, so grateful to Linda for her special gift. He will have more years to enjoy his and Ann's grandchildren. He stayed for the whole weekend and had a great time, like the rest of us. Mona and Willi did a great job with all of the planning."

How proud **Barbara Dunning Du Puy** and I are to be members of the spirited, disciplined and dedicated Class of 1959. We think that somehow this has been passed on to our children, who gave us a quasi-surprise 50th wedding anniversary party, which was a well-organized catered affair under a tent in our backyard. They invited 70 people who have touched our lives throughout our marriage. Some came from as far as Brazil and New Zealand. Our daughter, Susan, even had a replica of our wedding cake made for us to cut. It was truly a heartwarming and nostalgic event enjoyed by all. If I remember right, **Lee '57** and **Molly Wolford Hamilton** and **Emile**

mates who helped me around campus. The afterhours parties set up for us in the dorm were not to be missed."

**'58 and Susan Wellar Elinsky** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this year. Congratulations. — T.E.D.

## 1960

### REUNION 2010

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In June, **Ellis '59** and I attended his 50th Reunion, and I want to warn you: We have our work cut out for us next year. The Class of '59 broke all records and took every award given to alumni classes. It was a wonderful Reunion and a fun time for everyone.

I received e-mails from **Robert Howell, Bonnie Steele Callahan** and **Dan Hooven**. Robert writes, "I have a great appointment teaching financial statement analysis, which I describe as having more than 200 bright MBAs doing my equity research. Over the past few years we have studied more than 100 industries and 500 companies. I teach during the fall and spring quarters and we spend winters skiing and summers golfing at our primary residence near Vail, Colo. I also do some speaking and consulting to boards of directors and senior executives. We maintain a second home in Lyme, N.H. My wife, Betsy, runs groups for the partners of the MBA students while I am teaching. This year she has had six groups totaling 60 partners. Her work has been described several times in *Business Week*. We hope we can continue this pattern of teaching and playing for awhile longer. I haven't been back to Bucknell for a number of years and am hoping that my schedule will permit us to make the 50th." You can reach him at Robert Howell, David T. McLaughlin distinguished visiting professor of business administration, Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth, 100 Tuck Hall, Hanover, NH 03755.

From Bonnie: "It is that time of year again when my daughter, Patti, launches a new book. She was on tour the first few weeks of June in South Carolina, North Carolina, Alabama and Florida. We came in from Pennsylvania for the launch at the Grace Restaurant in Georgia. *Driftwood Summer* is about three sisters and a family bookstore, but it is not about the Callahan girls."

From Dan: "Last July I drove my truck from California to Minnesota to help my nephew electrify his new cabin-in-the-woods-by-a-lake. After two weeks of work I got a terrific pain in my leg, went to urgent care, etc., and to make a long story shorter, wound up in the hospital with strep-B (of which I had never heard). I was laid up in the hospital and rehab until November. I finally escaped to my sister's house, minus my spleen and sporting a new aortic heart valve and a coronary bypass. I'm finally home in California, living a fairly normal life. I guess I'm lucky to be up and around." Sounds like you have had a really bad time but I'm happy that things are getting back to normal. We certainly can count our blessings.

Thank you to Dave, Bonnie and Dan. It was good to hear from you. Please keep the e-mails coming and start making plans for returning to campus for our 50th Reunion. — J.S.H.

## 1961

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I hope my classmates have enjoyed a very nice summer and fall. Which is a good entree into asking for some class news. When I see a blank space in the *Bucknell Magazine*, I kind of feel as if I have let you down. So, please let me know how you are doing. I don't need a "what have you done since graduation essay," just a note on how your vacation panned out, what classmates you have contacted,

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what your retirement (if any) plans are, family news, etc.

I did get a note from Doris and **Jim Bannar**, who spent some time in Florida in March. They stopped in to see **Ned '62** and **Jan Wall Dietz '63**, who are both doing very well. Ned had some physical problems but is feeling fine. The Bannars stayed at the Villages, while Jimmy played some golf and played in some bluegrass groups with his five-string banjo. He really enjoys that. Ned and Jan are in the Tampa area. Jim was in touch with **Fred Good** and planned to see him in the Philadelphia area last May. In April the Bannars went on down to Atlantic City and celebrated their 45th anniversary while adding to the coffers.

Meanwhile, back at the ranch — **Dan and Georgia Gillis Goodman's '63** ranch, that is — the Bannars popped up on a

blustery May weekend. Dan and Georgia, as I have mentioned, are in a new home on the golf course at Penn National, near Carlisle, Pa. Linda and **Dick Wiesner '63** were also visiting from Houston, Texas. Jim had his trusty banjo in tune, so they "drank the beers and sang the songs of Lambda Chi" until the wee hours. On Sunday they played a round of golf, with Dick gaining low gross (no scores available). Dick will retire to Colorado soon. Seems he thinks the drier air will allow him to hit a little farther. Dan has been working for the Army as a private contractor for about a year. I sure hope they can't conscript contractors.

I received a great note from **Dick "Turk" Carnesale**, my cub reporter. He was planning on coming over from San Diego to visit relatives and maybe seeing the Goodmans. Don't know if he

will make it up my way, but it would be great to see him. We had some fun times when I was visiting out on the coast. Speaking of relatives, Dick's aunt passed at the age of 103 and his dad, who lives in Brazil, is 99 and doing OK. So, I figure Turk will be my cub reporter until at least 2040. Dick was in NYC to have a lens replaced in his eye, and had a ball with his cousins visiting old haunts on Arthur Avenue in the Bronx (still the best place on earth for Italian food). Dick's gals are well. His daughters are 41 and 35 and the grandkids are 2, 5, 6, 7 and 10, with the 10-year-old being a heck of a softball player (an inherited trait that helped us beat Sigma Chi in softball and thus gain the intramural trophy in '61). Dick reports that the charter sailing business is terrible due to the economy, but boat sales are still pretty good.

Which reminds me of my old sailing days. Red sky in the morning, red sky at night. I will gladly finish those quotes to anyone who sends me some news. If you know them, then send me some news anyway. Have the best holidays ever! — B.B.

an amazing lady who played the piano at the local retirement home on a weekly basis up until a few months before her birthday. We should all be so lucky and talented!

Just a few days after that, **Beverly Anderson McCausland** hosted a lovely dinner party at her charming B&B, the Harlan Log House in Chadds Ford, Pa. Bill and Betty McCoy drove down from Lancaster and I rode with **Bob and Margie McLean Smink**. Bob and Margie took a three-week trip to Russia. She promises to give me all the details on their return.

**Ron Bailer** e-mails that he and his wife were playing bridge while spending seven months in Fort Myers, Fla., last year. They heard one of the players say, "I think I know you. I think it was at Bucknell." Imagine Ron's surprise when he realized it was Margie Smink. The Bailers have seen Margie and Bob several times since. Ron also played in a golf tournament with **Dick Yates '60**, Ron's "big brother" in Phi Gam. Until that tournament, neither knew the other lived in the same community.

Just in the nick of time to be included in this submission, I received an e-mail from the always entertaining **Steve Sugar**. He and his wife, Marie, survived a week at the beach with four of their grandchildren. Reflecting on our aging process and how frequently we find our memories are not as crisp as they used to be, Steve was moved to pen a poem, *Memories and Meds*, dedicated to **John Wheatcroft '49** and the growing legions of grey panthers.

We're into the crisp fall weather. I hope you were fortunate enough to enjoy the summer with family and friends. Remember, please, to be in touch. You are what this column is about. — B.K.S.

## 1962

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I daresay I had one of the best 4th of July celebrations spending the holiday weekend with both daughters and their families (my five grandchildren) at Kristen and Skip's very small home in Ocean City, Md. Three generations enjoying the sand and surf. It just doesn't get better than that.

I was privileged to attend the 100th birthday party of **Betty Burrows McCoy's** mother, Dorothy Mayhew, in June. The event was held in the yard of Mrs. Mayhew's home in Strasburg, Pa., where Betty was raised, and attended by about 100 people. It was so great to see Betty, Bill, their children and grandchildren. Mrs. Mayhew is

# 1963

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If you get a chance, send me your e-mail address, unless you know I have it, so I can keep you in the know on class news between issues of *BMag*.

**Judy Pinkerton** writes that she married Alan, her significant other of 20 years. My response was a phrase Judy made popular in our Third Larison Hall group: "I can't believe you said that!"

**Kathy Hourigan**, a fast friend since freshman year, served as maid of honor for Judy for the second time in 40 years. **Kathy, Carol Williams Marx and Karen Glass Hall** celebrated by taking Judy out for dinner in NYC.

**Rob and Susanne Otto Kuipers** enjoyed summer at their home in Wellfleet, Mass., in Cape Cod. An oil painter by avocation, she is happy sun arrived to help her paint shadows in her pictures. They were happy to have their daughter, Kate, her husband, Jim, and their son, Ben, visit them. All enjoyed the famous Wellfleet oysters so much they're planning a repeat visit for October's Oysterfest weekend.

**Polly Mitchell Savidge** reports weddings of two Pi Beta Phi sons. **Nancy Henderson Greenwood's** son, Tom, married Svenja, from Bavaria, in NYC in May. **Karen Abel Jones '64** son, **Benjy '92**, married Meredith Fried in Philadelphia's historic section on July 4. Polly's oldest grandson, Will, a high school senior this year, visited Bucknell this summer. Polly hopes he and Bucknell will be a match.

In a how-we-met anecdote, **Andrea Becker Rittenhouse** tells of inviting her sophomore math teacher to the Larison Hall Christmas dinner only to have him call with an emergency shortly before the dinner. Since a teacher guest was a required for attendance, Andrea quickly accepted a suggestion that she

serve as student hostess to the University brass choir scheduled to play that night. The student conductor of the choir was **E. Dennis Rittenhouse '61**, with whom she enjoyed a delicious post-performance dinner. As they celebrate their 46th anniversary, the rest, as they say, is history.

**Darryl Novak** took his second Appalachian mission trip with members of his church. While some worked on repair projects, others held a vacation Bible school for the children. **Darryl and Sigrid Christensen Novak '64** attended her 45th Bucknell Reunion this year. They enjoyed the new format for Reunion Rally. In July, he and Sigrid hosted a reunion of 34 members of Sigrid's family in Pocono Pines, Pa.

**Roger '64**, still an orthodontist, and **Bette Hamilton McConnell**, still his office manager, aspire to retire. They have a few major house repairs to accomplish first. They're ready for an October visit from **Ron '58 and Carol Bradshaw Follmer**. Carol and Bette attended school together in Springfield, Pa., since fifth grade and will attend their 50th high school reunion. Roger and Bette enjoy time with their children, **Keith '88, Colin '91, Jordon '91** and Kelly, their spouses and five grandchildren — mostly at their Avalon, N.J., family shore house. They have traveled twice to Tokyo, where Keith lives, and they might set a record for trips back to Bucknell for parent weekends, band and class reunions.

**Ron MacLachlan** manages the development and construction of the Northeast Veterans Training and Rehabilitation Center on the campus of Mount Wachusett Community College in Gardner, Mass. Duplex housing is provided for injured veterans along with free access to the school. There is a physical therapy center with pool. Ron has worked on many construction projects, but this one pleases him most.

**Judy Gordy Michaelis'** daughter, **Jen '90**, writes that Judy lost her long battle with

breast cancer on May 10. You will remember Judy and her husband, **Art**, as a couple from our first year at Bucknell. Judy was an Alpha Chi Omega sister whose energetic personality will be missed by all who knew her. You might consider making your 2009–10 gift to Bucknell in her memory. If you need contact information for Art, see B-Link or drop me an e-mail.

*Note: See Judy's obituary in this issue's In Memoriam section.*

You need not sail the Nile to send news. Do it and I will use it. — W.S.B.

# 1964

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Close to 50 individuals from the Class of '64 made their way to Lewisburg for Reunion to celebrate being healthy and happy and eager to renew old friendships and reminisce.

**Karen Abel Jones and Bob Hull** drove up from Philly and were leaders of the pack when it came to enthusiasm and stamina. Other full participants were **Rick '63 and Ellen Holt Arnold, Ron Baroody, John '65 (Sigma Chi) and Elizabeth Mood Barron, Barbara Best Grandia, Roger P'06 and Bev DeCamp Heinrich and Dick Howard. Buzzy '62 and Karen Jones, Jeff '63 and Teddy Furst Martin and Bob and Nancy Miller York** also represented the Sigma Chis.

**Jeanne Melis Mills** took it upon herself to try to get the entire KKG pledge class to attend, and eight showed up for a Friday noontime Hoagie Lady Lunch. **Lynn Struggles Dunham, Phyllis Heckroth Trager, Karen Tukey Giles, Susie Halbert Wilson** (who has two doctorates and businesses and obligations all over the place), **Dow Fenton Malnati, Charlotte Edwards Minich** (who only spent her freshman year at Bucknell but left a lasting impression) and I attended, and honorary Kappa-for-the-event **David Spencer '65** feasted on sandwiches and

cookies in a private room in Hunt Hall.

The highlight of the weekend was the sensational wine tasting hosted by **Norm Kiken**. Five wine glasses were aligned in front of each of the 100-plus attendees, but that in no way meant only five wines were served. **Ed Farver '69** of Kendall Jackson Wine Estate in Santa Rosa, Calif., and Norm, owner of Reverie Winery and Vineyard on Diamond Mountain in Napa, Calif., had us all sniffing and swishing three fabulous whites and five incredible reds (including his award-winning Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot) until we all were kicked out of Walls Lounge.

The perfect spot for the Saturday night class dinner was the Brasserie Louis, near the Lewisburg Inn. The place looked great, and its courtyard was a lovely setting for cocktails. The Bison Chips serenaded us and a trophy (which looked like a 3/4 version of the Stanley Cup) was presented to **Marilyn Heit Reverchon** for traveling the furthest to attend. She lives in Germany, near the Danish border. She and **Carolyn Goss Willis** came in together.

The Sammy house was well represented by **Eliot and Bonnie Cullen Riskin, Larry Pollack and Margie and Murray Ufberg**. Other attendees were **Carol Vincent Famariss**, who looks absolutely fabulous and does things such as volunteer in needy spots around the world through Airline Ambassadors; Edwards House buddies **Mary Atherton Ketterer and Susan Bechtold Baker with Rich; Mike '63 and Diane Chegwidan Jones; Joan Mitchell Robertson; Eric Whitman; Dick Sumner; Phil Morgan; Sam McClinchie; Roger McConnell; Donna Richards Park '72; Dick Purse; Tom Malerba; Doug Macdonald; Steve Lundmark; Dick Howarth; Frank Troxell, Elizabeth Watson; and Darryl '63 and Sigrid Christensen Novak**.

