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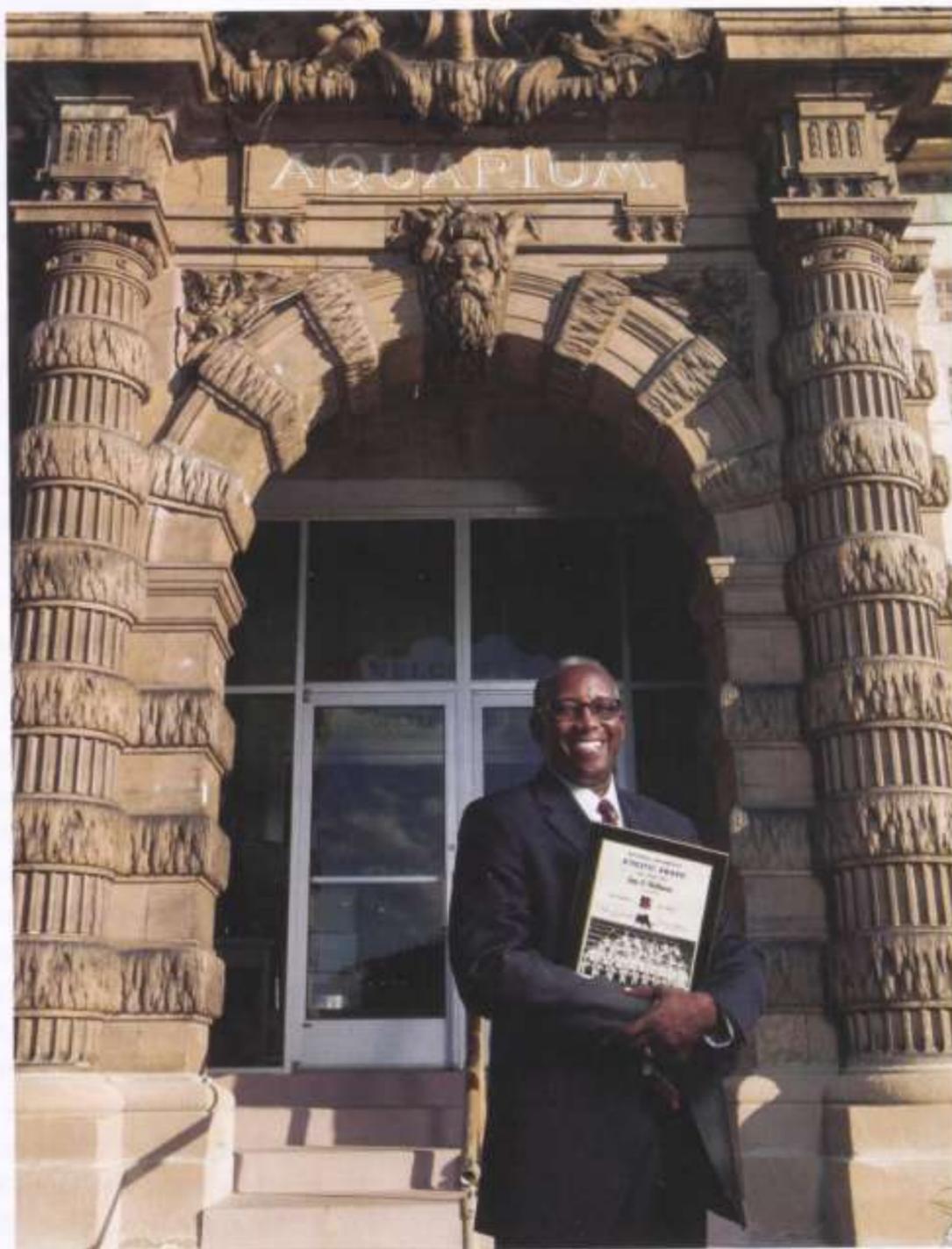
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By Kim North Shine

On the Cover: Guy Williams '76 has spent the last 20 years protecting Detroit and its people from environmental dangers, including water and air pollution, steel mill emissions and the aftereffects of now-inoperable lead smelters.

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President's Message

What Story Will We Tell?



In his memoirs, Bucknell alumnus and chemistry Professor **William Gundy Owens, Class of 1880**, describes life for Bucknell students in the 1870s: The men woke at 6 a.m., had pancakes and sausage for breakfast in downtown Lewisburg and attended mandatory chapel services — all before classes began at 7:30 a.m. They followed a single curriculum with no electives or specialization. Following a period of evening quiet hours in their unheated rooms, they went to bed at 10 p.m. Those who stayed up risked getting caught by the faculty, who were known to make surprise visits to monitor the halls. The women of the Female Institute lived in separate quarters, took separate courses and followed a separate set of rules.

Today, to the relief of students and faculty alike, professors enforce neither study hours nor bed times, the curricula are much more expansive and flexible, and our students can pursue varied interests. Since Owens' days at Bucknell, the University has many times changed its approach to student life and learning to address the shifting developmental, social and educational needs of our students, along with the wider needs of society. In much the same way, Bucknell periodically refines its identity to ensure that we continue to offer a rigorous liberal arts-based education that will remain relevant well into the future. We have arrived at such a moment in the University's history. With *The Plan for Bucknell* approaching the 10-year mark, the Board of Trustees has called for a new planning process to ensure Bucknell's success.

In defining who Bucknell will become, we will not replace or abandon *The Plan*. It is, as affirmed by the Board, an enduring document whose guiding principles have catalyzed important developments such as the transition to the five-course teaching load and the integration of Academic and Student Affairs. But the Board also recognizes that *The Plan* is simply too broad to guide us through the changes and challenges that have emerged since its 2006 inception. If you follow the national dialogue surrounding higher education, the issues we now face are not unfamiliar: We must articulate our value proposition, compete in a crowded and demographically shifting marketplace, stay abreast of technological advances and develop a sustainable financial model that constrains costs to families. It is time for Bucknell to more clearly define its identity and establish a roadmap for how we will proceed together to prosper and distinguish ourselves among our peers.

In the months ahead, I will ask the University community what we can do to ensure that we continue to offer the best education possible to students today, as well as 10, 20 or 30 years into the future. If we are successful, our own memoirs should reveal, long after we are gone, that we had the courage and foresight that made it possible for Bucknell to become the next, best version of itself.

John Bravman, PRESIDENT

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Letters

IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED

After reading the letter, "Learning from Failure," by **Juanita Jeffrey '13** in the Summer 2014 issue, I wanted to add another story. In my first semester at Bucknell, I received three Fs, three Ds and an A in PE. The result was a grand total of negative six quality credits (QCs), yet, somehow I was enrolled in the second semester. Dean William Coleman's assistant wondered how this was possible, but she wished me luck, and I went on my way.

Several days later, I was called in to meet with Mal Musser, dean of men. When I walked into his office, he was seated at his desk, leaning back, hands behind his head. He said, "Gard, how many QCs did you get first semester?" I said, "Minus six." He leaned forward in dismay and said, "Minus six? I'll see you!"

As I learned to improve my study habits, I received 21 QCs second semester; netting 15. I was allowed to go to summer school, where I was able to earn enough QCs for my sophomore year. That summer session, I saw Mal Musser again. "Gard," he said in disbelief, "you're back!" I graduated in 1956 with a commission in the Army and served two tours of duty.

After seven years with NCR in their newly formed computer division, I became a professor at Harrisburg Area Community College (HAAC) and taught IT for the next 33 years. I received a master's from American University in Washington, D.C., and ran an IT consulting business. Along with students from my class, I installed the first computer system in City Hall in Harrisburg, Pa. — an IBM 360.

I continued my interest in music, composed 10 songs and produced a CD with six of my selections. I also studied voice and established a scholarship fund at HAAC, initially funded by my six recitals at the Performing Arts Center. Since then, more than 1,100 people have contributed to this fund, many of them my students.

My outstanding education at Bucknell provided me with the ability to succeed. When I enrolled at American University, the person in charge said I was from good stock — Bucknell!

Now I'm 80 years old, busy maintaining two cemeteries and my 38-acre farm, and I still study the piano and compose music.

James "Ginger" Gardner '56
Linglestown, Pa.

THE BENEFITS OF DIGITAL DISCONNECTION

I found Ronald Alsop's article, "Instant Gratification & Its Dark Side," in the Summer 2014 issue poignantly written and a subject close to the heart of today's undergraduates. While Mr. Alsop is not a graduate of Bucknell and the scope was beyond our campus, an evaluation of the concept of the "Bucknell Bubble" in today's world would have been fitting.

For decades, first-year students coming to Lewisburg were told of the Bucknell Bubble. The location of campus, along with the full engagement in academics, sports and social life that most students experience, had a way of isolating them from the outside world. This was compounded by an absence of cable TV in first-year dorm rooms and limited access to news sources before internet ubiquity.

I started my journey at Bucknell in fall 2001. I brought a clunky desktop computer and did not own a cell phone. There was no campus WiFi, which didn't matter because I didn't own a mobile device. I recall feeling disconnected from my past while home on break, and I did not speak to my high school friends nearly as frequently as I once had. While this may seem depressing to some readers, I found the experience to be eye-opening. I was forced out of my comfort zone and tried new things. I actually had face-to-face conversations with people I didn't know.

I worry that today's college experience is irrevocably different. The classic university model affords students a

haven some distance from their home, free from distractions, for study and personal growth. Students now bring their lifelong friends with them through constant online connection, which may hinder the number of new and different friendships they can form. The fear of being disconnected from social media may keep some from taking full advantage of campus events, such as guest lecture series, music department student concerts or student clubs, or it may zap their attention while attending those events. While bursting the bubble may be a good thing, I hope current students can discern between the appropriate times to digitally connect and the times to put down their screens and experience what is happening around them.

Jake Thieman '05
Macungie, Pa.

FOR THE GREATER GOOD

Congratulations on the fine article, "Pedaling Out of Poverty" [Fall 2014], which highlights the work of **Molly Burke '10** and her colleague **Muyambi Muyambi '12**. This is a great tribute to youthful initiatives that serve a larger purpose. I say, "well done," to Bucknell for recognizing their contributions.

Robert Scott '61
Garden City, N.Y.

TELL US A STORY ...

We've spent a lot of time digging around campus looking for the most interesting, fun, quirky and thought-provoking courses available to students, and it made us wonder about the courses that stick out in the minds of our alumni. We're hoping you will tell us about them. We want to hear about the classes that brought out the best (or worst) in you, the classes that prompted you to switch your major, the classes that changed the way you thought about the world, and the classes that offered you an experience you'll never forget. Send your story to us (no more than 400 words, please) via email at bmagazine@bucknell.edu or by mailing a note to *Bucknell Magazine*, Bucknell University, 1 Dent Drive, Lewisburg, Pa. 17837. We'll include the best tales in a future issue.

Moore Avenue

News&Notes

Baby Talk

Researchers are finding that touch enhances the way babies learn language.

By Rebecca L. Willoughby

By the time they are six months old, infants typically can sit up and reach for items, make social eye contact and produce vocal babbling that sounds like speech. While their words may not make a lot of sense to someone listening to the cooing of an infant at play, six-month-old babies can understand many words, including “mommy” and “daddy,” as well as words for body parts and food.

In the Baby Lab at Bucknell, Professor Ruth Tincoff, psychology, is asking how and why this is true, and her theory is that language comes to infants not only in what they hear, but in what they feel. She’s also learning that infants have a grasp on language even earlier than was previously thought.

Tincoff’s recent research with colleagues from Purdue University has shown that children as young as four months can recognize the sound pattern of words. In a paper published in *Developmental Science*, the cognitive developmental psychologist and her co-authors highlight connections between tactile sensory input and language acquisition.

As parents interact with their babies, for example, they often speak to them while touching them. They might refer to their feet while tickling their toes or comment on their tiny fingers while holding their hands. The act of touching seems to solidify those words and ideas for infants, and it solidifies for researchers like Tincoff that the knowledge infants gain about the world around them is enhanced through experience.

“Thinking while doing,” says Tincoff, “creates a different kind of knowledge than doing just one or the other.”

In Tincoff’s study, babies and their parents were placed in a room outfitted with speakers and a video camera. As pre-recorded audio of repeated nonsense words in a sentence-like stream was played through the speakers, particular word-sounds were paired with touch.



The Baby Lab offers Professor Ruth Tincoff and fellow researchers the chance to study the youngest human subjects, including the ways in which they learn language.

Babies can teach us how to be better listeners, to be playful and to be present.



The video recorded the infants' movements as they listened, and the researchers recorded surprise responses, eye movements and head turns to gauge the infants' understanding. Results indicate that associating words with touch helps infants recognize particular words, which can lead to earlier vocabulary formation.

As do many professors at Bucknell, Tincoff frequently invites undergraduates to assist with her research projects. In a follow-up to the published study, she asked parents of four-month-olds and parents of 10-month-olds to teach their babies made-up words for body parts in order to see how parents might spontaneously use touch and talk. Recent graduate **Christa Wojcik '14** helped discover through this word game that parents do coordinate their touch and talk, and the team is preparing to submit the results for publication.

Lauren Buckley '15 is writing an honors thesis that moves the project another step forward by examining the babies' responses to the parents' communication. Do the babies look at their parents or where they are touching? How do the babies' emotional expressions and vocalizations change?

Not only does the team's work help researchers and parents better understand babies' cognitive abilities, it has the potential to affect the study and treatment of language disorders by showing the ways in which the brain processes touch and links it to language.

And for parents with babies, it means good news, Tincoff says. "This research can help parents of infants appreciate that an activity they do every day has deep and meaningful benefits for their children."

Out of the Brains of Babes

It may seem as if we are the ones handing off knowledge to the newest members of the human race, but sometimes infants can teach us a thing or two. We asked Professor Ruth Tincoff, psychology, to tell us what we might learn from babies about, well, learning.

LISTEN: We are born tuned to human speech, and from a very early age we build memories based on what we hear. The more parents talk to infants and toddlers, the larger the toddlers' vocabularies become, indicating that they learn a lot simply from what they hear. The take away? Listening to each other is as important as talking.

GET ACTIVE: Babies learn by putting toys in their mouths, by reaching for the book as a parent reads, by pouring the sand in the sand box, by climbing the hill. A more recent approach in the study of human learning and memory called "embodied cognition" emphasizes the important role of bodily action in creating our knowledge. Some elementary school teachers are inspired by these ideas and advocate for a longer recess or use exercise balls instead of chairs in the classroom. Their goal? Better learning through action.

TEST YOUR BOUNDARIES: When babies start walking, they fall — over and over again. It's in that tumble that they learn how to adjust their bodies to avoid a fall on the next go. Babies learn by failing occasionally, so don't be afraid to try something new and break out of your comfort zone. Some of your best thoughts and ideas may stem from a major mistake or fumble — outcomes most adults try to avoid at all costs.

BE PRESENT: Infants and toddlers play with abandon and don't usually concern themselves with the aftermath. (A playroom in shambles? No problem. Purple marker on the wall? Why not?) They are in-the-moment thinkers with a creative streak. Adults, on the other hand, all too often are concerned with the future, which usually robs them of the ability to focus solely on the project at hand.

PLAY: In their book, *Einstein Never Used Flashcards: How Our Children Really Learn — And Why They Need to Play More and Memorize Less*, child psychologists Roberta Michnick Golinkoff, Kathy Hirsh-Pasek and Diane Eyer argue that playtime helps children develop problem-solving skills and allows them room to be social and exercise creativity. It even increases their attention spans. So take life lessons wherever you can get them — even if they come from an evening out with friends or a pick-up basketball game with colleagues.

How to Talk Like a Chimp (and Other Life Lessons)

Jane Goodall offers advice and inspiration for a better world.

By Heather Peavey Johns

Jane Goodall, the first speaker in the new Bucknell Forum series, “Revolution Redefined,” started her talk in September by demonstrating a chimp call — a long, elaborate trill of sounds, “which simply means ‘I’m game, I’m here,’” she explained to a laughing crowd.

In that early lesson from the stage of the Weis Center for the Performing Arts, Goodall swiftly charmed the nearly 2,000 people in attendance, including those occupying two overflow venues.

A natural storyteller, Goodall shared memories of her path from curious child to intrepid scientist to passionate advocate. She named her mother as the

most powerful influence in her life and the reason she felt confident enough to tackle seemingly impossible tasks — including delving into the Gombe jungle to study chimpanzees in the wild.

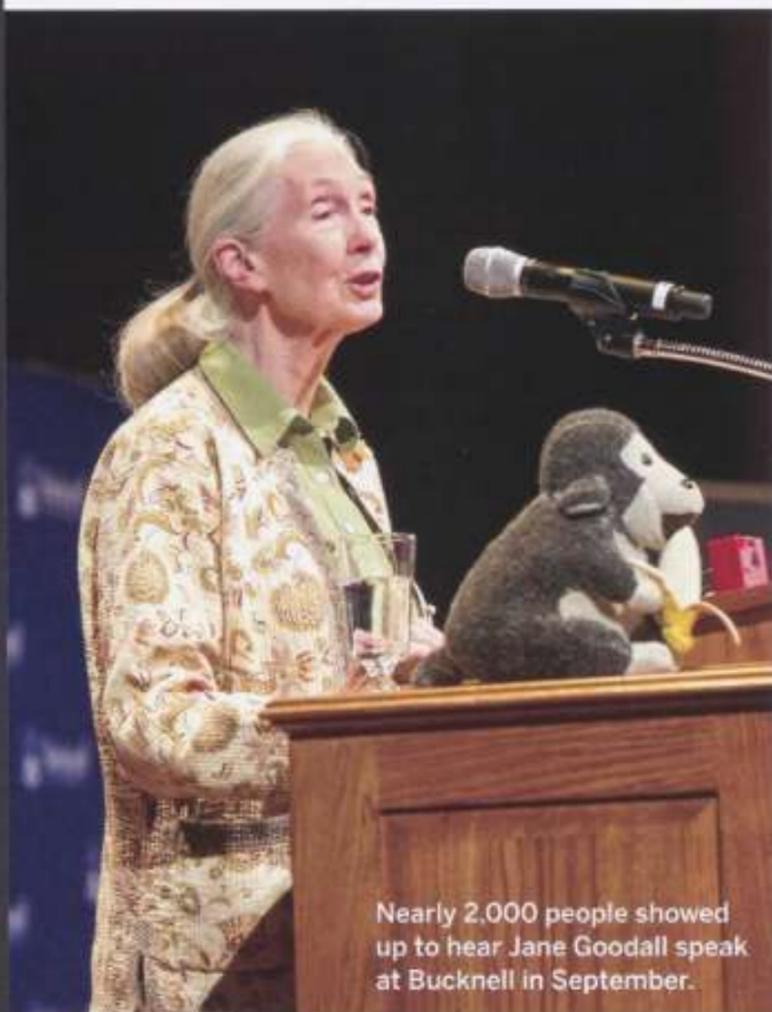
She encouraged the audience to do as her mother had taught her: “Be true to your convictions. Don’t stop when you’re told something can’t be. Evaluate it yourself.”

Goodall described how her career has slowly transformed over the years in response to evolving global challenges that infringe upon the rights of animals and humans alike. She works to help protect the earth and to educate those who have the power to undo the damage wrought by generations before.

“There are three main problems that seem unsolvable,” she said. “Poverty, unsustainable lifestyles and human population growth.” Goodall also listed climate change, the imperiled ocean and factory farms as other pressing challenges.

“Every single one of us makes a difference, every single day,” she said. “It’s not too late to turn things around.” Her reasons for hope? Children, the “explosive development of our intellect” and the “indomitable human spirit.”

“If we live with our heads and hearts in harmony,” said Goodall, “we can reach our true human potential.”



Nearly 2,000 people showed up to hear Jane Goodall speak at Bucknell in September.



Who says you shouldn't wear your food?

Homecoming 2014

Homecoming was a little extra-spirited this year, as alumni returned to campus during Halloween weekend. Alumni were encouraged to bring their kids along (in costume, of course) for a ghoulish good time at events such as a trick-or-treat in McDonnell Hall and bobbing for apples with the Res Colleges.



President John Bravman and his family take in the trick-or-treat fun.



The Halloween-themed Homecoming activities even offered healthy food options.

Q&A

By Matt Hughes

Arthur E. Brown '67, who recently was honored by election to Mastership of the American College of Physicians, is an infectious disease specialist and director of Employee Health & Wellness Services at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in NYC. We asked him about Ebola and controlling the spread of infectious diseases.

Q: Is the world more susceptible to a pandemic today than it was 50 or 100 years ago?

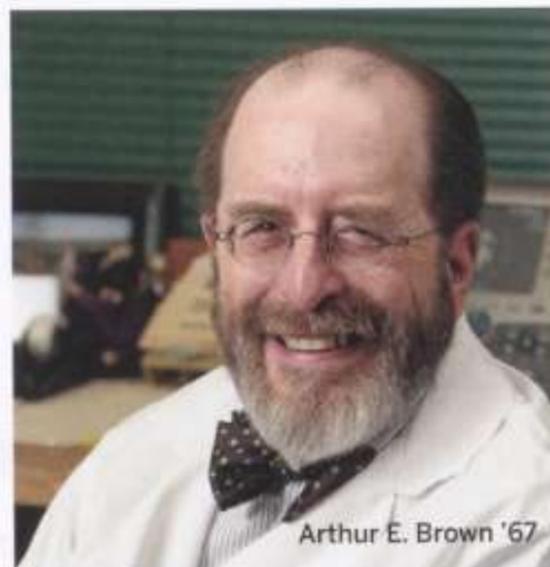
A: The world is continually changing. Travel between previously distant places has been reduced to hours. Areas in Africa that were small villages 50 years ago are now population centers. Communication has become instantaneous, and society's expectation of a response to events is equally abbreviated. So despite the incredible advances in

medicine we have come to rely on for protection from infectious diseases, paradoxically other societal advances have put us at increased risk in ways that were inconceivable to those born two or three generations ago.

Q: What can America learn from the most recent Ebola outbreak?

A: First, that we live in a global village. The security of our national health is dependent on the public health infrastructure of the community of nations. The worldwide public health chain is only as strong as its weakest link. Second, that dismantling our public health infrastructure at home is a threat to our national security. Third, that we need to have some perspective. Malaria killed 500,000 to 800,000 people in 2012, and one-third of the earth's human population is infected with tuberculosis. Influenza will kill more people in the U.S. this year than Ebola will, yet many Americans do not get immunized or have their children immunized. Americans still smoke, drink, overeat and die of complications from these activities, yet are in a panic over Ebola.

Q: How can governments control the spread of epidemics?



Arthur E. Brown '67

A: Internationally, by setting up well-coordinated systems and networks of public health, and in the U.S., by robustly supporting and maintaining our excellent state and federal public health resources at the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Then, by acting together to stop epidemics at their source — in the case of Ebola, by eradicating it in West Africa.

Q: What protections can the average person take to reduce the chances of contracting an infectious disease?

A: Be resourceful and educate yourself using reliable, fact-based scientific sources such as the CDC. Observing personal hygiene (hand washing) and getting vaccinated are among the best steps individuals can take to protect themselves and their families. And during flu season, observe "respiratory etiquette." Fear, hysteria and panic are counterproductive.

Bucknell in the News

ORIGINS OF EBOLA

Public Radio International spoke to Professor DeeAnn Reeder, biology, about the origins of the recent Ebola outbreak. Reeder, a bat expert, said African fruit bats co-evolved with Ebola. They are natural carriers that can spread the disease to humans who prepare bats as bush meat. Deforestation has also increased contact between people and bats. "That's a worldwide issue," she said.

JAZZED FOR JANE

Newsweek's Oct. 23 cover story, a profile of Jane Goodall, began and ended with a description of the octogenarian anthropologist's fall Bucknell Forum speech at the Weis Center for the Performing Arts. Contrasting Lewisburg's remote location with the excited crowd that arrived for Goodall's speech, author Abigail Jones remarked, "for a moment I think Katy Perry must be in town."

PASS ON GRASS

Professor Chris Martine, biology, dispelled misconceptions about his field in his *Huffington Post* story, "I Am a Botanist (And No, I Don't Grow Marijuana)." Martine wrote that questions about pot-growing, while frustrating for an academic, provide an opening to explain what botany is all about. "Go ahead and make a joke about weed," he wrote. "But, after that, it's my turn."

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HACKING IKEA

The 99% *Invisible* radio program interviewed Professor Jonathan Bean, management, about Ikea hacking, the practice of re-engineering and customizing products from the ubiquitous Swedish furniture-maker. Bean, who co-authored a 2009 paper about the DIY practice, said Ikea hacking encompasses everything from cutting an inch off a shelf that's too long to creating provocative works of art.

Game Changer

How a video game can enhance 18th-century literature.

By Matt Hughes

The wide-eyed ingénue, fresh from the English countryside, steps into the masquerade ball. She is awed to view London society decked in ornate costume and dazzled by the mansion decor, given over to a lush Oriental theme. The girl quakes at the amorous ambitions of the libertine, the rake and the gambler, but she also tastes power and liberty. Behind her mask, no one can tell who she is.

That rush of awe and excitement is exactly what Professor Ghislaine McDayter, English, hopes players will sense as they enter *The Masquerade Project*, an educational video game she is developing in collaboration with students and Digital Scholarship Coordinator Diane Jakacki. The project, funded by Bucknell's Digital Scholarship Center with part of a \$700,000 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, aims to transport players to an 18th-century masquerade ball and provide a unique lesson in the social and sexual

mores of English high society.

"It will be interactive, it will be immersive, and it will ideally be visually spectacular," says McDayter, chair of the Department of English.

The Masquerade Project will require players to negotiate the complex social customs of 18th-century elites. An expert in the cultural mechanisms of flirtation and seduction in Romantic period literature, McDayter says the game will provide an insightful supplement to Romantic novels, because the rules of social interaction structuring those works are often foreign to contemporary readers.

"We don't know how to flirt, because flirting is precisely the endless deferral of desire and consummation," McDayter says. "It is wit and play on language and sexuality for its own sake."

Players will navigate a virtual London home that McDayter hopes they will find to be as immersive as the worlds of the *Assassin's Creed* videogame series.



The choices a player makes in response to flirtation by non-playable characters will have real and fitting consequences, as public dances and balls were the sites of social interactions that often led to marriage.

McDayter is scripting the game with **Britt Allen**, a master's student majoring in English, while **Kyle Raudensky '16**, a junior computer science major, is experimenting with 3-D modeling software to showcase how the final game might look. Jakacki is identifying scholarly databases that will enrich the game with supplementary content. Allen says the game lays the groundwork "for a new type of interactive database that is a true example of the possibilities of scholarship and research beyond the norm."

"It is important for students — and professors — to strive for an expressively involved learning environment," she says, adding that *The Masquerade Project* strives for exactly that.

SHORT STACK

Bucknell and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service broke ground on a project to restore the headwaters of Miller Run, the stream that winds through campus. Funded by a **\$180,000 grant** from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, the project will daylight a section of stream passing through a pipe below the University driving range, adding a **new hazard for golfers**.

USA Today College ranked Bucknell's School of Management **No. 4** on its list of the Top 10 Colleges with the **Highest Paid Business Graduates**. Bucknell management graduates reported average starting salaries of \$50,000 and midcareer salaries of \$115,000. The School of Management also ranked **No. 8** on *USA Today's* list of **Top 10 Business Schools**.

Sarah Denning '16 won one of two bachelor's-level prizes at the **World Congress of Biomechanics' Student Paper Competition**, beating out more than 120 submissions from nine of the world's major biomechanics communities. Denning and her co-authors, **Richard Pisano '15** and **Aylin Dincer '13**, evaluated bone quality measurement methods that could influence post-operative treatment.

Building Blocks

The Bucknell Fabrication Workshop gives students hands-on experience in turning ideas into products.

By Dan Morrell

Thanks to Gates and Jobs, the new great American entrepreneur narrative involves a rise to glory from a humble garage. This summer, 17 Bucknell students began theirs in a barn.

As part of a \$1 million grant from the Kern Entrepreneurship Engineering Network (KEEN), Biomedical Engineering Professor Eric Kennedy and Mechanical Engineering Professors David Cipoletti and Nate Siegel kicked off a weeklong, practice-intense Bucknell Fabrication Workshop (B-Fab) with a few hands-on building projects in the Art Barn. The pre-semester program focused on easy-to-learn manufacturing tools such as a 3-D printer or laser cutter, enabling students to narrow the distance between their ideas and tangible prototypes — an important first step in proving a product's market viability.

From those first small projects in the Art Barn and the College of Engineering's Richard J. Mooney Innovative Design Laboratory — where they designed and built wooden toolboxes — the students progressed to more complex designs, including self-propelled toy cars and even a flashlight fashioned from an Altoids tin. The final project called for the students to create a working model of a consumer product on a \$50 budget, with results ranging from an in-bag garment steamer to a survival brush, complete with storage for hair accessories. "It was a creative outlet, but they also had to prove to themselves that they could build something from scratch and that the device would work," says Kennedy. Judging from one team's Chräte, a crate that doubles as a chair in a pinch, they succeeded.



Above: Using a table saw, Kyle DeViney '16 sizes plywood to create a toolbox.

Below: Annmarie Mullen '17 test-fits her paper rocket on an air-powered rocket launcher.



A lighting project at Gerhard Fieldhouse will save Bucknell \$1.2 million over the life of its new LED bulbs. The project was part of a carbon- and cost-cutting initiative by the Department of Athletics & Recreation that has reduced energy consumption by nearly 40 percent over two years. Overall, the University saw energy usage per gross square foot drop 7.6 percent over last year.

Bucknell, Penn State and the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown will share a \$500,000 grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development intended to foster entrepreneurship and support homegrown businesses. The grant will support collaborative efforts among the schools, including a student entrepreneur showcase and Shark Tank-style pitch competition.

Students explored the history and ongoing recovery of New Orleans during the first domestic Bucknell In program, held this summer. The interdisciplinary class examined the port city through the lenses of jazz, history and civil engineering. Next summer, students will have four new three-week Bucknell In experiences to choose from: Bali, the Caribbean (Nevis), Japan and London.

The Natural Chemist

Michael Krout uses his lab to teach students about synthesizing compounds, collaborations with chemistry and the cautionary tale of Walter White.

By Rhonda Miller

For Professor Michael Krout, chemistry, watching Walter White's downfall on *Breaking Bad* offered more than gripping entertainment. The television hit — in which a high school chemistry teacher turns to making methamphetamine to pay for his cancer treatment — provided a perfect opportunity to discuss chemical synthesis with his students.

"The chemistry was authentic, and I could discuss the strategies needed to synthesize compounds, which is what my class focuses on," Krout says. "Everyone was watching the show, and it was a chance to teach responsibility with science. We cannot be afraid of

knowledge, but we have to respect it."

Krout leads an undergraduate research program focused on the development of chemical reaction methods and strategies to make molecules found in nature. "An organic chemist can imagine an infinite number of molecules," he says. "Some of them are anticancer compounds, some are antimalarial and some may not yet have any function. Chemistry always involves challenges, and I love finding new ways to develop chemical transformations."

Students in the research program are helping Krout study eudesmanes, a type of organic chemical structure. Discovering how to make a specific molecule could lead to collaborations

with biologists or biochemists.

"Many fields, including engineering, pharmaceuticals and agriculture, depend upon our ability to synthesize new compounds," he says.

Students use advanced instrumentation in Bucknell's chemistry labs to study reactivity patterns and successfully complete chemical reactions. "The capabilities here are phenomenal," he says. "Knowing that a student predicted how a reaction might occur, executed it with his or her hands and watched the reaction perform exactly as planned is pretty powerful. It's not just mixing a recipe; we are controlling matter on an atomic level. I am teaching my students to be informed scientists."

FACULTY PROFILE

Atiya Stokes-Brown

The country is gearing up for the 2016 elections, and Professor Atiya Stokes-Brown, political science, wants her students to have a realistic concept of how the world works politically.

"You can't think about politics without considering the people on the ground — particularly those often homogenized and marginalized," she says. "They need to be understood to get a full picture of the political system."