Three terrific campus ambassadors, **Katie Alexander '12, Norah Patrick '09 and Anna Uehara '13**, shadowed all the events and made sure

everything went smoothly. They gave us wonderful insight into Bucknell 2009. — B.W.S.

## 1965

### REUNION 2010

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**Jean Birdsall Ball** has reconnected with two of her bridesmaids. Bob and **Jane Hackman Paulishak**, who live in Sarasota, Fla., visited Jean and her husband, Jerry, in Stuart, Fla. Both Jean and Jane have two daughters; Jane's daughters live in Florida and Jean's daughters live in Arizona and New Hampshire. Jean's other bridesmaid, the **Rev. Judy Peterson Kolwicz '64**, is halfway through a three-year assignment at the Newton, N.J., Presbyterian Church. Jane and Judy spent an afternoon catching up with each other's news at the Balls' Jersey Shore summer home.

**Andy Dzurinko** was inducted into the Mid Mon Valley All Sports Hall of Fame in southwestern Pennsylvania on June 19. Andy, an insurance executive, author and motivational speaker living in Tempe, Ariz., is the second Bucknell University graduate to earn this honor; **Sam Havrilak '69** was inducted in 1999. Andy and Sam, a dentist who lives in Parkvale, Md., are both graduates of Monessen High School, in 1961 and 1965, respectively.

At the late June bi-annual national convention of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) held in St. Louis, I was elected to the national position of director-at-large. I am one of seven directors who are responsible for the workings of this 100,000-member organization for the next two years. I am a former AAUW-PA state president and Middle Atlantic regional director of AAUW. — L.H.T.

## 1966

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I enjoyed a month at our home in North Lake Tahoe. My executive career coaching practice working with college grads as well as experienced execs has been busy and rewarding, so I thought I would give myself a month off. What a concept!

Early this summer, Carole and I visited Lake George, where my family has had a home for years, then Boston and Martha's Vineyard. While it rained frequently, the sights and history of Boston and the quaint beauty of the Vineyard were very enjoyable.

All of our six children run their own businesses, something I coach people to consider. There are many benefits to owning your own operation, and with several clients you are less vulnerable to a single company's fortunes. They are doing well in businesses ranging from IT consulting to career/life coaching, starting an iPhone application and owning a website advertising firm.

I continue to work on my novel, *New and Improved*, a political thriller set in 1992 about an advertising executive who helps defuse an assassination plot while writing the president's re-election campaign.

I hope you are all having a good fall and that you will send in your personal/family updates to share with the Class of '66. — P.E.

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Steve and **Susan Garabrant Nason** live in Massachusetts. She writes, "Our older son, **Kevin '98**, graduated from Bucknell. It was fun to see how things had changed, but also stayed the same over the years." Susan worked as a human resources manager for several different federal agencies before retiring in 2008. She writes, "I'm really enjoying retirement and wonder how I had time to work full time!" Sounds familiar. She says she keeps in touch "with many classmates, including **Carol DeWolf Helsel, Ginny Beck Klute, BJ Eck Ganter, Sandy Mills Feingerts, Patti Burke Kuhn, Jenny Payne Reese** and **Marlo Nadler Wiggans**. Old friends are so special." Can you get them to write a word or two to me?

Susan, our original class reporter, thought others in our class might be interested in seeing how our original senior class gift and scholarship fund have grown over the years. The data she sent was from June 2008. The Class of 1968 Scholarship was established at our 10th Reunion and is awarded each year to a deserving student. As of June 30, 2008, the endowment's book value was \$41,864 and market value was \$255,622. The endowment was expected to generate approximately \$11,878 during the 2008-09 academic year (although the economic crisis may have affected that). For more information on the Endowment Fund, contact Linda Reinaker, donor relations manager at 570-577-3650 or Reinaker@bucknell.edu. Thank you, Susan, for sending along the report and thanks to all our classmates whose generosity has made this gift possible.

What a treat to hear from **Jeanne Kurtz Connelly**, another voice from Crackpot Corner (my freshman hall group). Jeanne's e-mail doesn't answer our questions as to what she's been doing the last 40 years, but she brings back some great memories. She writes, "I love that you called out **Carolyn Sutton** in Class Notes for not following through on her promise to write. I sent her an e-mail to make sure she is aware of her notoriety!"

"I have fond memories of Crackpot Corner. While we followed different paths after our freshman year, I think there will always be a bond among us, having experienced together those first months at Bucknell when everything was new, exciting and, yes, a little overwhelming. I remember **Amy Braski Aussiker '66**, our floor monitor, running her hair dryer almost constantly in hopes the white noise would drown us out. I remember Carolyn chasing a bat down the hall with her lacrosse stick while the rest of us cowered in our rooms. I remember the surprise and shock on my roommate's face when she discovered I was her secret Santa. Since I usually slept in some three to four hours later than she did, it never occurred to her it could be me who was making her bed every morning while she was in the bathroom." You can reach Jeanne at jeannecon@gmail.com.

I remember some hanky-panky played in my room, as well. My fellow crackpots were sure that I kept things so tidy that I would immediately notice anything moved, even an inch. So they did just that — slightly tipped the wastebasket askew, rearranged the bottles on my dresser. They lurked in the hall to see if I would notice. I did. Then they took a photograph and cut it into little pieces, substituting the pile of rubble for the framed photo of my boyfriend. I knew that was a farce — no one would be that mean. I remember all 12 of us shared one telephone. Whoever was closest would answer and

holler down the hall. I remember my great-aunt, Lizzie, made pins from discarded eyeglass lenses for us, each one with a photo of a cracked pot on it. Thanks for writing, Jeanne and reviving long forgotten memories.

My life was brightened by an unexpected reconnection with my Big Sister, **Gail Preble '67**. Gail and I were close at Bucknell, but after graduation we lost track of each other. When I was thumbing through my address book this past winter I sent her a note and she replied.

I got word from **Bruce Cawley** that he was incorrectly labeled a Phi Gam in the summer 2009 issue. He is really a Lambda Chi.

In other news, a cyber thief got into a classmate's e-mail address book. Several of us received an e-mail that appeared to be from our friend indicating she was in Malaysia and desperately needed money to return home. Fortunately those of us receiving the e-mail knew enough to contact one another (our friend wasn't home but she wasn't in Malaysia, either) and determine this was a fraudulent message.

**Leslie McDougall** says chain letters seem harmless enough, but they swing the door wide open for account hijackers to hack in. Leslie writes, "When you open an attachment containing a virus, a file so small you can't see it is deposited in your computer. The file can do whatever it's programmed to do, often set to start working sometime in the future, making it extremely difficult to trace the source. The lesson here is to ignore all e-mails that are forwarded for the purpose of passing them along from one person to another (for example, touchy-feely poems and chain letters). You can also block general graphics from coming through on your computer, making them accessible only when you recognize the source. Be safe."

On a more joyous note, **Dennis '69** and I celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary in June with a cruise up Alaska's inside passage, followed by a week with our son, Jim, who

## 1976

### THIS MUST BE SOME KIND OF RECORD!

This October, **Bob Sigurdson '69** will attend his 45th consecutive Bucknell Homecoming and football game. Sigurdson, who graduated with a B.S. degree in business administration, translated his knowledge into creating a successful homebuilding company, Woodshire Homes, Ltd. in his native Rochester, N.Y. Yet, Bucknell is his true second place of the heart, with the events of Homecoming re-energizing many positive memories and treasured friendships. "Bucknell in the fall," he says, "is especially beautiful. A lot of my old friends from college come back."

A National Merit Scholarship recipient, Sigurdson was a member of the original group that re-established the Theta Delta Chi Fraternity in 1968. He recalls his academic program as one that allowed him to become a fully rounded individual, giving him the opportunity to take an array of enriching electives, including foreign languages. In addition, he says, "One of my major attractions to Bucknell was the open space." He sees the campus' integration with nature as conducive to learning and hopes the University will preserve the green and blossoming atmosphere that evokes its distinctive "sense of place." This, he says, contributes to creating a balanced college experience, harmonizing academics, camaraderie and a nurturing connection with Pennsylvania's natural beauty.

While some aspects of Homecoming have changed over the years, tradition is still the magnet that beckons alumni to return. In 1979, a fraternity dinner banquet began, and for 31 years, a local restaurant has hosted the festivities.

Sigurdson looks forward to many more Homecomings. If he had to do it all over again, he would change nothing — except perhaps "to study a little harder." With such enthusiasm, Sigurdson can make anyone believe that "the clock turns back and the years melt away," when all elements come together to conjure Homecoming's perennial magic.

— Maria Jacketti



lives in Fairbanks. It was an incredible trip and a much needed balm to the soul. If you ever have the opportunity to travel in Alaska, do it!

Unfortunately, within days of our return from the cruise, my mother, 92, died. I'd lost her long ago to Alzheimer's disease but nonetheless her death was a blow to my heart. She'd been living in assisted living (bless them) for 10 years, but my involvement in her life escalated as I oversaw her arrangements and maintained her quality of life and connections with the world. My social work background helped, no doubt, as I answered her repetitive and often basic questions in a way that preserved her dignity. We had a great and

strong relationship, laughing and crying together. She taught me to see the shades of green in the trees and how to choose happiness over despair. "Most people are about as happy as they make up their minds to be," she would say, and she was right. — L.P.W.

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## Alumni Near&Far

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Debbie Juran dropped a note to update everyone on what might qualify as the most eventful year anyone has had. "My oldest daughter, Elyse, spent the summer in Thailand doing philanthropic work, while my youngest, Morgan, started college at the University of the Pacific studying biomedical engineering," she writes.

Debbie got a clean bill of health from Stanford after having a chondrosarcoma removed from her pelvic bone.

Debbie extends gratitude to **Jane Howe**, who traveled to California from Connecticut for a week after Debbie's surgery to play nursemaid, and also to your faithful reporter. She says I provided comic relief, along with my wife, Helena, who "got me

through the horrible possibility of multiple myeloma.

"I'm happy to say I am back walking in spite of the doctor's concern I would not," she continues. "I'm looking forward to traveling to London and Paris in December. Lucky me."

I'll second that. — E.R.

## 1972

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I got a note from **Rich Fedock**, who was named accounting policy manager for Exxon Mobil Corp. Rich joined Exxon in 1974 after receiving his MBA at the University of Michigan. After living in Houston for 20 years, Rich, his wife, Carole, and

daughter, Laura, moved to 4864 Allencrest Lane, Dallas, TX 75244. You can e-mail him at rnfedock@me.com.

**Ellen Stine Miller** writes, "I retired from the Howard County school system in Maryland last year (for the second time), but still dabble a bit. My husband, Wayne, and I enjoy cruising and I am getting involved in genealogy. We have been active in the magic community for years and ran a youth group for 15 years, from which we have also retired. Wayne thinks I'm mad to have allowed myself to be elected president of our condominium, but I'm enjoying the learning process." In addition to finding Ellen on Facebook, you can e-mail her at ellen-miller@comcast.net.

**Marty Erb**, who took the "Lou Kissing '71 Challenge," writes, "**Jane Murphy Erb** and I moved to Holly Springs, N.C., following my retirement from the Colgate University faculty in June 2008. I was an athletic trainer at Colgate for 35 years and worked the final 33 years as program director. I was awarded the French Inspirational Teaching Award at the Academic Faculty Convocation in May 2008. In January I was inducted into the New York State Athletic Trainers Association Hall of Fame." Colgate University athletics presented him with a rather special retirement gift: Two days of play at the Augusta National Golf Course, home of the Masters. Marty has been a fan and collector of Masters memorabilia for many years; he spent two very special days there in November.

Their son, **Ryan Erb '00**, resides in Amelia, Ohio, with his wife, Katie, working as a systems analyst in charge of the Epic Software program at Children's Hospital in Cincinnati.

In May Jane and Marty were back at Bucknell, where he had a chance to play in the Bucknell golf team alumni golf tournament. (Sid Jamieson was there. He got a chance to see him, too.) You can e-mail Marty at merb@mail.colgate.edu.

Finally, I am delighted to report that a group of Bucknellians

gathered for a cookout at the lovely home of **Steve and Sue Martell Baird** on July 27. Over dinner, we discussed the possibility of putting together an "Asian invasion" in late 2010, and my husband, Andy, and I hope many will come to Singapore for a visit. We also toasted **Alan and Patti Shultzaberger Sharpe**, who are moving to Cologne, Germany, as first-time expats. Also lifting a glass were **Janet Cunningham** and her husband, Tony Sepp; **Pam Silkworth Finn** and her "honorary Bucknellian" husband, Dale; **Pam Dingwall Herring**; and Wayne and **Judy DiSerafino Huey**. Sue and Steve's daughter, **Emily '11**, provided logistical support to ensure that everything ran smoothly through a beautiful summer's evening filled with laughter.

So, what are the rest of you up to? — A.S.B.

## 1973

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**Jeff Marek** made it back from Timbuktu. It took a month by overland truck going through Ghana, Burkina Faso and Mali. No hostile Tuaregs were encountered crossing the desert. One more of the "1,000 places to see before you die" is chalked up, and he has been to 73 of the 100 countries that are required to be a full member of the Century Travel Club. Jeff does not plan to voluntarily retire anytime soon. He manages an incinerator for Eastman Chemical Co. in Kingsport, Tenn. Classmates hiking the Appalachian Trail are welcome to stop in.

A website has been created for The **Sharon Fisher Bassett Memorial Fund** at [www.sharonfisherbassett.org](http://www.sharonfisherbassett.org). The memorial fund's play, *A Rose for Sharon*, is offered to high schools, colleges, universities and civic organizations. We are in the process of obtaining a national spokesperson for the

## Recognizing Alumni of Distinction

The Bucknell University Alumni Association is now accepting nominations for the 2010 Alumni Awards given in the following categories:

- 🏆 Outstanding Achievement in a Chosen Profession
- 🏆 Service to Humanity
- 🏆 Loyalty to Bucknell
- 🏆 Young Alumni (15 years out and younger)

*Preference given to alumni in Reunion 2010 years (0s and 5s).*

To nominate a deserving individual and read inspiring stories of past recipients, go to [www.bucknell.edu/alumniawards](http://www.bucknell.edu/alumniawards).

*Nomination deadline is Nov. 15, 2009.*

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fund. Mike Kaminski is beginning work on a book, *Picking Up the Pieces*, which is a collection of stories and interviews given by women across the country about surviving domestic violence and abusive relationships. The central story will be "Because of Sharon." If you would like more information on Sharon's fund or if you would like to contribute in any way, please contact Mike at 570-490-4387 or mbkaminski@verizon.net. — S.L.C.