To achieve that broad perspective, Stokes-Brown, assistant dean in the College of Arts & Sciences, explores the question of identity in politics. Her book, *The Politics of Race in Latino Communities: Walking the Color Line*, delves into the role of race in contemporary Latino politics, and she's working on

research that explores gender politics and identity.

"There's a phenomenon that occurs called symbolic mobilization, meaning when you see someone you can identify with, you're more likely to get involved in politics. For women, seeing a 'Hillary' motivates them to greater involvement. I want to turn my focus to the effect symbolic mobilization has on African-American women. Identity matters in political decision-making in so many ways." — Terri Peterson





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Student Life & Sports

The Chance To Be First

Joe Stolfi '15 came to the Bucknell wrestling program with his eyes on a few very prestigious prizes. Now he has two seasons to earn them.

By William Bowman

Several colleges recruited **Joe Stolfi '15** after his All-American prep school career, but he chose Bucknell — not for its rich wrestling history, but for its lack of one. The University's wrestling program, still rising after returning to varsity status in 2005, has never produced a national champion or All-American heavyweight. In that history, Stolfi saw an opportunity that very few other colleges could offer: the chance to be the first.

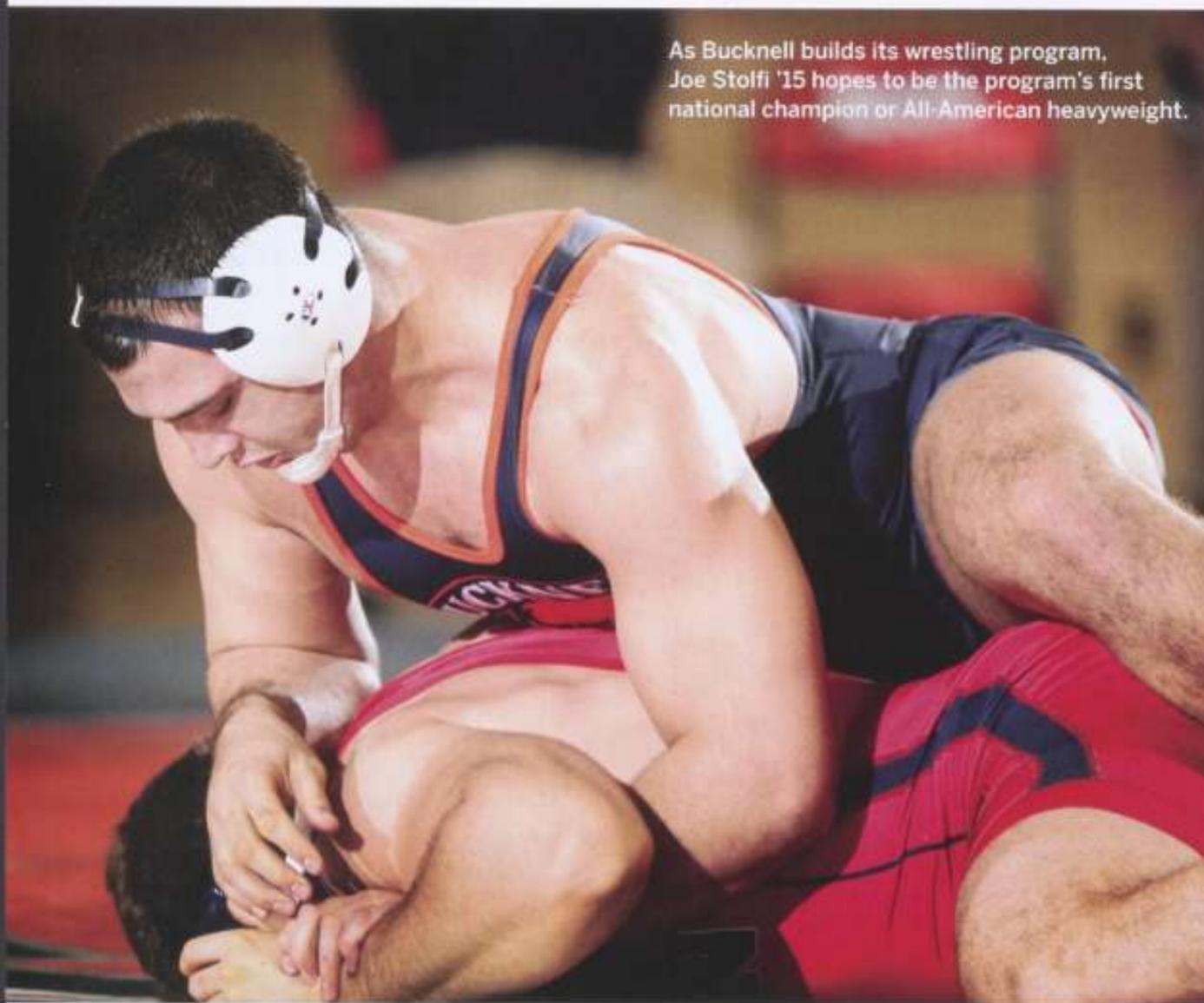
"That was a huge plus for me," says Stolfi. "I could come here and be the first national champion. As nice as it is to go into an established program, it says something to go into a program and accomplish something no one else has."

His first season on the mat with Bucknell brought him a 2-5 record and an injury in the Northeast Duals that would take him out for the season. When Stolfi, a civil engineering major, returned in 2012, he finished third at the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association (EIWA) Championships and qualified for the NCAA Championships (the first Bison heavyweight to do so since **Tim Pangonas '84** in his senior year). Now Stolfi enters his senior season following a successful run in 2013-14, in which he advanced to nationals for the second year in a row and became the third Bison to win an EIWA title. An undersized heavyweight, Stolfi ranked among the nation's leaders in pins with a school record of 23.

"Joe has invested a lot," says Bison coach Dan Wirnsberger. "He's very self-motivated in everything he does, on and off the mat."

With two seasons of eligibility remaining, Stolfi understands that his time has come. "I've definitely learned a lot along the way," he says. "I'm looking at each step as an opportunity to get better. I don't want to look at the end of the season; I want to focus on how I can get better today."

As Bucknell builds its wrestling program, Joe Stolfi '15 hopes to be the program's first national champion or All-American heavyweight.



A New View

By Dan Morrell

As part of a summer 2013 service project, Marco Valdez '15 traveled to Guatemala with a Bucknell contingent to seek out those in need of glasses. Once there, one needy group quickly became apparent: The local taxi drivers. "We diagnosed a few of them," says Valdez. "This was something, obviously, that affected their livelihood."

The trip was the third by Bucknell's Project for Sustainable Eye Care, and Valdez and his team spent their five-day stay diagnosing 35 people and giving away 26 pairs of glasses — 13 of which they bought from a nearby drugstore and 13 they made using a special bevel tool designed for the trip. Valdez, a mechanical engineering major, saw the project as an opportunity to expand his experience beyond the technical. "I wanted to get my hands dirty," he says. "I knew engineering solved problems, but I hadn't really

From creating eyeglasses for those in need to designing theme parks, Marco Valdez '15 hopes to use engineering to make people smile.



seen how that idea related to developing countries."

This was the kind of thing that got Valdez into engineering in the first place. Excelling in math and science at Arleta High School in Los Angeles, he was fascinated by the idea of "being able to create something out of nothing." At Bucknell, he came in undeclared, but the building component of Engineering 100 renewed his interest. "Making things that move is exciting," he says. "You get to see the changes you make in action."

Valdez felt the same way about his experience volunteering in Guatemala.

"I'll never forget their smiles," he says. "That's one thing that gets overlooked about engineering — that it can create smiles."

That realization has become part of Valdez's long-term plans. He spent this past summer interning as an energy management engineer at Paramount Pictures and is working on theme park design as part of a senior project with Universal Creative. "I want to tap into the creative side of engineering — be it with Disney, Mattel or Universal. I want to do something that entertains people." Something, he says, that makes them smile.

LET'S CELEBRATE!



More than 160 students, faculty and staff turned the steps of Robert L. Rooke Science Center into a rainbow to support LGBTQ members of the Bucknell community in advance of National Coming Out Day, Oct. 11. The photo, an annual tradition, features T-shirts encouraging campus to "Celebrate Difference." It garnered more than 280 likes on the University Facebook page, and more than 430 students and 350 faculty and staff members also signed an LGBTQ letter of support run in the Oct. 10 edition of *The Bucknellian*. "We celebrate the unique experiences of LGBTQ Bucknellians and recognize the courage and risk associated with coming out," says Bill McCoy, director of the Office of LGBTQ Resources. "In support of diversity in all forms, we need to celebrate difference." — Matt Hughes

Legacies

Gifts & Giving

Nurturing Greatness

Faculty fellowships do more than pay for research and equipment. They bring the brightest scholars to Bucknell — and help keep them here.

By Christina Masciere Wallace

In her electrical engineering lab at Bucknell, Professor Amal Kabalan works to improve education for children thousands of miles away in Guinea, where political strife has knocked out power to many homes. She's perfecting a backpack that will store solar energy by day and power lamps by night, allowing students to safely do homework indoors rather than under streetlights.

Kabalan, a first-year professor, started her academic career with an edge. As part of her hiring package, she was offered the C. Graydon and Mary E. Rogers Faculty Fellowship, which provides funding for research, teaching and professional development. The

fellowship allowed her to immediately buy equipment and begin testing LEDs and solar panels in her quest to create a high-performance, low-cost backpack. The award sealed the deal to bring Kabalan to Bucknell, which offered her more funding than other institutions.

Kabalan's story illustrates the power of faculty fellowships, which help recruit and reward the best professors. The awards pay for equipment, research travel, professional conferences, undergraduate researchers and more. Whether endowed by individual donors or funded through annual giving, fellowships raise the level of teaching and scholarship and strengthen the entire University.

The Jane W. Griffith Faculty Fellowship, for example, allowed Professor DeeAnn Reeder, biology, to buy specialized equipment to study bats when she joined the faculty in 2005. "Colleagues who visit from larger schools are just blown away by the caliber of my facilities," she says. The award also signaled Bucknell's confidence in her ability and potential. "It was great to know that the University was excited about me being here," says Reeder, who is known internationally for her research of disease in bats.

Yet another benefit, she notes, is that academic funding attracts more funding. "When you're applying for grants, foundations want to see evidence of achievement. Having the Griffith



Professor Amal Kabalan, electrical & computer engineering, works with Grant Reynolds '16. Funding from the C. Graydon and Mary E. Rogers Faculty Fellowship is helping her refine a backpack that stores solar energy.

fellowship shows that Bucknell has bought into my research and fully supports my program.”

Professor Deborah Sills, civil & environmental engineering, was recruited with a Swanson Fellowship in the Sciences and Engineering, which paid for her lab's computer, software and databases. She, too, views her award as a foundation for future funding. “It let me dive into a research program without having to track down grants,” says Sills, who studies the conversion of biomass to energy. “This equipment is allowing me to do research that I can leverage into grant applications.”

The recruiting power of fellowships extends beyond newly minted Ph.Ds. A Rogers Award helped Professor Neil Boyd, management, decide to leave a tenured position as chair of business administration at another school to join Bucknell, which hired him in 2013 to support the new Managing for Sustainability major.

“There are risks when you're coming into a new environment from another institution,” says Boyd. “The fellowship was an incentive that helped tip the scales and draw me to the University.” His funding has helped stimulate what he calls the most productive year to date in his research, which examines how a sense of community and responsibility for an organization translates into better employee engagement, job satisfaction and overall organizational health.

Faculty fellowships also help retain and reward current professors. In 2013, George Shields, dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, sought a way to encourage more associate professors to apply for promotion to full professor. His solution, the Arts & Sciences Dean's Fellowship, provides funding to help outstanding professors advance to the next level. The Deans' Funds for the Liberal Arts & Sciences, a designation of the Annual Fund, pays for the awards, which faculty use for research, travel, conferences, new collaborations and



Professor Matthew Slater, philosophy, used funding from the David T. Scadden Faculty Scholar Award to convene an interdisciplinary group of faculty and students who share an interest in biodiversity, biological classification and environmental ethics.

other activities that enhance their teaching and scholarship.

“These fellowships invigorate careers,” Shields says. “They're good for the individual, the department, the college and the University, through the increased prestige of having more full professors. The more heavily we invest in their scholarship, the better their teaching becomes.”

Professor Kevin Myers, psychology, studies appetite, food preferences and obesity with rats in his campus lab. The Dean's Fellowship allowed him last summer to travel to Kenya, where he began new research with international collaborators. “At the mid-career stage, you've established a foundation, so it's a good time to branch out and develop new expertise,” says Myers, who has also used the funding to collaborate with colleagues in neuroscience.

David Scadden '75, P'11, a University trustee, believes that active scholars make better teachers and, in turn, better students. He established the David T. Scadden Faculty Scholar Award to encourage greater scholarship among

faculty in the arts, humanities and life sciences. “Those are the areas that touched my life most powerfully and where research support can be the hardest to get in a university of our size,” says Scadden, a world leader in stem-cell research.

Professor Matthew Slater, philosophy, used his Scadden funding to convene an interdisciplinary group of faculty and students who share an interest in biodiversity, biological classification and environmental ethics. The resulting series of lunch meetings influenced the content of his most recent book, *Are Species Real?*, which was central to his tenure package. It also sparked new collaborations and independent student projects.

That's the kind of outcome Scadden was looking for. “My hope was that projects could move forward, that faculty could engage students and that both would know that their commitment to answering questions was valued by those who are not on campus to tell them so directly. The results could not be more gratifying.”

The Mind and the Muse

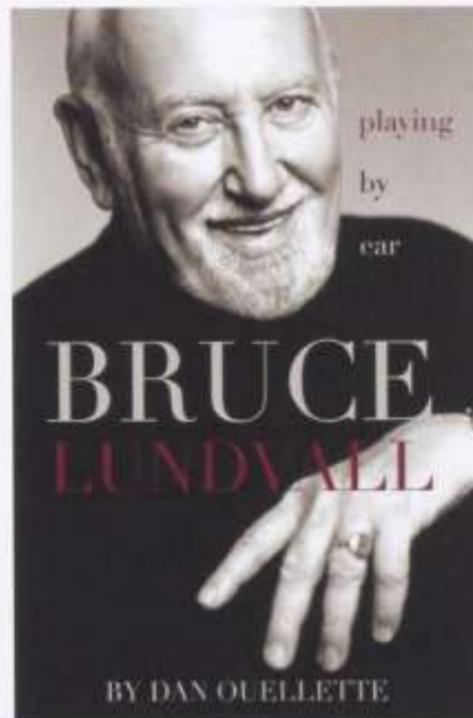
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BOOKS

Dan Ouellette

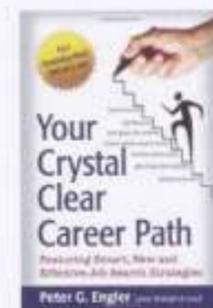
Bruce Lundvall, Playing by Ear
(ArtistShare)

The first chapter of Dan Ouellette's excellent biography of **Bruce Lundvall '57** tells the story of how the legendary Charlie "Bird" Parker stole Lundvall's brand-new pork-pie hat from the Open Door, a Greenwich Village bar well known in the '50s for jazz musicians and beat poets. *Playing by Ear* is filled with similar anecdotes that make a good argument for Lundvall being the leading man of jazz in the 20th century. As a music executive at Columbia Records in the 1960s, and later CEO of Blue Note Records, Lundvall discovered and promoted many of the greats, including Herbie Hancock, Cassandra Wilson and Wynton Marsalis. He continues to nurture artists, including Norah Jones and Jason Moran, in the 21st century. The book is paired with The Bruce Lundvall Project, which offers online testimonies from artists including Willie Nelson and Bobbie McFerrin, available through artistshare.com. 



Peter Engler '66

Your Crystal Clear Career Path
(Grantbam Press)

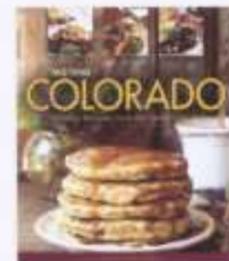


Depending on which study you believe, today's graduates can expect to change careers six to nine times in their lifetimes. For those who came of age with plans to

work for one company or corporation from hire to retirement, this new paradigm is startling. Fortunately, marketing specialist and executive coaching strategist **Peter Engler '66** has not stopped analyzing the job market. In his latest book, *Your Crystal Clear Career Path*, he not only reveals his observations but also offers a step-by-step guide to getting the best job for you. Engler offers sound advice for any age, but his book is most especially helpful for Boomers.

Michele Fugere Morris '81

Tasting Colorado (Farcountry Press)
A Taste of Washington (Farcountry Press)



Professional chef and sommelier **Michele Fugere Morris '81** grew up in Pennsylvania, spent 25 years in the IT field and lives in Colorado,

where she follows her childhood passion of making good food that people love. She was surprised when a publisher approached her about writing a cookbook and even more surprised when that book, *Tasting Colorado*, won a Colorado Book Award. What is not

Betsy Neary Sholl '67

Otherwise Unseeable

(University of Wisconsin Press)



As a poet, **Betsy Neary Sholl '67** has always been intrepid. After 40 years of writing and publishing, she has grown even bolder, and her voice remains strong and unwavering. She traverses time and place, from Maine to Ireland to Russia to Cuba, and deals head-on with disappointment and

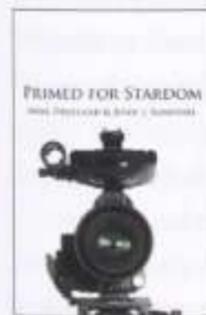
decay with stunning and surprising clarity. In the poem "Vanishing Act," she asks, "Until it's our turn, what do we really know?/Even despair, Kierkegaard said, is good —/enough to make a man/lift out of its withered case a battered violin,/enough to cause a woman/warming herself under five skirts/to throw back her head and sing./Frayed strings. Scorched throat of song./First it vanishes into thin air,/then the air enters us."

surprising is that the first recipe is for a hearty Amish breakfast casserole. Both her Colorado and Washington state books focus on local foods and tap into the best local B&Bs and restaurants. The result is a lovely and eclectic mix of international flair with hometown comfort. For more about Morris and her recipes, go to CookingWithMichele.com.



Thomas Rich and David Del Testa
Water-powered Gristmills of Union County, Pennsylvania
(Union County Historical Society)

How important are flour, grist and engineering in the history and development of place? Just ask Bucknell history professor David Del Testa and retired engineering professor Tom Rich. In a recent book that examines the mills of Union County, the team considers their economic and social impact. Without these early mills, the authors contend, Union County, like much of rural America, would never have evolved in the industrial age.



Mike Dreeland and John Kaminski '96
Primed for Stardom
(AuthorHouse)

In his second novel, **John Kaminski '96** questions the schizophrenic nature of life in the multimedia age in postmodern Midtown — a grand conflagration of reality TV and navel gazing in the Big Apple. Inspired by a *New York Times* article about hip 20-somethings living in the same building, producers from *The Bachelor*, *The Amazing Race* and *American Idol* fall in love with a storyline about real people living in a real apartment on the Lower East Side. They team up to launch a new show called *The Building*, but things don't go as planned.

Kaminski and his co-author, Mike Dreeland, through clever and concise dialogue, portray the high-strung craziness of characters living both with an external camera focused on their lives and with their own internal cameras. The talent soon discovers that such scrutiny is not sustainable, particularly when those two points of view are not the same.

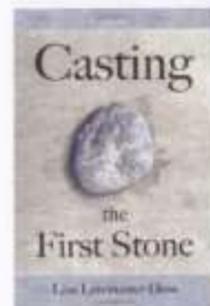
Martha Link Walsh '69
A Paper-Cut Christmas — Legends of the Gift Giver (Martha Link Walsh Gallery)



As a self-taught papercutting artist based in Branford, Conn., **Martha Link Walsh '69** has promoted one

of her best-loved holidays, Christmas, for decades. In her latest book, she incorporates both the holiday and her love of cut-paper art. The images are delicate and precise, and the accompanying narratives present a worldwide history of Christmas with a nod to its forebears. More of her work can be found at MarthaLinkWalsh.com.

Lisa Lawmaster Hess '83
Casting the First Stone
(Lighthouse Publishing of the Carolinas)

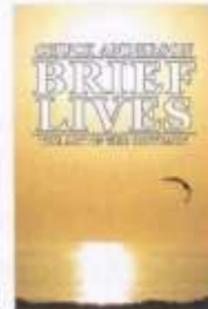


Lisa Lawmaster Hess '83 first novel is part Old Testament, part Dr. Phil, part *Peggy Sue Got Married* and part Scott Turow on estrogen. Marita Mercer, a single mom

who dresses, acts and smokes like Erin Brockovich, is up for the fight of her life when Jim Alessio, the father of her daughter, Charlotte, aka Charli, comes calling for custody. Tending the home fires of the Alessio household is Jim's young wife, Angel, who is trying desperately to conceive a child of their own. Angel in her (pre)maternal wisdom

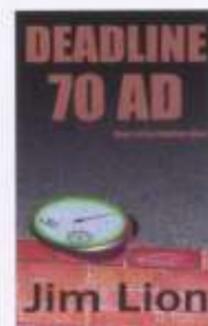
admires Marita and allies with her, even if that alliance is somewhat slant. In the meantime, Marita captures the attention of a lawyer on Jim's defense team and the youth pastor of Holy Redeemer, the very church that rejected Marita when she got pregnant at age 16 — by the 19-year-old Jim Alessio. No one in this novel is guilty, and no one is innocent, but holy redemption prevails.

Chuck Anderson '56
Brief Lives — The Art of the Obituary
(PublishAmerica)



In his 11th book, English professor and newspaper reporter **Chuck Anderson '56** draws upon his storytelling skills to create legacies for people

he's never known but ultimately admires. Anderson bows to physicists, soldiers and sailors to commemorate their final works and words. For Agnes Macey, proofreader of *The Long Island Advance*, he writes, "Concerning matters of grammar, she was never wrong."



Jim Lion '80
Deadline 70 AD
(CreateSpace)
Little did John Salmon know when he decided as a graduation prank to descend from the Bertrand Library

clock tower in a glider he ordered online that his future — and past — fate would end up in the hands of a strange man named Cyrus, who would transport Salmon from the 21st century to ancient Rome. Is it ironic that Salmon majored in history? Perhaps not. **Jim Lion '80** delivers in the first part of a multi-book series that marries history and sci-fi.

To submit a book, CD or film to Mind & Muse for review, contact Gigi Marino at bucknellreviews@gmail.com. 

Creative Collective

Arts & Culture

The Art Start

A new pre-orientation program focused on the arts encourages first-year students to get creative the moment they set foot on campus.

By Maureen Harmon

Video clips of brief moments at Bucknell were projected onto the ceiling and towering windows of the Weis Center for the Performing Arts: a female student doing sit-ups, serene campus landscapes, students navigating a labyrinth made of shoes that would later be donated to charity.

In the orchestra pit, **Allen Taylor '18**, a trumpeter, called out "1, 2, 3, 4" before music students — both returning and first-year — launched into a composition of their own creation. Dancers took to the stage, which would later be shared with theatre students reading poetry. "It was really moving," says **Emily Mack '16**, one of the filmmakers. "It was beautiful." It was also a collaborative performance pulled together in just 24 hours, the culmination of the inaugural arts pre-orientation program held in August. As the music played, the film flashed and the dancers moved across the stage, the program's name seemed particularly fitting: Arts.Everywhere.

Throughout the five-day pre-orientation, first-year students and their returning student mentors explored Bucknell's arts venues, including the Weis Center, the Samek Art Museum and the Campus Theatre, as they worked their way through a scavenger hunt and took part in workshops offered by arts faculty (one of which covered the labyrinth as art and led to the creation of the maze of shoes later projected onto the Weis Center windows). And though the student mentors were there to act as guides, they too learned something about the arts at Bucknell. "We all tried things we had never tried before. Painters danced. Poets sang," says English major **Ashley Sandonato '17**.

During the first-ever arts pre-orientation program, students made 16mm films with hand-drawn animation and found footage.





Professor Bethany Collier, music, introduces Arts.Everywhere. students to the Balinese Gamelan, a set of traditional Indonesian instruments.

Arts.Everywhere. joins other Bucknell pre-orientation programs, including the Bucknell Wilderness Experience (aka BuckWild), which sends students outdoors to experience nature up close and to learn and grow from their adventure; Building on Foundations, a program focused on leadership; and the International Student Orientation, among others. All of these programs are designed to help incoming students get to know other first-years, faculty and returning students, as well as themselves. "Arts.Everywhere. is the next step toward engaging more students in the arts and encouraging their creativity from the moment they set foot on campus," says Bucknell Arts Coordinator and Professor Barry Long, music. Though students need not have an arts background to join in the creative fun, Arts Merit Scholars and Arts Residential

College students are able to participate at no cost, thanks to funding from the Presidential Arts Initiative.

Typical of the Bucknell experience, participants are encouraged to explore all possibilities. "It felt in some ways like an experiment," says Sandonato. "We were free to be experimental."

The hope, says Rebecca Meyers, lecturer in film/media studies and academic film programmer, is that students might launch into their Bucknell days with "a sense of how their creativity and imagination can be sparked by artistic practices that may not be their primary area of knowledge, experience or interest." She hopes, too, that students develop a curiosity about other arts that can then inform their own practice and study — no matter what major they choose along their Bucknell journey.



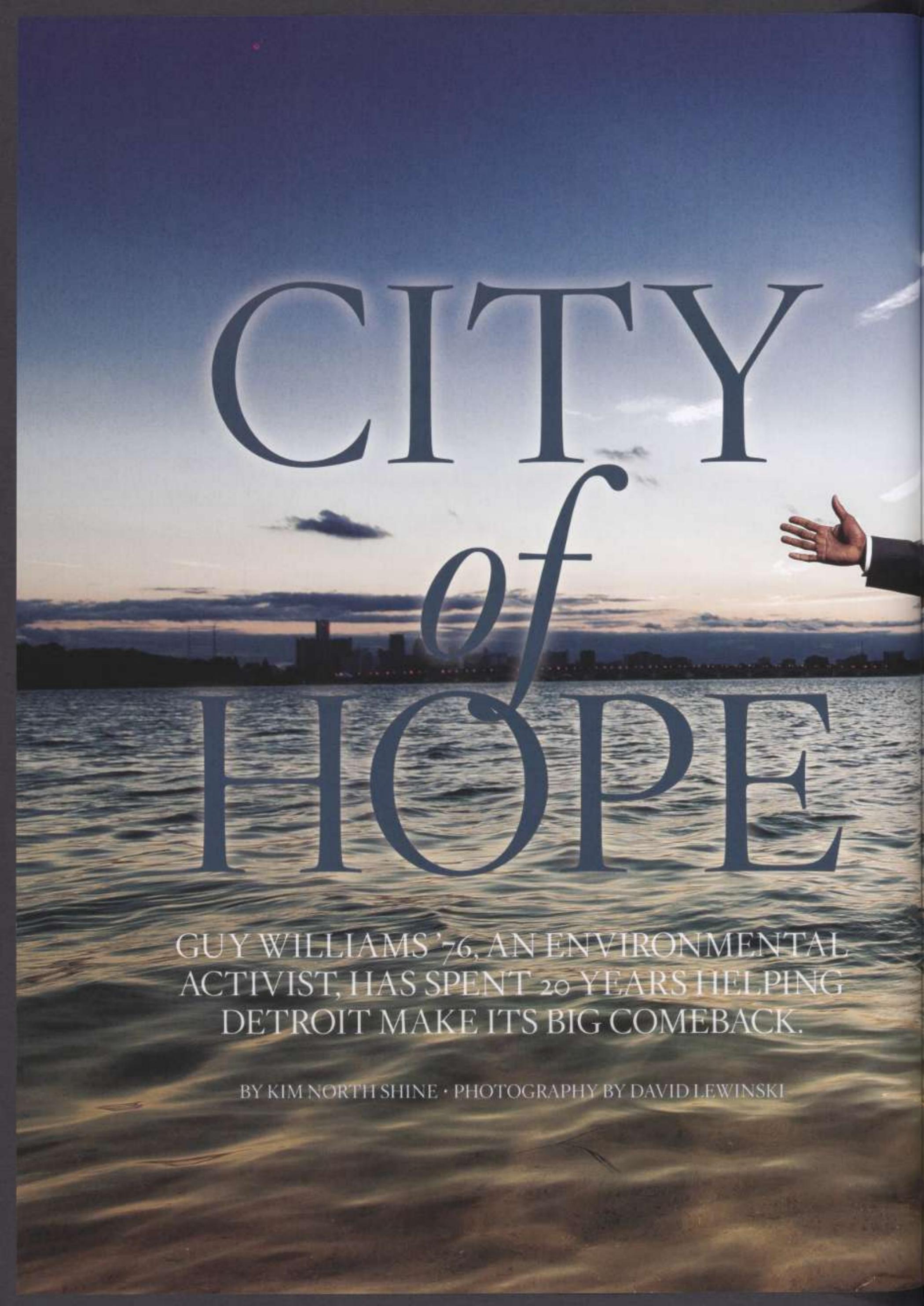
The Campus Soundtrack

We're all told that Mozart was a genius and a master composer. He was Mozart after all. But over the 2014–15 academic year, students at Bucknell will ask why he is so revered.

The Mozart Project, hosted by the music department and supported by funds from the Kushell Music Endowment, features lectures by world-renowned Mozart scholars, as well as recitals by Bucknell faculty and students (including the Bucknell University Orchestra) and international guest performers.

As students study music history, says Project Director and Faculty Associate Sezi Seskir, they have to move relatively quickly to cover the 9th century through modern times. "It's a huge amount of music," says Seskir, who created a similar series at Bucknell last year dedicated to the works of Beethoven. "They can't linger on one musician or composer for very long." But festivals like this one give students that luxury, allowing them to gain a deeper understanding of the work, the artists and the reasons why some artists earn the title of genius.

— Maureen Harmon



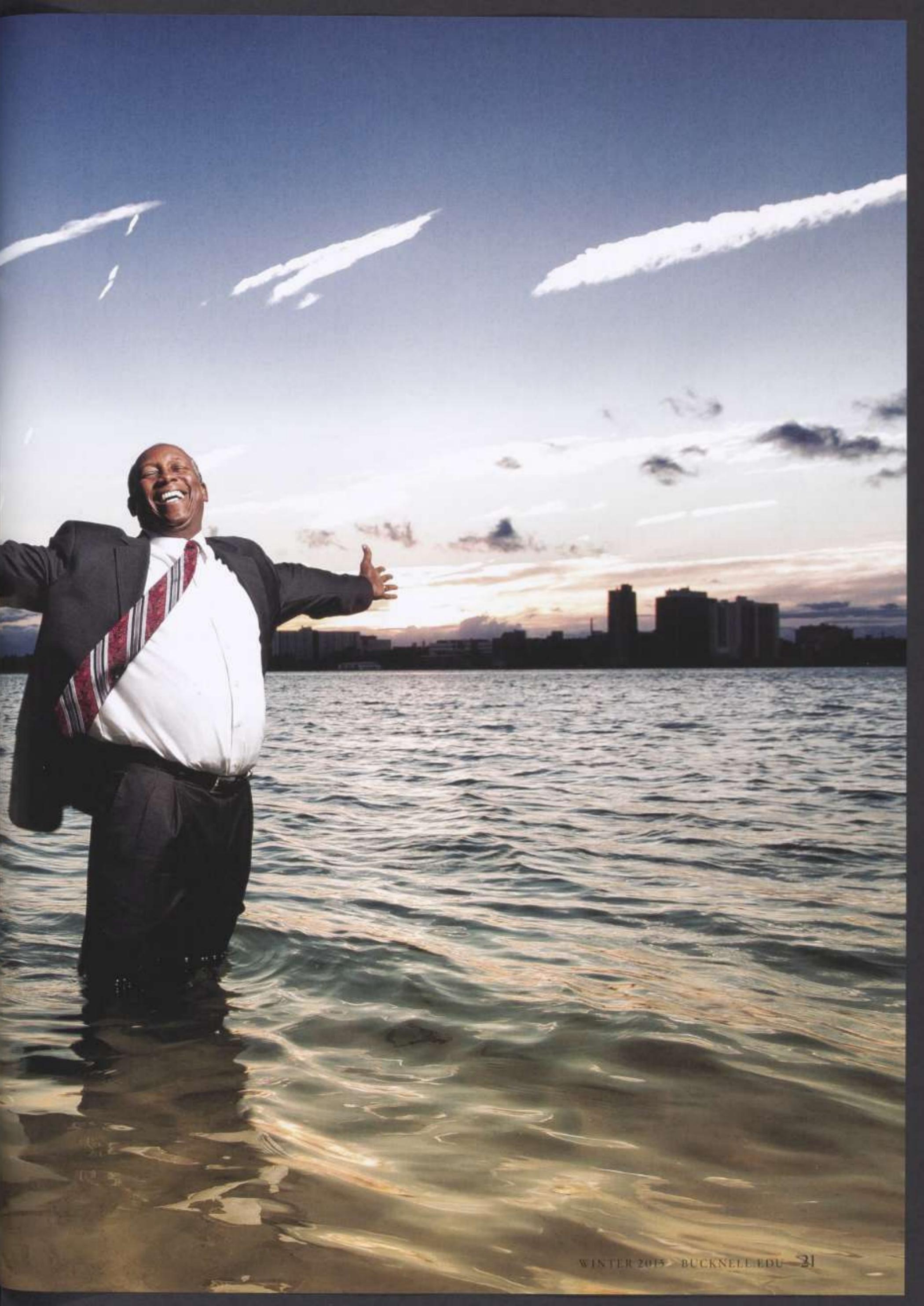
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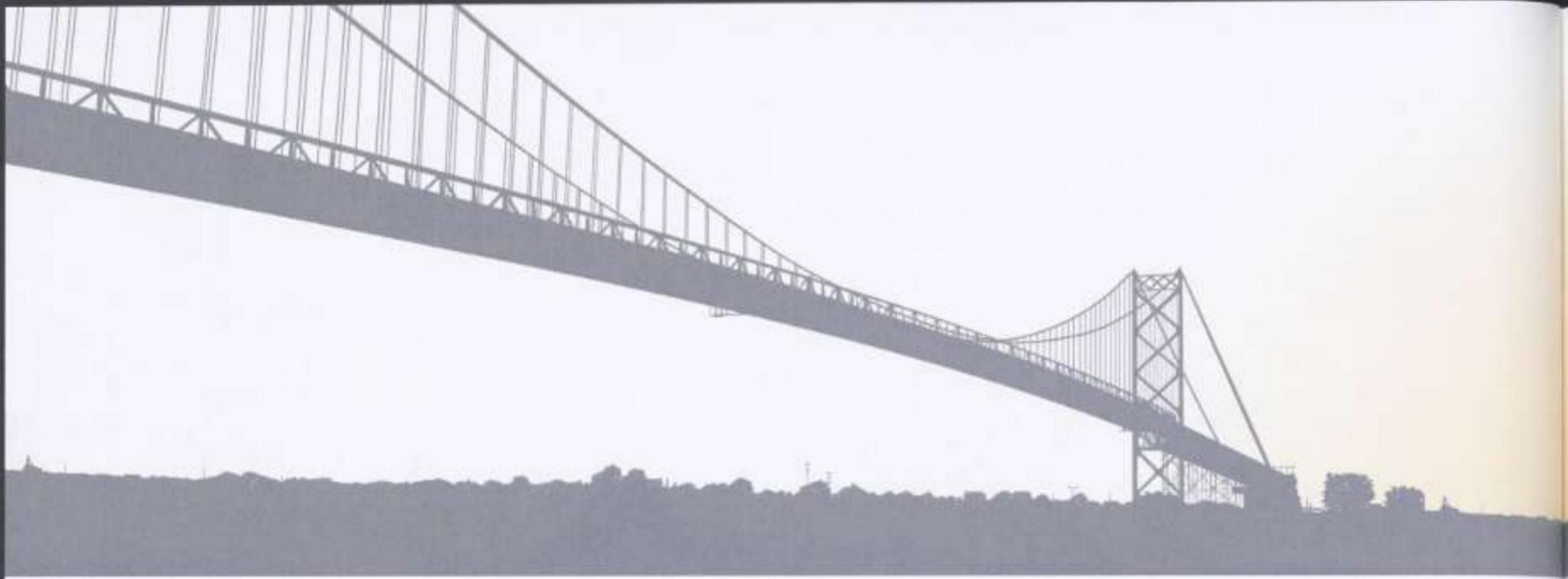
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GUY WILLIAMS '76, AN ENVIRONMENTAL
ACTIVIST, HAS SPENT 20 YEARS HELPING
DETROIT MAKE ITS BIG COMEBACK.

BY KIM NORTH SHINE • PHOTOGRAPHY BY DAVID LEWINSKI





In the post-war 1950s, Detroit was one of the most popular cities around. People of all nationalities and backgrounds were attracted to its red-glowing steel mills, its auto factories, the promise of good wages and nice, affordable homes.

But as the highway system snaked out to former farmlands paved over with shining, new suburban subdivisions, people found it easier to leave. And they did — in scores. A divisive conflict between police and community members in 1967, what some have dubbed the 12th Street Riot, further fanned the desire of many to depart.

Soon, much of its luster had eroded. Detroit — once a booming metropolis — had become home to many empty plants and factories. The pollutants they left behind marred its beauty and made much of the land, air and water unsafe. Eventually a city once loved by 2 million people would lose about half of its residents, as they moved away for job opportunities or suburban living. Their departure gave way to a proliferation of empty neighborhoods. With economic potential drying up, homes falling down and empty office spaces, Motown was singing the blues.

But while so many people were looking for a new place to call home, **Guy Williams '76** was heading straight for Detroit.

It was 1994, roughly 30 years since the Motor City's decline began, when Williams saw Detroit for the first time. It didn't take long for him to care deeply for this French-founded, American heartbreak of a city, which seemed so out of place in the gorgeous and verdant Great Lakes State.

While his affection for Detroit blossomed, it was the people who stole his heart — those with no or very limited opportunities; those living in the shadows of odorous manufacturing plants and in the environmental aftermath of lead smelters; those stuck in unsafe neighborhoods pocked with burned-out homes; those with little apparent influence

on government and corporate policies that have so much impact on their lives.

"When you care about something, you want to make it better," Williams says. He had never visited Detroit, but when he arrived there, he saw so much promise. "I had no hesitation," he says. "It was where I wanted to be, and I knew it was where God wanted me to be and to work."

Environmental justice was a little-known term 20 years ago when Williams, now 61, moved from Washington, D.C., (where he had worked as a project coordinator with the Environmental Defense Fund) to Ann Arbor, Mich., to help start a pollution-prevention program for the National Wildlife Federation (NWF). That same year, Williams teamed up with others who were already working for change in Detroit. Together, they started Detroiters Working for Environmental Justice (DWEJ). "The people who formed the nucleus of DWEJ were already there and already working," says Williams. "They were a source of inspiration to me, and welcomed me into their body of work. For that, I am forever grateful."

But it was a lawsuit focused on improving water quality in the Great Lakes and sewage treatment in Detroit, just half an hour from Ann Arbor, that put Williams on the map as a top environmental thinker — and gave him a close-up view of the city. As a project coordinator for NWF, Williams and his colleagues documented high levels of mercury being released



into waterways through the sewage system and recommended methods for controlling it while the lawsuit was argued over several years.

Among the information they documented in the case was the fact that in 1995, four pounds of mercury entered the Detroit River each week. The river feeds Lakes Erie and Ontario, and the mercury was poisoning the fish, wildlife and nearby residents. Pregnant women and children in particular were affected, as the rate of birth defects in the area increased. "Seventy communities were using the same water system for drinking and sewage," says Williams. "We figured that if we could clean up that one major source to the lakes, it would be a great victory and would make a major difference."

It was indeed a great victory. When the lawsuit was finally settled in 2002 with the defendants agreeing to implement the changes sought by Williams and his colleagues at NWF, cities around the country replicated the same mercury remediation plan they had designed. The changes imposed some of the strictest environmental protections in the U.S.

Their seminal work initiated some of the first collaborative pollution-prevention strategies in the country and helped form the basis of a new organization called Health Care Without Harm, now a group with international impact. Among its results was the prevention of hundreds of pounds of mercury from being dumped by dentists each year through the establishment of alternative disposal methods and incentives for using mercury-free amalgams. In an initial award program, 14 Michigan hospitals agreed to limit the use of mercury, two of them by 80 percent. Industries such as battery makers complied as well. In fact, standard practices in the healthcare field and the design of many commonly used products were soon transformed to include mercury-free formulas.

The experience was an eye-opener that convinced Williams to pay more attention to local issues and to work with people at the neighborhood level as a way of complementing the

national and worldwide interests he had focused on with the Environmental Defense Fund and NWF.

With the landmark lawsuit and a successful run with NWF under his belt, Williams' career path took a turn toward other forms of environmental justice in the city. It's a path that has wound through countless projects, initiatives and concerns across all levels of government and business. Altogether they have taught him the importance of connecting with people in the poorest neighborhoods and in the highest halls of the state and nation's capitols, where, he says, decisions may seem far removed but are what truly determine quality of life.

"Environmental justice is making sure everyone has a safe place to live, work and play. But unfortunately, there's also a world of great environmental *injustice*, and it's people of color who get the short end of the stick," he says.

The gist of his work many days is grassroots and on-the-ground. As the president and CEO of DWEJ, Williams knows priorities and the greatest needs can change daily or weekly, and that nothing is ever completely checked off the to-do list.

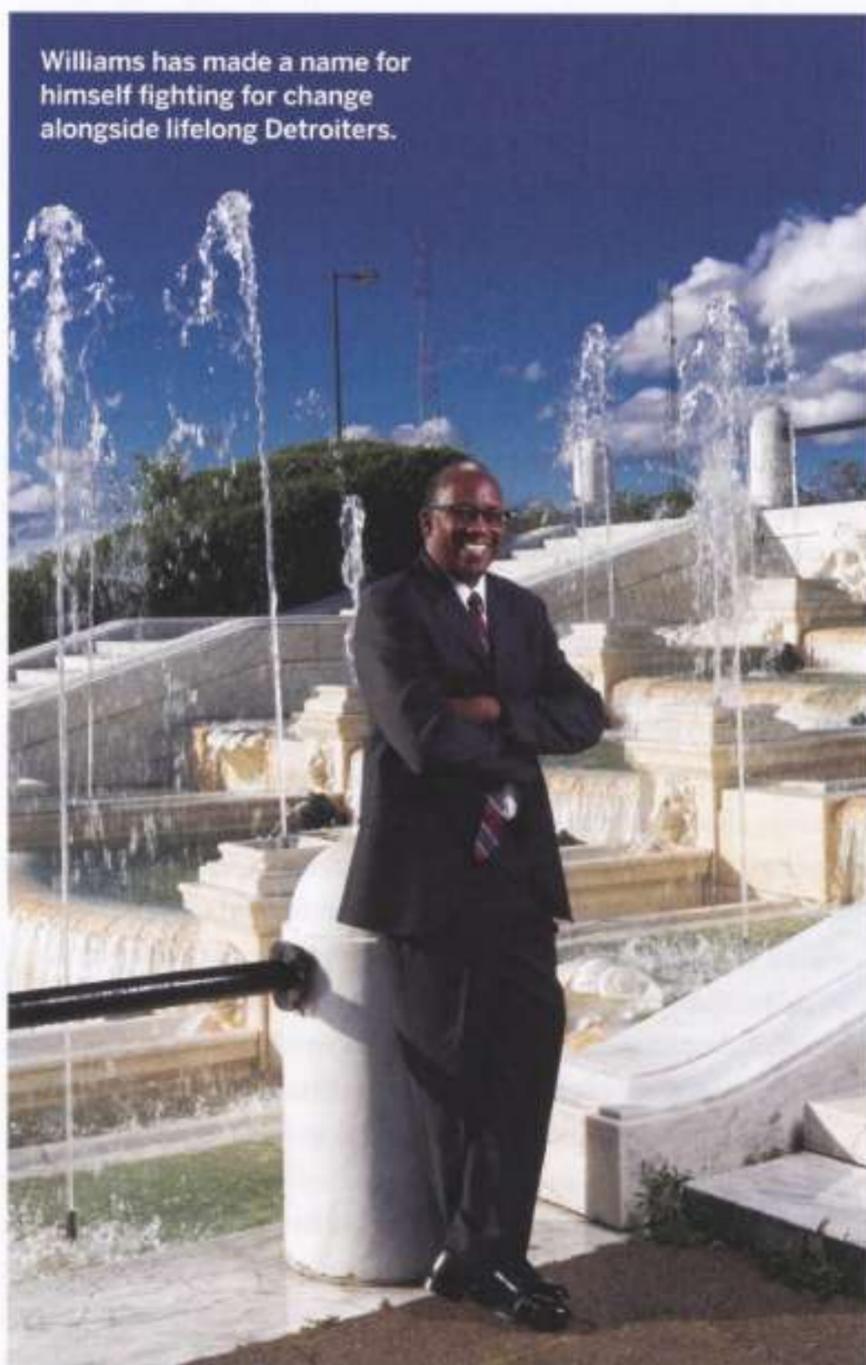
"You never know what type of situation you will face when a day begins," says Williams, who is also the owner of G.O. Williams and Associates, an environmental and sustainability consulting practice that works with companies and nonprofits to boost their bottom lines while injecting an environmental conscience into their organizations through environmental justice practices, education and increased local engagement.

Over the years, Williams has battled on behalf of Detroit and its people, arguing for solutions to deal with the effects of steel mill emissions; dust from heavy truck traffic; the nation's largest municipal waste incinerator; thousands of parcels of contaminated land; and now-inoperable lead smelters, thought to be the culprits behind the high number of Detroit children with lead-related illnesses, as well as cognitive and behavioral issues. These sources of pollution and others have had a collective impact on the city and its people, a net effect demonstrated by an unusually high

number of low birth-weight babies, cancer hot spots, high asthma rates and deaths.

The list goes on, and so does Williams. He clocks more than 30,000 miles a year on his car, with an eclectic playlist of music — everything from the Temptations to Prince to *a cappella* Bach arrangements — providing a soundtrack on his drives from Ypsilanti, where he lives, to any number of different cities each day. A call from a DWEJ team member or an email from a community activist sets him in motion.

“I tend to be soft-spoken and understated, not flashy. My style is more steady and determined, like a Crock-Pot, than hot and fast, like a stir fry,” he says with a smile. “I have been blessed with a wide range of life experiences that help me communicate well with basically anyone. This is one of my strengths. I can connect with people at any stage of life. I can hang with company presidents and CEOs or be on the street with addicts and have no fear,” he says. “I have a knack for seeing across different points of view. You won’t get movement on an issue if you can’t see all points of view.”



Williams has made a name for himself fighting for change alongside lifelong Detroiters.

Getting people to lend an ear in the mid-'90s, especially in government, was challenging in a city where pro-manufacturing mayors and other leaders saw environmentalists as threats to the economy capable of restricting positive business growth. There was no vision for Detroit, says Williams, that included creativity or innovation when it came to being a “green” city or a leader in sustainable redevelopment. This is a city, after all, that is only a few months into citywide curbside recycling, commonplace in many cities for many years now.

“Because Detroit leaders and the power center of Detroit were all linked to manufacturing, many of us who were trying to speak to businesses on topics of change were not welcome,” says Williams. “It was very tough to get anyone in the business community to listen.”

The rejection pushed Williams and his counterparts to resort to the time-tested power-in-numbers approach and band together with people from small grassroots groups to form DWEJ. “The reason we formed was that there was no other organization like it — even though Detroit was emblematic of everything that inspired the environmental justice movement,” he says. In trying to reverse the difficulties, Williams encountered many closed doors.

But eventually they got the attention of decision makers. Kenneth Cockrel Jr., longtime Detroit City Council president who served a stint as interim mayor in 2008 and 2009, was one of them. He was open-minded and understood sustainability, Williams says. He listened. The two also worked together on a City Council green task force.

Giving Williams and DWEJ a seat at the table back in his council and mayoral days “was a no-brainer,” Cockrel says. “As mayor, I believed then and still believe that Detroit needs to have a sustainability agenda. Such an agenda needs to be interwoven into the day-to-day operations of every single department. DWEJ was one of the first organizations to not only recognize this and advocate for it but to also take a grassroots approach to mobilizing Detroiters around that agenda.”

Today Cockrel is the executive director of Detroit Future City (DFC), the organization responsible for implementing the city’s strategic redevelopment framework. Williams serves on a steering committee for DFC, and has served in other roles for the organization as well, speaking on behalf of residents not privy to DFC decisions that could affect them. “The appointment gives me the responsibility to work at expanding opportunities for legitimate neighborhood voices to play a role in shaping the Detroit Future City agenda,” says Williams.

As the DFC framework is coming to life, Cockrel is confident in the value of Williams’ input. “He not only brings the environmental justice perspective to the table, but most importantly, he brings a way of thinking that is tremendously beneficial to the discussions,” he says.

Cockrel says Williams has the ability to ask “important questions during discussions that lead us to think about the subject at hand in a completely different way. He is a very creative, dynamic thinker. He is truly a living embodiment of the phrase, ‘Don’t just think outside the box. Think as if there is no box.’”

“One of Guy’s many great strengths is his ability to bring people together who may have different perspectives,” says Catherine Nagel ’84, executive director of the City Parks Alliance in Washington, D.C. “And as the city recovers, he works hard to make sure those who have been in Detroit the longest are not left behind.” Nagel and Williams met a few

of gentrification. Still, the common go-to references to Detroit as “war-torn” or “bombed-out” persist.

Reversing that is at the heart of the city’s plan to demolish some 80,000 blighted homes, but even that has its environmental and social complications, and Williams is working to protect the people in the path of destruction.

“What we know now is that we are doing demolitions on an unprecedented scale, and it’s happening more quickly than ever, at about 200 homes per week. That’s partly because federal funding needs to be spent, but it may be too fast,” he says, hoping to slow it down and urge caution. “In other words, if this is done too quickly, clouds of lead dust could

Williams had never visited Detroit, but when he got there, he saw so much promise. “When you care about something, you want to make it better,” he says.

years back while working on a Georgia Tech Research Institute project, Red Fields to Green Fields. They helped analyze dozens of cities, including Detroit, in a search for ways to return underutilized properties such as industrial parks and strip malls to productivity.

Williams obviously is not alone in wanting to heal Detroit’s heartbreak, and he has made a name for himself right alongside lifelong Detroiters who are fighting the fight. It’s hard to believe he is not a child of the city that birthed the labor movement. “I sometimes find myself forgetting that Guy is not only *not* a native Detroiter but also doesn’t live in Detroit currently. I think that’s really a testament to the hard work he has put into getting to know the city, its people and its issues,” Cockrel says.

Families like the Moores are waiting for safer, cleaner neighborhoods; they’re waiting for the comeback. Leslie Moore and her grown daughters Ricci and Lark moved away from the city because they wanted to feel safer and receive a better education for the children in the family.

“We love Detroit, but it can be a hard place to live. We still have family there. Their homes are okay; they take care of their homes. But just two doors down, there’s a crack house or a slumlord always kicking someone out for not paying rent. It’s hard to find a home in a neighborhood that’s still whole and good,” says Leslie. “As bad as it seems sometimes, you can see it’s getting better. People are actually moving back.”

To be clear, there are pockets of low- and middle-class neighborhoods hanging on, people raising families. Other parts of the city, Midtown and downtown, are on the verge

of being released all over town, and the impact of that will be long-lasting. We’re working really hard to study the effects, looking at other cities — Chicago, Philly, Baltimore — to learn how they contained the dust and protected people.”

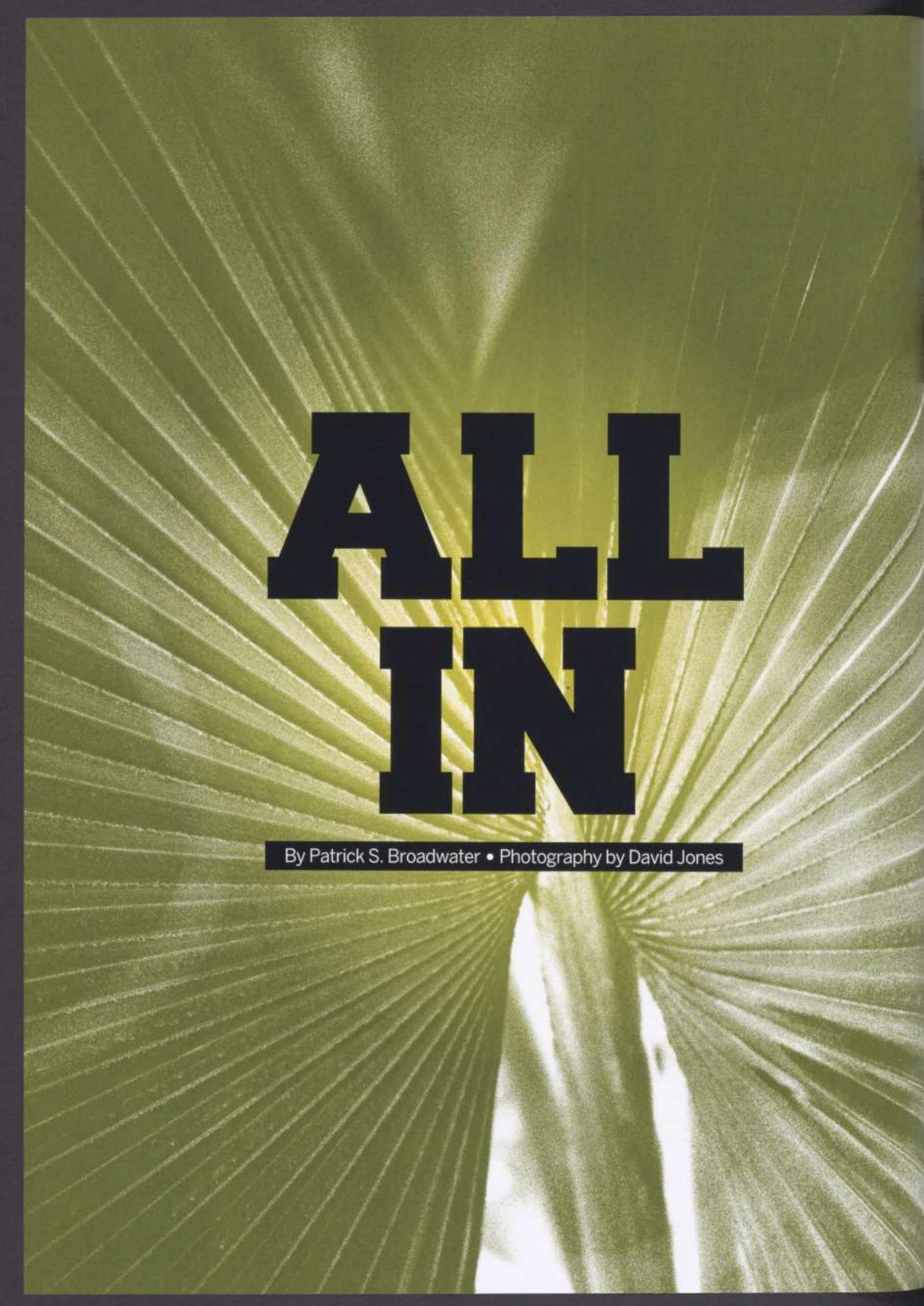
Williams, who was recognized last year with the *Detroit Free Press*’ 2014 Green Leader Award, has learned that success in his line of work is plodding. “Regardless of victory or defeat, you need to be prepared to take on issues for the long haul in order to succeed at positive transformation. History has taught me that the best outcomes feel like they take forever. You have to be committed to the long-term or don’t take on the issue.”

Pinned to a corkboard in his office at Detroiters Working for Environmental Justice is a map detailing a vision for an eastside Detroit greenway network. Although it’s an ambitious vision, Williams has great hope that things will continue to improve in a city that’s showing the benefits of a rediscovery and a can-do attitude, like the positive plans for neighborhood investments for safety and prosperity, the growth of the downtown area, the farm and the urban agricultural movements, the relocation of major companies to downtown and Midtown, investment by business owners in numerous projects and improving transportation options.

“My dream is to see a city that is vibrant across all aspects of the society — a place where the current disparities of power, wealth and education are greatly reduced, and where the voices of the ‘people-at-large’ are always heard and respected by decision makers. I try to do my part toward this end, day in and day out.”

That dream is Detroit’s future — and Williams will be right there to witness it. 

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ALL IN

By Patrick S. Broadwater • Photography by David Jones



Tom '74 and Carol Vitz Wells '74 have provided scholarships through the Wells Mountain Foundation to students all over the world, including those in developing areas, such as Haiti (left), Ethiopia and Ghana.

Tom '74 and Carol Vitz Wells '74 believe education is the key to a better world — so they helped send 74 students (and counting) through college.

Jurugo Roberts Ali is prepared.

Should a patient exhibiting Ebola symptoms walk through the door at Arua Hospital in the northwest corner of Uganda, Jurugo has been trained to take proper precautions to keep himself and his community safe from the spread of the deadly disease.

Cradled in the rural reaches of Uganda, bordering the Democratic Republic of Congo and South Sudan, the hospital sits more than 4,000 miles from the West African countries of Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone, the center of the most recent — and deadliest — Ebola outbreak to strike Africa. But the training Jurugo and other physicians at Arua have received is far from theoretical. Uganda has experienced at least three Ebola outbreaks in the past 14 years, and recently experienced a small outbreak of Marburg virus, a hemorrhagic fever virus from the same family to which Ebola belongs.

A pre-World War II facility consisting of several dilapidated buildings, Arua Hospital has only about 280 beds available, despite serving as a regional referral facility

for an area that includes nearly 3 million people. It suffers from insufficient funding and an acute shortage of physicians. That Jurugo is doing his medical internship at the facility is a boon to an underserved community.

A Sudanese native who grew up in a refugee camp in Uganda, Jurugo long dreamed of becoming a doctor to fight the rampant spread of HIV and high maternal and child mortality rates in his home country. But after two years of medical school, all of his family's finances had been depleted. It was then that Jurugo turned to the Wells Mountain Foundation (WMF), created by Tom '74 and Carol Vitz Wells '74 in 2005 as a three-pronged initiative to support education, literacy and the arts in developing countries. In 2009, Jurugo was accepted into the WMF Empowerment Through Education Scholarship Program, enabling him to complete his medical degree at Kampala International University in February 2014.

Today he is using that education to better his community and help improve the lives of the people living in it, which is exactly what Tom and Carol had hoped he would do.

The creation of the Wells Mountain Foundation and the WMF Empowerment Through Education Scholarship Program was more of a slow build than the Wells' other ventures, as Tom and Carol have never been what one might consider "toe-dippers."

They met for the first time just prior to their sophomore year at Bucknell, and three weeks after they started dating, they were discussing marriage. Midway through their junior year, they had opened up their own retail business. They were married six months later — in August 1973 — just before the start of their senior year.

"Carol is a wonderful partner," Tom says. "I'm sort of the visionary who keeps coming up with crazy ideas, and she just jumps right in, and together we do them. Anywhere we go, we dig in and get very involved."

Their first joint venture was a Lewisburg clothing store called The Gazebo, an idea that stemmed from a simple statement bemoaning the lack of clothing stores that catered to the college female in town. They opened The Gazebo in 1973 and operated the business for five years while becoming enmeshed in the greater Lewisburg community. Carol pursued her master's in counseling at Bucknell, and Tom worked for then-U.S. Congressman Allen E. Ertel and served as president of the Chamber of Commerce.

They left Lewisburg in 1978 for Cleveland, where Tom enrolled in law school at Case Western Reserve University while Carol completed her master's at John Carroll University. Around that time, the couple experienced a few more life-changing moments: the birth of their first child and Tom's first participation in a YMCA World Service campaign, which delivers resources and services to impoverished communities around the world.

Tom, Carol and their three daughters eventually settled in Bristol, Vt., where Tom opened a branch office of his law firm and teamed up with Carol to start a real estate development company and an independent bookstore, which Tom called a "labor of love."

"Yeah, right. He did the love, I did the labor," cracks Carol, who managed the bookstore and was executive director of the Bristol Downtown Community Partnership.

The bookstore failed to make much of a profit, but it reinforced the importance of literacy for them. Tom's association with the YMCA, meanwhile, took him to Africa and Haiti multiple times, where he often came across bright young people, such as Jurugo, who were unable to continue their education due to a lack of money, access or both.

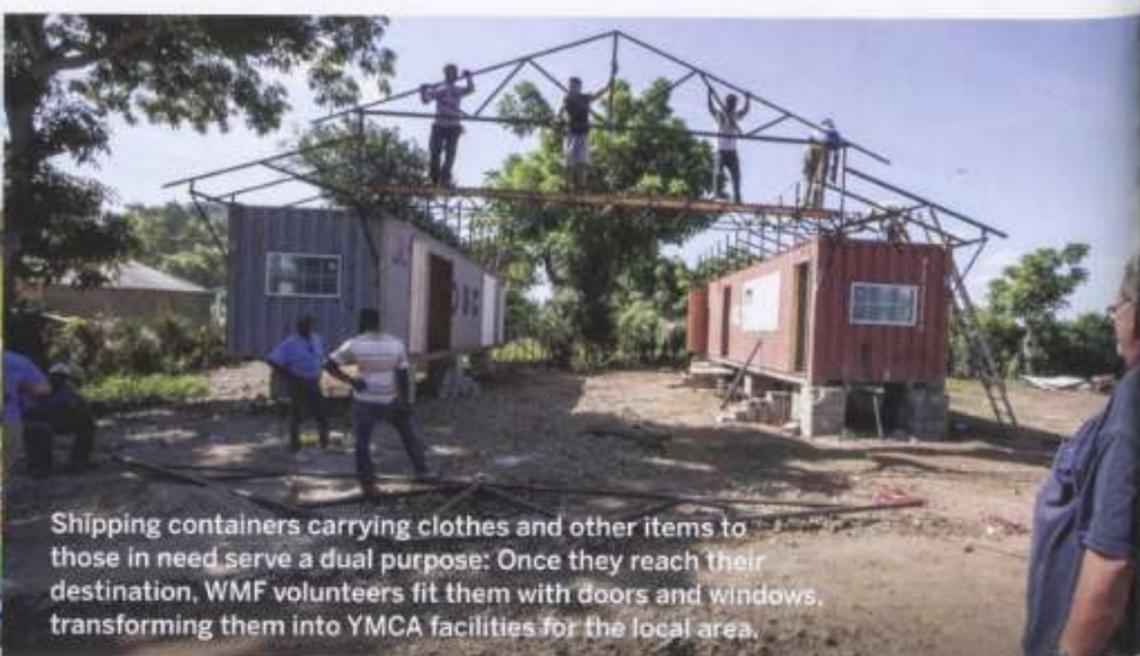
Sensing an opportunity to help in a way that entwined their favorite causes, Tom and Carol provided private donations for a few students, but they soon realized that they could have a much bigger impact. They began soliciting donations from others to create the Wells Mountain Foundation.

The WMF scholarship program has been the centerpiece of the foundation from the start. It began with just one student and grew to five, then 12, as Tom and Carol divested themselves from the bookstore to spend more time tending to the foundation. There are now 63 students enrolled in the program (they awarded 23 new scholarships this year to students in 15 countries). And 74 students have completed their education with the assistance of WMF scholarships ranging from \$300 to \$3,000.

The average annual scholarship of \$1,800 may seem modest, but WMF Scholars are educated in their home countries, including Ethiopia, Palestine, Nepal, Peru and Ghana. In some of those countries, that kind of money goes a long way. "That amount often covers everything — tuition, room and board, books, transportation — the whole shooting match," says Carol.

Admission to the program is competitive, with more than 1,700 applicants in the past year competing for somewhere between 20 to 25 spots. About half of the students are new, first-year students; others are applicants who have stalled out and need financial assistance to continue their studies.