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## 1975

### REUNION 2010

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Nanci Jones Butler writes about nine of her Delta Delta Delta '75 gals who "have started to get together and pick up the pieces from 30 years ago to reunite as a group and visit each year in June." Nanci, **Susan Strickland Given, Susan Henry Baker, Patty Wallace Willis, Linda Ortlieb Tozour, Lynne Schreiber Pearson, Cindy Fuhr Decker, Susan Lewis and Ann Partridge Sparkes** started four years ago with a reunion in Ocean City, N.J., followed by Shasta, Calif., New Suffolk Long Island, N.Y., and Martha's Vineyard, Mass. Next year their get-together is at Reunion.

Bucknell truly gave us some lifelong friends, as well as a great foundation for the rest of our lives. — N.Q.B.

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After earning my Pennsylvania Broker's License, I've been named director of sales and training for Howard Hanna Real Estate Services in Camp Hill, Pa. My husband, David (Messiah College '77) and I reside in Mechanicsburg, Pa., and welcome any and all Bucknell visitors. (Where are you, 4th floor Harris freshmen '72?) — M.S.G.

## 1977

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**John and Carole Nielander Orr** are getting used to life in central Florida after moving there just two years ago after 23 years in the Philadelphia area. John is a consultant to the State Department and works on scheduling for embassy construction projects in Africa and Europe. Carole works at Wycliffe Bible Translators in their Children's Education department. Their son, Evan, is a graduate of Wheaton College Conservatory of Music, and their daughter, Noelle, is an 8th grader at the International Community School in Winter Park. They can be reached at johnporr@alum.bucknell.edu or carolenorr@alum.bucknell.edu.

**Jim Hooper** was promoted to director of engineering for Foster Wheeler USA Corp. He oversees all of the domestic engineering disciplines for the company. Jim has been with Foster Wheeler since graduating. Prior to this, he was director of process design for FWUSA. "The Process Design group executes process engineering design and development, primarily in the refining sector," he writes. "Foster Wheeler has

a dedicated group of over 100 chemical engineers in the U.S. within the Process Design group, but only one Bucknellian besides me at this time (**Paul Moore '81**)."

As for me, I am in New Delhi in October for a two-year assignment at the U.S. Embassy. — E.L.S.

## 1978

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I was so happy to hear from **Mike Featherstone**, who published his third novel, *A Manhattan Mortal in The Bay of All Saints*, in April. "It's a detective story set in Salvador, Brazil, and it's available on amazon.com, barnesandnoble.com and wherever the finest in second-rate pulp fiction is sold," he writes. For more information, reach him at plumapiedra@verizon.net.

**Wendy Pangburn and Lisa Poulin** visited Egypt in the spring. "One of the most interesting places I've ever been," writes Wendy. "Cairo, the pyramids, the Nile — all beyond expectations." To see the terrific photo she sent along, go to www.b-link.bucknell.edu and visit our class group photo section. I've posted two photos — the first for our class — so feel free to add more.

Thanks to **Joann Coates**, who inspired a visit to Philip Johnson's Glass House, a National Trust Historic site in my town of New Canaan, Conn. Joann comes by her love of these wonderful houses naturally; she was raised in a modern built by her parents in Hightstown, N.J. **Pam Heller Shassian** and **Wendy Pangburn** joined us on a beautiful July day at this architectural treasure. For a photo of our visit, go to B-Link. — J.P.

As you read this column, my daughter, **Jean '13**, is at Bucknell, fully immersed in her studies (both academic and social), and I am undoubtedly feeling the pain and joy of an empty-nester. It is an exciting, hectic and bittersweet time.

Jean and I attended a gathering of Philadelphia area incoming freshmen. I was thrilled to meet **Heather Lenker '12**, the daughter of fellow Pi Phi sister, **Lisa Molke Lenker '80**. Heather was kind enough to share her first-year experiences with us.

My invitation to the Chips reception arrived and I am looking forward to seeing Class of '78 parents. I understand we have quite a few legacies in the Class of '13. I think both Jane and I will be busy the next four years with news from Bucknell and beyond. Please keep in touch. — K.M.A.

## 1979

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Our 30th Reunion was held the last weekend of May. As a result, I have a lot of class news to share. **Marlene Hurd** writes that Reunion weekend was a blast. There was a large turnout from the '79ers including eight from Harris Hall: **Marlene, Debbie McFadden, Joanne Caldwell Johnson, Allison Blair Spencer, Ginny Porter Graboski, Patricia Nowak Debski, Laurie Byers Wilson and Kathy Boselli Vizas**. Another large contingent of our returning class was from Phi Kappa Psi fraternity: **Bill Biggar, Ira Newman, Gary Sheinbaum, Robert Carter, Hank White, Rich Thompson** (and his wife, **Nancy Murphy Thompson**), **Doug Fay, Peter Dorsey and Bob Chiumento**.

From notes sent to me by returning classmates, I learned that **Neil Percy** is married and living in Doylestown, Pa. He is director of systems management of Merck and Co., Inc.

**Greg Grego** is married.

**Gary Bell** lives in Elkins Park, Pa. He is married and the father of two. Gary is executive director of a nonprofit HIV/AIDS community-based organization and a licensed psychotherapist with a practice in Plymouth Meeting, Pa.

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**Bob Ott** was elected to the Cobb County Board of Commissioners and can be reached at bob.ott@cobb.org.

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**Ira Leff**, my housemate at Martin House junior and senior years, hosted former class editor **Jeff Brown** in Atlanta, Ga. They visited the Coca-Cola plant, saw a Braves baseball game at Turner Field and drove down to Warm Springs, Ga., to visit the Roosevelt Little White House. Ira and his wife, Sandy, have five children. He practices elder law in Atlanta, Ga.

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Marge and **Dave Stoddard** and their three children (two in college) live in Lancaster County, Pa. Dave makes custom wheelchair security systems for United Disabilities Services, a nonprofit organization. He writes, "I can't get over my sons loving songs like 'Wayward Son' by Kansas, like we used to 30 years ago."

**John O'Riorden** writes that he had a great time at Reunion.

Last but not least, Gail and **John Weitz** live in New Jersey with their two children. Along with Ira Leff and Dave Stoddard, John and I frequently e-mail across the ocean. John and Gail work at an environmental consulting agency. John is in contact with Jeff Brown, **Steve Sunderhauf** and **Tom Kennedy**.

This was a very newsy report for my inaugural issue, but keep the letters flowing. Warm regards to all from Israel and if you are in the area, please give me a call. — A.S.

## 1980

### REUNION 2010

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I hope everyone enjoyed the summer. While my inbox has been devoid of news from classmates, I've had more personal contact with alumni.

My daughter told me the mother of one of her friends went to my high school, and when I finally met **Joann Augenstein Donnelly '78** I learned that she also went to Bucknell. She mentioned **Gail Churchill '78**, also from our high school. Joann lives in Bedminster, N.J. Small world.

My daughter, a high school senior, attended a Bucknell college admissions workshop at the end of June and several of my Bucknell classmates were present with their teens. I ran into **Anne Benoit Mullen** and her daughter, Kristin, as well as **Sarah Lynch Evancho '81** with Carolyn and **Dave and Linda Stein Robeson** with Victoria.

An even bigger surprise for me was when I looked through the workshop "pig book" (which my daughter thought was a ridiculous name for the photo directory) and saw **John Marbach's** name. He and his wife, Sherry, were with their 11th-grade triplets, John, Megan and Melanie. I haven't seen John in some years and had forgotten that his kids were in high school. It was great to reconnect and hopefully I'll have more news about the Marbach clan in the next issue.

My daughters and I traveled to Rostov-on-Don, Russia, to visit the family we stayed with when we adopted Katya 13 years ago. The trip was remarkable and unique. We were able to visit the orphanage, and some of the former staff remembered Katya. It was good to see that the facilities had improved greatly since the '90s, and the staff members were thrilled to

see how their girl had grown up. At a celebratory tea we talked about Katya's childhood and even politics, including what the Russians think of President Obama, who had visited Russia shortly before our visit. Likewise, they wanted to know our opinions of Russian leaders. It was a friendly lesson in political science and friendship. The rest of the summer was relaxation, work and college visits for the second daughter.

Have a great autumn and don't forget our 30th Reunion next year. Mailings have already started. — D.L.H.

## 1981

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Sorry for the blank column the last time. No excuse, just procrastinated writing the column until it got too late to submit. My apologies for those of you who sent information earlier in the year.

**Bruce Graham** is owed the biggest apology, as he sent me an e-mail after seeing that I'm on Facebook. He has a son who is a senior in high school and is looking at Bucknell. He was pleasantly surprised at the number of our classmates with children at Bucknell, including **Kirsten Schubauer Heinemann**, **Peggy Hattings Lowry**, **Linda Todisco Dunne**, **Chris and Kim Cooke Brown**, **Rick Shand**, **Mary Child Smoot**, **Bill Charlton** and **Cathy Barton Zales**. I loved this part of Bruce's e-mail: "I wonder how many of us think we could still get into Bucknell if we applied now. Since I was one of two to get in off the waitlist (**AI Sigler** being the other), I think I can safely say that I would not be accepted. Of course, I always question Bucknell's thinking in having the last two students to get into our class room together freshman year but hey, it worked out fine." I never knew that waitlist tidbit, Bruce, and actually think it's

proof that many admissions decisions are close calls, at best. You have certainly been successful in every way, so Bucknell made a great decision in accepting you!

Bruce sees **Mark Gensheimer** and **Peter and Jane Treichler Howard-Johnson** occasionally, as their kids are all involved in water polo. He sees **Scott Schulte** in NYC from time to time. He works with **John Morris '82** at Clearbrook Financial (a wealth management platform and institutional consulting firm that John founded). He also stays in touch with **Bill Cline '85**, **John Rowe** and coach Sid Jamieson. Thanks so much for writing, Bruce. I always enjoy seeing you and your wife, Michelle, at Reunion events.

Another wintertime e-mail came from **Allyson Campos Gilbert**, who also sent great photos. She ran into **Brenda Lapinski Horwitz** in Naples, Fla., a year ago. Allyson was there with her tennis group and Brenda was celebrating "Forever 49" with her high school friends. Allyson had a great time in summer 2008 at Mary Smoot's beach house in Lavalette, N.J. Joining Mary and Allyson were **Lissy Romeo Tracy**, **Sue Haines Zaharchuk**, **Sue Ambuhl Galione '82**, **Amy Viener** and **Lynn Decker Beran**. I think that group (with others attending when possible) gets together annually. Allyson had lunch with **Kathy Witkowski Zafian** and her girls and mom at the South Street Seaport in NYC last summer when Kathy was visiting from Denver. (Hey, Kathy, it's been 32 years since we lived across the hall from each other freshman year!) Allyson also spent time with **Colette Edmundowicz Chestnut** at MTV Networks. Allyson and Colette went to the Bucknell holiday event in NYC and ran into **Janet Valenza**, who looks exactly the same.

Allyson is at the college stage with her kids. Her son, Sean, is a junior at Providence College this year and her son, Connor, is a senior in high school. He attended the Bucknell college workshop in June with

Colette's son, Johnny. Allyson and her husband, Jim, celebrated their 21st anniversary in June. Great news, Allyson. Thanks for taking the time to write and for having patience with me!

**Connie Currier** found me on Facebook and sent a nice note. She lives in Michigan, teaches at Michigan State University as assistant professor of public health and, thankfully, still sings in a blues band (Old Town Blues Band in the Lansing area). This summer, as she has for the past six summers, Connie led a student trip to Ghana. She and **Thom Jayne '80** were married after Bucknell and went into the Peace Corps in Ghana from 1982-84, then went to grad school and then lived and worked in Zimbabwe for three years. They had two boys (both born in Harare) who are almost 18 and 20. She and Thom divorced back in 1993. It was great to hear from you, Connie. I think everyone in the class can simply close their eyes and visualize you sitting on a stool singing with Pariah. Really special memories for all of us, and we thank you and your crew (including our own **John Goodman**) for that!

**Bob Pollokoff** writes with the fun news that he and **Joe Cardillo** (along with Bob's wife, Amy) paid a surprise visit to Austin, Texas, to celebrate **Nick Spennato's** 50th birthday. Great timing, because Bruce Springsteen was in town, too, and Nick's wife, Michelle, had arranged for tickets for their family and guests. Bob reports that it was a great weekend, and he's sure Nick was most surprised and delighted. I have had the pleasure of keeping in touch with Nick through his "Spennato Semi-Annual" letter, which fills his friends in on his and his family's doings and offers some thought-provoking views on life, politics, work, family and you name it. Keep it coming, Nick!

I know everyone is celebrating their 50th birthday this year. Hope yours was or will be special. I had fun chatting with **Bill Cusick** on his big day. He was looking forward to the cake! He

works for a bicycle company and competes in triathlons. His daughter, Madeleine, attends American University and his daughter, Katharine, is in 8th grade. Bill stays in close touch with John and Sue Zaharchuk, Mary Smoot, **Bob Hanlon** (who is in the process of writing a book!) and others in the Philly area. Cheers to you, William!

Kirsten Heinemann celebrated her 50th by climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro with a bunch of girlfriends. How's that for fabulous at 50? Still waiting to hear how it all went, Kirsten.

I was lucky enough to celebrate my 50th birthday with my best friend, **Linda Martin McGowan**, along with her terrific honorary Class of '81 husband, Joe; my husband, Steve; my kids and my parents. We spent the weekend on Cape Cod and went out to a terrific dinner to celebrate. You all should have the best friend I have; she's a gem. During my dad's recovery from a terrible stroke last fall, Linda and Joe sent my parents more than 20 cards and letters. That's friendship. And to think it all started on first East 32 years ago!

All the best to each of you! Send me an e-mail or holiday card. — C.C.R.

## 1982

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I got a nice, long e-mail from **Hank Hubbard**. Here are some of the highlights:

Hank lives in Grosse Pointe, Mich. His second daughter, Kitsi, is a high school senior and is looking at colleges, including Bucknell. His older daughter will be a junior at the University of Dayton next year, but she is spending the fall semester in South Korea at the University of Seoul for her semester abroad. He is president/CEO of Communicating Arts Credit Union in Detroit, Mich., and was quoted in an article that ran in

the *Wall Street Journal*. "Let me tell you, that is cool," he writes.

Hank sees **Chris Laubach '80** fairly often. They make it a point to try and do a weekend every year. Hank also sees Chris' wife, **Chris Stockwell**, about every other year and hears about her often. She works in real estate in Chicago and is doing well after being out of the workforce to raise their sons, Sam and Harley.

Just over a year ago Hank connected with **Tracy Smith Hall**. He didn't know her at Bucknell, but read in a University publication that she was doing community development work in the Detroit area. He looked her up and says it was fun to connect, but she has since moved to Ann Arbor.