The foundation has a team of more than 75 volunteer reviewers to help narrow down the applicant pool, but each



Shipping containers carrying clothes and other items to those in need serve a dual purpose: Once they reach their destination, WMF volunteers fit them with doors and windows, transforming them into YMCA facilities for the local area.

year Tom and Carol review the top 100 to select the final recipients. They favor students who are pursuing “helping” or professional careers, such as engineering, medicine and education, as well as those who intend to stay in their home countries after graduation. “We don’t want to contribute to the brain drain,” Carol says.

The foundation also places an emphasis on providing access to education for women, who must overcome the cultural stereotype that is still prevalent in many developing countries that females do not need or are not capable of higher learning. The foundation receives about 75 percent of its total applications from males, but culls the field so that the finalists are usually split about 50-50.

“Students who apply, sometimes their fathers, even their mothers, don’t believe in education for girls,” Carol says. “They don’t see the point in educating a woman.”

Students accepted into the program are funded until they graduate, as long as they keep their grades up and complete a minimum of 100 hours of documented community service a year. (Tom and Carol hope to instill in their WMF Scholars the concept of giving back to others and to their communities.) For those students, the scholarship is an emotionally charged opportunity of a lifetime.

“Tears run down my eyelids as I send you this email,” wrote Elijah Otto, a Liberian refugee in Ghana, in a thank-you letter to the foundation. “I am very glad and thankful for the blessing of God to be selected as a WMF Scholar in order to further my studies and move the world. To be a refugee is not an easy thing. However, a lasting solution, the possibility to begin a new life, is the only dignified solution for the refugee himself. Thank you much more than words can say.”

“In the developing world, education really makes a huge difference in their earning power and their ability to take care of their families,” Carol says. “They become a support for their whole family — their parents, their siblings — and their communities, as well.”

“I think that for virtually every one of our students, were it

not for our money, school would not be possible. It’s literally that critical,” Tom says. “It’s very hard — way more applicants than we can ultimately select are in the same situation. It breaks our hearts. They’re very qualified, working very hard and need a relatively modest amount of money to go to school, but if they don’t get it, they just can’t go.”

WMF support goes well beyond scholarships; it creates educational opportunities in other ways, as well. Although it’s not a relief organization, the WMF has also helped set up English libraries in Haiti — including one in Kenscoff, which was dedicated in 2009 as the “Bibliotheque Carol Wells” — and sent more than a dozen shipping containers full of donated clothing and other items to the area. Many of those shipping containers have been repurposed into new YMCA facilities for local communities. In September, for example, the group partnered with the Ridgewood YMCA in New Jersey and the YMCA d’Haiti for the Haiti Container Project in Carocol, Haiti. WMF volunteers worked to fit two shipping containers with doors and windows. Those containers will eventually become the YMCA for the area — the fourth Y created through the foundation. It’s set for completion in early 2015.

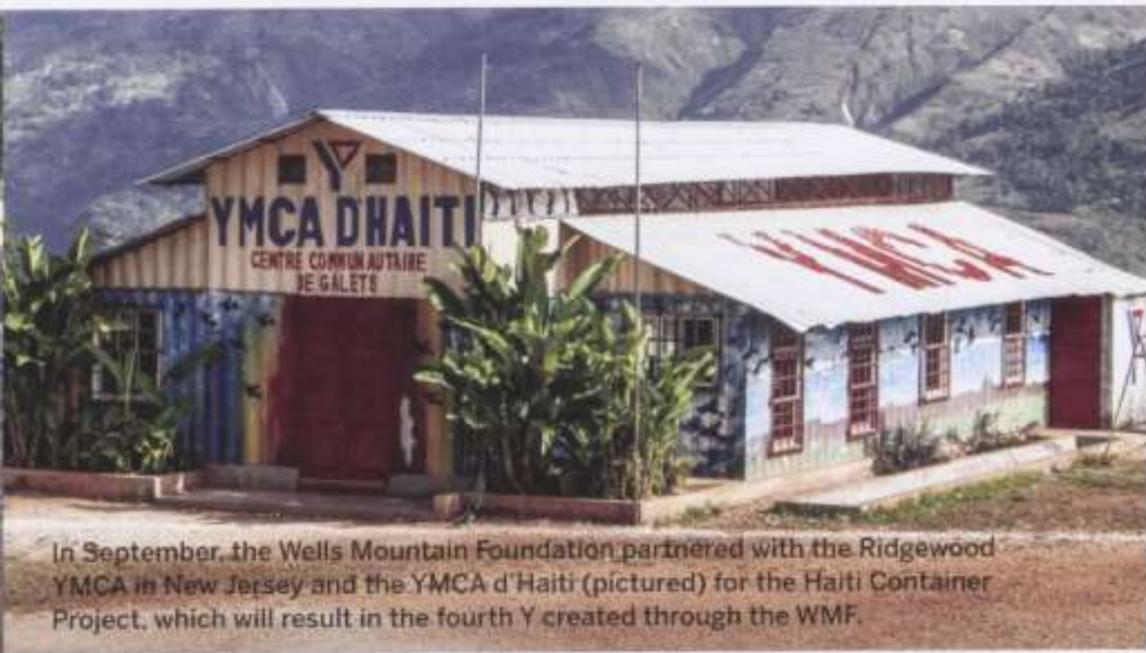
Tom and Carol continue to think big. Their ultimate goal is to have 100 WMF Scholars in school, and to begin an alumni organization that feeds others into the program or, even better, uses the gifts and talents of its members to mentor and create opportunities for a whole new generation of learners.

“We’re going to strive to make this bigger, because we think education is the key,” says Tom. “There are so many things needed in developing nations — infrastructure, agriculture, political structure, economic systems — but all of this starts with education.” 

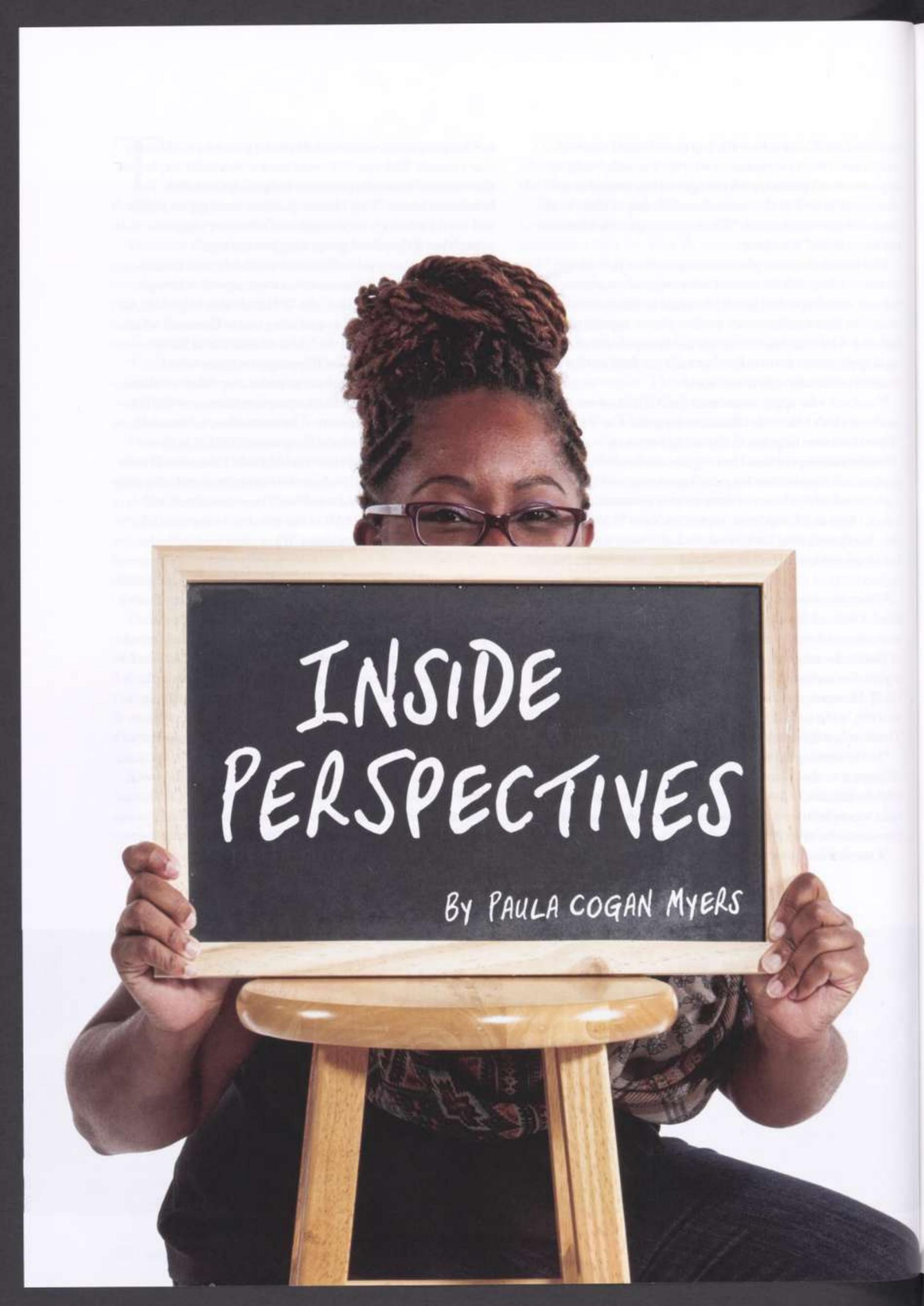
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Tom and Carol Wells and WMF volunteers hope the students who have benefited from their scholarships will give back to their communities and encourage a new generation of learners.



In September, the Wells Mountain Foundation partnered with the Ridgewood YMCA in New Jersey and the YMCA d’Haiti (pictured) for the Haiti Container Project, which will result in the fourth Y created through the WMF.

A woman with dark skin, glasses, and braided hair is sitting on a wooden stool. She is holding a small wooden-framed chalkboard in front of her. The chalkboard has the title 'INSIDE PERSPECTIVES' written in white chalk in a large, casual font. Below the title, it says 'BY PAULA COGAN MYERS' in a smaller, similar font. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

INSIDE PERSPECTIVES

BY PAULA COGAN MYERS

Get to know the people behind Bucknell's Community College Scholars Program.

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After he graduated from high school, Oscar Beteta '11 planned to pursue a four-year college degree. He had admissions offers, but the honors scholarship he received from Montgomery County Community College provided the financial support he needed to make attending college a reality. While there Beteta heard about the Bucknell Community College Scholars Program (BCCSP), and in June 2007, the program's inaugural year, he and a group of 29 students from five different community colleges arrived at Bucknell for a six-week summer session. They lived on campus, took two classes, attended workshops and learned how to transfer to a four-year university such as Bucknell.

The goals of the program were clear — to support high achieving community college scholars in pursuit of four-year degrees; to provide opportunities for students from different age groups, backgrounds and learning environments; and to enrich the Bucknell experience for all students by diversifying the student population with people who bring different life experiences and perspectives to campus and the classroom.

"Some community college students balance competing time commitments, including full-time jobs and families, as they decide on the best path to a four-year degree," says Mark Davies '74, assistant vice president for enrollment management and director of partnerships. "During community college, many students discover new academic interests, learn more

about themselves, find available opportunities and consider what an education at a higher level might mean for them."

Beteta decided Bucknell was for him, and went on to graduate with a bachelor's in chemical engineering. A few weeks after graduation, he began working for Air Products and Chemicals, where he is still employed as an applied research and development engineer. The job provided Beteta income to help his mother close on a home in Blue Bell, Pa., fulfilling a long-held dream.

BCCSP began when Bucknell received a four-year grant from the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation to pilot the program. T. Joel Wade, professor of psychology and BCCSP academic director, leveraged expertise he gained as director of a previous Bucknell program to create BCCSP. "The level of motivation, dedication and academic achievement among BCCSP students has a very positive impact on so many aspects of Bucknell's environment," says Wade.

The University has since taken over the program's funding, and to date, 220 students have participated in the BCCSP summer program, 128 have gone on to graduate from Bucknell and more dreams have come true. "BCCSP students are wildly successful here," says Robert Midkiff, associate provost and program mentor. "They go on to graduate programs, professional programs and employment in a variety of positions and contexts. And they achieve success — changing their lives and the lives of their families forever."

So who are these Bucknellians, and the educators driving them to succeed? What brought them to Bucknell? And what about life on campus appeals to them most? We just had to ask...



MARK DAVIES '74

Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management and Director of Partnerships

WHAT IS YOUR ROLE WITH BCCSP?

I serve as director of the program and promote BCCSP along with our community college partners. I'm involved in scholar selection, course selection, mentoring and assisting students as they apply as transfers (either to Bucknell or to another school of their choosing), helping them adjust to campus culture and cheering for them as they graduate and move on to greater things. I hope I serve as a friend and confidant along the way.

SECRET PASSION? I'm up every day at 5 a.m. and love CrossFit training.

CITY OR COUNTRY? I love visiting cities, but I'm really into the woods and stars.

DO YOU HAVE A PET? Koach is a Welsh Terrier. He's my best friend (besides my wife, Kathy, of course) and no matter what my day has been like, he is always thrilled to see me.

WHAT BOOK COULD YOU READ OVER AND OVER AGAIN?

Gulliver's Travels by Jonathan Swift

THEME SONG? "Respect" by Aretha Franklin

WHAT DO YOU WANT OTHERS TO KNOW ABOUT BCCSP? BCCSP is such a unique program that many students tell me it's unbelievable that a school like Bucknell is giving them a chance to demonstrate how successful they can be here. The average age of these students is 28. They're so eager to get engaged with this place, and our faculty members connect with them.



VICENTE PRIETO '15

Hometown: Philadelphia, Pa. **Major:** International Relations
Your community college: Community College of Philadelphia

WHAT DO YOU WANT OTHERS TO KNOW ABOUT BCCSP?

BCCSP is a special program that gives well-deserving students from a lower socioeconomic status the opportunity to fulfill their academic dreams. The reality is that without the program, many BCCSP members could never have afforded to attend even if they were accepted.

ARE YOU AN EARLY BIRD OR NIGHT OWL? Night owl

BISON OR 7TH STREET CAFÉ? 7th Street Café

FAVORITE BUCKNELL CLASS? International Politics with Professor David Mitchell is my favorite class. It set the foundation for my major, explaining how international relations works by introducing both theorists and their beliefs.

WHAT KEEPS YOU UP AT NIGHT? Grad school applications

WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE BEST CAMPUS STUDY SPOT? Bertrand Library, 3rd floor

PERSONAL INTEREST? History

WHAT BOOK COULD YOU READ OVER AND OVER AGAIN? *The Guns of August* by Barbara Tuchman. It focuses on the events that led to World War I and deals with the intense drama of the first month of the war. It's great if you love history, as I do. It not only explains the war, but it also explains the events that followed in the 20th century.

LYDIA CRUSH '16

Hometown: North Wales, Pa. **Major:** Spanish **Your community college:** Montgomery County Community College

WHAT DO YOU WANT OTHERS TO KNOW ABOUT BCCSP?

Everyone involved in BCCSP believes in the scholars and that helps us to believe in ourselves. BCCSP opens doors to an entirely different kind of education and life that wouldn't be available to many of us without it. Personally, it gave me the confidence to make the first move and get involved on campus right from the get-go. I'm grateful for the support BCCSP provides and thankful for the independence that it kindles.

FAVORITE BUCKNELL CLASS? Hispanic Linguistics. It's a fantastic combination of two topics I love: Spanish and linguistics. We get to learn about dialects, pronunciation and the intrinsic grammatical structure of the language. It's teaching me so much more about the how and why of the language than I have learned in regular life and other classes.

WHAT KEEPS YOU UP AT NIGHT? Finding a way to turn the educational system's focus back to learning for the sake of learning

WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO OUTSIDE OF CLASS? I'm involved in Bucknell's theatre, working in the shop and as a stage manager. When I'm not at the theatre or working, I'm outside with Bucknell's Outing Club and BuckWild program. There are so many gorgeous parks within traveling distance of Bucknell. I'm a fan of most outdoorsy things, but rock climbing is by far my favorite.

TELL US ONE THING NOBODY KNOWS ABOUT YOU.

I love learning new string games, like Jacob's Ladder.

WHAT BOOK COULD YOU READ OVER AND OVER AGAIN? *Homecoming* by Cynthia Voigt. The main character, Dicey, was my role model when I was younger. I love re-reading it as I go through new life experiences and grow up; I still feel a connection to Dicey, but my attitude toward her situation morphs as I change.

WHO'S YOUR FAVORITE SUPERHERO? Sewerman, my Dad's comic book superhero





ROBERT MIDKIFF

Associate Provost, Registrar, Dean of Graduate Studies and Dean of Summer Session

WHAT IS YOUR ROLE WITH BCCSP? I oversee and manage, with my staff in the registrar's office, the transfer credit process for BCCSP students. I advise them on how to make degree progress during community college with an eye toward transfer to Bucknell or elsewhere. But more importantly, I serve as a mentor and advocate. As someone who was a first-generation, working-class college student from rural West Virginia, I have an obligation to be a role model for these students. I prepare them for what it's like both personally and professionally to live a life of straddling — the idea that as you move up the educational and socioeconomic ladder you live in both your class of origin and your new class.

ARE YOU AN EARLY BIRD OR NIGHT OWL? Both — I'm up early and most productive in the morning, but tend to stay up late as well.

WHAT KEEPS YOU UP AT NIGHT? The future of Bucknell and how we make this a more inclusive place and stay on top in the ever-changing world of higher education — along with worrying about my families of blood and choice.

PERSONAL INTERESTS? Kayaking, reading and music

CITY OR COUNTRY? Country — born a hillbilly, still one at heart

THEME SONG? "The Dance" by Garth Brooks (most days)

WHAT DO YOU WANT OTHERS TO KNOW ABOUT BCCSP?

This program changes lives, and I don't mean that metaphorically. Most of these students are working-class, first-generation college students. For many of them, enrolling in community college was a risk. It's amazing to see them come here, take the risks they are taking and then be successful not only in obtaining degrees, but also in changing the climate of this place.



ABU CHOWDHURY '15

Hometown: Dhaka, Bangladesh

Major: Economics

Your community college: Montgomery County Community College

WHAT DO YOU WANT OTHERS TO KNOW ABOUT BCCSP?

I am forever grateful for the opportunity.

ARE YOU AN EARLY BIRD OR NIGHT OWL? Night owl

THE BISON OR 7TH STREET CAFÉ? 7th Street Café

FAVORITE BUCKNELL CLASS?

Latin American Developmental Economics

WHAT KEEPS YOU UP AT NIGHT? My haphazard thoughts about life

PERSONAL INTEREST? Knowing people

SECRET PASSION? I want to open a community development non-profit that would empower people by working with them hand-in-hand. Conventional development works from the top down, so the people it affects most don't have a voice in the development process, which makes it less effective. I want to have a bottom-up development process, where the people themselves would decide what they want and how they want it.

WHAT BOOK COULD YOU READ OVER AND OVER AGAIN?

The Brothers Karamazov, by Fyodor Dostoyevsky

WHAT'S YOUR THEME SONG? "We Shall Overcome"

T. JOEL WADE

Professor of Psychology

WHAT IS YOUR ROLE WITH BCCSP? I developed, constructed and directed the program on which BCCSP is based. I am also the academic director and teach in the program occasionally, and I'm a faculty mentor.

WHAT DO YOU WANT OTHERS TO KNOW ABOUT BCCSP?

This program makes a difference in people's lives (students, professors and affiliated administrators) and a difference in the academic and social environment at Bucknell.

ARE YOU AN EARLY BIRD OR NIGHT OWL?

Night owl, but I can be an early bird also.

THE BISON OR 7TH STREET CAFÉ? The Bison

FAVORITE BUCKNELL CLASS? My Psychology of Beauty and Attraction course is my favorite class to teach because it counters what many people think about the correlates of beauty. It shows how and why beauty is fundamentally important, and it shows how attraction has a strong biological basis.

WHAT KEEPS YOU UP AT NIGHT?

Grading, writing and playing guitar riffs

PERSONAL INTEREST? I have been playing blues guitar since 1993. I started, somewhat religiously, after my father passed away. Blues guitar is important to me because the structure of the music provides a great emotional release and revitalization, and it reminds me of my childhood — there was a juke-joint down the street from my house, so as a child I often heard live as well as recorded blues music.



SHANEKA DIXON '15

Hometown: Philadelphia, Pa.

Major: Psychology

Your community college: Community College of Philadelphia

WHAT DO YOU WANT OTHERS TO KNOW ABOUT BCCSP?

We have developed a particular view of society based on our experience, and that is what we bring to our coursework.

ARE YOU AN EARLY BIRD OR NIGHT OWL?

I am spontaneously both.

FAVORITE BUCKNELL CLASS?

Education in the Human Spirit

WHAT KEEPS YOU UP AT NIGHT?

A 16-ounce Miss Honeybee from 7th Street Café

WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE BEST CAMPUS STUDY SPOT?

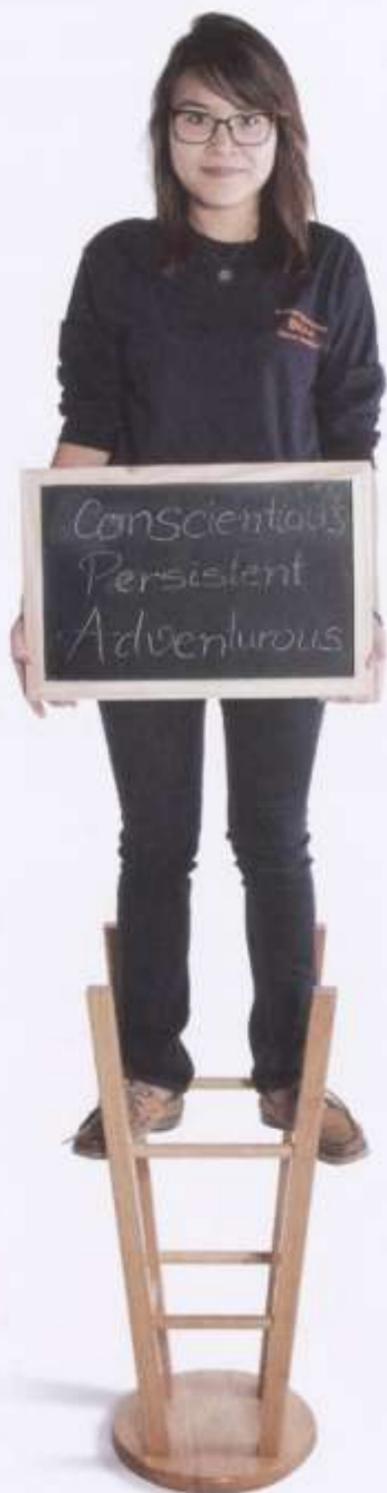
I love the student space in the ELC and 7th Street Café.

CITY OR COUNTRY? I was born a city person, so I love the city, but while living in Lewisburg I've discovered the gems of the country, like seeing cows sunbathe.

WHAT BOOK COULD YOU READ OVER AND OVER AGAIN?

The Bible. It provides every type of story I am interested in — drama, romance, action, thriller, apocalyptic.

WHO'S YOUR FAVORITE SUPERHERO? Jean Grey, The Phoenix, is my favorite superhero because she's the only hero with her level of power, and she wasn't initially aware of it. She reminds me of my inhibited potential.



JUDY PHAN '13, M'15

Hometown: Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Major: Chemical Engineering

Your community college: Montgomery County Community College

WHAT DO YOU WANT OTHERS TO KNOW ABOUT BCCSP? Without the program I wouldn't be where I am today. When I left my country seven years ago to come to the U.S., I only could dream about getting an associate's degree. Now I'm finishing up my master's degree at a prestigious university, Bucknell. The program opened up a whole new world to me.

ARE YOU AN EARLY BIRD OR NIGHT OWL? Night owl

FAVORITE BUCKNELL CLASS?

Modern Dance 1. (Yeah, I know it's not an engineering class.)

WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE BEST CAMPUS STUDY SPOT?

The chemistry student lounge. One of the walls is a big window so you get lots of natural sunlight shining into the room. It feels like you're sitting outside, but you don't get too distracted by people walking around you. You also get a mini-kitchen with a sink and a microwave.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO DO OUTSIDE OF CLASS? Archery

WHAT KEEPS YOU UP AT NIGHT?

Most of the time it's research and writing my thesis.

CITY OR COUNTRY?

I'm a city girl, but I love camping and other outdoor activities.

PET'S NAME? Chromeo is a Siberian husky. He's 17 months old.

THEME SONG? "The Sound of Silence" by Simon and Garfunkel and "Puff the Magic Dragon"



MELISSA HOPKINS '16

Hometown: Freeland, Md. **Majors:** Psychology and Philosophy
Your community college: Harrisburg Area Community College

WHAT DO YOU WANT OTHERS TO KNOW ABOUT BCCSP? BCCSP has given me a second chance. I was on track to go to college from a young age, but I was sidetracked after high school by having to make money. When I went to community college, I was determined to get back on the path I knew I was supposed to be on and worked really hard to get good grades and demonstrate leadership. If it hadn't been for BCCSP, I'm not sure that I would have been able to continue school at any other four-year institution, because I would not have been able to afford it. BCCSP truly cares about the individuals it invests in.



ARE YOU AN EARLY BIRD OR NIGHT OWL? Night owl

THE BISON OR 7TH STREET CAFÉ? Bison

FAVORITE BUCKNELL CLASS?

The Psychology of Beauty and Attraction with Dr. Wade

WHAT KEEPS YOU UP AT NIGHT? Homework

BEST CAMPUS STUDY SPOT? The O'Leary computer lab

PERSONAL INTERESTS? Cooking, animal welfare, gay rights and activism, environmental protection

TELL US ONE THING NOBODY KNOWS ABOUT YOU.

I have a rock collection that I've been adding to since I was about 7.

WHAT BOOK COULD YOU READ OVER AND OVER AGAIN?

The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho

GREG SCHROCK '16

Hometown: Grantsville, Md. **Major:** Computer Science & Engineering
Your community college: Garrett College

WHAT DO YOU WANT OTHERS TO KNOW ABOUT BCCSP?

To a general audience, that it's an amazing opportunity and just as great an experience. I don't know where I'd be without this program. To potential students, to not be intimidated by the idea of coming to Bucknell. Do your best; that's all you can ask of yourself.

ARE YOU AN EARLY BIRD OR NIGHT OWL?

I function the best as an early bird, but I am naturally a night owl.

FAVORITE BUCKNELL CLASS? Software Development

WHAT KEEPS YOU UP AT NIGHT? Not much. But when something does, it's usually the planning of my schedule for the next day.

WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE BEST CAMPUS STUDY SPOT?

The study room in the library, with friends

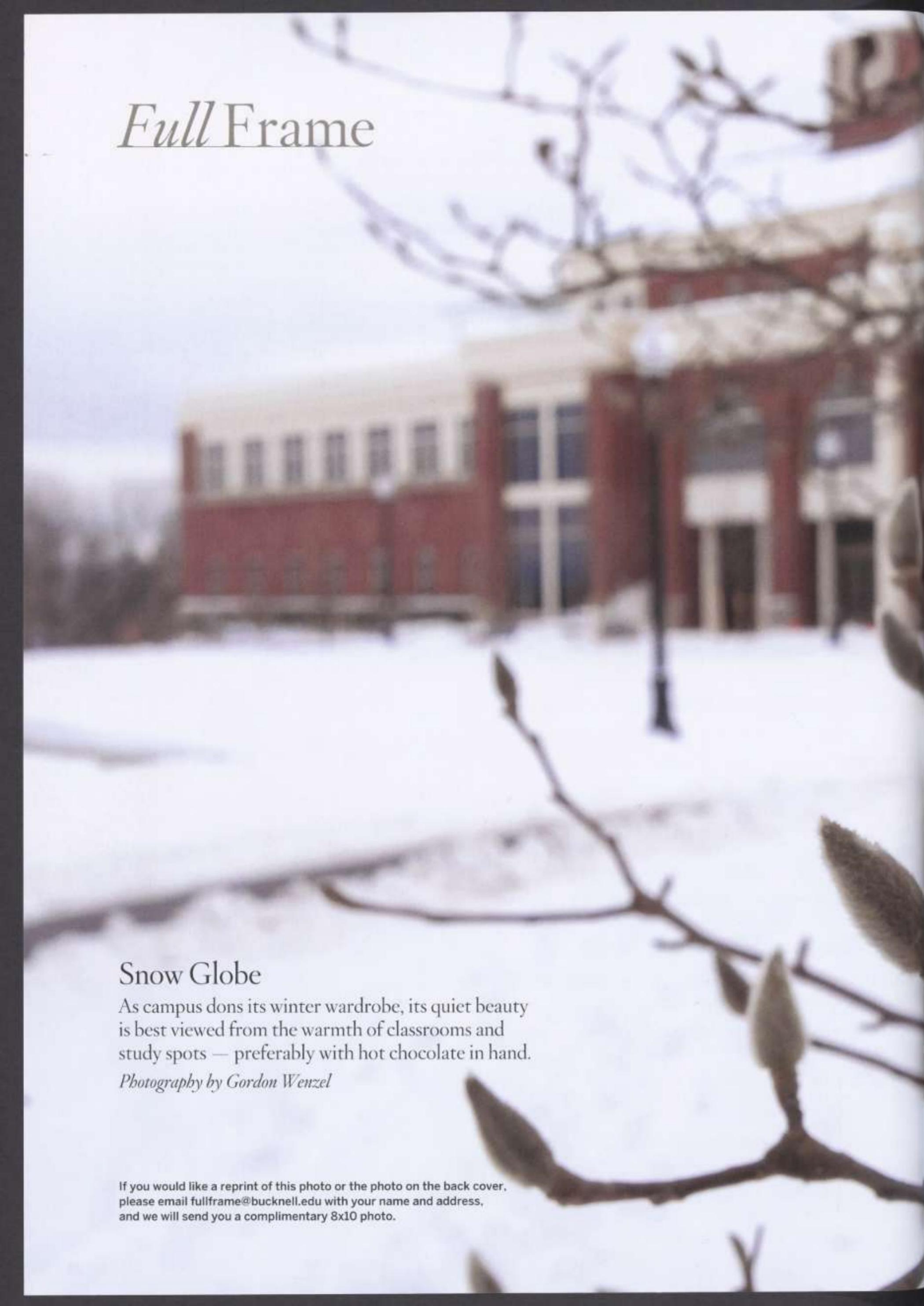
PERSONAL INTERESTS? I like to sing and play guitar.

CITY OR COUNTRY? City at night, country otherwise

WHAT BOOK COULD YOU READ OVER AND OVER AGAIN? My Bible

WHO'S YOUR FAVORITE SUPERHERO? Captain America — he's the least invisible hero I know of, and yet he's the most willing to put himself on the line for what he believes is right.





Full Frame

Snow Globe

As campus dons its winter wardrobe, its quiet beauty is best viewed from the warmth of classrooms and study spots — preferably with hot chocolate in hand.

Photography by Gordon Wenzel

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Alumni House

Opportunities & Events

See You on Facebook

Looking for Bucknellians in your neck of the woods? The Facebook pages of our Regional Clubs can help you connect.

By Maureen Harmon

Bucknell is all over the social media world. There's plenty to learn about the goings-on of the University on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram — just search for @BucknellU. But if you're looking for Bucknell in your own backyard, you might want to check out the Facebook pages tied directly to Bucknell Regional Clubs.