The last time he was in Washington, D.C., he had lunch with **Nancy Pultz Blackmore**. "That was great," he says. "We took up again just like no time had passed. I have to find another excuse to get down there."

Also about a year ago he heard from **Mike Mooney '83** when Mike was in Ann Arbor, but "as soon as we connected, he fell off the map. I'd like to see him again."

Hank keeps in touch with **Linda Chappell Zack**. She married an old roommate of mine, **Ken Zack '83**. Linda works in banking in Columbus, Ohio.

He also sees **David Ilsley '80** at least annually and communicates with him often because they both have vacationed in the same Michigan community since they were young. He reports that David is doing great and had a 50th birthday party that was not to be believed.

**Jeff Cross** e-mails with more information about **Abby Dunlap Quinn**. As I've reported in the past, Abby is an optometrist who is active in Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity, which gives the gift of sight to impoverished people in Nicaragua. The article, "The Gift of Sight," in the June *Ladies Home Journal* featured Abby and other volunteers. To read it, visit [www.lhj.com/volunteering/the-gift-of-sight](http://www.lhj.com/volunteering/the-gift-of-sight). Abby has three

kids. One son, **Paul '11**, is at Bucknell. — B.G.K.

## 1983

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Our daughter, Sarah, gave me the best Mother's Day gift this year: The Chattahoochee High School girls' lacrosse team won the Georgia State Championship! I am not sure any of us have stepped off of cloud nine yet.

This summer was about girls' lacrosse at our house. We traveled to Downingtown, Pa., in mid-June for a club team tournament. In the midst of her twin sons' baseball games and senior year activities for her daughter, Kristin, **Meg Barron Born** spent a few hours catching up with **Jim '82** and me. Meg is such a wonderful restaurant guide. Our lacrosse group spent the weekend eating its way through the greater Philadelphia area. Jim even hit up enough Wawa Markets to bring back a decent supply of lemon TastyKakes for his dad.

In July, Sarah and Jim were off to another lacrosse tournament in Maryland, while I stayed home to finish my final project for my summer IT class. I took a study break and met **Sara Allen Lepkofker** for dinner. The Lepkofkers had taken a "northern" college tour with their son, Dan. So far Dan's favorite is M.I.T. Sara is the girls' varsity tennis and cheerleading coach at Northview High School, where Dan is a rising senior.

My Sarah sent off her first college application. It seems like five minutes ago I was prying her off my leg to drop her off at pre-school. She is taking a more "Southern" approach to her college search. She's not sure if she wants to brave the winters at the couple of schools "up North" that are talking to her about lacrosse. She is thinking more along the lines of A.C.C. vs. S.E.C.

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## Alumni Near&Far

internationalartsmovement.org) are delighted to announce that their second son, **Clayton "CJ" '13**, attends Bucknell with a music composition scholarship. Mako has been getting ready for an exhibit in November at the Dillon Gallery in New York. He will also exhibit some of George Rouault's paintings from Rouault's estate. Mako continues to use traditional materials, but his paintings and video works are done in a contemporary manner. He completed his six-year appointment as a National Council on the Arts member in January and received the National Endowment for the Arts Chairman's Medal. His experience advocating for the arts in the U.S. and internationally, and the family's post 9/11 journey, have been captured in a book of essays, *Refractions: A Journey of Art, Faith and Humanity*.

Judy works as a psychotherapist. Her latest essays on relationships can be found at [www.judycare.com](http://www.judycare.com). Their eldest son, Ty, is happily married, lives in Brooklyn with his wife, and graduates from New York University with a math degree this year. Their youngest, Lydia, is going into her junior year at Friends Seminary in NYC.  
— T.T.E.

## 1984

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What a great Reunion! We could not have asked for nicer weather, the University pulled out all the stops to show us a good time and it sure was a nice chance to catch up with old friends. Take a look at photos from the weekend at B-Link, where you can also upload and share your own. I was especially impressed at the success of our class fundraising, in spite of the state of the economy. With the matching challenge put forth by **Bruce and Barb Weir Powers, Richard**

**Johnson and John Shehadi**, we reached our goal of over 50 percent participation. A plaque in our honor will be placed at Freas Gardens. Check it out next time you are on campus.

**Holly Heckathorne** had some thoughts to share about Reunion. She writes, "This was only the second time I've attended a Bucknell Reunion, and I had a fantastic time. I came on Saturday with **Stephanie Zodikoff Sherman** and her two kids, Sydney and Nathan. The first person we saw was **Kathleen Parichy Dent**, and her friendly face was just the start to a great weekend. I think my first-year floor of Fourth West won on attendance with **Gabrielle Dorland Taylor, Barbie Snyder Siggins, Diane Parrish Hibbard, Katie Howk Karl, Sue Hartzell Lowe** (who came all the way from the United Kingdom), **Sue Chiavetta Perun, Callie Durner Biemer and Karin Wilkins**. It was great to see some of our fellow first-year neighbors, **Michael Jaret, Del Johnson, Gary Shaw and Marty Pflieger**. And I really enjoyed seeing my Fiji buddies **Steve Bauer, Kyle Yearick and Mark Bukovec**. Thanks for all the hard work that went into such a nice event."

I'd love to hear from more people about their Reunion. There were so many mini-reunions happening all over campus, if you have a moment to share them, drop me an e-mail and I will be happy to include them in the next column.  
— G.D.T.

## 1985

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Have you joined the Facebook crowd? There are almost 200 members of our class on Facebook (probably more by the time this is published). I have created a Bucknell University Class of '86 group, so check it out and catch up with your classmates. I have heard from several old friends via Facebook. It's a great way to keep in touch.  
— J.D.C.

## 1987

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I spent a short vacation on Cape Cod in early August and was able to visit briefly with my old friend **Adrienne Vandeuvel Cusick**, her husband, **Pat '84**, and their three wonderful children, Ciaran, Alessia and Catherine, at their home in Harwich. My daughter, Amanda, had fun playing with her girls at the beach and my husband, Bryan, and I had a chance to visit with Adrienne and Pat. More thanks to the following classmates for sending me their updates.

**Jim Lansbury** sent his first update since graduation — yay! After 20 years in advertising, working at agencies on both coasts, he opened his own agency, RP3, in Washington, D.C., with two partners. RP3 does everything from national TV campaigns to social media. He would love to reconnect with any former classmates in the advertising and marketing fields, especially those with interesting business challenges in search of the right partner to help solve them. Jim stays in touch with **Marc Levin, Frank DiGiovanni, John O'Connor, Bob Restruck,**

**Scott Stieler, Bennett LaGreca and Doug St. Amant**. He also has two future Bucknellians, Zachary, 6, and Ava, 4.

Life is busy at the Jersey shore for Jim and **Colleen Devaney Craig**, who live with their children, Kelly, 7, Bridget, 4, and Jack, 2. Colleen has been home with the children for six months, since flexible work arrangements were discontinued during Conde Nast's layoffs in December 2008, where she had been job-sharing as associate research director. She still uses her marketing and research skills for freelance work and is looking to take on more projects since her girls are back in school. She does volunteer PR work for Kelly's school, heads up the cookie sales for the Brownie troop and helps coordinate reunions and fundraisers for her high school.

Colleen had the pleasure of spending her birthday with her old Gamma Phi sister and freshman hallmate, **Anne Louise Bennett Smith**, whom she hadn't seen in more than 20 years. Anne Louise lives in Arizona but was in New Jersey on business, so they were able to spend the day together and catch up on each other's lives and families. They picked up on their old Bucknell friendship without missing a beat. She is in touch with many other GPBs through Facebook, where **Kathy Heinrich '88** has set up a group for the Bucknell chapter of Gamma Phi. Colleen would love to hear from everyone, and can be reached at [collandjimmy@optonline.net](mailto:collandjimmy@optonline.net).

**Sue Waldner** and her partner, Joy, moved back to Camp Hill, Pa., where Sue grew up. They found a great neighborhood to enjoy with their four children ages 9, 7, 5, and 2. They can be reached at [vernerwaldners@yahoo.com](mailto:vernerwaldners@yahoo.com). Sue is looking forward to coming to Homecoming this year to celebrate Kappa Alpha Theta's 25th anniversary at Bucknell, and she hopes to see lots of sisters there. — L.C.H.

# 1988

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Okay, I did it. I signed up for Facebook. As a result I have had some great reconnections with Bucknell alums, like fellow Thetas **Annette Guarino Emanuel '87**, **Karen Spano**, **Kristin Yudt Schroeder** and **Gerianne Muldoon Gilligan '89**. Without Facebook this would have been impossible, but I have had the chance to relive some Bucknell moments from sophomore year when I lived on the Theta suite with Karen and Kristin.

I'll upload a few pictures of my family: Jack and Lydia with the Stanley Cup (go Pens!) and highlights from our upcoming

vacation in Greece. Our family plans to visit my father's birthplace in Vlahokerasia and spend a week in a villa on Santorini. It will be the first trip for the kids, and although I have been there five times, my last trip was the summer of 1988 with **Elizabeth Reid Lynn**, **Kathy Pandelidis Granbois** and **Daphne Alexandrou Geoca** for a six-week tour. Where is that journal?

Apologies to **Robert McGarry**, as I have been remiss in reporting some of his big news. Robert graduated from the doctoral program in educational leadership at the University of Pennsylvania in May 2008. He lives on the New Jersey shore.

And finally, this note from **Carolyn Pisano Rue** missed the last deadline: "It's hard to believe I am already talking about college with my oldest, Bethany, who is a junior in high school. Jake and I have been blessed with a wonderful

marriage and three terrific kids. Bethany, Jacob and James keep us running from one activity to another. After 16 years with Chubb Insurance I gave up work to become a full-time volunteer and realized a few years later that I needed to channel my energy into something a bit more lucrative. I've always loved cooking and entertaining, so I turned these passions into an exciting business called Taste & Technique. It is a cooking studio for adults and children in the heart of Fair Haven, N.J., the small town where Jake grew up and we call home. We opened in fall 2007 and it has been very hectic, but hugely rewarding (although Jake would love to see it a bit more financially rewarding). If anyone would like to learn more about what I'm up to, check out [www.tasteandtechnique.com](http://www.tasteandtechnique.com).

"I see my Delta Gamma Big Sister, **Karen Stachowicz '87**,

frequently, as she is Jacob's godmother and makes a habit of spoiling all of my kids rotten. I've also been so fortunate to see **Jill Cellars Rogers '89** and **Becky Toombs Woods** twice in the past few years, once for an awesome 40th surprise and another time for a fun girls weekend in the the city. **Kelly Phillips Pritchard** and I also try to stay in touch but our hectic schedules and distance have kept us from being very good at it."

Hey, my 25th high school reunion is set for Thanksgiving weekend. When is yours?

— S.V.P.

# 1989

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## Alumni Near&Far

Karen and **Bill Green** welcomed their third child, Catherine Anne, on Feb. 23. She joins William Joseph, 7, and Ainslee Elizabeth, 3. Bill works for New Vitae, Inc. in Quakertown, Pa., and lives in Penn Lake, Pa. Contact Bill at [green728@pa.metrocast.net](mailto:green728@pa.metrocast.net). — R.L.B.

## 1990

### REUNION 2010

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I hope this update finds everyone well rested from an enjoyable summer. We could have lived without the rain in the NYC area. I have officially made my hotel reservations for Reunion and can't believe 20 years have gone by. I'm still in denial about the whole hitting 40 thing. Seriously, that's crazy. We couldn't possibly be that old!

**Maria Schraeder Aguayo** writes that she has lived in Copenhagen, Denmark, for the last three years with her children, Martin, 9, and Pilar, 5. She works for a Danish company called A.P. Moller Maersk in the Asia to North America trade. Apparently one of her company's ships, the *Maersk Alabama*, made the news when it was hijacked by pirates in April. They love living in Denmark and visited friends and family over the summer.

**Stephanie Hartwell** has had several outings with fellow Bucknellians. "**Suzie Egolf, Dana Edwards, Sue Cuddy Donahue, Amy Fauth, Mel Bradley, Debbie Bashian DeBettencourt** and I spent a sunny May weekend in Providence, R.I., playing golf, going on boat rides and otherwise consuming," writes Steffi. "The weekend was punctuated by a Mad Libs tournament, prom dress sightings and the fact that our bartender's mother was younger than us. Too much information, but we'd definitely recommend the Biltmore.

Everyone is well, and we are looking forward to seeing everyone else at our 20th (how did that happen?) Reunion."

Fellow DG suitemate **Marcia Morgan Murphy** dropped me a line on Facebook. She and Kevin enjoy married life with their two children, Shannon, 14, and Danny, 10. Marcia is taking her 40s in stride and believes that the 40s are the new 20s. I like your thinking, Marcia!

Please keep the updates coming. Drop me a line and let me know what's going on in your world. Mark your calendars for Reunion and make those reservations! Be well and stay safe. — L.M.O.

## 1991

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Hello, classmates! I am thrilled that many of you wrote in to share your news and 40th birthday celebration stories. Our class always knew how to have a good time!

**Renee Narducci Battisti** writes, "Like you, I can't believe we all turn 40 this year. **Kristin Walters Tippett, Lynn Santilli Connor** and I celebrated 40 by flying our families to Costa Rica. We spent a luxurious week at Casa Fantastica, an 11,000-square-foot villa complete with a chef and staff. It was nothing short of fantastic! Along with our husbands and children ages 4-10 (13 of us total), we zip-lined through the jungle, fed monkeys at our pool, swam at Manuel Antonio's idyllic beaches and, of course, consumed a glass or two of wine. It's amazing how, 18 years after graduation, our Bucknell friendships have grown stronger and larger (to include our families). I think we all agree that turning 40 was fabulous.

"**Kristin** lives in Novato, Calif., with her husband, Charlie, son, Henry, 4, and twin girls, Eleanor and Olivia, 10. She works part time and enjoys visits from her

East Coast friends. Contact her at [kristintippett@comcast.net](mailto:kristintippett@comcast.net).

"Lynn lives in Haddonfield, N.J., with her husband, Kevin, daughter, Gabi, 8, and son, Dylan, 5. Lynn works part time as vice president behavioral rehabilitation at Community Treatment Services in New Jersey. Contact her at [lynnscconnor@msn.com](mailto:lynnscconnor@msn.com).

"I live in Phoenixville, Pa., with my husband, David, son, Cameron, 9, and daughter, Alexandra, 7. I work part time as a consulting attorney at Lutron Electronics and my e-mail is [rdbattisti@verizon.net](mailto:rdbattisti@verizon.net).