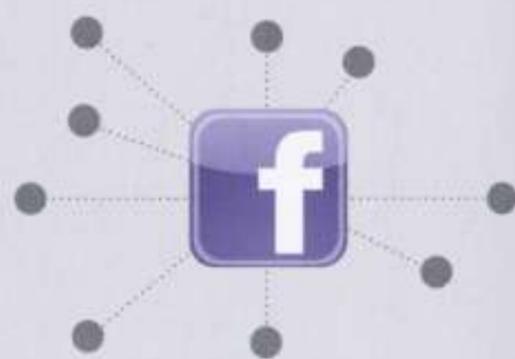
In the past few months, for example, the Bucknell Club of Philadelphia invited Bucknellians to get together for a performance by BalletX, the city's premier contemporary ballet company, at the Wilma Theatre. The Bucknell Club of Chicago used its site to alert alumni, parents and friends living in the Windy City to several events around town, including a special screening of *Newlyweeds* (Gbenga Akinnagbe '00 is a producer) and an event for WE DO, The Campaign for Bucknell University, showcasing student and faculty research. Out West, the Bucknell Club of Denver posted photos of its annual community service event and got the word out about a welcome reception for new grads in the Mile High City. There are clubs — and Facebook pages — for Bucknellians living everywhere from Pittsburgh to Harrisburg, from Atlanta to Tampa, from northern California to sunny SoCal, and cities and towns in between.

Many Regional Clubs around the world are already using Facebook and

have a pulse on their local communities and on campus; club volunteers use that knowledge to plan events and communicate opportunities for locals in the area.

And now, the Alumni Association is hoping to make the experience even better. "Bucknell Regional Club pages are great solutions for Bucknellians to stay connected at a regional and network level," says Kristin Stetler, senior associate director of alumni relations. "We are committed to providing volunteers with support and tools to further build these pages through content, marketing and engagement perspectives." The association already has launched pilot programs for the clubs in New York City and Washington, D.C., to enhance club content on Facebook — another way of bringing the best of Bucknell to you.

To find out more, visit bucknell.edu/RegionalClubs, select the clubs near you and like their Facebook pages. 



Social Circles

What you might find on the Facebook page of a Regional Club near you:

- Networking and career opportunities, including job postings
- Social events, including happy hours, arts events, movie screenings and other get-togethers in your area
- Volunteer opportunities to benefit the University, your community and sometimes both at the same time
- Upcoming campus events that might warrant a trip to Lewisburg, including Homecoming and Reunion details
- Memories, including photos of campus and former classmates — and the chance to chat amongst yourselves no matter where you live

The World of Music *By Michael Sigman '71*

In spring 1971, I put my Bucknell philosophy degree to use as a cub reporter for *Record World*, a Manhattan-based weekly music magazine.

I don't think it was anything I said, but for one reason or another every name above mine on the magazine's masthead left during the next 18 months, and I became editor at age 23.

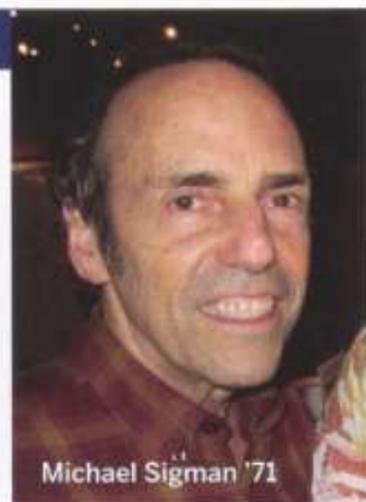
The job was as intimidating as it was exhilarating, and meeting the execs who ran record labels was especially daunting. They were rich and powerful and tended to have outsized egos. They hung out with my heroes: The Beatles, The Who, Bob Dylan and Elvis. And they had leverage — their ad dollars paid our bills.

Bruce Lundvall '57, P'87, the man who ran Columbia Records (and oversaw its star-packed artist roster of Bob Dylan, Bruce Springsteen, The Byrds,

Barbra Streisand, Billy Joel and others) was different than the other honchos. A jazz lover first and foremost, he signed acts he believed in, knowing full well they'd never top the charts. He always returned phone calls and gave straight answers to tough questions. He went out of his way to help young people coming up in the business.

It was only a few years after Bruce had been kind to me that I learned from my friend **Yvonne Ericson '70**, who worked with Bruce, that he was a Bucknell alumnus.

Recently, I visited Bruce at the facility in New Jersey where he bravely battles advanced Parkinson's. It was impossible to understand most of what he said during our two hours together, but there was no mistaking the smile in his eyes when he recalled meeting **Mike Berniker '57** on their first day



Michael Sigman '71

at Bucknell in 1953. Mike, who became a multi-Grammy-winning record producer, would later help Bruce land his first music industry gig. The experience confirmed for me that the Bucknell circle remains unbroken.

After 10 years at Record World, Michael Sigman moved to Los Angeles and was publisher of the alternative newspaper LA Weekly for nearly 20 years. Today he looks after the catalog of his late father, Carl Sigman, who wrote songs for Frank Sinatra, Billie Holiday, Mel Tormé and Linda Ronstadt. He is writing a book on his life in the music business.

If you have a WE DO story to share, please submit it to bmagazine@bucknell.edu.

ALUMNI ENTREPRENEURS: ANDY FINE '11 & DREW RILEY '10, M'12

A paradox of today's digital world, says **Andy Fine '11**, is that we're more connected than ever before, yet also more disconnected from one another. When we look to leverage our contacts to advance our careers (75 percent of jobs are landed through networking), that disconnect can become a problem. With that in mind, Fine and **Drew Riley '10, M'12** created MyNetwork, an online service to help professionals build stronger networks and avoid missing opportunities.

"MyNetwork's goal is to help people take their connections on LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, email and phone and bring the most important contacts together in one place, where they can more effectively stay in touch and build relationships," Fine says.

Fine and Riley launched MyNetwork this fall as a subscription service available to individuals and university career centers. MyNetwork displays users' key contacts in a visual nexus, reminds them when it's time to touch base, tracks interaction history, monitors social feeds and streamlines messaging among a variety of platforms.

"We think of networking as a garden," Riley says. "You plant the seed in the first introduction, and then you need to cultivate that seed and watch it grow."

For more information, visit mynetwork.io.



Class Notes

Alumni Near & Far



Come up with a clever caption for this archival photo. The best five entries submitted to bmagazine@bucknell.edu or [facebook.com/BucknellU](https://www.facebook.com/BucknellU) no later than March 1 will win a Bucknell T-shirt. See the winners of the Fall issue's caption contest on p.71.

1934

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Wilma Hubbard said she was surprised to see the poem she submitted printed in the Fall issue of *Bucknell Magazine*, so she wrote in with another, "thinking it will go with the seasons." She calls it, "The Magic of Christmas."

Dusty stores turn into sparkling stage sets.

Falling snow creates the atmosphere.

Trees, real and artificial dress in holiday costumes.

Supermarkets provide the props.

Pharmacies lose their aura of the sick and shine with new hope.

Housewives scrub and polish, and the familiar glows with new splendor.

Carols replace the jingle-jangle jarring of loud pounding Rock.

Santa emerges from nowhere with ho-ho-hos and gift-laden packs.

Greetings arrive from far away places.

Brightly wrapped gifts conceal surprises within.

It is warm inside, though cold winds blow.

It feels safe, though traffic mounts.

There is joy, though wars continue.

This Magic Show will not close because of bad reviews.

We know the Angels.

We know the Director, the Producer.

We know the Star of the show.

The magic will not end.

The magic is forever.

Thanks to Wilma for answering my plea for help! — C.I.V.

1938

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Linda Merrion McNamara '64 wrote to tell me of the passing of her father, **Howard Merrion '38**. Joe (as he was called) passed away at home on June 29, 2014, at the age of 98. He spent most of his working career with Wyeth and was most notably known for his work developing penicillin in an injection form. After retirement from Wyeth, he and his wife moved to Hancock, N.H., and operated Hilltop Christmas Tree Farm for about 30 years. Their final retirement was to Oak Harbor, Wash., on Whidbey Island to live near family. — N.C.T.

Note: Howard's obituary appears in this issue's In Memoriam section.

1939

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As I write, football season is well underway. I met someone who recounted meeting a Bucknell graduate from the '30s, and I excitedly thought I might have an anecdote about one of your classmates. Research proved me wrong — the individual was **Tim Delaney '35**, who traveled with the Bison to Miami to play in the Orange Bowl on New Year's Day 1935. When I began reporting for the Class of '39 in 2010, some of you shared that members of your own class, **Lee Berk** and **Sidney "Sid" Canarick**, played the same team on the same field in 1938. Perhaps there are more stories about the Bison football team or other Bucknell sports you enjoyed that you'd like your classmates to hear. If so, I'd love to report your memory. There is always a reason to say 'ray Bucknell. — A.M.P.

1940

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Marge Corwin Beam moved into a lovely life care center in Wilmington, N.C. Her address is 7909 Blue Heron Drive West, Villa 1, Wilmington, NC 28411. — N.C.T.

1943

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1945

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George Naimark reminisced about *Cap & Dagger*: "Ten Little Indians was scheduled for Nov. 14–16, 1946. The first night went well, but **Bruce Bassett '49**, leading man, had his appendix removed later that night. No understudies were available, although **George Burns '48** had a photographic memory and, although he had never even seen the play, agreed to be the main man for the next two nights. With the help of a heroic cast, multiple back-to-back rehearsals and an acting copy trimmed to fit in George's palm, if needed, it amazingly all worked."

Elise Miller Schnure writes, "**Phoebe Folmer Bacon** and I are planning to be at our 70th Reunion in May 2015. We are hoping to see some of our other classmates there. Phoebe was ambitious enough this past summer to go with her daughters on a trip to Ireland. That is a bit beyond me now, but I do travel to see nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, as well as my own kids! I'm quite active in my retirement home living. I'm practicing for a play we will be putting on, taking part in numerous bridge games and playing in our chimes choir. We have a 'lunch bunch' that takes us to see interesting places. A recent one was Shanksville, Pa., the site of the Sept. 11 crash. It has an awesome feel to it when you think about the people on that plane and their momentous decision to cause a crash."

John Sirianni '73 wrote that **Mary Lou Jenkins Sirianni P'73, G'14** died on Sept. 14, 2014. She was a member of Delta Zeta sorority and president of Honor House. She majored in English and education and upon graduation taught at Lewisburg High School. Mary Lou was a homemaker and lived with her family in Greene, N.Y., for many years, moving to Corning, N.Y., in 1992. She will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery with her husband, Carl, who predeceased her.

Note: Mary Lou's obituary appears in this issue's In Memoriam section.

I attended my 25th Reunion and looked at the Emeritus attendance to see if we would meet one of my adopted class, but no such luck in 2014. So please listen to Elise, and try to attend Reunion if you can! And if you go, write up a little article for me. — S.M.G.

1946

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1947

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1948

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It is a new year as you receive these notes: I wish only the best for each and every one of you fellow '48ers. Homecoming will be over by the time you read this issue. I hope to have been there and to have seen you there too!

In August, **Arax Aroosian Balakian, Judy Shank Dawson, Helen Hayden Nelson, Jeff Brown '79** and I met for lunch. We had a ball and talked for hours. We are planning another one. Let me know if you are nearby and would like to join us.

Dotty Gotterer Horwitz and I have been in touch. See her letter in the Summer issue of *Bucknell Magazine* regarding our introduction to modern dance through Margaret Bryan. Dotty and I lived across the hall from one another in Larison our first year.

Bob Guempel and I had a chat. He said they had loads of company — I imagine it was a beautiful summer. Unfortunately, he could not make Homecoming.

I received a nice long note from **Ruth Williamson McKee**. She wrote of her attendance at a teacher's convention in Tulsa, Okla., where she also had a mini-reunion with her family. Ruthie keeps in touch with **Betty**

Winkel. Unfortunately, Ruthie could not make Homecoming. I thought of you while climbing those hills.

Marion "Mack" Wohlhieter and I have been trying to locate a number of '48ers. She has a round-robin letter in progress, and said she will send me any news she hears. Remember, Mack, you told me you would!

Also, I've reached **Barbara Hillhouse** at her new address. She is fine, but was not able to be at Homecoming. She remembers Larison Hall and all of those girls we knew so long ago. So do I, Barb.

Telephones are great! I just talked to **Florence "Kandy" Kreitler Davis**. She had just returned from a road trip with her family to Maryland, Long Island, Connecticut, Cape Cod and home to Virginia. Wow! She said she would not make Homecoming, and we understand.

Happy and healthy days ahead to all my friends of the Class of 1948! Try to make it to Bucknell for even a day. The campus has changed, and you will love it. — J.G.B.

1949

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Edwin Dexter sent me a note saying there were still members of the Class of 1949 out there. He stated that he started in the Class of 1946, but due to the pesky WWII he became a member of the Class of 1949. He retired from the Broller and Feeden Calf Farm in 2005 at age 80. His wife died in 2007. His big project is making some renovations to his 30-foot sloop, which he hopes (God willing) to next summer take on a 150-mile trip from Rockland, Maine, to Cape Sable, Nova Scotia (near the waters of his boyhood).

I also got a call from another male classmate, but I have a hard time understanding conversations on the telephone.

I would ask all members of my class to write or email me rather than call.

I attended the wedding of my older grandson, Kevin Kohler, and his fiancée, Anna Hanlin, the weekend of Oct. 25–26 at the Lake Lure Inn in Lake Lure, N.C. It was a beautiful wedding, and the weather was terrific. The wedding was outside and the reception inside the historic 1927 inn. I was the oldest person there and the only grandparent who could attend.

Other than that I have no other news to report. Hopefully, I will have more of a report next year. — C.M.D.

1950

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Stephen Doberstein is actively involved in his work as director of a philanthropic organization in Wilmington, Del. He continues to enjoy a daily walk, takes tender care of his rose garden and never lacks for something to do. He and his wife, Audrey, happily celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in June. They are the parents of two sons and two daughters, and they have five wonderful grandchildren. Steve shared this most interesting information about Audrey, president of Wilmington University, 1979–2006. She was the featured guest in April 2013 on Philadelphia's PBS/WHYY *Makers*, a documentary series about notable women whose lives have made a difference. Her vision for a small college in New Castle, Del., paved the way for a great university with 13 locations in Delaware, Maryland and New Jersey.

After working for more than 38 years as a financial adviser, **Howard Smith P'83, P'84** is enjoying life in West Burlington.

a rural community near Troy, Pa. He says, "I grew up on one side of Route 6 and retired on the other." Howie and his wife, Olynda, a retired music teacher, are the parents of **Cynthia Smith Porter '83** and **Curtis Smith '84**, and they have five super grandchildren. A veteran of the Korean War, Howie served 21 years in the Army Reserves, retiring with the rank of major. During the last four years of that service he was on the general's staff of the 77th Army Reserve Command. Described as a master volunteer in the Winter 2013 issue of *Endless Mountains Magazine*, Howie has been involved in an arm's-length number of community, civic and church activities. He was a trustee of Mansfield University for 30 years, served as president of state university trustee boards and was a board member for Bradford County Library. During all of his working years, he greatly enjoyed tending his flock of sheep and showing them at the Troy Fair. He is also part of a musical group that provides entertainment for residents of Bradford County Manor.

Richard Freed and his lovely wife, Kathryn, are happily involved in the activities at their retirement community in Warminster, Pa. Dick is a true history buff, and he shares that interest with others by presenting lectures for local clubs and organizations. He has been an active member of Rotary and served as school director for the Lower Moreland Township School District. A veteran of WWII and the Korean War, Dick was employed as a director of human resources for 35 years, including three in London. He and Kathryn traveled far and wide throughout Europe, China and Australia. The Freed's met on a double date when they were in high school and were married on Aug. 27, 1949. They are the parents of one son and one daughter, and have five grandchildren. — P.W.

1951

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1952

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Harriet Staley Lloyd '81 wrote to tell us that her father, **Harry Staley**, of Shelter Harbor, R.I., died on June 24, 2014, at his home after a long battle with lung cancer. Harry was born in Kansas City, Kan., on Aug. 10, 1930, and later moved to Ilion, N.Y., where he earned the badge of Eagle Scout. He was a member of Delta Upsilon fraternity and editor of *The Bucknellian*. Everybody knew Harry. Upon graduation, he joined DuPont's textile fibers division, then served in the Army from 1954–56. After that, he worked as editor of the *USGA's Golf Journal*. He received his J.D. from New York University School of Law in 1960, was admitted to the New York State Bar and became a member of the American Bar Association. After leaving general practice in 1965, he joined Marts & Lundy, Inc., where he was elected director and, in 1974, became deputy director of the Westchester Medical Center Development Board in Valhalla, N.Y. He went on to found Staley/Robeson, Inc., a fundraising and institutional development consulting firm. Upon retiring in 2002, he moved from his home in Scarsdale, N.Y., to Shelter Harbor.

In 2002, Harry and his wife of 58 years, **Jayne Rothschild Staley**, founded the Rhode Island Statewide Coalition,

the state's largest bipartisan taxpayer advocacy organization. Harry dedicated his retirement to effecting state taxation and pension reform and led efforts to pass the first-ever cap on annual property tax hikes and the posting of legislative votes online. He also led the movement opposing a casino in Charleston, R.I., which resulted in a victory at the Supreme Court.

The obituary goes on to recognize Harry as "a kind and gracious gentleman, respected and well liked by both opponents and allies, a voracious reader, student of history, an advocate for volunteerism and vigorous champion of ethical government and individual responsibility."

Our sympathy and condolences go out to the family of a truly remarkable man.

Note: Harry's obituary appeared in the Fall issue of Bucknell Magazine.

Another outstanding classmate is **Ted Simpson**, who arrived at Bucknell in 1948 with his leg in a cast, having survived a bout with polio. He met and later married the beautiful **Louise Fowle** and moved to Woodland Hills, Calif., to raise their handsome family, including several children who worked for the film industry and one son who went to the Air Force Academy and is an airline pilot. He and Louise were recognized for their devotion to Bucknell by having a scholarship in the College of Arts & Sciences named in their honor. This was established with gifts from **David Hamill '81**, the son of Ted's sister Elaine. Ted and Louise live in a lovely home and have a swimming pool in the backyard for Ted to exercise his leg, which to this day gives him trouble. Many of us are recipients of his many humorous emails, which we missed while he was recuperating in a hospital from a serious medical problem. We are happy to report that he is home and feeling much better while he undergoes physical therapy. Ted and Louise truly are Mr. and Mrs. Bucknell. — C.K.E.

1953

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John Manbeck updated us: "My primetime activity is still writing e-book novellas. But my other activity is lecturing on Brooklyn to nonprofit groups in New York State for the New York Council of the Humanities. I've been doing this for more than 25 years and have ended up traveling around the state. My most recent venture was to the library at Quogue on Long Island. This town is so exclusive that there is no Starbucks (or any other chain). Advertising is not allowed except for names on buildings. Only one hotel is in town, and it's only known by its address. Sixteen-foot hedges protect most homes (estates?) from the curious. The beach, of course, is private. Yet the library was charming and provincial with a friendly, knowledgeable staff; the audience was alert and responsive, down to a teen-aged girl who wants to be an engineer and build the Brooklyn Bridge."

Barbara George Frazer sent me two copies of *et cetera*, Volume 1, Nos. 1 (March 1952) and 2 (May 1952), edited by **Anne Schoonmaker Pearson** with assistant editors **Alan Raynor** and **Peter Tasch '54** and art editor Barbara George. Real treasures. I sent them to the Bucknell archives. Thanks to Barbara for discovering these gems while she was doing some further downsizing.

Maurice Mufson was elected president of the Board of Trustees of the Huntington Symphony Orchestra for the 2014–15 concert year, his third consecutive term since 2012. Previously, he served as president of the board from 1998–2000. The orchestra will play four classical concerts during its Winter Season, 2014–15, and three pops concerts during the summer at the amphitheater of Harris

Riverfront Park, an iconic music venue on the banks of the Ohio River. If any of our classmates are in the vicinity of Huntington, W. Va., and want to attend a pops concert (June 20, July 15 and Aug. 16), contact Maury at maurymufson@comcast.net and he will provide complimentary tickets. Maury continues to work part-time (three days a week) as an emeritus professor of medicine at the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, lecturing, mentoring students and pursuing his research on pneumococcal disease and pneumonia vaccines.

On Sept. 24, **Anne Savacool '54** died at her retirement community, Normandy Farms, in Blue Bell, Pa. Anne settled in the Philadelphia area after graduation. She worked for chemical companies as a bio-statistician. She enjoyed the theater, books and puzzles,

especially Sudoku. Anne and I shared quite a few activities through the years. The highlight was probably a trip to Paris, taken upon her retirement from her French pharmaceutical company, who left her with a ticket to the City of Lights. She asked if I wanted to join her for a few days. Of course I did and we had a grand time. Anne was a loyal Bucknellian and established a scholarship fund at the University. Anne is survived by two of her four sisters and five nieces and nephews.

As reported in the fall issue of this magazine, our classmate **John McFadden** and his wife, Marie "Billie," both died in 2014. **Frank Meredith** recalls, "I had not seen John for some time even though we kept in touch via Christmas Cards and occasional emails. We were both DUs and left Bucknell in January 1953. We were at Navy Officer Candidate School

(OCS) in Newport, R.I., which was perfect for John since his wife to be, Billie, lived in Boston. John was in the pre-Supply Corps program and left OCS after two months. **Austin Anderson** and I then went to his wedding in Boston. John went to law school and eventually joined the industrial firm, MTD, in Cleveland, Ohio, and had an enviable career, retiring after more than 30 years as president/vice chairman." John served as a director on boards of several privately held manufacturing companies and on a number of nonprofits providing medical services. He lived on the shore of Lake Erie and always loved boats. He and his family cruised extensively in the Georgian Bay area of Canada. He and Billie were loyal Bucknellians who were frequently on campus.

Note: John's obituary appeared in the Summer issue of Bucknell Magazine.

I knew Alan Raynor was an athlete who has competed with success in Senior Olympics. He had also previously mentioned something about his art, and he sent me a disc on which he with his co-designer discussed a multimedia creation. Alan's contribution is incredible art glass. His works are quite large, very colorful and most attractive. The narrative explained the many steps and hurdles involved (for example, finding a kiln large enough to process the glass) to accomplish the artistic pieces. The video is online. Just Google, "An Art Presentation of Michele Woods and Alan Raynor" and see for yourself the unique pieces. Amazing work, Alan.

Jane Brown Maas is still a busy one. She was on the PBS program *Makers*, a show about women in business, profiling Mary Wells Lawrence, another pioneer in advertising. Jane didn't see that documentary when it aired as she was on the West Coast doing marketing workshops in San Diego, San Francisco and Los Angeles. Since she was still on East Coast time, she didn't stay up to watch. Another good job, Jane.

Again: Be well. Do good work. Keep in touch. — C.H.K.

1954

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Diane Slifer Scott sends good wishes from North Carolina. Her book, *Flyverin' With You*, is now available. Diane has received the encouragement of many Bucknellians, including her editor, **Katherine Ward '66**, and best-selling author **Jane Brown Maas '53**.

Dottie Ryan Glass reports that Bucknellians are everywhere. At Hilton Head, S.C., she met for lunch with Irv and **Dee Christopher McNair**. Dottie's church has a new pastor, and his wife is **Donna Rebutti Miller '74**. Dottie very much enjoyed *A Christmas Angel* written by Jane Maas. Finally, this summer, while attending church in Duck, N.C., Dottie met **Nancy Barnes Klahre '55**. Nancy's "grandmother" in the Pi Beta Phi sorority was **Carolyn Knies Erdle '52**, who also was Dottie's first-year counselor. Dottie is looking forward to uniting and reuniting with additional alumni in the future.

Louann "Lonny" Cupp Geiger, ill for many years, peacefully passed away in August. Lonny was an accomplished seamstress who loved music, games, Philadelphia sports, ping pong, the sun and gardening. Most of all she loved spending time with her family, especially in Ocean City, N.J. — B.M.A.

Note: Louann's obituary appears in this issue's In Memoriam section.

1955

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In September, a group of old Bucknell friends met once again, this time in southern New Jersey. We all had a wonderful day at Grounds for Sculpture, which is near Princeton. John Seward Johnson created this 42-acre sculpture park and museum on the former site of the New Jersey State Fairgrounds. The park has more than 275 sculptures done by many artists, but the highlights are whimsical, life-size sculptures dressed in everyday clothing doing everyday things. It was truly a worthwhile visit. Bucknellians present included Joanne and **John Jacoby '56**, **Roy '56** and **Nonie Cowen Irving '56**, **Mary Elizabeth and Bruce Cloud**, **George '56** and **Kathe DeRosa Damman '56**, **Dick and Gail Rothenberger Shand** and **Jane Perin and Phil Kreis '56**. — G.R.S.

1956

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Roy and Nonie Cowen Irving sent greetings from Maine. Nonie wanted to let us know about their mini-reunion the weekend of Sept. 15–17 in New Jersey, which included Joanne and **John Jacoby**, **George** and **Kathe DeRosa Damman**, **Phil Kreis** and his dear friend **Jane Perin**, **Mary Elizabeth** and **Bruce Cloud '55**, and **Dick '55** and **Gail Rothenberger Shand '55**.

They had drinks and dinner at Metro North, outside Princeton, and the next day went to the nearby Grounds for Sculpture. This is a fabulous 42-acre area that is filled with life-size painted bronze figures by John Seward Johnson and other artists. The figures are scattered through

the acres doing what look like everyday things. Johnson also has an area of figures that are tableaux of Impressionist paintings beside real ponds and streams. Later in the day they gathered for drinks at RATS, a restaurant on the Grounds beside a pond, water lilies and a bridge, which with a mist rolling in completed Monet's lily pond. Dinner was fabulous and a treat for all. Grounds for Sculpture is a wonderful and unique place, and they encourage anyone in the area to visit it.

Their third day was spent with some playing golf and others visiting interesting things in the Colts Neck area, where Joanne and John live, as well as dinner with more talking at their home that evening. It was a great three days of being together with dear "old" friends. They try to do it every year or so and have no trouble picking up where they last left off. 'ray Bucknell! — P.G.H.

1957

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Four classmates met for their annual reunion in October, this time in Lancaster, Pa. Present were **J.J. James**, **Pat Wenk Strachan**, **Mary Joyce Woodward Beringer** and **Sally Botsai**. As usual, the first evening was taken up by a review of what happened in the past year, with J.J. reporting she had programmed the TV to enable her to watch her granddaughter play soccer for American University. The next day they visited an Amish exhibit featuring a film about the Amish way of life and a tour of a typical Amish school and house. They next traveled to Lititz, Pa., for lunch, shopping and a stroll through that charming town. By the time they returned to Lancaster, they decided to forgo dinner and just enjoy the evening with

more catching up. Next year, **Billie Jane Boyer Maul** has promised to host the reunion in Atlantic City, N.J.

Bruce Lundvall, our classmate and former president and CEO of Blue Note Label Group, organized a jazz concert last summer at Brighton Gardens of Saddle River, N.J., senior living community. Bruce wanted to bring jazz to the community where he resides. A portion of the proceeds went to the Michael J. Fox Foundation, which is dedicated to curing Parkinson's disease. Bruce had signed many of the jazz artists who donated their time.

Bruce started his appreciation for jazz early in life by collecting swing-era discs. As a preteen he borrowed a Bud Powell record and got hooked on bebop. At age 15, he took Port Authority buses from Glen Ridge, N.J., into NYC to sneak into famed jazz clubs on West 52nd Street and hear legends Dizzy Gillespie and Charlie Parker. Bruce's father wanted him to follow his lead as a mechanical engineer, but Bruce earned a bachelor's degree in commerce and finance. On his first day at Bucknell he met **Michael Berniker**, who later helped him land his first job at Columbia Records, and with whom he would later work at EMI. After graduation, Bruce accepted a job in marketing at Columbia, hoping it would some day find him working closely with artists.

His early exposure helped him to build a music career as a record label executive that spanned almost half a century and led to him signing such musicians as Willie Nelson, Herbie Hancock, Dexter Gordon, James Taylor, Peter Tosh, Wynton Marsalis, Dianne Reeves, Rachelle Ferrell, Joe Lovano and Norah Jones. After 21 years at Columbia, he became president of Elektra/Musician and senior vice president of Elektra/Asylum, a move that granted him freedom to discover new talent. He later created Manhattan Records for EMI and signed Natalie Cole and Richard Marx, and re-established Blue

Note as a credible jazz label. One of his most memorable signings was Norah Jones, who earned five Grammy Awards in 2002. In retirement, Bruce remains dedicated to music. He told an interviewer from the *Newark Star-Ledger*, "Everything in my life is music; I have a one-track mind."

Thank you, Bruce! We are the grateful recipients of your persistence and your talent. — D.H.H.

Note: To read more about Bruce, see **Michael Sigman's '71 "The World of Music" in Alumni House** and a review of **Dan Ouellette's biography, Bruce Lundvall, Playing by Ear, in Mind & Muse.**

1958

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Greetings classmates!

Alice Brewen Acheson, who is in Friday Harbor, Wash., wrote, "Your recounting of your Brevard Music Center spurred me to sing the praises of our San Juan Community Theatre. Supported by an island community of 6,000, 90 minutes from the mainland, we 'import' acts from across the country and produce a variety of excellent local performances (dramas, musicals, chamber music, choral music, local musician showcases, etc.). There are only 285 seats in the main theater, but thanks to a substantial bequest enabling us to upgrade our sound system, we also enjoy HD Live performances from the Metropolitan Opera and the London National Theatre with a few selections from the Bolshoi Ballet to be added in the coming year. Celebrating its silver anniversary, there are strong indications that the theatre will still be here for future generations 25 years from now! **Barbara Pausser McLean** and **Bow** visited this

past May and awarded two thumbs up for our production of *Annie*."

Jane Scheifele Frassenei also awarded another two thumbs up with great pride. Her husband, **Rogers Frassenei**, was inducted into the Football Hall of Fame at Lower Merion High School in Pennsylvania. Rogers was head coach at Lower Merion from 1972-97. He was the winningest coach in the school's history. Rogers was also inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame of Indiana County, Pa., in 1996. Kudos to you, Rogers!

Your class reporter has been overwhelmed with decluttering my mountain home as I have decided I need to move nearer to my three sons. In the next year I will be going to Lakeway in the hill country of Texas near Austin, where one son resides. It is with great sadness that I leave this North Carolina paradise, where Bill and I found our ultimate happiness. But Texas will be familiar as I lived there for 25 years before our retirement, and I will embrace it once again as home.

On Nov. 1, as our community was raining leaves, we had a first snow. I wish I could enclose a photo — beautiful! Looks like we have a tough winter ahead.

Send some news! — R.B.S.

1959

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Joan Peregoy Thayer wrote the below verse to encourage '59ers to share their news — such talent!

We are busy and active, not too old

To reveal our day-to-day adventures still untold.

Our lives are not hum-drum, dull or boring.

Let Ted know about all we're enjoying!

Joan reports that the Encore Chorale has new music for the

holidays, including a 30-second Fa-La-La. Their Kennedy Center Concert was on Dec. 23 on the Millennium Stage.

Pat and **Ron Bell** visited with Liz and **Jim Hall** in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., in August, enjoying the ambiance of the arts/racing city and attending a performance of the Bolshoi Ballet at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center.

Charles Confer and his wife, Mary Lotspeich, spent an uninterrupted September week at their favorite get-away in the states: Provincetown, Mass. No phone, no patients, no bothersome insurance companies. Just the sun, the moon, the tides and the glorious Cape Cod Bay. As a matter of interest, does anyone have any remarkable or amusing (is this a possibility?) stories involving J. Orin Oliphant?

Greg Ogden says that despite being on a roller coaster for nearly a year the end arrived reasonably well. They are settled in Florida and loving it. Greg's health remains good. They know they made the right choice to move. He made two trips to Italy this summer for about a month each, in which they did a lot of local living and not much travel. Greg's wife, Mapi, needed some recuperation time in her apartment there following back surgery in March. They both were more than ready to return to Florida life in late September.

Greg golfs regularly. His game is better than it was at Bucknell (no brag book entry), he really enjoys it and usually is not embarrassed.

He has had a lifelong involvement in music and choral singing (including the Bucknell men's glee club). He joined an accomplished church choir, directs a men's choral group in Florida and was recruited by the local symphony's chorus to do "The Messiah" this Christmas. He also will be singing and hamming it up with the local show folks here in our retirement village.

Greg looks forward to seeing and perhaps golfing with some

classmates and brothers.

Ken Rickett '60 lives relatively nearby and the two will likely get together now that Greg is back. He would like to set up some "golf and greets" with other central Florida Bucknellians. Stay tuned.

Penn '53 and **Dee Pieper Shelley** enjoyed a fun-filled visit from **Annamarie Neff Anderson** and **Miriam Mendelson McRobb**. Since Mir was unable to join them for the 55th Reunion, they decided they needed to get together. No Broadway shows or art galleries, just fond reminiscing and sharing current interests and happenings in their lives. On Oct. 4, Penn and Dee departed for two weeks in Germany.

Barbara and **Tom Clark** were joined by Carolyn and **Rog Conners** for a day at the races in Saratoga, N.Y. in late August. It was a beautiful day and Tom added a few more dollars to the New York State coffers. Conservative Rog fared a little better. It was great to spend the preceding evening and the race day with their good friends.

Dick and **Jane Mathewson** had a super time at Reunion. There weren't enough people there from our class, but they still saw many friends and met new ones. "Isn't it something that you suddenly run into people that were in your class and you never knew them? And then you meet some other people and they don't know you and you don't know them but you suddenly bond. Well, that's what Reunion is all about. Everyone should try it — it's fun and, more importantly, it's interesting to find new friends. In fact, we have new email addresses from several people that we now know. Reunion is special!"

In August **Barbara Dunning Du Puy** joined **Clara Corell Bolger '47** on a wonderful trip to Edinburgh, Scotland, where they were guests of Clara's daughter Diane and her husband, Eddie, both archaeology professors at the University of Edinburgh and remarkable

hosts. Since their home was within walking distance of the Royal Mile — where the Fringe Festival was in full swing, plus the Fine Arts Festival, Book Festival and the Edinburgh Military Tattoo — there was much to see and do. A road trip to Pitlochry provided a chance to see the beautiful Highlands. Put Scotland on your bucket list if you haven't been there; Barbara would return.

Kathy and **Hank Why** caught up with Patty and **Paul Kase '60** several times this summer in Wolfeboro, N.H., on Lake Winnepesaukee. The Kases have purchased a condo on the lake and are collecting toys such as motor boats, sail boats, kayaks, etc. They spend winter in Lewes, Del., and we hope they spend more time up here. Their grandson Chris Why, a high school senior from Westfield, N.J., and son of **Andy and Paula Mistretta Why '91**, is busy gearing up to submit his college applications this fall. Bucknell has made the short list, so all of the Why Bucknell grads have their fingers crossed.

Jack and **Janet Thompson Salzer** left in September for a Road Scholar program, Railroads of New England. It began and ended in Windsor Locks, Conn., so they drove to Connecticut two days before it started to visit **Willi Rilling Stahura** in Wallingford. She drove them to Yale University for a tour around the campus and the opening concert of the Yale Symphony Orchestra. Besides these interesting events, Jack and Janet were looking forward to seeing Willis' lovely old (but new to her) home and some good conversation. Then it was off to a railroad adventure and the autumn colors in New England.

Many thanks to those who contributed to this report. If you did not get an email from me, it is because I do not have your address, so send your address to me and be a news contributor. — T.E.D.

1960

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In August, **Ellis '59** and I went to visit **Melinda Hauser Davis '59** and **Don Ferrara '59**, who live a few miles from Gettysburg, Pa. Also visiting for the weekend were Carolyn and **Lew Hart '59**. We went to the Hauser Estate Winery where they had food, drink, live music and dancing. The winery had put up a large tent to accommodate the many people who attended. However, the weather was perfect so folks were dancing inside and outside the tent. A very good time was had by all!

I received the following email from **Nancy Rogers Laskos**: "Just a brief update on my life as a widow for the past three years. I'm busier than ever — I recently got a part-time receptionist job at the health and rehab center where I've been a volunteer for 10 years, working with the administrator. It requires me to work early evening hours on Saturdays and Sundays, with the occasional extra day during the week. I also spent a month recuperating from a shoulder replacement (the original just wore out), so I know many of the employees already. Learning to navigate the phone system is getting easier, so other responsibilities are being added. Not having worked in 22 years, and never like this, is a challenge, but I'm enjoying it. I flew to Philadelphia in May to watch my granddaughter Monica graduate from the University of Pennsylvania with an English major and computer science minor. She is in law school at the University of Connecticut on a full scholarship. Way to go! My grandson Nick is a sophomore at UConn studying plant science. He also has an internship with a nearby business. It's so nice to see them progress well in life."

I am writing this on Homecoming Sunday. In our 54 years of marriage, this is the second Homecoming we were unable to attend. Ellis is recuperating from major back surgery. I just got home from a meeting with **Tony Rinaldo**; **Pete Fritts**; Chris Watters, who is senior assistant director for on-campus engagement; and Josh Grill. Those of you who attended our 50th Reunion will remember Josh. He did such a wonderful job with our Reunion that he is now director of Alumni Relations. This was a planning meeting for our 55th Reunion. By the time you read this, I hope many of you will be onboard as volunteers. There are many events for all returning alumni and we are working on several events strictly for the Class of '60. Plans are starting for the early arrivals with a cocktail party at our home from 5-7 p.m. We're planning on having lots of time to just get together and visit. Be sure to mark May 29-31 on your calendars and start making plans to attend. — J.S.H.

1961

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I was about to give up on my column when I received a nice note from **Dan '64** and **Georgia Gillis Goodman '64**. They had gone up to Freeport, Maine, to visit our Lambda Chi fraternity brother **Jim Bannar** and his lovely wife, Doris, in October at their summer home. The weather was on the cool side, but with the potbelly stove constantly burning hard wood, they had a great and warm time. They all enjoyed playing a game they had been introduced to on prior visits, cribbage. Dan says it seems to be a game that is the bedrock of the area. Jim and Dan whupped Doris and Georgia in a number of different card games. Needless to say, the boys had to fix their

own breakfast each day. The common thought of the whole group was that if you readers have never consumed Maine lobsters at that time of the year, then you have never had a perfect lobster. A great time was had by all, thanks to Jim and Doris, during the wonderful days they had telling stories and with Jim leading the group with his bluegrass songs and his five-string banjo.

Another nice note came from **Stephanie "Stevie" Hokuf Pratt**, who thought I might not remember her, she being a Kappa Delta sorority biology major who sang in the Women's Glee Club. I do so remember her. What I do not remember, however, is that I sang in the Men's Glee Club, and whether or not the two groups ever collaborated. Stevie often visited a friend in a condo complex where I lived in Ossining, N.Y., but somehow we never met up.

Her dad was the head football coach at Lafayette for our first two years at Bucknell. Her parents then moved to Baltimore, and her dad came to know **Denny Cox '60** and **Bob Patzwall '60** through the Baltimore Football Hall Of Fame.

Stevie took an extra year after Bucknell to become a medical technologist. While studying in Abington, Pa., she met her husband through a choral group in which they sang. As to 2014, she was invited to sing with the Rooke Chapel Choir on its trip to Europe. She and her husband, Jim, joined the choir along with 45 other alumni. The trip in May was William Payn's final trip as music director of the choir, as he has retired. (He was written about in the Fall issue.)

The trip consisted of singing in the Mozarteum in Salzburg, St. Stephen's Cathedral in Vienna, Smetana Hall in Prague, and other venues. It was a wonderful trip, and Dr. Payn, as we all remember, was an amazing director and a fun person. Thanks, Stevie — you're a classmate many of us remember.

I received some fun emails from my illustrious frat brothers

Richard "Turk" Carnesale, the above Dan Goodman and **Dick "Hawk" Wiesner '63**. We were bragging about our athletic prowess, Dan and yours truly in baseball, Hawk in lacrosse (he was instrumental in fostering the sport at Bucknell) and Turk because he carried the name but did not play football — although he did run into **Paul Terhes**, **Mickey Melberger** and **Rick Elliot** one day and thought he might have to drop the nickname, being all of 5-foot-7. Turk claims he and Dick Lebec tried out for volleyball, were thanked for their interest and retired to Tack's for a beer (very prudent).

Anyway, Dan, Hawk and I were thinking about returning to campus for the annual alumni games. Wiesner thinks some would pay big bucks to see us on the ballfield. He had a hip transplant last fall and it brought him back to reality. He ended this whole maniacal process very succinctly by stating: "Self-delusion and denial are great defense mechanisms against the slings and arrows of advancing age." Well said (and I hope only by him). As for myself, I voted that we all retire to Tack's for quite a few beers.

Dick Carnesale is off for a European vacation on one of those river cruises, with some Bucknell pals.

For those in the colder climes, enjoy the winter, and for all, hope you had Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas and a great New Year. — B.B.

1962

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Pete '60 and **Anne Wagner Silberfarb** have placed 196 acres of their woodlot in a conservation easement with the Vermont Land Trust. Their property includes stands of trees, wetlands and many wildflowers and ferns. The

trust will protect this land so it will not be developed. Pete and Anne purchased the property in the '60s. It abuts 298 acres of previously conserved land, which, in turn, connects to another 1,700 conserved acres. These large blocks of conserved land strengthen the protection of travel corridors used by wide-ranging mammals such as moose, bobcats and bears. For 50 years, Pete and Anne stewarded the land's rich forests and wetlands. By serving on environmental boards, they gained knowledge on how to improve the habitat for wildlife, trees and wildflowers. The trust ensures that the land will remain unspoiled. We salute Pete and Anne for their dedication and generosity.

Bob and Margie McLean Smink write that while on a summer trip to visit relatives in Whitefish, Mont., they arranged a get-together with **Dave and Ruth Liming Ackroyd '65**, who live in nearby Kalispell. In 2004, Dave co-founded the Alpine Theatre Project to bring professional regional theater to the outdoor recreational environment of northwest Montana. Margie and Bob attended the *The Who's Tommy*, where they marveled at Dave's performance, which required him to energetically climb stairs and move about the stage. Later in the week the Ackroyds and Sminks spent a delightful evening reminiscing about Bucknell days and wondering where the last 52 years went.

Midway between Atlanta, Ga., and Charlotte, N.C., stands Greenville, S.C., the site for the first annual Fourth Quarter Fiji Golf Outing. Hosted by **Curt Mull**, the Fiji crew included **Ken Twiford, Steve Ruckman, Ron Giordano '63, Bill Sweet '63, Lyman Ott, Vic Manuele, Bob Theiss '64** and **Joe Elliott '64**. The crew stayed and played at the Cherokee Valley Golf Club, 30 minutes from downtown Greenville. Besides three-to-four days of golf, the crew toured a local distillery, where they savored the art of making whiskey. Being in the fourth quarter of their lives, the Fiji

crew agreed they should have this outing every year to share the laughter and memories of times past and present.

News from **Chris Hermann**: He and Doss have moved to Florida fulltime. This involved not only selling their Snowbird Villages home last March and moving to a larger home overlooking the eighth fairway of a new Villages golf course, but then returning to Pennsylvania to get their Bedminster home on the market and pack for the real move, which was completed earlier this summer, followed by four weeks' worth of kids and grandkids visiting the new place. Once the house was finally quiet, Chris and Doss got around to unpacking.

In a fun phone chat with **Joan Sternberg Loos, Carolyn** "caught up since Reunion" and exchanged book recommendations (Carolyn: *The Nazi Officer's Wife* by Edith Hahn Beer, Joan: *The First Phone Call from Heaven* by Mitch Albom). Joan was bitten by the genealogy bug years ago. Having put her librarian background into researching her Acadian ancestry, she now uses her skills researching others' families. Joan and Dick have an ideal climate year-round, spending summers in Maine, winters in Savannah, Ga., and spring and fall in Ridgefield, Conn. Ironically, Joan and I both moved to Ridgefield in 1984 but neither of us knew the other was there then. While Larry and I left for Cincinnati in 1994, Joan still maintains Connecticut as home base. On their way north from Savannah in May, Joan and Dick stopped at **Bev Anderson McCausland's** B&B in Chadds Ford, Pa., enjoying a visit with Bev. Joan reports that Bev is selling (or has sold?) the B&B. I contacted Bev for follow-up but she's knee-deep in boxes and details. She promises full details for the next issue. In June, Dick and Joan attended the Bucknell alumni outing to the Metropolitan Museum of Art and had a great time with the 20 or so other alumni who were given a guided tour by

a Bucknell art professor.
— C.W.C. and S.S.

1963

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Paul and I just got back from a long hike. Last night we went back to Eastern Standard Time and it is getting darker. We were happy to see in August in Charlottesville, Va., our five grandchildren (Kathryn, 11, and Jack Steenburgh, 9; and Sean, 6, Ryan, 4, and Evan, 2, Brickmeier) as well as our son, Jim; daughter-in-law, Jodie; daughter, Laura; and son-in-law, Tom Steenburgh. We had a good summer on Candlewood Lake, relaxing and enjoying books. We are looking forward to going back to Charlottesville to celebrate Thanksgiving. My birthday is Nov. 28, and I will be turning 73.

I am sorry that I forgot to mention that at the memorial reunion for the third cottage group the junior counselor **Linda Hardy O'Connor '61** was there to celebrate Memorial Day (along with **Dennis '61** and **Andrea Becker Rittenhouse, Pit Menousek Pinegar, Judy King Axarlis** and **Bob and Chickie Koral Smythe**) in Point Pleasant, N.J.

This fall, Andrea and Dennis flew to Denver and took some modern and old steam trains as well as a cog railway up Pike's Peak. Dennis loved the trains, seeing golden aspens on the mountains, ancient Native American cliff dwellings, old mining villages and history museums. They spent time in Colorado and New Mexico. Andrea celebrated her 73rd birthday on the trip.

Manny Stauch left in September for Philadelphia to visit **Ron Giordano** and his wife, Joan, in Haddonfield, N.J., and got together with **Paul Gangemi** and his longtime friend

Bobbi Shawver. They arrived on their way to Vermont. The Giordanos went to a wine tasting in Hammonton, N.J., and out to dinner. The next day, some of them went off to Atlantic City by train, where unbeknownst to them the Miss America Pageant was in full swing. Manny then headed to Rhode Island for two weeks, where it felt strange going to a place where they lived for 46 years. The day they left to go home to Washington, the radar system in Chicago was damaged and set afire by an employee, which delayed their return for several days. They finally got back to Washington on Sept. 29. It is always fun to see old-time Bucknell friends and enjoy their company, Manny says.

Ron '58 and **Carol Bradshaw Follmer** and **Harold '60** and **Barbara Potts Kelshaw** took a three-week trip to Germany in November. Christmas markets and music highlighted the trip, which included stays in Dresden and Leipzig, where they heard the Bach Christmas Oratorio.

Linda Garrett Greenberg and her husband, Fred, spent a wonderful week in Montreal, Quebec, in August with really great food and wonderful weather. In October they saw *On the Town*, a fabulous revival of the Bernstein, Comden and Green musical. They also took their grandchildren to see *Aladdin* in NYC. They soon returned to the Florida Keys.

Jim Cusick and his wife, Meg, went to Newport in July. On their way out of a wonderful restaurant they ran into **Charlie Johnson** and his wife, Alice, and some of their friends. They were happy to see them.

Jane Hanssen MacMillan wrote to say they had a reunion for Towson, Md., High School, Sept. 26-27, 2014. From their class, eight people went to Bucknell: **George Clark, Margaret "Marny" Root, Barb Herring, Sue Robertson, Carol "Kitty" Cobb, Marta Smith, Bonnie Lou Zwicker** and Jane. Jane, Barb and Sue were there. Jane's roommate, **Barbara Pickard Gibson**, visited her

on business in July. They had a power outage due to a thunderstorm and sweltered in the dark; it was the hottest part of the summer.

Doug Williams and his wife, Jane, had a good summer visiting with Bucknellians. They spent a wonderful July 4 with Alice and **Charlie Johnson** at their beautiful Adirondack home, then traveled to the eastern shore of Maryland to spend a few days with **Bob and Sue Feeney Ayers '64**. They had a great time, with lots of laughs and reflection. Later, **Gary Heck** and his wife, Jeannie, stopped overnight on their way to Cape Cod, Mass., then Doug and Charlie travelled to central Idaho for a week of elk hunting. Bucknell friendships are lasting and run very deep, Doug says.

Mary "Polly" Mitchell Savidge and Buzz went to a fantastic wedding in Maine. They stayed at the Bar Harbor Inn, which was lovely beyond words. The wedding was held at another lovely venue, the Asticou Inn. The groom was a favorite former student of Polly's. He and the bride met as undergraduates at Bates College.

Upon their return from Maine, Polly and Buzz spent two glorious weeks at their beach house, then began packing for a trip to Colorado Springs, Colo., to help a cousin's husband celebrate his retirement from the Army. They pushed on to the Grand Canyon and Sedona, Ariz. While in Colorado they hoped to see their grandson Evan, who was working on Sen. Mark Udall's re-election campaign. Their granddaughter Annie is a senior at the McDonogh School in Maryland, playing lacrosse and getting ready to attend Amherst College next year.

Sue Ellen Waldner '87 wrote to say that her father, **Frederick Waldner P'87, P'93**, had unfortunately died one day before his 73rd birthday. He was a proud member of Sigma Chi fraternity and an engineering major. He served in the Army, including a tour in Vietnam, then made his living as a civil engineer. Survivors include

his wife, Joan; three children, including Sue and **Kurt Waldner '93**; and six grandchildren. I have two photos of him at the 50th Reunion with his wife.

Note: Frederick's obituary appears in this issue's In Memoriam section.

See if you can send me some good news. — W.S.B.

1964

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When making pumpkin soup a week ago I was taken back to a mini-Kappa Kappa Gamma reunion at **Jeanne Melis Mills'** farm in Connecticut probably 20 years ago, when she served pumpkin soup made from the pure, totally organic pumpkins from her very own pumpkin patch. No pumpkin soup could hold a candle to that marvelous rich elixir. Jeanne hopes to spend the months of January–March in Savannah, Ga.

Dee Sherman Kash forwarded me this tidbit from **Dave Spencer '65** on his move from Colorado: "We love Montana! We live in a farmhouse that's celebrating its centennial, and we've found the family that built it and the 1926 barn. We're 20 miles north of Livingston (a fun city, which is 50 miles north of Yellowstone), 23 miles east of Bozeman and 125 miles west of Billings (the state's biggest city of 125,000 folks). This fourth largest state has only 1 million people, but 2.5 million cattle. We're in the same Rocky Mountains as the Colorado we left, but only at an elevation of 5000 feet, not 9000 (100 inches of annual snow versus 500) — so it's much more civilized and garden friendly. This is all new country for us, with beautiful scenery and no traffic."

Don Rodgers wrote from Cordova, Tenn.: "**Bobbi Plantamura** and I were not able to make it back to Bucknell for our 50th. We sure wish we could have. As we turn 72 this year, we find it is not so bad.

Heck, I think I could still return for the one game of eligibility that is owed to me since we never played Delaware our senior year.

"Business has been tough this year and we were forced to close our liquor store. Bobbi does not mind it much since she is retired. I still keep busy running my business brokerage firm. I played golf this morning and broke 90, so things are not so bad! Glad to see the Bison are doing well this season." — B.W.S.

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Susan Metz McCartney has provided a terrific narrative about her visit to Machu Picchu. "As I approached my 70th birthday, I realized a long dream of visiting Machu Picchu was going to be out of my reach very shortly. So I got out of my comfort zone and started researching tours to Peru. I knew I did not want to do the standard hike, sleeping on the ground and using the great outdoors for my facilities, so I found a group called Mountain Lodges of Peru that had seven days of hiking from lodge to lodge, each with a comfy bed and my own bathroom. My next step was to contact my two daughters, **Jennifer Kent Ramsey '90** and **Anne Kent '92**, and ask if they and my extended family (son-in-law and two teenage grandsons) would like to accompany me on an adventure. I got a resounding yes. I convinced my brother to come along as well. The third step was to get in shape. I contracted with my local gym, Victory Sports, operated by **Rob Oshinskie '93**, to do my training for the next six months. I also peppered **Andy Dzurinko**

with questions because he went to Machu Picchu last year. So this was a truly Bucknell-supported adventure.

"We had perfect accommodations, guides, weather, food and vistas. Peru terrain is so unlike the State College, Pa., area that you can never stop trying to absorb it all. We started at Cusco (11,021 feet) and wound around, up and down between 7,000 and 15,000 feet above sea level to arrive at Machu Picchu (7,872 feet). We went through mountain passes; saw glaciers and glacier pools, many ruins and a small avalanche; visited local craft co-ops; rode horses; zip-lined; and hit the hot tubs in the evenings. As we approached our destination, it was shrouded in clouds, but after a side trip to view an Inca bridge, we came upon the classic view of Machu Picchu, clear of all clouds. All I can say is, it was unbelievable! The photos can never do it justice and it certainly defies description — just awe-inspiring. I am planning to attend our 50th Reunion (can you believe it?), so if classmates want more details, I will be more than willing to expand upon this fabulous trip."

Andy Dzurinko shared the next stop on his bucket list. "On June 26, my 71st birthday, I found myself in scenic Chamonix, France, home of the first Winter Olympics in 1928 and location of Mont Blanc, which is the highest peak in the Alps and, according to historians, the birthplace of modern mountaineering. I was there to attempt to summit the mountain with my good friend Corwin. We'd successfully climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro in 2012 and the ancient Incan trail at Machu Picchu in 2013. Unfortunately, the degree of difficulty and safety for us at Mont Blanc prevented us from summiting. Our four other climbing partners were also unsuccessful. It was a great experience and adventure, one I will always treasure."

Andy also reports that Bucknell's 1964 Lambert Cup football team was honored on

campus Aug. 29–31. It was the 50th anniversary of this special team. This event was organized by Bucknell, the Bison Club and **Todd Newcomb '88**, director of the Bison Club, and his staff. Coaches **Bill Yeomans '70** and **Joe Susan** were recognized. Attending from the Class of 1965 were **Andy, John Barron, Joe Haering, Ed Manigan, Ted Ratkus** and **Mike Seigfried**. Other attendees included **Roland Capone '66, Bob Coons '67, Ben Elliott '66, James Freeman '66, Ron Kinsey '66, Ed Morgan '66, John Skiavo '66, J.D. Smith '67** and **Geoffrey Traub '66**.

Robert "Skip" Myers surprised me by sending news. He, like many of you, never got around to sending updates until now because our 50th only comes once. In 2003 he retired from Monsanto/Bayer after 32 years in research, MTS, marketing and sales. Skip and his wife, Linda, live in Palmer, Mass., on a lake with a boat so their five grandkids will visit. They still play tennis several times a week and travel extensively. In 2014 they went to Hawaii; Athens, Istanbul and the Black Sea; and on a cruise of the Elbe from Berlin to Prague. Skip has contacted two other Sig Ep classmates, **Barry Straus** and **Don Graybill**, to encourage them to attend our 50th Reunion. He also stays in touch with **Tom Dresser '66, Terry Hartzell '66** and **Dale Martin '66**. Skip is hoping to reconnect with many more classmates in May.

John Karanik responded to my comments about visiting Ocean City, N.J. John and his wife, Mary Terese, retired and moved to Ocean City three years ago from Great Falls, Va., after vacationing there for more than 15 years. The Karaniks' greatest pleasures come from enjoying their seven grandchildren, travel and golfing (especially during winter's worst months in Florida). John has emailed several DU fraternity brothers to drum up attendance for the 50th. The Karaniks have seen **Ed Hegmann, Jim Warren, Bill**

and **Betty Cardona McMichael** and **Betty** and **Bill Barish '66**. John is really looking forward to returning to Bucknell next May. Congratulations to **Dan Atkins**, professor of electrical engineering and computer science at the College of Engineering of the University of Michigan, who has been accepted into the National Academy of Engineering's Class of 2014.

We need to see you May 28–31 in Lewisburg as we celebrate our 50th reunion. — L.H.T.

1966

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I want to wish everyone in the Class of '66 a very happy and healthy new year as we move toward our 50th Reunion. It will be here before we know it. The past few months have been so busy with family events and travel that I haven't had as much time to devote to badgering classmates for news. Thanks to the people who did respond.

Bob Scott is still working and reports that he and his wife celebrated their 50th anniversary this past summer. To mark the occasion, they visited Olympic National Park in Washington and Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming. Bob is a big fan of the National Parks Senior Pass. He mentioned that he managed to get in some elk hunting in Arizona between trips. He sent me a wonderful photo holding an impressive moose rack. When I commented on how young he looked, he confessed it was a photo of his son — Bob! Maybe he will show it (the rack) to you if you are ever in Lansdowne, Pa., or at their summer place in Cape May Point, N.J. The Scotts are the proud grandparents of seven.

Jean Larson Pyle and I were in the same first year hall group.

She remembered that **Elsa Vorwerk** had sent me a photo of our hall group from 52 years ago (is that possible?) Somehow it was lost when I bought a new computer so I could not send her a copy. Elsa, if you are reading this, please send me another copy of that ancient photo. It was a good one of a group of oh-so-young women looking relieved that they had survived their first year at Bucknell. Jean and her husband, **Charlie Lembke**, celebrated their decade birthdays and their 20th anniversary with lots of travel in 2014. For Jean's 70th, they spent a week on the north shore of Kauai, Hawaii, with Jean's children, **Kerry Pyle Rubin '93** and **Mark Pyle '95**, and their families. For Charlie's 70th, they enjoyed a week of hiking in southern Utah in Bryce and Zion National Parks with Charlie's sons, Matt and Tom, and their families. In November, they are heading to South Africa to visit Cape Town, the wine country, Johannesburg and Kruger National Park. Charlie is still practicing law in his own practice in Jacksonville, Fla., where they live. Jean retired from teaching economics at the University of Massachusetts several years ago. Jean and I compared notes and decided we have very similar travel tastes — hall group compatibility?

Just when I was getting concerned about classmates not responding, **Jim Orcutt** sent me a funny message that made me smile. Jim is again retired after having failed retirement the first time around. I bumped into him about 10 years ago in Cooperstown, N.Y., where he turned up as a substitute dentist in my regular dentist's office. It is hard to chat when you are opening wide. Jim and Dianne, his "fabulous wife for 45 quick years," were fortunate enough to have their grandson Zeke, 3, recently for a three-week visit. He relates that in spite of their tag-team approach, Zeke's energy wore them out. Sound familiar? It was worth the fatigue when Zeke called Jim "teddy bear granpaw" because

"I love teddy bears." Jim says, "life is truly good."

News from another new grandfather: **Dick Pace** is also crazy about his new grandchild **Ryder**, who was born in California on Feb. 1. Dick and Mary have already visited him six times. He also proudly announced that more new Paces will soon arrive in the world; his son Greg and his wife are expecting. He mentioned that the football team Class of '64 were honored before one of the football games this past fall for winning the Lambert Cup. Among the honorees were some members of the Class of '66: **Ben Elliott, Bub Morgan, Geoff Traub, John Skiavo** and **Roland Capone**. Dick and Ben also celebrated with Bub at a 70th surprise birthday party at his farm in New Hampshire. In his toast to Bub, Dick told him he didn't look a day over 90. When I received this news, he and Mary had just returned from a trip to Italy and Normandy, France. Dick remarked that every student should be required to visit Normandy to understand the huge loss of life required to defeat tyranny.

Fall was busy with lots of travel for me. My youngest son, **Jeremiah Turits**, and his bride, **Emily Gladstone**, were married in Ithaca, N.Y., on Sept. 6. They met there during their college years and they invited many of their college friends to celebrate with them. It was especially memorable because many of my former French students who were friends of Jeremiah in high school were also there. It was fun to see them at age 30. It was a beautiful outdoor wedding followed by a joyful reception with good food and great music. The next morning, Wayne and I headed to Chicago, where I got together with some longtime Pi Phi friends for the weekend. My senior year roommate, **Sandy McArthur Hannum**, and I had talked about getting a circle of friends together at our last Reunion to celebrate the start of our seventh decade. We decided Chicago would be the perfect

place. Thanks to Sandy's efforts, it actually happened. We spent the weekend at the Congress Plaza Hotel right across from Grant Park, and we were joined by **Rita Rapoport Rowan, Susan Schank Hearn, Missy Biggs, Flossie Graber Watt** and **Liz Griffiths Jackson**. We saw the sights, ate lots of wonderful food and had many laughs reminiscing. I think we all realized how lucky we were to meet at Bucknell and to share lifelong friendships. We promised to meet together again soon, possibly in California. Two weeks after returning home, we left on a short trip west to New Mexico, Utah and Colorado. The high desert and the mountains provided a gorgeous background to our hikes. The highlights of the trip were Arches National Park, Mesa Verde's cliff dwellings, and the charm of Durango and Santa Fe, two very different towns. We love that senior pass to the National Parks, if you don't have one, sign up ASAP. If you're planning a winter escape, don't forget to drop me a line when you return. It doesn't have to be long; we're too old for that. There are some classmates who owe me. You know who you are. Be happy, have fun and remember your friends from Bucknell. — K.M.

1967

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I have been writing these notes for nearly two years. I promised myself that I would avoid overloading the notes with my fraternity brothers, and thus far I have held to that self-imposed restriction. But for this issue, I will break my own rule. This fall happened to be the 50th anniversary of our pledging and activation in DU, and that seemed like a good time to get the pledge brothers together. Eleven members of that pledge

class got together for a weekend of fun and reminiscence. When wives are included in the count, we had 20 people in our group, including two wives who were also classmates. The list of attendees is: Alice and **Dick Baxter**, Alecia and **Denny Dohnal**, Al and **Linda Peoples Ruhl**, Nancy and **Hank Bray**, **Craig Freeman**, Tom and **Barbara McGuire Sturges**, Melanie and **Jim Kurtz**, Sue and **Larry Rost**, Margaret and **Pete Huber**, **Tom Wetmore**, yours truly and my wife, Cheryl. I hoped to see other classmates at the football game and tailgate but did not, or perhaps I just didn't recognize them.

Dick Baxter lives in New Haven, Conn. He has retired from his job as attorney for Aetna and serves as an adjunct professor of law at Yale. He and Alice travel to see their daughters and grandchild, bike and spend time at their cabin north of Toronto. Alice has retired from her position as head of a private prep school.

Denny Dohnal retired from the federal bench and does mediation and arbitration, and can set his own schedule. He and Alecia have a house on the Rappahannock River that they are remodeling and will move into full-time from their home in Richmond, Va.

Al and Linda Ruhl have retired to northern Virginia after living many different places: Houston (twice), New Orleans, California and their favorite, London. They remain quite active in following their interests, including grandchildren, church and community service and photography.

Hank and Nancy Bray live in Houston, where Hank's oil company job led him. It is a coincidence that they live in the same neighborhood as Craig Freeman. They are active in their church and have gone on mission trips every year for many years. One of their sons is a minister in Charlottesville, Va., so we hope to make connections with them when they visit him.

Craig Freeman also worked in the oil industry, and has

been retired for 18 years. He also is active in his church, and enjoys jogging and biking. His wife could not attend because of a quilters' association convention, in which she was quite active.

Tom and Barbara Sturges lead interesting lives. She works for Bucknell in a fund-raising capacity. Tom says she will do that until she dies. He, on the other hand, is in the process of turning his drilling company over to his son, especially while Tom is sailing in Florida.

Jimmy and Melanie Kurtz have retired to State College, Pa. He is loving it there and has become a big Penn State fan. I pointed out to him how much easier it is to get 50-yard-line tickets for a Bucknell game than for Penn State, but he wasn't swayed. State College is an epicenter of fly-fishing, so he may take that up soon.

Larry and Sue Rost could not join us for the whole weekend, so I did not get to talk to them very much. He looks well and is a restaurateur in Williamsport, Pa. It's interesting what people do with an engineering degree.

Pete and Margaret Huber also live in Richmond, Va. He has a marketing agency and works full time at that. Margaret has retired from teaching at the University of Mary Washington.

Tom Wetmore was with us for only 2 1/2 years and then transferred to Syracuse University. He still feels loyalty to Bucknell, however. He lives in Boston and works on software start-ups. He is very excited about his current start-up and tells us that if it is successful the next reunion is on him. — C.G.