"Lynn and I frequently see **Jo Ann Talbot Bailey**, who is married with two daughters and manages to both teach optometry and have a fruitful optometry practice near Cinnaminson, N.J. Jo Ann celebrated her 40th 'south Philly-style,' with a small dinner party serving lots of pasta and wine. Seems the Bucknell girls all share a common theme: lots of wine! All our best to you and the Class of '91!"

**Lynett Chilson James** sends word that, "Eight of us decided to celebrate turning 40 in style. **Karen Borghesani Horan, Beth Oyer Schwartz, Tonya Henninger, Jennifer Steinbrook Ketler, Jodi Brown Goldberger, Karen Miller Borch, Colleen O'Mahen Williams** and I spent the first weekend of June in Las Vegas. The first day there was Beth's actual birthday, so as a surprise, her husband, **Tom Schwartz**, rented a cabana by the pool. Later that night we went to see the Beatles' 'Love' and on Saturday we treated ourselves to a dinner at Wolfgang Puck's. We mostly laughed, caught up and reminisced. We had a wonderful time and decided we need to do it again soon."

In July, my former roommate and dear friend, **Andrea Apuzzi Mortati**, and I met for a 40th birthday lunch in Westchester County, N.Y. It was terrific to catch up and celebrate turning 40 this year. Keep the news coming! — J.C.R.

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Greetings from beautiful Cape Cod! Our daughter, Shannon, 11, hung out with friends, attended summer camp in Maine and went to Girl Scout camp on the Cape, where she tried sailing for the first time. She also started writing a book about autism and what it's like to have a sibling with autism.

Shannon spent two weeks in July with my parents, who live in Lewisburg. I spent a few days there before driving her home. The newest Harry Potter movie was playing at the Campus Theatre, a far cry from our time at Bucknell when new releases took forever to come to town. No visit is complete without a trip to the Bucknell bookstore. I bought a \$5 (yikes!) Bucknell sticker for the back of my minivan. I am so not a minivan kind of gal but it does transport seven Girl Scouts and their gear for camping weekends. I perused the textbooks to tell my husband, **Jim Saffle**, how expensive they are. Shannon wants to go to Bucknell but I told her I'd probably have to find a second job just to afford the textbooks.

Work has begun on the University's new bookstore, which will be located off-campus on Market Street. Anyway, I capped off my visit with ice cream at TastyFreeze (now Lewisburg Freeze).

As for my other kids, Ethan, 4, attended preschool summer session. Alex, 8, attended summer school, as almost all children with autism must in order to prevent regression and fill gaps in their skill sets.

**Kimberly Lohman Suiters** and her family have moved

home to the D.C. area. She works at the NBC station as a reporter and anchor. It's the same station where she interned as a Bucknell sophomore. Kim has written a second book about surviving an F-5 tornado, a true story she covered in Oklahoma City. You can find *Twist of Faith* on Amazon.com or get a signed copy by e-mailing [klsuiters@gmail.com](mailto:klsuiters@gmail.com).

Please continue to update us with information. I can also be found on Facebook, which has been a great way to reconnect with many of you. — L.M.S.

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I haven't been getting much news from anyone for the past few months, so please take a moment to send me an e-mail and let our classmates know what you are up to.

*The New York Times* announced the marriage of **Caroline Abramo** to Michael Rona in Connecticut on June 6. The couple works in NYC. — S.A.S.

## 1995

### REUNION 2010

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Greetings, Class of '95! Can you believe that in less than a year it will be 15 years since we

graduated from Bucknell? I hope to see all of you at Reunion in June. Let's rock the attendance record and enjoy the walk down memory lane! If you are interested in helping the alumni office staff with Reunion planning, please be in touch. They would love the help.

**Jason Snyder** can always be counted on for Bucknell information to share. He writes, "In May, I attended the wedding of **Laura Ossowski** and **Matt Hughes**. The ceremony was at Columbia University and the reception was at the Hyatt in Jersey City, N.J., which overlooked the NYC skyline. It was an amazing day and I had a lot of fun catching up with friends from freshman year. Bucknellians in attendance were **Jen Kane-Zabolotskiy**, **Matt** and **Wendy Schwieger McTammany**, **Crystal Theesfeld**, **Elisse Ercolano Glennon**, **Monica Berube**, **Cris Necochea**, **Brooke Stutzman** and **Katie Woytowich**. **Laura** and **Matt** spent their honeymoon in Spain. They live in Harlem, N.Y. **Laura** works as a physical therapist in the Chelsea area of NYC." **Jason** lives in Lewisburg and works at Bucknell. E-mail him at [jcsnyder@bucknell.edu](mailto:jcsnyder@bucknell.edu).

**Dave** and **Kristina Lutter Bornhoeft** welcomed **Alexis Paige** to their family on June 23. Her siblings, **Declan** and **Ellie**, were very excited to bring their sister home. E-mail her at [kbornhoeft@gmail.com](mailto:kbornhoeft@gmail.com).

**Tameka Hinton** married **Perry Lee Wright Jr.** on Oct. 11, 2008, aboard *Royal Caribbean's Grandeur of the Seas* cruise ship in Baltimore. **Tameka** writes, "**Tanya Barnes Ripley** was my matron of honor. **Melanie Fenwick Thompson '94** and **Keisha Garner '00** attended. They are both attorneys. In June I was chosen to participate in the highly selective Maryland State Department of Education Special Education Leadership Academy for 2009-10." E-mail her at [Tameka94@aol.com](mailto:Tameka94@aol.com).

The **Boner** family enjoyed a summer cookout with **Ben '98** and **Sandy Gramman Kiersz**. It was great to see them and their two amazing sons, **Christopher** and **Matthew**. We look forward

to spending more time with them, as they live a 45-minute drive from us. If only life wasn't so busy!

My husband, **Chris Boner**, and I also spent a week at the Outer Banks of North Carolina with **Dave** and **Colleen Taylor Lukens '94** this summer. The weather was beautiful, the water warm and the friendship amazing! A good time was had by all. They live in Conshohocken, Pa., with their wonderful daughter, **Katie**.

We also enjoyed spending a July weekend with **Chuck '86** and **Jody MacArthur Johnson** and **Jim** and **Tara Hooper Contiliano**. We met at the **Contilianos'** home in Stewartsville, N.J., where we enjoyed spectacular weather and great company. The primary activity was watching our combined seven children run and play together while we had a chance to catch up. The boys and men played a lot of baseball while the girls dipped their toes in the pool. What a great way to spend a summer weekend! Hopefully this will become a summer tradition.

We have several Bucknell outings planned for the fall and I'm sure you do, too. If you have news to share, please send it to me. Have a great autumn! 'Ray Bucknell!! — J.B.B.

## 1996

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**Carol McLaughlin Kennedy** happily shares that **Steve** and **Barb Black Leauber** had a baby girl, **Brooke Elizabeth**, on March 4. "Barb and I get together in Lewisburg regularly," writes **Carol**. "We serve together on the advisory board for Kappa Alpha Theta — she is advisory board chairman and I am the administrative advisor. This fall, the Theta chapter at Bucknell is hosting a 25th anniversary celebration of its founding at Bucknell, so we're looking forward to having Thetas from

all class years at Bucknell come back to campus over Homecoming weekend. There will be a dinner at the Lewisburg Hotel. More information will be sent out via B-Link.

"Before I wrapped up my job in D.C., I also spent a lot of time with **Nancy Tiedemann Gigantiello**, who lives in Arlington, Va., with her husband, **Greg**, and daughter, **Emma Elizabeth**, who was born July 26, 2008. **Nancy**, **Greg** and **Emma** lived right down the block from me in Arlington and we got together quite often. It was nice to reconnect and get to hang out regularly since our days at Bucknell."

During a trip to Boston in July, I was thrilled to catch up with **Pamela Ralston** and her husband, **Mike Pagliarini**. After Bucknell, **Pam** worked in Boston then earned her MBA from Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University. **Pam** serves as assistant director of admissions at Harvard Business School. **Mike** is head chef at *Via Matta*, a fabulous Italian restaurant in Boston's Back Bay. The restaurant is located just across the street from the Park Plaza Hotel. The food and ambiance are wonderful, and it's a dining experience not to be missed!

**Martin** and **Randle White Emmrich** celebrated the birth of their third child, **Thomas Ransom**, on Feb. 21. **Thomas** is loved by all, and his sisters, **Ella**, 4, and **Claire**, 2, are spoiling him already. **Randle** can be contacted at [remmrich23@aol.com](mailto:remmrich23@aol.com).

**Frank** and **Bonnie McNabb Orlovski** rejoiced in the birth of **Luke Ryan**, their first child, on March 29. **Bonnie** and her family live in NYC, where she works for AllianceBernstein Institutional Investments as director of global business development and consultant relations. **Bonnie** welcomes e-mail from former classmates at [bonnie.orlovski@gmail.com](mailto:bonnie.orlovski@gmail.com).

**Jim** and **Tracy Bell Driver** are happy to share that their first child, **Holden James**, arrived on Sept. 25, 2008. **Tracy** proudly reports that **Holden** is growing fast and keeping his parents on the run. If you'd like to catch up

## BIRDS OF A MECHANICAL FEATHER

If myth could become man, **Nathan Chronister MS'96** might well be Icarus, perfected, enlightened and made joyfully practical. Turning his lifelong fascination with bird and insect flight into an academic mission, he earned his master's degree in animal behavior. Since then, his attraction to animal flight has morphed into a career that would have captivated the likes of da Vinci and the ancient mythmakers: He creates ornithopter kits, "mechanical birds that fly by flapping wings."

Chronister began his business of marketing ready-to-assemble ornithopters in 2003 when marriage brought him to Rochester, N.Y. Always interested in education, he left behind a career at the Catskill Center for Conservation and Development to hone a daring entrepreneurial venture — a cottage industry that now reaches an international market, inspiring scientists and hobbyists of all ages to consider the ecological benefits that we may glean through the study and eventual mimicry of animal flight.

While he produces small "bird-sized," kits, Chronister says that the potential for producing manned aircraft with flapping wings is not just fantasy. A manned ornithopter could "hover and land in small areas and will save fuel, when compared with helicopters."

It is extremely unlikely however, that human energy will provide the sustained power needed for this endeavor. An engine of some variety will have to keep jumbo ornithopters aloft and flapping. Chronister's rubberband powered prototype, in principle, may provide a model for a new age of biologically inspired aircraft, and this is good news for a world in search of technologies with a green edge.

Chronister's website, Ornithopter Zone ([www.ornithopter.org](http://www.ornithopter.org)), not only features his unique designs but also provides a rich history of the human desire to imitate nature's airborne creatures. In order to share ideas with others interested in this type of experimentation, he also publishes a newsletter, *Flapping Wings*, bringing together a global community of ornithopter enthusiasts.



— Maria Jacketti

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**Mary Anne Elma** and her husband, Ryan Szymkowicz, welcomed their daughter, Lucia "Lucy" Maria, into the world on March 16. Lucy joins her brother, Tommy, 2. Mary Anne can be reached at [melma@acc.org](mailto:melma@acc.org).

**Carrie Van Atten Sampson** has had an amazing past two years. She writes, "I shattered my L1 vertebra while cliff jumping in July 2007. Apparently, you can break your back jumping into water off a 40-foot cliff. I required surgery and months of physical therapy, but I have made a great recovery. Triathlon training has been a great means of rehabilitation for me. In June, I finished the Ironman Coeur

d'Alene (2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike and 26.2-mile run) and signed up for the race again next year." Wow! Carrie lives in Bozeman, Mont., and can be contacted at [cvanatten@yahoo.com](mailto:cvanatten@yahoo.com)

**Bill Caruso** was named executive director of the Assembly Majority Office in New Jersey. For the full story, check out [www.politickernj.com/thester/25455/bill-caruso-named-new-executive-director-assembly-majority-office](http://www.politickernj.com/thester/25455/bill-caruso-named-new-executive-director-assembly-majority-office). Bill previously served as U.S. Representative Rob Andrews' chief of staff. After graduating from Bucknell, Bill earned a law degree from Rutgers Camden Law School. Bill and his wife, Amanda, have two sons.

**Sean Gamble** was promoted to executive vice president and chief financial officer at Universal Studios. Prior to taking his position at Universal Studios, Sean served as executive finance manager for GE Oil & Gas's equipment business in Florence, Italy. Sean is no stranger to the entertainment industry, as he's also served as vice president, financial planning & analysis for Universal Pictures. — B.S.

## 1997

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**Ryan and Sarah Nellson Zollner** welcomed their second daughter, Noelle Grace, on May 7. Her sister, Anna, 3, was very excited to meet her.

**Rebecca Korb** graduated with her MBA in marketing from the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University in May. She moved to Minneapolis, Minn., where she works as an apparel buyer at Target Corp. She can be reached at [rebeccawkorb@yahoo.com](mailto:rebeccawkorb@yahoo.com). — S.B.

## 1998

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Jennifer and **Jason Junge** welcomed their third child, Claire Suzanne, on Sept. 9, 2008. Claire joins her brothers, Cole and Carter, and the family lives in Danville, Calif. Jason works for AMR as a paramedic and can be reached at [jason-junge@comcast.net](mailto:jason-junge@comcast.net).

Brian and **Meg Frye Hesel** welcomed twin boys on June 3. Austin Paul and Brendan James join their brother, Brody. Meg can be reached at [meg.hesel@comcast.net](mailto:meg.hesel@comcast.net).

**Tricia Di Pano** and Tiest van Gool were married on July 18 on the beach in Long Branch, N.J. They reside in Lafayette, Colo. Tricia can be reached at [tricia.vangool@me.com](mailto:tricia.vangool@me.com). — H.M.L.

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**Ashin '98 and Sarika Malhotra Parikh** welcomed with love their second boy, Rohan Ashin, on May 1. His brother Ajay, 3, enjoys making Rohan smile and is very sweet to him. They live in Providence, R.I., and enjoyed the summer together as a family of

four. Sarika can be reached at Sarik0830@msn.com and Ashin can be reached at Ashin.A.Parikh@fritolay.com.

**Haro and Nicole Collins Gurdoglanyan** are thrilled to welcome Kevin Lewis, born April 2, to their family. Alexander, 2, is having a blast with his brother. They relocated from NYC to Denver in 2008 and love the lifestyle in the West. Nicole works for JetBlue Airways and Haro is director of finance for a hedge fund in Denver. They can be reached at haro.gurdoglanyan@gmail.com and nicole.gurdoglanyan@gmail.com.

Ray Bucknell! — L.Z.

## 2000

### REUNION 2010

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Happy anniversary to Robert and **Jennifer Winhofer Green**, who were married June 20, 2008, at St. Patrick's Church in Philadelphia. **Leslie Blue Shultz '99** and **Kelly Wilson** served as matron and maid of honor. **Lyndsay Earhart Summers** was a bridesmaid, while **Lori Houck, Victor '99** and **Kimberly Delfs Watkins '99** had ceremonial roles. Other Bucknellians attending were **Emily Petz Essaye '99, Paige Morgan '99, Joy Gicking Bell '99, Dave Steigerwald '96, Nicole Brandemarti Walsh** and **Kristen Erb McKenna '01**. The couple resides in Cherry Hill, N.J., with their Boston terrier, Miles. Jen is the senior writer at women's fashion and lifestyle brand, Anthropologie.

**Russ '98** and **Astrid Reynolds Hirsch** welcomed a beautiful baby girl, Annabelle Rose, on Feb. 1. In addition to her mother, both of Annabelle's grandfathers also went to Bucknell. Annabelle could be a triple legacy!

**Christine Frankovitch, Danielle Chase** and **Lori Allen** were in Richmond to celebrate **Sarah Kobielski's** marriage to Justin McElroy. The couple was married June 22, 2008, and the Richmond reception was July 18, 2009.

I married Drew Rowley on May 16 in Chatham, Mass. Bucknell alumni attending were **Bently Elliott '66, Edward "Bub" Morgan '66, Jack '66 and Judi Berk Dorr '66, Roland Capone '66, Ron Van Helden '66, Susan Beshel, Sarah Johnson, Lauren Rabadeau, Katey Twombly Ryan** and **Jasmine Zamani. Catherine "Beth" Thompson Power '98** and my younger brother, **Tom Elliott '03**, completed the festive Bison herd. Even though the groom is a graduate of Lehigh University, the father of the bride managed to extend his blessing. After a honeymoon in the Greek islands, we live in Manhattan where I am a marketing manager for NYSE Euronext, and Drew is an analyst at Bank of America Merrill Lynch.

Chris and **Amanda Zylber Higgins** welcomed Natalie Paige to their family on May 28. She joins Bryan, 2, who loves being a big brother. They live in Coopersburg, Pa.

**Neil Hickey** and Karen Baldino were married on July 18 in Connecticut. **Ken Joost** was a groomsman. Other Bucknellians attending included **Jeremy Runk, Joe Tierney** and **Hudson and Vanessa Peet Yost '98**. The couple honeymooned in St. John, USVI, and resides in West Hartford, Conn. — M.E.R.

## 2001

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Nickolas and **Kathren Heide Delikaris** proudly welcomed their daughter, Caraline Alexys, on June 15. Mom, dad and Caraline are doing well and enjoying time together in their new home in Summit, N.J.

Bridesmaids **Alexis Kaufmann Herron, Jennifer Mooney Sala, Eileen Kennedy deVries, Molly Brown Richard** and **Kate Marr Juergens** are excited to share that **Krista McCabe** is engaged to Roger Knight. Krista and Roger plan a Sept. 25, 2010, wedding in Boston, Mass. We couldn't be happier for them!

**Jessica Smith Virag** writes, "After finishing my residency in internal medicine at Duke University last July, fostering three dogs and having two of our own, my husband, Scott, and I have been blessed with a beautiful baby boy. We've named him Graham. We live in Durham, N.C. I can be e-mailed at jessievirag@yahoo.com." — H.D.P.

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**Kayhan Kashef** was married to John Nordeman at St. James' Church in New York in May. Kayhan is a senior associate and executive recruiter at Korn/Ferry International, an executive search firm in New York. She has a law degree from American University. John is a founder of Just Energy.

**Aimee** and **Todd Seitz** announce the birth of their son, Zachary Todd, on May 30 in Pittsburgh. Mommy and baby are both happy and healthy. Zachary enjoys sleeping when he should be awake and then staying up late at night. Todd and Aimee can be reached at 149 Dinwiddie Drive, New Kensington, PA 15068.

I visited **Andrew** and **Jackie Phillips Ahern** in London in May, and we traveled to Vienna together. The Aherns have moved back to New York after two years of working in London and traveling about Europe. Their address is 60 W. 66th St., Apt. 21D, New York, N.Y. 10023 and their e-mails are ahernbu@gmail.com and jrphahern@yahoo.com. — M.P.

## 2003

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Richard and **Meredith Gill Provencher** spent two amazing years in Greece and moved back to Maryland during the summer.

**Joe Marut** writes, "I graduated from Army Ranger School in April with Class '04-'09, followed by Airborne School at Ft. Benning, Ga. While in Ranger School, I met second lieutenant **Roberto Lainez '00**. He was one of my Ranger instructors. I also met first lieutenant **Steve Wolf '07**. I'm assigned as a platoon leader in the 57th Engineer (Sapper) Company, Rough Terrain Jumpers, at Ft. Bragg, N.C."

**David Cohen** works as general counsel at DCMI, an alternative investment firm in Dallas, Texas. In his spare time he coaches a Highland Park High School boys basketball team. He spent a nice August weekend in Miami with former Bison basketball teammates **Boakai Lalugba** and **Dan Blankenship**. He can be reached at davidcohen11@gmail.com.

Ryan and **Laurie Purse White** expect another son in October. They celebrated their son, Connor's, fourth birthday this year, as well as their fifth anniversary. The couple lives in northern Virginia. Laurie caught up with **Melissa Lawson, Tara Utchel, Emily Keber** and **Melissa Lenzi**.

**Ron '02** and **Melissa Bennett Gagnon** welcomed with love their daughter, Ella Lyn, on May 8.

**India Branch** did the marketing for *The Wiz* at the New York City Center. India was in charge of target marketing, audience cultivation, group sales, art design and ad placement. She was also a personal inside connection, in some ways, for Ashanti, who played Dorothy. In attendance were **Kellen Smith** and **Stacey Akwei**. India also bought her first co-op and

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ran her fourth half-marathon in August.

Kellen Smith was promoted as the social networking specialist at Seton Hall University's Office of Undergraduate Admissions. She is very proud of the fact that, during these economic times, she has been able to recruit her class successfully.

Stacey Akwei passed her nursing boards and is a registered nurse working in a dialysis center in Newark, N.J. She is in the nursing master's program at Seton Hall University.

**Charity Brady** passed her LSATs and is enrolled at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law at Yeshiva University.

**Richard Beblo** and **Diana Scheerbaum '05** were married in Pittsburgh on July 4. The couple says the ceremony and reception were perfect, made so in part by all of the Bucknellians in attendance (31 total) including **Andy Murrin**, **Justin Jacobson** and **Greg Kasi** as groomsmen. Rich finishes his doctorate at the University of Pittsburgh in December and then begins his job search.

**Bryan Blades** and **Michele Lenzi** plan to marry on June 12, 2010, outside of Philadelphia. The couple resides in Conshohocken, Pa.

**Tommy Hambleton** received his State of Texas Professional Engineering License.

**Melina Glynn Hefelfinger** reports, "Catherine Crews married Dan Buell (Georgetown '03) at The Cloisters on Sea Island, Ga., on June 6. Bucknell bridesmaids included myself, **Louisa Young Draper** and **Megan McGill Spitzer**. In attendance were **Alyson Cameron**, **Kirsten Kintzer Slawson**, **Lindsay McQuade**, **Ben Magnusen '02**, **Matt Spitzer**, **Jamie Hefelfinger**, **Marty Pfinsgraff**, **Amy Peloquin**, **Molly Campbell Rarig**, **Amy Jones**, **Casey** and **Jess Hetrich Shure** and **Ashley Yarrington McKee**. The couple honeymooned in Anguilla and St. Lucia and resides in the West Village of NYC."

**Piper Scalzi** and **Bill Overbaugh** celebrated their first wedding anniversary by visiting **Nicole D'Aureli** in Amsterdam

over Labor Day weekend. It was a great trip and they were both excited to see Nicole since she moved there last summer. **Piper** and **Bill** live in NYC, where he works for Turner Construction and she works as a curatorial/sales consultant for an art curatorial firm.

**Rob Decker** and **Emily Izbicki '05** are engaged. They live in Exton, Pa. Emily is pursuing her doctorate in social psychology from Temple University and is set to defend her master's this fall. Rob is an application engineer at Nilfisk-Advance, a manufacturer of professional cleaning equipment. They plan to wed within the next two years.

**Wayne Branker '06** is an admissions counselor at Pace University's Long Island campus. I see him at college fairs in New York. Also, **Jakita Price '04** is an admissions counselor at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia, Pa. I also see her from time to time at college fairs.

**Jasmine James '04** and her husband, Erik, welcomed their first child, Saige, in March.

**Bryan Bailey '02** married his long time sweetheart, Etelka Sike, this summer. **Jesse De Los Santos '02** passed his MCATs and is doing his residency at Cooper Hospital in Camden, N.J. — P.N.J.

## 2004

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## 2005

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Wedding bells are ringing for a lot of you lately — congratulations to everyone!

**Nate '04** and **Corinne Morgan Clark** write, "In July we traveled to the British Virgin Islands with **Adam Clark**, **Heather Shaw**, **Jacob Clark '07**, **Corinne Smith '07** and **Molly Clark '12**. We had a great trip sailing around to the different islands and enjoyed lots of snorkeling and great beaches."

**Lynn Qi Wei Zhou** and **Aaron Mazek**, a Penn State graduate, were engaged in May. They plan a destination wedding in Maui, Hawaii, in August 2010. A follow-up celebration will be held in Pittsburgh, Pa.

On July 19, 2008, **Kristen Lunny** married **Luke Wolff**, a graduate of Furman University. They had a gorgeous beach-themed wedding in Mantoloking, N.J. **Kristen** and **Luke** bought a house in Pennington, N.J. **Kristen** has worked as a high school mathematics teacher in Basking Ridge, N.J., for four years.

**Nikki Orr** married **Jared Carlson** on July 11 in Severn, Md. **Judy Shum** was a bridesmaid.

**Emily Izbicki** and **Rob Decker '03** are happily engaged as of July 25. They live together in Exton, Pa. After graduating, Emily worked for two years at Philadelphia's Monell Chemical Senses Center. She is pursuing her doctorate in social psychology from Temple University. They plan to wed within the next two years. — M.D.

## 2006

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**Nate Inkrote '04** and **Nicole Gallo** were engaged on June 6 on the beach in Sea Girt, N.J. They live in Hoboken, N.J., and plan a fall 2010 wedding. Bridesmaids will include **Kristin McDonnell '05** and **Laura Mlynarski '07**. Groomsmen will include **Justin Vieira '04**, **Ed Korkuch '04**, **Jeff Thomson '04**, **Brad Clemens '04** and **Wil Fang '05**.

**Dave Allen's** article on Symphony in C, a professional training orchestra based in Camden, N.J., appears in the

September/October issue of *Symphony Magazine*. He also contributes features and music criticism to the *Courier-Post*. — J.S.

## 2007

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## 2008

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**Daniel Anderson** and **Denise Peterson** got engaged on the roof of their church in Center City Philadelphia on May 27. They plan to set out on the amazing, challenging, awesome adventure of life together in December, with **Megan Rowland**, **Vanessa Hershberger**, **Andrew King** and me in their wedding party. I am ecstatic for **Denise** and **Dan**, and I know they will be extremely happy together.

**Bridget Collins' dad, Jack '84**, sent me a message when she received her "white coat," which signifies the completion of her first year of medical school and the beginning of clinical work. **Bridget** received the white coat in a ceremony on April 24. She attends the Dr. Scholl School of Podiatric Medicine at the Rosalind Franklin University Medical School in Chicago. Her immediate family (including her Bucknellian dad) and grandparents attended the ceremony, but her brother, **Davis '11**, was unable to attend due to his academic schedule at Bucknell.

**Allison Hirsch** works for Lockheed Martin in the finance department, and she transferred down to Washington, D.C. She will live in Arlington, Va., with **Brandy Newton** for the next year.

**Devon McGetrick** and **John Schlicher** were married on Aug. 22. **Katie Metzler**, **Kelli Jensen Peters**, **Katie Casteel**, **Alison Faux**, **Kristen Lashnits** and

**Stephanie Weible** were Bucknell bridesmaids. Bucknell groomsmen were **Tommy Orr, Steve Cheng, Will Moyer, Perry Menzies '09** and **Matt Antonelli '09**.

**Mike Rakszawski** completed the engineering technical development curriculum at Lockheed Martin as part of the Engineering Leadership Development Program. He takes graduate school classes at the University of Pennsylvania for a master's in systems engineering. Mike also looks forward to attending the 26th Annual Leadership Conference of the National Catholic Student Coalition from Dec. 31–Jan. 3, 2010, in Philadelphia, Pa. He also complimented me on my Class Notes skills. Thanks, Mike!

**Summer Rozzi** and **Austin Kathol '07** had an awesome adventure in September. "We left Madison, Wis., and moved to New Zealand, where we will live for the next year," says Summer. "We began our adventure volunteering on organic farms (through WWOOF) near Hastings. From there we plan to explore the rest of the Adventure Capital of the World and have an amazing time doing it (with a few sky dives and bungee jumps scattered in there)."

**Gillian Young** and Joseph Bruno's wedding was Aug. 1. **Dave Allen '06** and I were there, along with **Jayne Kubat, Andrew King, Jessica Glenn, Colleen McKeown Szathmary, Rina Van Orden, Laura Householder, Lauren Bolcar, Michael Lewis, Robert Hepp, Rebecca Wilson, James Conlon '06, Katie Asmundson** and **Kathleen Conti**. Gill and I have known each other since we were in fourth grade, and I am so happy for her and Joe.

**Megan Young** started a doctorate program in pharmacology at Penn State College of Medicine. Sounds like a great program, Megan. Good luck!

**Jake Meyer, Brittany Flores** and **Tim Johnson** opened the doors of their new non-profit company, Kids In Seats (KIS). KIS is a charity ticketing service that enables season ticket holders to donate their unused

tickets to charities. For more information on this alumni project, visit their website at <http://kidsinseats.com>.

I'm glad to hear that everyone is doing so well and keeping so busy. — L.C.

## 2009

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A little about me, your class reporter: I was raised in the mountains of Colorado and as a kid I wanted to parade out of my small town and set sail for something Ivy League on the East Coast, or at least a campus decorated with ivy leaves. When I toured Bucknell on a rainy day in April 2005, my pre-teen dream came streaming back like the river of water running down Seventh Street. And the rest is history.

My introduction into the professional world of writing began when I launched a fashion magazine on campus my sophomore year. Later dubbed *Be*, a group of students and I sought to inform the Bucknell public about all things fashion. Our content transformed into all fashion things local, affordable and practical. We worked our tails off and produced six magazines since fall 2007. My Bucknell experience, then, can be summed up by my role as the fledgling editor-in-chief of what has become a highly supported publication on campus.