1968

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Nancy Johnson Hornby reported about the mini-reunion she and several of her friends attended in Lewisburg: "Fifty years ago, 1964: Civil

Rights and Voting Rights Bills signed, the Ford Mustang launched, Jimmy Hoffa sentenced for fraud (we all know where he went!), the Gulf of Tonkin resolution passed, the disappearance of three civil rights workers in Mississippi and the arrival of the Beatles in the USA.

"In September of that same year, eight young women met in the corridors of Larison Hall, little expecting to be close friends 50 years later. Yet, that is exactly what happened, and in September 2014, these eight women met in Lewisburg for another mini-reunion, a tradition begun in 1988 and held every three years. **Randi White McGinnis** hosted and organized our gathering. Attending were Nancy, **Harriet Witherell Ellington**, **Andee Wilkinson Milner**, **Sara Morton Owens**, **Catherine McGeehan Smith**, **Marlo Nadler Wiggans** and **Debbie Dutton Williams**. Over the three days there was endless chat, much laughter and, of course, the vivid recollection of the many shared memories of those years at Bucknell.

We strolled around campus, beautiful with its impressive new buildings that marry well with the character and design of the older buildings, and offset by the striking fall colors of the trees and the 'buzz' of the students themselves. An afternoon walk along Market Street, with an inevitable excursion to the bookstore, led us to the bridge over the Susquehanna, a river which we all agreed would be embedded in our hearts forever because of our special and happy years at Bucknell. Each day ended with libations on the 'Miranda Verandah' — the front porch of Randi's home and the perfect place for the warmth of these rich friendships to glow once again.

"The good-byes came all too quickly, but we took comfort that we will gather again for another mini-reunion in a few years as our friendships are deep, solid and comforting. Simply put, we count on each other and love each other

and that is all because of the wonderful environment Bucknell created for each one of us — 50 years ago. 'ray Bucknell!"

After a little coaxing, Nancy shared a bit of her own story: "Thirty-five years ago, I married a Brit, John Hornby, and moved to England, where I have lived ever since. There I taught history and English for 25 years at Marymount International School, which follows the demanding International Baccalaureate curriculum. Teaching students from all over the world was a challenging, interesting and rewarding experience, and from my students I learned very much indeed. I retired in 2006 and my retirement is filled with many diverse activities, including gardening, sports, volunteering and taking advantage of the rich cultural life that nearby London offers. An added delight to our lives are our two grandsons, 6 and 6 months. Twenty years ago we bought a vacation home on St. Simons Island, Ga., where we spend about four months of the year, and so we really do have the best of both worlds!" Nancy can be reached at bumble@which.net.

It was a big year for visitors to Vermont, starting with **Shelley Weisberg**, who made an East Coast swing. After visiting family in Cleveland Heights, Ohio, he jetted into Vermont to take in the 50 shades of green. We hiked to the Bristol Ledges and took in the expansive view, sampled the fare at one of our newer restaurants and talked about days gone by. After Vermont he jetted to Banner Elk, N.C., to visit **Bob (not Ralph) Rovegno** at Bob's summer home before returning to the high desert. Shelley has retired from the Arizona state court system and is living on his ranch in Hackberry, Ariz., with his wife, Dawn, and a few critters, including the wild jackrabbits. He's vying for a leadership role in the Hackberry Chamber of Commerce and reportedly stands a pretty good chance.

In early September **Bob "Half Beer" Brush** and his wife, Karen, motored over from

Vermont, where they attended a birthday weekend for his brother. We had a great visit, compared trip notes, sampled apples from the orchard and feasted on pizza at the local institution. Bob and Karen live in Kansas City, Kan., enjoy their grandchildren and are adventuresome travelers. — G.V.

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Terry Howson reported on a fantastic sounding reunion. "In September, a group of us rented a houseboat and spent a week on Lake Powell, Utah. **Greg and Dale Smith** put our trip together. We spent our week boating, swimming, hiking and exploring the many canyons that make up Lake Powell. Although there was some consumption of adult beverages, I am happy to report there were no injuries or emergencies during our trip. We all look forward to our Reunion next year." Classmates at this reunion also included **Dottie Ashman, George and Nancy Straehl Kuhn '71, Jeff Wilkinson and Bob Justman**. — L.H.D.

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Bob "Chris" Christianson writes, "I am tired of seeing blank pages from our Class Notes, so I offer not news, but a challenge. Lifelong soul mate, fellow former terrified second grade Catholic Sunday schooler and Bucknell grad **Tom "Pedro" Peterson**, now in Lafayette, Calif., and I are still in brutal competition for the lowest net worth of anybody in our class. We are proud of the fact that we probably would not be deemed successful by the majority of you — but we've had more fun! **Ken Langone '57** can sleep well; we admitted 'defeat' in the economic race a long time ago! We'd rather enjoy our daily lives than work — it's that simple. We consider it beneficial to the unemployed for us to have stepped aside, shall we say. California is a wonderful place for that, except that not working that much in the second and fourth most expensive areas in the country has its drawbacks. So, it would not be considered undignified or beneath us if some of you could please send some of your extra cash our way. Mailing address gratefully provided upon request. Sorry, no charitable deduction this time around. Go back to the tax-free bonds if this 'investment' is not for you.

"To return the challenge: If any of you from '73 can compete with us in the lowest net worth arena please step up and make yourselves known. Perhaps then the blank pages of our Class Notes will disappear."

Harold Black was recently named president of the board of the Bach Choir of Bethlehem, Pa. Hal has been a member of the board of managers since 2003, serving on many committees that helped expand the choir's programming.

Hal retired in 2011 from a 30-year career as an executive with Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. Prior to that, he worked for Dupont and Uniroyal Chemical Co. In retirement, he has been active in the field of mergers and alliances among nonprofit organizations and has managed programs for the Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley. He has also begun the study of piano and music composition, and sings in the choir of the First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem. Hal and his wife, Allison, enjoy travel and attending live performances of music in all genres.

Phil '72 and I enjoyed our annual trip back to campus for Homecoming this fall. A definite highlight this year was celebrating **Bob "Siggy" Sigurdson's '69** 50th consecutive Homecoming at the Theta Delta Chi dinner at the Bull Run Tavern. Also attending and enjoying the return of the cheese plates were **Ernie and Cathy Comer Biczak, Joyce and Bill McGowan, Bob '72 and Sue Barrell Kazin, Dave Maier, Denise and Roger Sherman '71, Joe McGinnes '69, Ellen and Charlie Wilf '72, Sam '69 and Sue Brown Clopper '70, Ken Unger '70, Bill Ollis '71 and Jack Leonardo '69**. Siggy was presented with a cake and a cheese plate T-shirt at the conclusion of the evening. He was also thrilled to have his picture taken and to be presented with a Bucknell stadium blanket by development staff at the pre-football game tailgate luncheon. — S.L.C.

1974

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Jonathan Sprout reports that he released his 10th album, *American Heroes #4*, in February. It has been given eight national awards. He is still in full swing as a concert performer for kids and their grownups, and has performed more than 6,250 shows to date. Jon performs mostly in elementary schools and has focused the past 20 years on researching, writing and performing songs about American heroes. No Bucknellians yet, but Christy Mathewson is a future possibility. Jon says, "I will long remember with gratitude my first professional appearance. It was in Larison Hall with **Steve Hartwell '76** and **Wally Pease '73**. I was paid \$25 in 1972." — N.W.C.

1975

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By the time you read this, my husband and I will be preparing for our West Coast bicycle adventure, which starts in May and ends in July. As Jeff pedals the bicycle, I will be driving the van/"sag wagon" as we begin our route in Vancouver, British Columbia, and make our way south on the Pacific Coast Trail. In Washington, a five-mile side trip leads us to Mount St. Helens, and then a short ferry ride takes us across the Columbia River into Oregon. Next, the diverse California coast will include massive redwoods, coastline vistas, acres of farms and orchards, busy urban areas and plenty of climbs and descents. From San Francisco on to Monterey, Carmel and Santa Barbara, the scenery should be spectacular. Then from Santa Barbara southward, the route uses some beautiful bike paths that go right through sandy beaches before rejoining the Pacific

THE POSSE PROMISE

Peter O'Keeffe '72 has a routine when he calls prospective Bucknell students to offer them a four-year, full-tuition scholarship to the University: He thanks them for coming in for an interview but says there's one last question he needs them to answer. "What is the school's mascot?" Then, right or wrong — and there have been misses — he delivers the good news, and the phone crackles with cheers.

These calls, O'Keeffe says, are the greatest perk of his work with the Los Angeles office of the Posse Foundation, a 25-year-old organization that sends cohorts (hence "Posse") of promising high school students from overlooked neighborhoods to select colleges across the country.

A longtime donor to Bucknell, O'Keeffe decided several years ago that he wanted to be more active, and Posse felt like a perfect fit. "I saw it as an opportunity to get involved at a ground level and have interaction with students," he says. "I didn't want to be in my ivory tower just writing checks to the University."

O'Keeffe — who retired from real estate firm Lowe Enterprises in 2013 — does this in two ways: First, he serves on the committee for Bucknell's L.A. Posse initiative, interviewing finalists with a group of Bucknell admissions officers, Posse staff and another Bucknell volunteer, **Sylvia Sukop '82**, to determine the 10 best candidates. He's also involved in the Posse Plus Retreat, a weekend spent in conversation with Posse students on topics ranging from race and class in American politics to the cultural definition of millennials. "It's an amazing weekend of small- and large-group dialogue," says O'Keeffe. "It's one of the highlights of my year to hear what they have to say."

But the winners here aren't just O'Keeffe and the Posse students, he says. Posse has impact writ large. "These students bring different perspectives and enrich the classroom. If we are picking the right kids, then there are three sets of people who benefit: the Posse students, their families and the student body."

Now in his sixth year of work with L.A. Posse, O'Keeffe saw his first cohort graduate this year. One of them was **Hernan Herrera '14**, whose pre-collegiate Posse training — an effort to get the students up to speed academically and culturally before they arrive on campus — started shortly after he was hit by a car. His leg shattered, he still managed to show up to every single session in a wheelchair. At graduation this year, Herrera — now a teacher with the Teach for America program in the San Fernando Valley — thanked O'Keeffe, telling him that his life would have been much different without Posse. After all, where Herrera grew up, life after high school offered limited choices. Posse offered him a different path. — Dan Morrell



Coast Highway and winding its way to San Diego and Coronado. Our final destination is Border Field State Park next to the Mexican border. We plan to blog at crazyguyonabike.com/doc/PacificCoast2015. We look forward to reconnecting with Bucknellians **Ed '72** and **Bev Rusling Peltzer** on the trip!

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1976

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It is with sadness that we report the death on Sept. 14 of **Ralph Chapin**. Ralph was a software engineer, most recently with R.R. Donnelly in Lancaster, Pa. He was also working with

open-code software, including the downloadable game *Tracks, Turrets, Armor and Attitude*. He was a member of the Reading Area Wargamers, the Irish Wolfhound Club of America and the Irish Wolfhound Association of the Delaware Valley. He is survived by his wife, **Virginia Ziegler Chapin '76**; a brother, William Chapin; a sister, Carol Chapin Antedomenico; two nieces; and two nephews.

Note: Ralph's obituary appears in this issue's In Memoriam section.

Connie Horton Moynihan writes that it's been a very

busy year for her, so she thought she'd write in for the first time! In January she and her husband, David, decided it was time for a move. They put their house in Potomac, Md., on the market and became residents of South Carolina on April 1. Their oldest son, Andrew, attends the College of Charleston, and their youngest son, Kyle, is at the University of South Carolina. They are looking forward to moving into their new home in December on Daniel Island, S.C.

In July, to celebrate their "big" birthdays, Connie and **Gay Huey Evans**, along with Gay's daughter and friends, went to Mikonos, Greece. They had a fabulous week with marvelous weather and wonderful accommodations. Connie then spent a few days in London at Gay's home, playing some tennis and enjoying the London theater. She continues to work for IBM and has also been a tennis official for the past three years. She hopes that many of her Bucknell friends will plan to visit her and Dave in Charleston. Their door is always open! Connie's address is 1403 Glazed Brick St., Daniel Island, SC 29492.

We would love to publish some more stories on how our classmates celebrated their 60th birthdays, so send us your stories! — G.W.F. and M.L.K.

1977

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Greetings from Albania. The citrus trees in our garden are just beginning to show tinges of orange and yellow and we are enjoying the warm days and chill nights of our first Balkan autumn. Would you believe that Bucknell has a significant presence in Tirana? One of my embassy colleagues, Navy commander **Ralph Shield '96**, is a fellow Bison. He is

also, like your class reporter, a native of New Jersey. Talk about a coincidence!

David DeSimone writes that he saw fellow Fiji **John Bolger** in a production of *Outside Mullingar* at the George Street Playhouse in New Brunswick, N.J., in October. John was the leading man in this romantic comedy with a twist. The play was set on a farm in an Irish city called Mullingar. Dave said John was great — both funny and serious in his role. He actually had to learn that region's Irish dialect to make his performance more realistic. Dave also ran into fellow classmate and Fiji **Karl Meyer** at the 15th "unofficial" Fiji fall reunion hosted at Bucknell by **Frankie Pancoast '78**. The annual event comprises an afternoon of golf, an evening at the Town Tavern and a morning breakfast at Perkins. Dave skipped golf in favor of a bicycle ride to R.B. Winter State Park with **Marc Duda '78**, an avid cyclist who drives up from South Carolina each year for this get-together. Dave traveled to Lewisburg with **Mark Genest '80** and his brother **Dan DeSimone '82**. — E.L.M.

1978

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I received a nice email letter from **Steve Bass**. Not only were Steve and I hallmates from Trax Two, but we are also both from Westchester, N.Y. Steve and his wife, Sara, have lived in Portland, Ore., for nine years. He is the chief executive

of Oregon Public Broadcasting, one of the nation's largest public media organizations. As some of you may know, Steve was an economics and music major. He plays clarinet, and about six years ago he joined the Oregon East Symphony in Pendleton as principal clarinet. He recently won an audition as second clarinet in the Vancouver, Wash., Symphony, a professional orchestra that plays a six-concert series each year. He also did a little recording with the Portland band Pink Martini on their CD *Get Happy*, released in 2013. Steve and Sara will have been married for 30 years in May. Their daughter Catie, 23, lives in Seattle and works at Amazon. Their other daughter, Caroline, is a junior at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. Right behind you, Steve and Sara — as Tamar and I have been married 28 years.

Ginny Porter Graboski sent word of another mini-reunion with First Harris classmates. The reunion was held in San Francisco in October and hosted by **Carol Timko Carges** and **Mary Jaccodine**. Other First Harris classmates attending included **Mary Ellen Darcy Austin**, **Pat Nowak Debski**, **Linda Cheney**, **Deb McFadden** and, of course, Ginny. Before crashing at Carol's they headed to Napa for some winery tours, and then they relaxed at Calistoga Spa. Carol and Mary showed everyone around San Francisco, where they had dinner and celebrated nearly 40 years of friendship. Pat's nephew **Jeffrey Salvitti '11** and his fiancée, **Taylor Jordan '11**, joined them for dinner.

As for yours truly, our youngest, Efraim, celebrated his bar mitzvah in October. This is our last bar/bat mitzvah. Two weddings down, four to go — but Efraim told us at age 13 that he is not ready for marriage yet. He is the only one of our six children still at home. Our daughter Levona was inducted as an officer in the Israeli Defense Forces. It was a very moving ceremony. Levona will be coordinating education

programs at a base.

I am looking forward to receiving a lot of mail about alumni weekend. Please fill my email box! — A.S.

1980

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Another edition with no news from classmates — is everyone just gearing up for our 35th Reunion next year? Save the date, May 28–31. Who is up for staying in the dorms again?

There is a Facebook page, "Bucknell Class of 1980," which is administered by **Joanne Burek Wiggin**. It might be a place to connect with classmates and post some "Throwback Thursday" photos. Check it out. Keep in touch. — D.L.H.

1981

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I have wonderful news to report this time from some frequent and not so frequent writers, with a bit of information from Facebook as well.

While at Parents Weekend it was fun to run into friends from our class and classes around ours. Obviously, many Bucknellians have kids on campus, but I was surprised to learn at a Parents Board presentation by President John Bravman that only 7 percent of the student body is a legacy. I always thought more of the current students were legacies.

We had fun hanging out at the pre-game tent party with Mike and **Linda Todisco Dunne**, **Molly Butzer '80** and **Joe and Cindy Rotz Vullo '80**. We also

had a quick chat with **Patty Gaffney '79**, whom I don't think I've seen since she graduated and who looks exactly the same! **Kirsten Schubauer Heinemann** was in town and was kept very busy helping son **Erik '15** host a swim team brunch and other activities (Erik is a captain this year). And at the football game it was great to see **Lisa Senkowski Murphy '82** for the first time in a long time. Her oldest son, **Chris '14**, was with her and they were visiting their sophomore son, **Tom '17**. Lisa's youngest son is a freshman at Michigan and loving it. We also had a two-minute visit with **Patti D'Agostini Perazzini '82**. I'm sorry it was such a short hello, but it was fun to see her. And I always enjoy catching up with **Jim Tomeo '80**, as he is also on the Parents Board.

Janis Huber Bond sent news of an incredible accomplishment — she rode her bicycle from Portland to Portland in six weeks in late summer/early fall! She was inspired to take on this challenge after her 50th birthday, as she felt she should have done something noteworthy to celebrate that milestone. Most of us chose a party and some cake, but Janis chose to cycle from coast to coast. She biked 3,700 miles across 16 states, and climbed a total of 141,000 feet. She only took four rest days but Janis spent most of those days sightseeing. She enjoyed the company of the folks she pedaled with and had some great pictures on her blog. She also proudly wore an orange-and-blue Bison cycling shirt. Pretty amazing stuff, Janis — congratulations from all of us!

Those of you who are lucky enough to follow **John Diffenderfer** on Facebook know he is always up for some fun, and has just spent four years of "nonstop excitement and risk (allegedly) in Colombia." Well, John has bid adios to South America and is off for the serenity of Philip Morris' worldwide HQ in Lausanne, Switzerland. As he says, "Time to brush the dust off my French

books! I should be there through some or most of ski season, so visitors are welcome! Lausanne is about a 45-minute drive around Lake Geneva from the city of Geneva. This will be a bit of a switch — I haven't lived in a 'developed country' in quite some time!" Friends can 'friend' John on Facebook or send an email to japcmdlkkhjb@gmail.com (don't ask me how "John Diffenderfer" translates into that mess, but I'm sure John has a good explanation).

Steve and I enjoyed a lovely evening with Jim and **Marcia Hamilton Buss** in October. Jim and Marcia have retired to a beautiful home they designed and had built in Harwichport, Mass. (on Cape Cod). Jim retired from his business a few years ago, and they are enjoying their relaxed time and their travels (most recently to France). They became grandparents to darling Sophia in February 2014. Sophia and her parents don't live too far away in Dedham, Mass., and visit the cape often. Jim and Marcia's younger daughter lives in Worcester, Mass.

That's all for this edition, friends. I hope that by the time you read this the winter in the colder climes has been better than last year! — C.C.R.

1982

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George '81 and I spent a weekend in New Jersey visiting Bucknell friends and it reminded me yet again that those close friendships we made as undergraduates are still tight today. Some of you know that **Tom Ganter's '81** wife is dealing with the late stages of ALS, and despite being Terry's full time caregiver when he is not at work, Tom decided that he would hold a Sigma Chi reunion at his home. Twenty-one brothers from the Classes of 1981–84 attended. Several of

the brothers had not seen each other since graduation. Most of the men were from New Jersey and Philadelphia, but **Tom Durner '81** flew from Atlanta, we drove from Boston and **Dave "Vike" Vakiener '81** and his wife drove from western Pennsylvania. Also there were **Tom Lodge, Scott Campbell, Ed Stark, Gary Bartlett, Joe Donato, Glenn O'Brien, Pete Black, Blair Soars, Scott Taylor '81, Larry D'Amico '81, Joe Claffey '83, Mike O'Brien '83, Paul Beisser '83, Tom Coleman '83, Rob Ibrahim '84** and honorary Sig for a day **Bob Roof '81**. I also enjoyed watching Donnaellen Donato, Tracy Bartlett and Cathy Stark reunite after years — all three of them were hometown honeys and good friends during the days of visiting their boyfriends (now husbands) at Bucknell. The highlight of the evening came when the brothers serenaded Terry with a rendition of the "Sweetheart of Sigma Chi." Many of the brothers had done the ALS bucket challenge this past summer and donated in honor of Terry. And in the spirit of Sigma Chi, **Tim "Bo" Christie '83** brought a case of Thunderbird! It was a wonderful day of friendship.

It is with great sadness that I report the passing of **Nancy Patterson Pisano** in October. She fought her battle with cancer with courage and a positive outlook. I'd like to share this line from her obituary, "In lieu of flowers, please split a bottle of fine wine with someone you love." I know some from our class have already done this and I encourage you to share a bottle with a friend and remember Nancy, **Rich** and the Pisano family.

Note: Nancy's obituary appears in this issue's In Memoriam section.

Claude Mason sent an email updating us on his accomplishments since we graduated. After graduating from Bucknell, he traveled to Louisville, Ky., and earned an M.D. from the University of Louisville School of Medicine. In 1990, he completed a

residency in emergency and trauma medicine at Akron General Medical Center. He was recruited to become the chairman of emergency medicine at the Deaconess Hospital in Cincinnati. During that tenure, he earned an MBA from Xavier University. In 1997 he moved to St. Louis, where he was the director of trauma services and the ER at DePaul Health Center. From 1999–2001, he was chairman for the Department of Medicine at Shands AGH in Gainesville, Fla. From there he settled in Sarasota and began working as the medical director of emergency medicine at Doctors Hospital, and he became chairman of emergency medicine for Gulf Coast Emergency Physicians in Port Charlotte. This position brought him to the ER at Fawcett Memorial Hospital and Englewood Community Hospital, where he was elected chief of staff for two terms. In 2006, he purchased the Sarasota Family Medical Center and shared his time caring for patients there and in the ER. In 2009, he purchased the Sarasota Medical Center and now has three locations throughout Sarasota.

Jack Miller has published his first artist's book through Nicasio Press. *The Chorister: Evolution of Voice* reproduces 29 of his full color artworks, and pairs each with the short story or narrative verse. Find "Happy as Is," "House Noshing," "The Nubile Typist" and more at JackMillerArtist.com.

Thanks to Claude and Jack for writing in. My column isn't empty! I know the midpoint between Reunions tends to be lacking for news, so why don't you drop me a line and update us all on your latest news! — B.G.K.

1983

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This spring, the *Boston Business Journal* named MITRE Corporation Vice President **Sarah Sirois Mac-Conduibh** to its Mass High Tech Women to Watch list. The award recognizes dedicated women in technology and life sciences who are inspirational, motivational to their peers and influential in their industries.

Sarah leads MITRE's Air Force Portfolio, where she oversees the work of approximately 1,000 technical staff responsible for addressing some of the Air Force's most critical technical priorities and challenges. An electrical engineer by education and training, Sarah is committed to steering more women into the fields of science, engineering, technology and mathematics, and actively supports MITRE's related efforts. She is also an Air Force Veteran, a devoted volunteer and an accomplished musician. Sarah lives in Medford, Mass., with her husband, James.

Cari Cardaci sent word that she held a summer weekend get-together at her house in Westchester, N.Y. She and **Caroline Dillon Marren, Pamela Triolo Spellman, Ann Joyce Berrigan, Lisa Ennis Barron '82, Judy Knox, Ginny Marx Higley and Sue DeKimpe Glenn** had a wonderful time catching up and reminiscing — lots of laughs! They all missed **Carol Haviland Mathieson**, as she was traipsing around South America with her daughter.

Cari just published a children's picture book titled *The Schmoogie Story*. It's available on her website, TheSchmoogieStory.com, and on Amazon. Cari hopes classmates think about the new book if they need a great bedtime story for children ages 2-7.

That's all for now! — T.T.E.

1984

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Family Weekend at Bucknell was a new and fun experience for us this year. Our daughter **Isabelle '18** is a first-year student enrolled in the five-year electrical engineering and management program. We met up with **Brian and Susan Lenker Hitchings** at a reception on Friday, and Saturday enjoyed the beautiful weather and all the wonderful activities on campus — for us, breakfast for the whole family in the caf, great football and tailgating and a couple hours with our kids at the Craft Center.

As many of you know, being a Bucknell parent brings many new opportunities to connect with friends. Isabelle recently shared that in her physics lab she was paired up with **Wesley Morlock '18**, son of **John Morlock P'18** and also an engineering student. Happily she also shared that they were the first team to finish that Thursday night physics lab.

There was also a lot happening on Homecoming Weekend. We trick-or-treated in Isabelle's dorm, McDonnell, where each hall decorated its common room and gave out treats. I think the students had even more fun dressing up than the kids. Homecoming was also a great opportunity to connect with old friends. **Stina Stephenson**; her husband, John; and son Robby, 9, stopped by our house. Their son's teacher was performing in the Bison Chips Anniversary Concert and it was Stina's first time on campus in quite a while. Robby immediately disappeared upstairs with my two youngest boys, Douglas, 10, and Timmy, 8. We had lots to talk about: our similar experiences renovating old houses, young boys and Legos all over the house, how much the campus has grown. I wish we had more time together.

It's almost time to start thinking about Reunion. Though it's not our "official" year, you should still come and enjoy all Bucknell has to offer. They throw a wonderful party! There is so much for everyone to do, from kayaking to the

kids' carnival to tent party. Check it out, register and let me know you are coming so we can get together. — G.D.T.

1985

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My email inbox has been very quiet lately — just one update since my last column.

Suz Lindsley Stiles attended Delta Gamma's convention in Phoenix, Ariz., in June. **Gretchen Hannel Crane '84, P'13, P'15** was there as a delegate and her two DG daughters, **Abby '13** and **Rachel '15**, were there as visitors. Suz was elected to the council as vice president of finance. She will serve for the next two years. Congratulations!

I was able to spend time at Homecoming with our classmates **Victor Berutti, Fred Fischer, John Sepp and Jim Reed**. It was so great to catch-up.

Please send updates so our classmates know what is going on in your life! — C.R.T.

1986

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A few people didn't like the empty column last issue and took time to email me.

Devon Bakum is teaching voice, both privately and at Bay Path University in Longmeadow, Mass. In February, she saw (and heard!) **Lynn Eustis '87** solo with Chorus Pro Musica, a fabulous choral group in Boston. They performed an oratorio based on the *Diary of Anne Frank* and Lynn sang Anne. This is a role she premiered in

the U.S. and, of course, she was spectacular. In June, Devon appeared in recital at Carnegie Hall with several of her students.

Devon concludes, "Life is crazy, as I'm sure it is for all of us. I am teaching, directing and performing, plus juggling family — a wonderful husband and two sons, 15 and 20. Colin is a junior music education major at SUNY Fredonia and Jarod is a sophomore, mad about science and music theater — a weird combination, but that is totally my family."

Michael Pellini has taken the position of general counsel with a software company, Kaseya, in Waltham, Mass. Catherine, his oldest, just turned 13 and is an avid reader and horseback rider. Elizabeth, 9, continues her love affair with gymnastics and is a junior Olympian. **Jane Molinari** continues to practice as an OB/GYN with UMass Memorial Medical Center, doing her part to bring new lives into the world.

In response to my asking how people are celebrating the big 5-0, **Susan Decker Allen** says, "I won't be celebrating my 50th birthday until March but have planned a family getaway in February to run the Disney Princess 5K. Yes, I'm turning 50, and I'm going to dress up like a princess!

"I get to Bucknell every year; it's a great place to visit. I am looking forward to touring the campus as the parent of a prospective student."

This May **Joanne Gryceski Arnold, Valerie Grimm Holly, Nancy Hutchison and Megan Brott Sullivan** celebrated the 25th anniversary of their 25th birthdays by traveling to Aruba. Many laughs and umbrella drinks were had by all.

Ray Sullivan and Megan live in Medfield, Mass., with their three daughters, who are in high and middle schools. Ray continues to enjoy his work at Ernst & Young. He likes to cheer on the Patriots and still enjoys running. Megan is a stay-at-home mom who is hardly ever home, keeping busy with plenty of volunteering opportunities including Medfield

Green, an organization she founded. — J.D.C.

1987

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Congratulations to **Franca Pilotta Gilbert**, who was selected by the Foreign Languages Association of North Carolina as the K-12 Teacher of the Year. Franca wishes she had more opportunities to see her old friends from Bucknell but keeps in touch through social media. She manages to see **Patty Munchel** every year and saw **Kristin Cody White** last summer when she was in Providence, R.I., but it's not often enough. She has met some younger Bucknell alumni in North Carolina at local high school cross country competitions. The North Carolina contingent seems to be growing. — L.C.H.

1988

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Kecia Thomas was appointed associate dean for faculty leadership development and diversity in the University of Georgia Franklin College of Arts and Sciences. A professor of industrial/organizational psychology, Kecia has served on the UGA faculty since 1993. She has published more than 50 peer-reviewed articles and chapters, one textbook and four edited volumes. Her work has been funded by the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, the American Psychological Association and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. An elected fellow of both the

Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology and the American Psychological Association, Kecia received the Janet Chusmir Distinguished Service Award from the Academy of Management. She has been a member of the dean's staff since 2007, launched a number of successful diversity initiatives and provided consultation on diversity matters to the college. Kecia received her master's and Ph.D. from Penn State University. Congratulations, Dr. Thomas! — S.V.P.

1989

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Stephen Cottrell was appointed managing director of Asia Pacific for Silicon Valley-based Sumo Logic. He has 18 years experience in the region, the last eight with IBM. Best of luck to Stephen. He can be reached at cottrellstephen@yahoo.com. — R.L.B.

1990

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Now that the holidays are officially a thing of the past, it is time to start focusing on Reunion. Did I mention that our 25th Reunion is right around the corner? Make those hotel reservations, people; it should be a terrific event.

I have incredible news from **Cheryl Levene Feinstein**, whose daughters are doing amazing things. Her youngest daughter, **Tori**, is starring as **Matilda** on Broadway. She

was seen with the cast of **Matilda** during the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade on CBS. **Tori** also was involved with the cast of **Matilda** in creating a CD titled *Broadway's Carols for a Cure*, which will raise money for Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS. When not on stage, she is the voice of **Oona** on *Bubble Guppies* and **Toot** on *Chuggington*, animated children's shows airing on Nick Junior and Disney Junior respectively. I can't wait to see **Tori** on stage in my family's favorite musical and to catch up with **Cheryl** and her girls after **Matilda**.

Not to be outdone by her little sister, **Cheryl's** oldest daughter, **Hayley**, has a small role in Steven Spielberg's upcoming movie, an untitled Cold-War spy thriller, which is set for release in 2015. She also raised money for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention by singing in a benefit concert, and was involved in recording a CD titled *The Polar Express*. Both **Hayley** and **Tori** participated in a staged reading of *By Wheel and By Wing* at the Museum of Jewish Heritage. Congratulations to **Hayley** and **Tori** on all of their accomplishments — and to **Cheryl** for raising such amazingly talented girls.

I had the pleasure of a girls' night out with **Heather Harrison Moran** at an NYC Bucknell Club outing back in September. **Heather** had just arrived home from Vietnam. She took time out from running her very successful furniture design business, **INOX**. It was great to reconnect with her. For the record, she hasn't changed a bit.

Stay safe and be well — see everyone at Reunion! — L.M.O.

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I received this lovely note from **Kirsten Dartnell** about fellow SAE **Jeff Fullerton's** wedding. "In September, I had the pleasure of attending **Jeff Fullerton** and **Ann Byer's** wedding in Kennebunkport, Maine. Several of **Jeff's** SAE brothers and their significant others were also guests: **Jen** and **Jay Weller**, **Dawn** and **Eric Levenson**, **Amy** and **Bob Hauser**, **Sean Heaney**, **Jack Haggerty** and **Stacy** and **Michael Hanson '94**. I had such a great time — seeing those guys all together made it seem like just yesterday that we were all in school.