*Be* cemented my aspiration to work in magazine editing and publishing. I am back in Colorado interning at a magazine in Aspen called *Aspen Sojourner*, aiming to land a job at a small magazine. I look forward to working on the Class of 2009 notes and connecting my class with everything that Bucknell has welcomed us to: rain, ivy and all.

In just a few short months, the Class of '09 traded in Bucknell sweats for caps and gowns and,

more recently, new university paraphernalia and wedding gowns. So much has happened! Here's the scoop:

Those of us smart cookies stalling the dive into the real world are continuing our education on the East and West coasts. Former BSG President **Harry Kastenbaum** began his first year of law school at Cardozo in NYC just five days after graduation. (How's that for jump-start into the next phase of life?) **Lauren Anderson** attends Penn State to earn a master's in geography. **Jenell Smith** moved to Philadelphia in September to attend Drexel University for a doctorate in materials science engineering. Jenell rooms with **Katie Yeager**, who is working on her master's in medical physics at the University of Pennsylvania. **Jessica Swanston** has begun a doctoral program in ethnomusicology at UPenn. A little further south, **Samantha Soller** attends law school at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va., where she'll graduate with a J.D. in 2012. **Sarah Surgala** began work toward a master's in higher education and student affairs at the University of Vermont in Burlington. **Louise Giffin** and **Nicole Kendrot** are housemates and attend the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, for library sciences and biomedical sciences, respectively. **Caitlin Hirneisen** moved to Portland, Ore., to attend Portland State University for a master's in environmental engineering. Former cross country runner **Kim Hassett** also headed west to the University of Colorado in Boulder, where she'll pursue a doctorate in chemical and biomedical engineering. **Gregory Zarski** made his way to Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif., to earn his master's and doctorate in structural engineering.

At least four of us opted to continue our education abroad. After finishing up work at Bucknell's Women's Resource Center in August, **Emily Rath** traveled to Germany as an exchange student at the University of Heidelberg. There

she'll study German, as well as gender studies, for a year. **Amy Bruno** headed to London's School of Oriental and African Studies to earn a master's in globalization and development. **Ward Abel** also went to London to Kings College for a master's in Spanish and Latin American studies. After finishing up some mathematical-linguistic research (sounds easy, right?) at Harvard last summer, **Jeffrey Watumull** attends the University of Cambridge to continue his studies in England.

A few of us chose to work or volunteer abroad. **Ben Sangree** left the country to teach English for the 2009-10 school year. He's in Huludao, China, at the Liaoning University of Finance and Trade. **Abhay Agarwal** also went to the Far East — back to India, that is — to work as a research associate with the Center for Microfinance, a private non profit organization. In July **Margaret Graham** and **Kelly Bates** traveled to Ethiopia for a month to volunteer for Hope for Children, an organization dedicated to improving the lives of AIDS orphans.

Meanwhile, **Mahdi Woodard** moved to Nashville, Tenn., to work as a brand analyst for Mars Petcare. **Harrison Baker** is an analyst for JP Morgan in Delaware. Both Mahdi and Harrison have transitioned into positions in the Bucknell Black Alumni Association, Mahdi as chairperson and Harrison as vice-chairperson. **Stacey Haas** landed a job at Gettysburg College in its Development, Alumni and Parent Relations Division as assistant director of annual giving for student programs. **Trina Boyer** is a graduate assistant field hockey coach at Lynchburg College in Virginia, where she'll also pursue an MBA. **Ali White** moved to Baltimore, Md., and took a position as a research assistant in the Laboratory of Clinical Investigation, where she'll study diabetes under the National Institutes on Aging.

We seem to be infiltrating the educational system, as well. **Margaret Hartman**, a former Bucknell cycling team member,

teaches second grade in Silver Spring, Md. Former track team runner **Caroline Strunk** was accepted into Teach for America and moved to Wilmington, Del., to teach middle school math. Wish her luck! Caroline majored in Spanish, psychology and music — a far cry from secondary algebra.

The military also has a few Bucknell recruits. **Will Carney** was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps. Former ROTC member **Stacey Allen Toothman** is an active duty second lieutenant in the Army and temporarily stationed in Fort Knox, Ky. Let us all be grateful for Will and Stacey's service to our country.

Wedding bells rang several times over the summer. **Meg Wyatt** married **Matt O'Rourke '07** on May 23. **Katie Yeager** attended.

**Erika Batzel** and **Nate Crosby** exchanged vows on June 6. The couple is pursuing doctorates at the University of Pennsylvania in bioengineering and immunology, respectively.

**Kadero Watson** tied the knot with his high school sweetheart, Hope Belton, in Richmond, Va., on June 20. Attending the nuptials were Mahdi Woodard, Harrison Baker, **May Naldo**, **Odinakachi Anyanwu** and **Thaddeus Davis** (and family). Kadero relocated to Norman, Okla., to take a position in the athletic department at the University of Oklahoma. There he'll also pursue a master's in athletic administration.

**Claire Hinchey** and **Andrew Weber** married in June.

On Aug. 8, **Kate Lahner** tied the knot with **Stephen Parker '08** in Rooke Chapel, following in the footsteps of her father, **William '76**, and late mother, **Janet Schneider Lahner '77**. — S.K.

## IN MEMORIAM

### 1933

**Raymond Townsend**, Schenectady, N.Y., on April 19. A Kappa Sigma member, he was predeceased by his wife. Survivors include three sons and six grandchildren.

### 1934

**Bruce Jacobs**, Lake City, Fla., on April 28. He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha and the track and field team. Survivors include his wife and three children.

### 1935

**Sara Mueller Sprecher**, Ephrata, Pa., on July 23. She was predeceased by her parents and two siblings. Survivors include her husband, two children and a number of nieces and nephews.

### 1937

**Mary Crabb Brouse**, Lewisburg, Pa., on June 19. She was a substitute teacher in the Lewisburg School District and co-founder of the Susquehanna Doll Club. Survivors include three children; five grandchildren, including **Terry VanBuskirk '99**; and eight great-grandchildren.

### 1939

**Henry Martin**, Hazelton, Pa., on May 20. A member of Phi Kappa Psi, he worked for PPL until he retired in 1974. He was preceded in death by his wife in 2002.

### 1940

**Ruth Trinkaus Dolbier**, New London, N.C., on May 4. A member of Delta Delta Delta and band, she worked for American Cyanamid Chemical Co. during WWII. She was predeceased by three husbands. Survivors include three children, six stepsons, six grandchildren and numerous step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren.

**Dorothy Barry McGeehan**, West Chester, Pa., on July 26. She was a reporter and a member of the editorial staff at the *Milton Evening Standard*. During WWII, she worked in the personnel office at the War Department's Ordnance Plant and later worked in the revenue department for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania before retiring in 1983. Survivors include two children, 11 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

**William Winter**, St. Helena Island, S.C., on May 13. A member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, student government and Alpha Chi Sigma, he retired from E.I. DuPont de Nemours and Co. after 38 years of service and served as a volunteer firefighter. Survivors include a brother, two daughters, eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

### 1943

**Stanley Kresses**, Buffalo, N.Y., on June 25. He earned a master's from the University at Buffalo, SUNY and a doctorate from Columbia University. He worked at Hooker Chemical Co., National Lead Co., then taught at Trott Vocational High School until retiring in 1991. Survivors include his wife, two daughters, five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

**Mahala Briggs Landrum M'50**, Forked River, N.J., on May 21. A Phi Beta Kappa member, she earned her doctorate from Rutgers, the

State University of New Jersey and was an English professor there. She also served in the Navy Signal Corps in WWII. She is survived by her daughter.

**Doris Ranck Wilson**, Lewisburg, Pa., on May 16. A member of Pi Beta Phi and the symphony orchestra, she was predeceased by her husband, **A. Thomas '47**. Survivors include three children, **Michael '71**, **Martin '76** and **Kathleen Wilson Norris '78**; nine grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and two sisters.

### 1944

**Jack Bidding**, Lancaster, Pa., on May 2. A member of the band and ROTC, he served in the Navy during WWII. He was a senior power engineer in the Lancaster Division of Pennsylvania Power & Light for 36 years and retired in 1983. Survivors include three sons, a granddaughter and one great-grandson.

**Margaret Swigart Kiehl**, Clearwater, Fla., on July 7. A member of Alpha Chi Omega and Delta Phi Alpha, she was editor of the national Alpha Chi Omega magazine.

**Ruth Smith Mendes**, Columbus, N.C., on May 5. A member of Delta Zeta and the Women's Athletic Association, she was president of the House of Representatives of the Women's Student Government Association at Bucknell and received the Eleanor D. Decker Award. She was predeceased by her husband, **Frank**. Survivors include two children, one grandson, a nephew and a niece.

**Fay Myers Rudy**, Cockeysville, Md., on June 19. A member of Delta Zeta, she worked for Atlantic Refining Co. as an analyst in the Economics Department until 1951. She worked as an actuary and later had her own consulting business. Survivors include her daughters, **Jamie Rudy Lewis '76** and **Susan Rudy '78**, her sister and three grandchildren.

**Lt. Col. Joseph Zebley**, Havre de Grace, Md., on May 12. A member of Cap and Dagger

and Sigma Chi, he graduated from Greenbrier Military School and served in the Army during WWII before retiring in 1966 as a lieutenant colonel. He worked for the American Red Cross and served at military installations in the U.S., Vietnam and Thailand. He retired after 17 years of service. Survivors include his daughter, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

## 1945

**Owen Diringer**, Freeport, N.Y., on April 14. A member of Sigma Alpha Mu, *L'Agenda*, *The Bucknellian* and ROTC, he is survived by his wife and five children and 10 grandchildren.

**Frank Drout M'50**, Lancaster, Pa., on May 11. A member of Kappa Delta Rho, Phi Eta Sigma and ROTC, he was a member emeritus of the American Chemical Society. He served in the Navy during WWII and was a senior research chemist for Armstrong World Industries. Survivors include his wife, **Audrey Coryell Drout '50**, three children, a brother, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

## 1946

**Margaret Gurnee Baer**, Neptune, N.J., on April 23. A member of Delta Zeta, Alpha Kappa Delta and Alpha Lambda Delta, she worked at Jersey Shore Medical Center for 20 years. Survivors include four children, one grandson and six nephews.

## 1947

**Ellen Badger**, Philadelphia, Pa., on May 10. A member of Kappa Delta, she worked for International Correspondence schools for many years. Survivors include her brother, nieces and nephews.

**Arnold Kroner**, Cranford, N.J., on April 30. A member of Sigma Alpha Mu and *The Bucknellian*,

he received his DDS degree from New York University College of Dentistry in 1951 and practiced dentistry for 31 years before retiring in 1986. Survivors include his wife, two children, a grandchild and a brother.

**Matthew Mischinski**, Pinehurst, N.C., on May 9. He was a physician and a Diplomate of the American Orthopedic Society and American Society of Emergency Physicians. A graduate of Wyoming Seminary and Temple University School of Medicine, he served in the Army Air Corps during WWII. Survivors include his wife, four sons, one sister and 12 grandchildren.

**Louise Bell Tompkins**, Charleston, W.V., on July 3. A Kappa Delta member, she was a pre-school teacher and children's hospital recreational therapist. She was predeceased by her husband, **Grant '48**. Survivors include three children and three grandsons.

## 1948

**Willis Boyer**, Middletown, N.Y., on July 7. A member of Phi Gamma Delta, ROTC and the soccer team, he served during WWII in the Navy. He was predeceased by his wife, **Elizabeth McBride Boyer '49**, and his son, **Glenn Boyer '72**. Survivors include two children, three grandchildren and a sister.

**Katharine Steel Koch**, Fairfield, Conn., on July 19. A member of Pi Beta Phi, student government and Chorale, she was a hospice volunteer and church secretary. Survivors include her husband, two sons, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

## 1949

**Wallace Boswell**, North Ft. Myers, Fla., on June 3. A Delta Upsilon member, he served in the Army Air Corps during WWII and the Korean War. He worked for Royal Imprints, Inc., Oneida County Savings Bank and the New York State Department of

Mental Hygiene, and later ran the Colonial Acres golf course. Survivors include four children, seven grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

**Robert Doebler M'50**, Sunbury, Pa., on July 1. He served in the Army during WWII and received a Purple Heart. He worked for Sunbury Wire Rope, was a former postmaster, worked for Anthracite Fine Coal and Mallard Contracting. He was preceded in death by a sister, **Catherine Doebler M'59**. Survivors include his wife; three daughters, including **Robin Doebler Ostrum '78** and **Nancy Doebler Neidig '72**; eight great-grandchildren, including **Jenna Neidig '06**; and twin brothers.

**William Ernst**, Monroe Township, N.J., on May 8. A member of Lambda Chi Alpha and ROTC, he served in the Navy during WWII and later owned and operated a car rental service. Survivors include his wife, **Janice Heiderich Ernst**; three children, including **Virginia Ernst Ellis '78** and **William Ernst '80**; and three grandchildren.

**Ray Hikida**, Seattle, Wash., on May 30. A Delta Upsilon member, he served in the Army, graduated from the University of Washington and worked at Boeing until his retirement. Survivors include his wife, three children and three grandchildren.

**Carl Limbacher**, Huntington, N.Y., on June 7. A Sigma Chi member, he was a WWII veteran and owned Sagamore Graphics, Inc. Survivors include two sons and two grandchildren.

**James Morgan M'50**, Scranton, Pa., on April 25. An Army veteran of WWII, he retired from the Department of Agriculture. Survivors include two sisters, a niece and four nephews.

## 1950

**John Washko**, Morrisville, Pa., on June 14. He was awarded the Purple Heart for his service in WWII, having served in the Army and Army Air Corps. He worked at General Motors in the Fisher Body Division for 45 years before retiring in 1987 as

a senior mechanical engineer. Survivors include his wife, three children, a granddaughter and two grand-nieces.

## 1951

**William Bonine**, Rehoboth Beach, Del., on May 25. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, Alpha Chi Sigma, Phi Eta Sigma, Tau Beta Pi, *L'Agenda*, the American Institute of Chemical Engineers and the American Chemical Society. He served in the Pennsylvania National Guard and worked at the DuPont Co. for 37 years before retiring in 1988. Survivors include his wife, **Joan Graham Bonine '51**; two children; and seven grandchildren, including **Heather Rogers '07**.

**John Cushing**, West Hartford, Conn., on June 14. He served in the Army during WWII and earned the Combat Infantry Badge, then worked at SKF Industries for 35 years. Survivors include his wife, four children and five grandchildren.

## 1952

**Charles Weinkauf**, Powell, Ohio, on April 28. A member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, *Bucknell Engineer* and the American Society of Civil Engineers, he served in the Army during the Korean War. His 43-year career with Columbia Gas ended with his retirement in 1994 as vice president of corporate services. He was a past-president of the Ohio Gas Association, a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers and served on numerous boards, including the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and Endicott Trust. Survivors include his wife.

## 1953

**Abram Detwiler**, Myerstown, Pa., on July 5. He was a rehabilitation counselor with the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and

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Industry for 26 years before retiring in 1991. He is survived by several cousins, including **June Savage Barratt M'48.**

### 1954

**Mary Mayer Brooks**, Rochester Hill, Mich., on April 23. A member of Concern and Action, Delta Phi Alpha and *L'Agenda*, she was co-founder and president of Learning Resources Unlimited and built the Bob Brooks Computer Sales company with her husband, Robert. Survivors include her husband, four children and 13 grandchildren.

**Patricia Ingham McGregor**, Storrs, Conn., on May 18. She earned a master's in education from the University of Connecticut in 1975, held various teaching positions throughout her career and was awarded a teaching Fulbright. She retired in 1991. Survivors include her husband, daughter, granddaughter and two sisters.

**Ruth Zimmerman Oliva**, Orient, N.Y., on June 28. A member of Chorale, she was a Southold town councilwoman and past president of the North Fork Environmental Council. Survivors include her husband, four children, a brother and five grandchildren.

### 1955

**Barry Savedow**, Ormond Beach, Fla., on May 23. A member of Kappa Delta Rho and men's intramural sports teams, he worked with his family for many years at Cook Galleries Auction. He founded the Browse House in 1974 and was president of the Florida Stamp Dealers Association for eight years. Survivors include his wife, four children, three grandchildren and one great-grandson.

### 1956

**John Dalton**, Rockville, Md., on June 14. He served in the Navy

and worked for IBM. Survivors include three children, four grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, a great-grandson, four sisters, five nieces and three nephews.

**Alan York**, Tampa, Fla., on July 6. He was a member of the debating club, Cap and Dagger, Delta Upsilon, *L'Agenda*, *The Bucknellian*, ROTC and Alpha Phi Omega. He served in the Army as a 1st lieutenant. Survivors include his wife, two children and nine grandchildren.

### 1957

**David Rickard**, Tacoma, Wash., on July 31. A member of Phi Gamma Delta and the football and soccer teams, he served in the Air Force in the Vietnam War and retired as a Lt. Colonel in 1980. He later worked for Puget Sound Bank and Columbia Bank. He was predeceased by his parents, **Samuel '23** and **Ada Thomas Rickard '21**. Survivors include his wife, two sons, three grandchildren and brothers **Samuel '49**, **John '50** and **Donald '51**.

### 1958

**Virginia Davis Coniff**, Eagles Mere, Pa., on May 9. A member of NAACP, Kappa Kappa Gamma, student government, *L'Agenda* and the softball, volleyball and basketball teams, she earned a certificate of appraisal from NYU and owned and operated antique/consignment shops for 20 years. Survivors include her husband and three children, including **Melissa Coniff Maggioncalda '91**.

**Robert Long**, Albuquerque, N.M., on July 9. He was a member of Concern and Action, Phi Lambda Theta, Omicron Delta Kappa, Phi Eta Sigma, Tau Beta Pi, Electrical and Electronics Engineers, ROTC and intramural sports teams. He earned a master's and a doctorate from Purdue University and served in the Army before teaching at the University of

New Mexico, where he became chairman of the chemical and nuclear engineering department. He later worked at General Public Utilities in New Jersey for 18 years before retiring in 1997 and is a past president of the American Nuclear Society. Survivors include his wife, three children and six grandchildren.

### 1961

**Brenda Kooman**, Webster, N.Y., on July 26. A member of Concern and Action, she earned her master's from the University of North Carolina and was a retired high school biology teacher. Survivors include her brother, two nieces and four great-nieces.

### 1963

**Judith Gordy Michaelis**, Wayne, Pa., on May 10. A member of Concern and Action, Alpha Chi Omega, student government, *The Bucknellian* and *L'Agenda*, she worked for General Electric on the guidance system for the Apollo moon landings. She later established Michaelis Associates, a computer system design business, and retired in 1992. Survivors include her husband, **Arthur**; her daughter, **Jennifer '90**; her son; two sisters and a granddaughter.

### 1966

**W. Theodore Brooks**, Pittsburgh, Pa., on July 4. A member of Delta Upsilon, student government, Omicron Delta Kappa and *The Bucknellian*, he earned his law degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1969. As a lawyer, he worked for local school districts and Tucker Arensberg, PC. Survivors include his wife, mother, daughter, brother and several nieces and nephews.

### 1968

**Rosalee Simon**, Somerset, N.J., on April 7. She was a clinical research associate in the pharmaceutical industry and a systems developer with Dun & Bradstreet, Beneficial and Bell Atlantic Mobile. She also raised funds to help find a cure for MS. Survivors include her brother, nephew, niece, grand-nephew and two grand-nieces.

### 1974

**Douglass Frapwell**, Dana Point, Calif., on May 25. A member of Psi Chi, Tau Beta Pi and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, he earned a master's from Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey. Survivors include two sisters.

**David Kenamond**, Williamsport, Pa., on June 17. A member of Tau Beta Pi and Zz, he was director of engineering at Andritz Sprout-Bauer, Inc. Survivors include his wife, daughter, granddaughter, mother, two siblings and numerous nieces and nephews.

**Kent Rafferty**, Irwin, Pa., on July 12. A member of Kappa Sigma, the men's swimming and diving team and the water polo team, he received his master's from the University of Pittsburgh Katz Graduate School of Business. He worked at Knepper Press until 2003 and was a driving instructor for E. Paul, Inc. He won many auto racing events, including the SCCA Solo II Championship. Survivors include his fiancée, three siblings, two nieces and a nephew.

### 1976

**Gary Molnar**, New York, N.Y., on July 14. A member of Sigma Alpha Mu and Phi Eta Sigma, he earned a juris doctor from Franklin Pierce Law Center of Concord, N.H. Survivors include his parents, two siblings and two nephews.

## 1977

**Paul Bushek**, Willow Street, Pa., on June 28. A member of Sigma Pi Sigma, he worked for Exelon Nuclear until 2003. He is survived by one aunt and several cousins.

## 1987

**David Ferrara**, Coto de Caza, Calif., on July 26. A member of Phi Kappa Psi and the lacrosse team, he founded several companies in the auto, software and insurance industries. Survivors include his wife and two children, his mother, three brothers, aunt and grandmother.

## 1999

**Nathan Babb**, Monrovia, Md., on July 6. A member of the Outing Club, he was store manager of a Domino's Pizza outlet. Survivors include his parents, two brothers, two grandmothers and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

## 2008

**Mary Ladany**, Philadelphia, Pa., on Aug. 5. A member of Delta Gamma, Kappa Delta Pi, Bucknell Buddies and the women's rugby club, she was a high school math teacher. Survivors include her parents and her grandparents.

## 2012

**Branko Blagojevic**, Montenegro, on Aug. 2. A Fremont and United World College Scholar, he participated in a variety of activities on campus. Survivors include his parents.

### MASTERS

**John Cheplick M'50**, Peckville, Pa., on July 18. He was a lieutenant in the Navy during WWII, earned his bachelor's from Mansfield College and worked for more than 35 years as a school photographer with National School Studios. Survivors include his wife, four children, five grandchildren, five siblings and several nieces and nephews.

**Donald Herrold M'53**, Souderton, Pa., on June 15. He earned his bachelor's from Susquehanna University, where he played on the varsity basketball and baseball teams. He served in the Army and taught high school math for 35 years before retiring in 1990. He was preceded in death by his sister, **Hazel Herrold M'55**. Survivors include his wife, a son, a brother and four grandchildren.

**Robert Hess M'67**, Dayville, Conn., on May 14. He earned a bachelor's from Ohio State University and served in the Navy. He retired after 36 years as an elementary and middle school teacher and a principal. Survivors include his wife, five children, a sister, 13 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

**Lloyd Woodling M'60**, Williamsport, Pa., on June 9. He served in the Army and earned a bachelor's at East Stroudsburg University. He taught for 12 years in the Loyalsock Township School District, then 23 years at the Pennsylvania College of Technology as associate professor of mathematics. Survivors include his wife, **Mary Steele Woodling M'59**, two children, four grandchildren and three siblings.

### FRIENDS

**Laurie Gessay Anderson P'06**, Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., on June 21. She earned her bachelor's from the University of the Pacific in 1973 and her master's from the University of Southern California in 1975. Survivors include her husband, a son and daughter, **Chelsea '06**.

**Martin DeMarzo P'11**, Livingston, N.J., on June 7. He joined the Orange Fire Department in 1980 and became chief in 1999. He was a member of the New Jersey State Firefighters Mutual Benevolent Association, the New Jersey Fire Chiefs Association, the Essex County Chiefs' Association, the Essex County Office of Emergency Management and New Jersey Deputy Chief Association. Survivors include his wife and four sons, including **Joseph '11**.

**Lorma Baker Doebler**, Lewisburg, Pa., on June 8. She was predeceased by her husband, **W. Sherman '49**. Survivors include her four children and four grandchildren.

**Nancy Johnson**, Milton, Pa., on May 27. She worked as an academic assistant in Bucknell's Philosophy Department for 25 years before she retired in 1998. She was preceded in death by a son and a brother. Survivors include her husband, four children, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

**Leo Mackey**, New Columbia, Pa., on April 18. Survivors include his parents, Pete and Kyna Mackey, his sisters, Rory Mari and Danni Christine, his maternal great-grandfather, paternal grandparents, maternal grandparents, maternal grandfather, aunts, uncles and cousins.

**Betty Beckort Tufts**, July 6, in Hilton Head Island, S.C. After earning bachelor's and master's degrees from Indiana University, she joined the staff at Bucknell University in July 1964 as an assistant dean of women. She served two years as a guidance counselor at Shikellamy Middle School in Sunbury, Pa., and worked as a guidance counselor at Lewisburg Area High School. In 1988 Betty joined the

admissions staff at Bucknell and retired in 2000 as senior associate director of admissions. She received Bucknell's Walter C. Geiger Award for Administrative Excellence in 1998. Survivors include her husband, Brad, who also worked at Bucknell for 41 years in several communications and athletics roles; two daughters; two siblings and six grandchildren.

**Shirley Smith**, Lewisburg, Pa., on July 18. She worked for more than 36 years in Bucknell's Registrar's Office before retiring in 1997. Survivors include her husband, four children and eight grandchildren.

**Bertha Swartz**, Lewisburg, Pa., on May 30. She worked for Bucknell Dining Services for almost 40 years before retiring in 2000 as a baker. Survivors include her daughter, three grandchildren, two sisters and many nieces and nephews.

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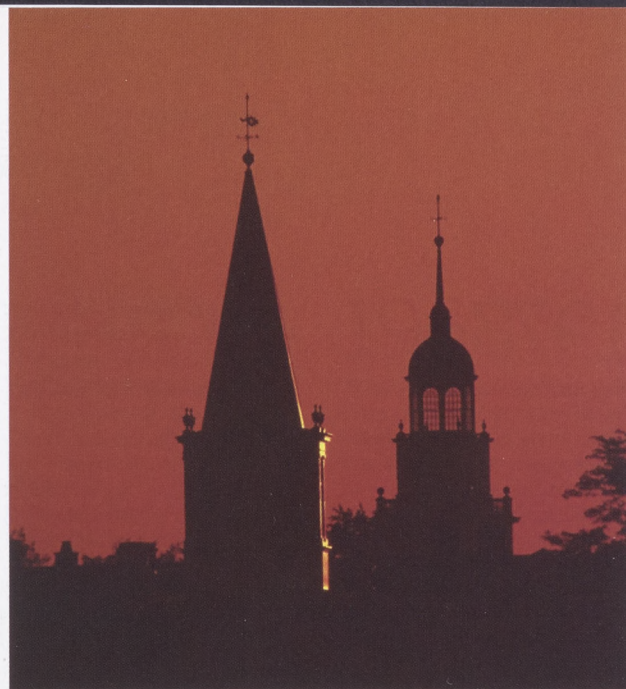
By Jenny Ross '05

When I had to decorate the high school classroom where I was to educate teenage minds in the wonders of literature, I decided to use the most inspirational, comforting things I could find — campus images from past Bucknell calendars and a large, orange-and-blue Bucknell pennant. Surrounded by an obsession for my alma mater, my students wonder why I ever left Lewisburg. My love for the University is evident. They may understand *Lord of the Flies*, but how I could have left Bucknell baffles their young minds. My words for them, which are usually so abundant, are suddenly minimal. They won't understand my answer because, to me, Bucknell is everywhere.

My love affair with Bucknell began one rainy, August evening before I began my senior year of high school. My parents and I had arrived on campus too late for a college tour. Wanting nothing to do with my dad, who decided to take himself on an unsuccessful self-guided tour through locked buildings, I meandered through an empty campus along the pathways of the Academic Quad. We had arrived shortly after a summer rain had ended and just in time for the sun to make one final stunning effect on the day. To me, the timing of this, my first big, bold beautiful Bucknell sunset on my first Bucknell visit, was fate.

Even now, I can close my eyes and still see the sun touch the tops of the trees as it fell behind the Fieldhouse, where, as an athlete, I was to spend more time there than in my res hall. Or how the Ellen Clarke Bertrand Library (to whom I grew so close I referred to as Ellen) absorbed the sun's final rays. No matter where I am or what my day's annoyances, I experience a sense of Bucknell bliss.

During a between-semester break my freshman year at Bucknell, I returned to the New Jersey town where I had spent my entire existence. I had only been there a week before I



yearned to go “home.” It seemed that, in mere months, I had found a new place where I belonged, a new family in which to be a part.

However, what my students won't understand is that my idea of home, the one that Bucknell gave me, is more than just that campus in Lewisburg. It began there. It grew through four years with every friend I made, every sister my sorority gave me, every bus ride with teammates, every walk to the Freez, every Sunday brunch in the Caf, every professor who stopped to talk on campus, every nap on the library's leather couches, every breath of the blended cow-monkey manure breeze,

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New York City; my sorority sisters in Boston; my teammates in Pennsylvania. It's with the person who passes me on the highway with a Bucknell sticker proudly clinging to the window. And the runner I pass on my bike ride who shouts a “Ray Bucknell” in my direction. It's sprinkled in places that I have never been, like Chicago and northern California. The places I visit, like D.C. and Philadelphia.

Yet, when I lose the pack, all I do is close my eyes, watch the sun set over the Quad, catch a glimpse of the banners that adorn the original Lewisburg light posts, and read, no matter where I am, “Welcome Home.” After all, home isn't just where the heart is; it's where the Bison roam.

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