"In other news, I started a new job this summer. I'm working at CDM Smith as an IT project manager and manager of a new project management office that I'm creating for the department. In a fun, small-world story, I found out one of my new co-workers, **Marianne MacDonald '88**, is also a Kappa Alpha Theta from Bucknell." — C.Z.

1994

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Jamie Diaferia has merged his professional services firm, Infinite Public Relations, with

U.K. counterpart Spada. The merged firm — to be called Infinite Spada — will have offices in NYC, San Francisco and London, more than 45 consultants and annual revenue of more than \$7 million. Infinite was founded by Jamie, a current partner, in NYC in 2001 and later expanded to San Francisco. Infinite Spada's clients will span the legal, real estate, property, infrastructure and construction, corporate, pensions and asset management, accounting and not-for-profit sectors. — S.A.S.

1995

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Before we know it, we'll be enjoying warm breezes, green trees and colorful flowers in bloom. But most importantly, it will be time for our 20th Reunion at Bucknell! I hope you have all made your plans to be on campus for this event. Matt and **Beth Morilla Miller** have generously offered to host our Friday night class gathering at their home. This and other class events will provide lots of time to reminisce about our time at Bucknell and to catch each other up about our lives. There's nothing quite like Bucknell in springtime! I hope to see you all there.

I still enjoy my small-world Bucknell moments. In October, my youngest son played a soccer game about an hour from our home. We stopped for lunch afterward and ran into **Kelly Seed Bucceri** and her children in the restaurant. It turned out her daughter was playing on the field next to my son's that morning! I knew Kelly also lived in Virginia, and she's the one person I always expect to run into (even though this was the first time it actually happened). We talked about

THE VOICE

When **Mary Elizabeth McGlynn '88** started her career, she had one goal in mind. "I wanted to be on *Star Trek*," she says with a laugh. "I loved television and the movies, and that was the main reason I moved to Los Angeles after graduate school."

McGlynn graduated from Bucknell with a theatre degree and from Southern Methodist University in 1991 with an M.F.A. in acting. After moving to L.A., she secured an agent and started landing roles with Universal Studios, including a spot in an Aaron Spelling pilot. It all seemed to be going well, but while she was filming an episode of *Xena: Warrior Princess*, the horse she was riding reared up, causing her to fall. Her kneecap was dislocated when the horse came down on top of her. She was incapacitated for months — a death sentence for a young actress. When a friend suggested she try voiceover work, McGlynn discovered that — unlike the competitive world of on-camera work — the voice-acting community was warm and supportive.

McGlynn has one of the most sought-after voices for anime and video games. In 2007, she won the American Anime Award for Best Female Voice Actress for her portrayal of Major Motoko Kusanagi in *Ghost in the Shell: Stand Alone Complex*. "That award meant a lot to me because it was the only time it was given — and it was for a strong female character who was on a journey of existential self-discovery."

While she was at Bucknell, McGlynn did theater with organizations such as Cap and Dagger. "I spent so much time developing characters," she says. That practice would prove invaluable to her, as she sometimes voices half a dozen characters in the same episode, from an older woman to a young girl to a giant slug.

After several years doing anime voiceovers, McGlynn started directing. English dubs of the popular Japanese anime series *Naruto* that she directed were broadcast on Cartoon Network, Adult Swim and similar channels. In 2008, she won a Society for the Promotion of Japanese Animation award for Best Director.

The best part of her work, McGlynn says, is having the opportunity to meet fans and their parents at anime conventions. "That's why I'm doing it. It fuels my passion to do the very best work that I can." — *Lisa Z. Leighton*



Reunion, and we are both excited to get back to campus. She hopes that **C. Todd Pevarnik** will make an appearance along with **Bobby Kirkcaldy**, **Pierre Barua** and that whole Larison crew. What do you say, fellas?

While at my oldest son's soccer tryouts last May, a teammate's dad approached me and said, "ray Bucknell! I didn't know you went there too!" It was **Ron Baron '90**, and we enjoyed chatting about Bucknell. We see each other every week while watching the boys play soccer, but I hope we'll see Ron and his lovely family on campus for Reunion too! 'ray Bucknell! — J.B.B.

1996

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In October, **Gretchen Schroeder Barrett** enjoyed a fall visit to campus with **Megan Villani Shields** and **Nicole Falese McLane**. She reports, "I forgot how amazing fall foliage is in Lewisburg. We toured campus and found a few new buildings, changes and updates (what

happened to Frat Row?). It was a great trip. Even though it was hard to get away, we were so glad we were able to get back!" Gretchen continues to work as a systems engineer for Scitor Corporation, with a second full-time job as mom to Quinn, 7, and Kiernan, 6. — S.B.B.

1998

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Leslie Leeman Uhl writes to share the news of the arrival of her daughter, Amelia Charlotte, born Aug. 14. She joins big

brothers Carter and Charlie. The family lives in Fairfield, Conn., and Leslie can be reached at leslieluhl@yahoo.com. — H.M.L.

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Jared '01 and Christine Berwager Hughes welcomed Porter Howland on Feb. 3. Porter joins a house full of love with Cassidy, 8, Harper, 5, and Sullivan, 2. Jared and Christine left Annapolis, Md., two years ago to find happiness in the country in Woodbine, Md. — L.Z.

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Nicole Connor Taylor writes, "I'm thrilled to announce the birth of our adorable first child, Otis Finnegan. He arrived on Sept. 13, weighing a whopping six pounds. Jeremy and I live in Raleigh, N.C., where I work as brand manager for Quintiles and Jeremy works at the EPA. I also am lucky to be involved with Bucknell as president of the Bucknell Club of Raleigh/Durham/Chapel Hill, and as class reporter for 1936, 1938 and 1942. Otis is excited to sport his closet full of Bucknell attire!"

On Sept. 17, Jeremy and I welcomed a daughter, Reagan Danielle, to our family. Reagan weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces

and measured 19.5 inches. His big brother Logan, 2, is in love! — H.P.A.

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Cara Anderman married Matt Dame-Brusie on Aug. 16 at Camp Mechuwana in Winthrop, Maine. In attendance were **Darwin Flores '04** with his wife, Meaghan; **Andrea Dill** and her husband, **Parker Terril '05**; and **Elizabeth Eno Guillemette '01** and her husband, Jim. The couple lives in Westbrook, Maine. Cara is a French and Spanish teacher at Thornton Academy Middle School in Saco and Matt is a cook at Vignola Cinque Terre in Portland.

Brian Fence's second novel, *Apprentice*, will be published. It's a direct sequel — book two of three — to *Librarian*. It will be available in all the normal channels. Check out Brian's website: brianfence.com.

Nick Perini writes: "My wife, Jillian, and I welcomed our son, Lido James, on May 6. He weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces, and was 21 inches. We are thrilled with our new addition."

Jamie Clouser reports: "This past May, I completed my long journey as an 'old man' law student and graduated from Fordham. My fiancée and I moved in together in NYC, and I am working at the New Jersey Office of the Public Defender. This September, we swung through the Washington, D.C., area and managed a triple baby tour weekend by visiting **Jeff Dasch, Aaron Casagrande, Sarah Stark Casagrande, Jim Ritter '04** and **Denise Tang**

Ritter '04. The proud parents are a little exhausted but doing fantastic."

Vincent D'Itri reports that he and his wife, Lindsey, welcomed a son, Sebastian Vincent, on Oct. 20. They look forward to continuing their annual tradition of visiting campus for a basketball weekend with **John Byram**, his wife, Jennie, and their daughter Avery Elizabeth, who was born Sept. 3. — P.N.J.

2004

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Anne Cosentino Delahanty writes, "Ryan '02 and I welcomed our daughter Freya Luna to the world on Aug. 21. My twin sister, **Sarah Cosentino Henry**, and her husband, Jim, also welcomed their son James Francesco on July 23. Both babies are doing great and we couldn't be more thrilled!" — J.B.W.

2005

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Adria Linehan married Matthew Newberry on June 21 on the top of Windham Mountain in New York. In attendance were **Dana Binnendijk, Michelle Santonacita, Dennis Deluca, Meghann Chipko Watkins, Isabel Diaz, Ellen Kurkowski, Alison Cooper Kreideweis, Emily Berger '04, Karli Perrine '04, Carolyn Chandler '04** and **Pierre Hernando**.

Adria and Matt reside in NYC, where she is a physician assistant and he's an attorney.

Kevin and Morgan Jones Plosser had the pleasure of attending the wedding of

Auston Beck and Marianna Christophe on June 14 at Eastward Ho! Country Club in Chatham, Mass. The following Bucknellians danced the night away and celebrated the happy couple: **Kate Shaw, Ehren Jennings, Sean and Lauren Verdirame Tierney, Meagan Mahar, Greg Ekimoff, Amanda Brandt, Lindsey Dunn Bianco, Gabriella Edwards Frizlen, Megan Evanoka Palmieri, Caroline Bone, Turner and Julie Schmidt Peters, Eddie Kingman, Andrew Musgraves, Peter and Caroline Robbins Gale, Joe Pullano, Noah Rosenberg-Szubski, Vassar Pierce '06, Jamie Finkelman '06** and **Adam Seltzer '07**.

Jake and Jackie Feintheil Thieman welcomed their second child, Scott Leo, on Aug. 11. Scott was born at Lehigh Valley Hospital. In attendance was Jackie's brother **Chris Feintheil '03**. Big brother Ted turned 2 in July. Jackie and Jake can't wait to take Scott and Ted to Bucknell for Reunion Weekends in future years.

Tracey Perry Ciesnolevicz writes, "Cole and I welcomed our first child, Cameron Michael, on Sept. 13. He weighed 9 pounds and measured 20.5 inches. We're looking forward to bringing our future Bucknellian (hopefully!) to Reunion."

Griffin and Caesara "Chezzie" Wendin Brungraber '04 moved from San Diego to central Oregon. They hope Bucknellian friends will come visit, or write to 2683 NW Rainbow Ridge Drive, Bend, OR 97701.

Dan '04 and Jamie Muchler Slupe had their first child, Kenneth James, on Aug. 26. Their little man weighed 6 pounds, 2 ounces and was 18.5 inches. The family lives in San Bernardino, Calif. — M.D.

2006

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Megan Kirchner Bishop and her husband, Roscoe, welcomed

their first child, daughter Kailey, on Sept. 29, 2013. She made an early, and rather speedy, arrival two weeks before her due date, but she still weighed a healthy 8 pounds, 7 ounces. Kailey's Bucknell family includes her maternal grandparents, **Phil '75 and Leigh Miller Kirchner '76**, and Aunt **Kelly Kirchner '07**. — J.S.

2007

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Kimberly Pretz Linton writes, "My husband, Buck, and I welcomed our first baby, Scarlett Ann, on Sept. 7. She was 7 pounds, 15 ounces and 21.25 inches. We live in Lawrenceville, N.J., and everyone is doing very well."

David '06 and Lindsay Sailer Zygmunt joyfully welcomed their first child, daughter Mackenzie Leigh, on June 27. The Zygmunts reside in Kinnelon, N.J.

Joe and Cathy Kruesi Zanetti welcomed their first child, Luke Joseph, on Aug. 15. They are in love with their sweet baby boy. — J.C.

2008

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Mike Thiry and Patricia Yu got married on June 21 at the Mansion at Maple Heights in Pittsburgh, Pa. **Zack and Brittany Durbin Simoncelli, Aaron Pankiewicz, Elizabeth Cavallari, Austin Ziltz, Amanda Kreger Heckman, Danny Ruffing and Mark '07 and Elizabeth Smith Dietz '07** were in attendance.

Kristina Kask Kiisk says: "Our wonderful daughter Annemarii was born on May 10, just a day before my graduation from West Virginia University with my second master's, this time in French. We're very

happy and proud parents! I will stay on as an instructor of French at WVU while my husband, Meelis, finishes his engineering degree."

Andrea Brown Mayer and her husband, Steve, welcomed their daughter Jocelynn Frances into the world on May 15.

Sarah Burke is engaged to **James "Jimmy" Houlihan '07**, and they're planning an April wedding.

Zachary and Emily Chiodo Frenzel recently moved to Philadelphia after living in New York since graduation. Zach is a first-year student at Temple University School of Medicine, and Emily was promoted to assistant complex director for UBS Philadelphia.

Keith Kolakowski loves his job as a pre-construction engineer with the Collage Companies, a construction services firm in central Florida.

Emily DeLong Greenly writes, "In May, **Justin** graduated from Cornell University with his Ph.D. in chemical and biomolecular engineering. We moved to Ohio over the summer, and he began teaching this fall at Franciscan University of Steubenville, where he is an assistant professor of engineering. I am a happy homemaker and full-time mom to our two little girls, Anna, 2, and Julia Mae, who was born Oct. 9 (our wedding anniversary — babies are the traditional four year gift, right?)"

Chris Imbriano is living in the San Francisco Bay area working as a software engineer for Apple. — L.C.A.

Thomas "Spike" Short and Alison Faux were married on Sept. 6 in Atlanta. More than 20 Bucknellians attended, including mother of the bride **Nancy Seidensticker Faux '78**, matron of honor **Meredith Neely Mintz** and best men, **Alex Mackinger** and **Paul Majeski '09**. "The Bucknellians hit the dance floor all night long in true Bucknell fashion," Alison says.

The couple resides in Atlanta. Alison works as director of major gifts at Trinity School, a K-6 grade school. Spike just

started as an associate at Jones Day after receiving his J.D. from Washington and Lee School of Law.

2009

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Nate and Erika Batzel Crosby each completed Ph.D.s from the University of Pennsylvania in 2014 and will begin post-doctoral research fellowships at Duke University.

Katie Culver and Rob Rastetter were married on July 12 in West Chester, Pa. Members of their bridal party included **Jane Diehl Greulich, Christiana Mansueto, Yabei Chen, Michael Gundersen '10 and David Reiter**. Many other Bucknell alumni attended. The Rastetters live in Wayne, Pa.

Eric Diamond and his wife were expecting their first child in December 2014.

Samantha Soller began a new job as in-house counsel for Health Diagnostic Laboratory, Inc. in Richmond, Va.

Caitlin Hirneisen got married to Art Colson in September in Lancaster, Pa. In attendance were **Sarah Winslow and Tara Hankinson**.

Erin Wolfe switched jobs, starting full time with her family's real estate firm, Wolfe & Company Realtors, in June.

Sarah Hallowell married **Christopher Plein '08** in June in Lancaster, Pa. Their wedding party included **Wally '08 and Valeri Gyurko Merkle '07, Matthew Capone-Deemer '08, Deborah Sandler Haseltine '08 and Robert Bunch '08**. The couple lives in Parsippany, N.J.

In August, **Lily Beauvilliers** moved to Dublin, Ireland, to complete a master's in digital humanities at Trinity College Dublin. Lily also got engaged to Declan Moloney in December 2013 and will be getting married in October in her hometown.

Rachel Schassburger

graduated last August with a master's in neuroscience from the University of Pittsburgh. Rachel hopes to find a job related to research and/or nicotine addiction.

Stephen Dewey found new employment as a clinical client support specialist with Meditech.

Jordy Snyder completed a master's in public health from George Washington University and moved back to Washington, D.C.

Alexandra Campbell-Ferrari has been living in Madrid, Spain, and researching water law at the University of Alcalá. Classmates can follow her adventures on her blog at waterlawed.weebly.com.

Chrissy Friedlander graduated from the University of Minnesota with an MFA in poetry in May 2013. Chrissy works as a reader/scribe for Bergen Community College in New Jersey, where she is also an adjunct professor of English.

On March 30, 2014, **Chris Gabryluk** and his wife, Gillian, welcomed their first child, a healthy 10-pound, 10-ounce boy named Benjamin Bernard.

Emily Steiner received a three-year National Science Foundation fellowship for her doctoral studies. Emily also got engaged to Sam Bacon (brother of **Annie Bacon '08**) and the couple bought their first house in Denver, Colo.

Kadero Watson started a new job in July as director of football operations at South Dakota State University.

Megan McShea was married in December 2013 to Richard Garland. **Michelle Laxer Larson** was her maid of honor for the intimate ceremony. They celebrated the marriage in May 2014 with 11 Bucknellians representing three generations attending. At the request of Emily's grandfather, they all sang 'ray Bucknell as loud as they could!

On June 6, **Jessica Gonzalez** married Nicholas Macia at Holly Hedge Estate in New Hope, Pa. They had an amazing time celebrating with their loved ones and friends, including **Bronwen Durocher, Meaghan**

WHEN THE NEWS BUG BITES

Sonali Basak '12 loves to beat the morning rush and watch the sun hover over the City That Never Sleeps. She appreciates the silence of those early mornings — the calm before the storm that hits daily in the Bloomberg offices where Basak works as a *Bloomberg News* reporter, securing interviews with CEOs, covering market trends and working alongside other reporters researching everything from the Ebola crisis to politics.

"By the time I leave at night," she says, "I usually can't believe the way things have unfolded throughout the day, because so much happens. There's no cooler place to watch the world than from behind a news desk." Her days are fast-paced and unpredictable, but at the end of the best ones, Basak has published several pieces, some that will be read by millions worldwide.

Six years ago, a career in media wasn't exactly on Basak's radar. She started Bucknell as a pre-med student and graduated with a bachelor's in English and economics. But the news bug bit her during an internship with *CBS News* as a junior. She watched from the control room as President Obama gave a speech, and she was hooked. "Watching him from dozens of screens made me feel like I could see everything, and that I was sitting on top of history as it was being made," she writes on her website, which highlights her work from MarketWatch, McClatchy Newspapers, United Press International (UPI) and Techonomy. Prior to joining Bloomberg, Basak worked as a managing editor for Techli.com, reporting on tech startups in Washington, D.C., and Chicago, and later as a business correspondent for UPI and a freelance writer with pieces landing in the *Chicago Tribune*, among other outlets.

But it wasn't necessarily her writing, says Basak, that got her to Bloomberg Tower, a grand glass building in midtown Manhattan. "I had some journalism experience, but I didn't come from *The Wall Street Journal*. I didn't come from *The New York Times*. If I had to guess, I think Bloomberg hired me because I was curious," she says.

Now Basak is using that curiosity to her benefit, jumping from trend to trend, story to story, and squeezing it all in under deadline. What some might see as a wild, frenetic lifestyle feels somehow peaceful to Basak. "A control room, to me," she says, "feels a lot like a chapel." — *Emily Hopcian*



lives in Manhattan and will enjoy their honeymoon in Southeast Asia in early 2015.

Friends got to celebrate another wonderful Bucknell wedding just a few weeks later on Oct. 25 as **Sarah Biggar** and **Rob Kolansky** were married in Pepper Pike, Ohio, just outside Sarah's hometown of Cleveland. It was another Bucknell-filled wedding with friends and family coming from across the country. The couple lives in Rob's hometown of Philadelphia. Before returning to Philly they enjoyed their honeymoon in the sunshine of Belize.

And lastly, we will be stepping down as class reporters for the Class of 2010 following this issue. **Rajaa Qadri** will be taking over. Please send Class Notes to her at rjadri28@gmail.com. — S.B. and J.F.

2011

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Taryn Scott and **Jeffrey Pike '10** were married in York, Maine, on Sept. 20. They were fortunate to have many Bucknellians in attendance, including Jeff's father, **Tod Pike '77**; Jeff's godfather, **Jack Egan '77**; and Taryn's uncle, **David Sellman '76**. The wedding party included **Alex McLean '10**, **Steve Kornreich '10**, **Luke Brown '10**, **Rebecca Ryan** and **Nicole Meyers**.

The couple resides in Boston, where Taryn works in sales for a social media analytics software company, Crimson Hexagon. Jeff graduated with a J.D. from Boston College Law School in May and started at a Boston-based law firm, Goulston & Storrs, in the real estate group. Congrats, Taryn and Jeff, on a beautiful Bucknell wedding and on your career achievements! Here's to a lifetime of happiness together! — L.M.

Goldner Johnston, Elaine Teng, Kaitlyn Hoecker, Kelli Dungan, Brittany Singer, Cary McDermott Robbins, Lisa Rundlet, Dan Ryan, John Kefer, Mary Jean Kim '10 and Keith '81 and Tamera Warmkessel Durocher '80.

The couple spent two weeks honeymooning in the Hawaiian islands, visiting Kauai and Maui.

Maddie Folkman got married on Oct. 11, 2014, to Edward Guadiana in NYC.

Kate Kendall and **Dylan Green '10** were married on Oct. 4 in Vero Beach, Fla., with many Bucknellians from Classes of 2007–10 in attendance. They live in NYC and are enjoying married life.

Alex Mayer and **Rachel Axelrod '10** got engaged in September.

Rob Walker and **Amy Schaeffer '11** got engaged this past May on Bucknell's campus. The couple lives in Harrisburg, Pa. Rob works for Deloitte as a senior consultant and Amy is an ESL Teacher at Hershey Elementary School. They plan to marry in June.

I earned my Colorado real estate broker's license in July. I continue to work at a private golf club as a sales and marketing manager and have taken on real estate marketing and real estate sales. — S.K.

2010

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On Saturday, Oct. 4, **Dylan Green** and **Kate Kendall '09** were married on John's Island in Vero Beach, Fla. Friends, family and fellow Bucknellians traveled from all over the country, including Kate and Dylan's hometowns of Summit, N.J., and San Francisco, to join in the festivities. The couple

2012

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Hi Bucknellians! I hope 2014 has treated you well — it has for a lot of our alumni friends. As everyone settles into a new year, don't forget to keep me posted. I love sharing your stories.

A good start to these good stories comes from the Bucknell weddings we're seeing — **Sandra Moreno** and **Darryl Shazier's '11** wedding looked gorgeous! It had a crowd of Bucknellians in attendance, and it was exciting to see them married after seeing them fall in love so early in their college careers. More Bucknell couples seeing it through include **Michelle Havrilla** and **Byron Garoufalidis '10**, who are engaged. **Kaela Cashman '10** and **Pete Lansinger '10**, who was Byron's fraternity brother at Sig Ep and lived next door at one point, also got engaged on the same weekend (great Bucknell minds think alike). Michelle is getting married at Bucknell and the world does get smaller — her sorority big **Blake Bartter '11** is engaged too. **Mallory Smith** is engaged to her fiancé, Will Peterson, and they look happy as ever.

I saw most of this year happen through a New York lens, though I did pay a visit to Chicago. The Bucknell Club there is thriving with **Alli Weinberger '13**, **Jack Boehm**, **JJ Parker** and **Morgan Loughery** all happily living there. I haven't visited D.C. since I moved away earlier this year, but the We Do tour drew a crowd there that included **Gaby Andric '13**, **Akmal Daniyarov**, **Wes Pyron** and **David Iselin '10**. A set of Bucknell organizers does a great job at getting everyone together in NYC too. **Sam Rollandi '11** plans a ton of things for New Yorkers and people living in Hoboken, N.J., and **Teddy Mottola '13** is the

organizer he's always been. **Abbey Daugherty** lives in NYC and is doing communications for PVH. **Jen Langione** is doing PR with Ruder Finn. **Sarah Jane Abbott** is at Simon and Schuster. **Cassie Goggin '14** recently moved to NYC and is working with JPMorgan. The same way I ran into her a few blocks from my apartment, I ran into **Brenda Meany '14** and **Sam Bleier '14** looking for apartments in the area too. **Colleen Garrehy** moved to the city as well and is playing rec soccer with a colleague of mine. Small world yet again. As far as my own Bucknell get-togethers, I found a new roommate in **Greg Stewart '11**, who moved from Charlotte, N.C., and is glad to be closer to friends living within a three-block radius, including **Jaspinder Kanwal '11** and **Steve Dorsey '11**. The three of them are growing into fine financial professionals, and it's good to see them succeed. I've been at Bloomberg for just about a year and have seen more and more Bucknellians in the office, including **Izzy Catalano '13** and **Katie Golub '13**, who just started there. For me, I may be staying in New York or considering writing in different cities, so I'll definitely be running into more of you in new cities very soon, and hopefully hearing from you in the meantime! — S.B.

2013

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Happy winter to all! In the next couple of columns, I am excited to share with you the most memorable places our classmates have traveled to since graduation. I am going on a work trip to Germany and Switzerland soon and cannot wait to write about it.

Tyler McClenithan traveled to San Diego in February and had amazing experiences at Balboa Park. It is a park filled with local artisans producing

unique crafts. Additionally, there are several museums and college campuses to explore nearby. This California gem is a great place to meet locals, find something new and get out of the city.

Faria Sanjana went traveling around Asia this summer. For her, the most memorable place was Thailand. She definitely recommends her fellow Bucknellians to try the delicious street food in Bangkok. There's so much more to Thai food than pad Thai! This fall, Faria started her master's in biomedical engineering at New Jersey Institute of Technology after working for about a year. She's been having a fun time living in central New Jersey, close to most of her Bucknell friends.

Tricia Sherrard travelled to Peru in July to visit **Abby Cook**, who was teaching English in Cusco for eight months. Along with **Chrissy Cornish** and **Devon Mercer**, they enjoyed 10 days exploring the city, admiring Incan architecture, eating guinea pig and climbing to Machu Picchu — which is as surreal and breathtaking in person as it seems in photographs.

Michelle Steinberg graduated from University of Maryland with her master's in education in August. She is a middle school art teacher in Montgomery County, Md.

Rachel Voss and **Tom Barr '12** got married on Sept. 13! Tom and Rachel met in classes at Bucknell and Tom came back to visit Rachel many weekends during her senior year. The wedding was a grand Bucknell reunion for the couple and their friends. For many, it was their first time seeing each other since graduation. Bucknellians in the wedding party included **Chris Gabryluk '09**, **Ted Heitzman '12**, **Stephen Koullias '14**, **Lenny Joseph**, **Paige Bailey**, **Cate Wetzel** and **Tara Wilk '15**. The wedding was held in Cincinnati. Rachel teared up as her Delta Gamma sisters sang a special sorority song as a surprise ending to a wonderful speech by Paige Bailey and Cate Wetzel. It

got better when the crowd of Bucknell students and alums chanted "ray Bucknell!" while getting their picture taken. The passion and love for our school carries with us wherever we go! While it was a special day for the couple, it was even more special to have such great friends and Bucknell family surrounding them. The crowd took over the dance floor and made it a night to remember!

I hope you all had wonderful Thanksgiving and winter holidays wherever you are. 'ray Bucknell and stay in touch!

P.S.: In the last column, there was some confusion about where Casey White's story ended. Please note that the part after, "On a personal note," is about my engagement, not Casey's! — M.Z.

2014

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IN MEMORIAM

1931

Elizabeth Edmunds Peterson, Lykens, Pa., on Oct. 1, 2014. A member of Alpha Chi Omega, she was a high school English and Latin teacher. Survivors include three children, eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

1932

Marco Barbarin P'60, Sea Girt, N.J., on Oct. 9, 2014. A member of Kappa Sigma, American Society of Civil Engineers, *Engineer* magazine, men's tennis, Pi Mu Epsilon mathematics honor society and Tau Beta Pi engineering honor society, he was a sales engineer for Chicago Bridge & Iron. Survivors include two daughters, including **Barbara**

Barbarin Junta '60; five grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

1938

Howard Merrion M'38, P'64, Oak Harbor, Wash., on June 29, 2014. A member of Delta Upsilon and a class reporter for *Bucknell Magazine*, he worked as a teacher at Keystone College before joining Wyeth Pharmaceutical, where he helped develop an injectable form of penicillin for American troops during WWII. In retirement he established Hilltop Tree Farm in Hancock, Va. Survivors include his wife and two children, including **Linda Merrion McNamara '64**.

1939

John Gault, Williamsport, Pa., on Oct. 26, 2014. A member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Band and Delta Mu Delta business honor society, he earned a J.D. from Dickinson School of Law. He served as a special agent for the FBI during WWII, and worked as an attorney for Candor, Youngman, Gibson & Gault. He was predeceased by his wife, **Katherine Webb Gault '40**.

1940

Joan Davidson Whitney P'68, P'70, P'77, Glen Mills, Pa., on Sept. 28, 2014. A member of Delta Delta Delta, Cap and Dagger, Chorale, Concern and Action, Intramurals and *L'Agenda*, she also graduated from Colby-Sawyer College. She worked for Imperial Chemical Industries and as secretary to the dean of the Temple University School of Medicine. She served in leadership roles for several organizations. She was predeceased by her son, **Timothy Whitney '77**. Survivors include her husband, **Leslie Whitney '41**; five children,

including **Christopher Whitney '68** and **Jonathan Whitney '70**; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

1941

Jane Gundy Stephenson, Mechanicsburg, Pa., on Aug. 6, 2014. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi and Concern and Action. Survivors include a son, six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

1942

James Fulton, Jacksonville, Fla., on Sept. 19, 2014. A member of Delta Upsilon, he served in the Navy during WWII, and as a pilot in the Navy Reserves for more than 30 years. He graduated from Ohio State University, and worked as an optometrist. Survivors include a daughter, two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

1945

Mary Lou Jenkins Sirianni P'73, G'14, Painted Post, N.Y., on Sept. 14, 2014. A member of Delta Zeta, Student Government and *New Order*, she owned and operated several hardwood lumber businesses with her husband. Survivors include three children, including **John Sirianni '73**; seven grandchildren, including **Matthew Sirianni '14**; and one great-grandchild.

Charles Wagner P'76, P'81, G'07, Export, Pa., on Aug. 5, 2014. A member of the Navy V-12 Program, he served in the Navy during WWII. He worked for Westinghouse Electric and was past president of the IEEE Power Engineering Society. He was predeceased by his wife, **Rachel Arbogast Wagner '45**. Survivors include three children, including **Charles J. Wagner '76** and **Robert Wagner '81**; and eight grandchildren, including **Charles F. Wagner '07**.

1946

Velma Boege Brindley, Darien, Conn., on Oct. 5, 2014. A member of Delta Delta Delta, she graduated from the Cornell University-New York Hospital School of Nursing. She worked for Stamford Pediatrics. Survivors include two children, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

1947

Wesley "Bill" Bradley P'74, White Plains, N.Y., on Sept. 4, 2014. A member of Sigma Alpha Mu and the Navy V-12 Program, he served in the Marines during WWII and the Korean War. He was chair of the White Plains Democratic Party and served as an adviser to elected officials. He was active in many community and civic organizations. Survivors include his wife; three children, including **Jon Bradley '74**; and grandchildren.

James Ham G'07, Shrewsbury, N.J., on Sept. 3, 2014. A member of Sigma Chi, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, men's track and field and Tau Beta Pi engineering honor society, he served in the Air Force during WWII and the Korean War. He worked in engineering for Exxon, retiring as a senior project engineer. He was also a member of the Fair Haven, N.J., Zoning Board. Survivors include his wife; five children; 10 grandchildren, including **Charles Ham '07**; and five great-grandchildren.

Michael McGuire P'67, G'93, G'09, Vero Beach, Fla., on Oct. 24, 2014. A member of Sigma Chi, the baseball team and the Navy V-12 program, he served in the Navy during WWII. He worked for New Jersey Bell and New England Telephone and Telegraph, where he retired as a vice president. He was predeceased by his wife, **Evelyn Snavely McGuire '47**. Survivors include four daughters, including **Barbara McGuire Sturgis '67** and **Judith**

McGuire P'09; and grandchildren, including **Melissa Sturgis Scales '93** and **Susannah Tsien '09**.

Robert Megargel, Madison, N.J., on Aug. 27, 2014. A member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, the football team, Omicron Delta Kappa leadership honor society and Pi Delta Epsilon journalism honor society, he worked in public relations for Bucknell, as a reporter for the *Harrisburg Patriot* and the *Buffalo Courier-Express* and as a marketing manager for DuPont. In retirement he founded Custom Applications Inc. He was predeceased by his wife, **Nancy King Megargel '49**. Survivors include two sons and four grandchildren.

Caroline Kempton Melcher, Hilton Head, S.C., on Sept. 28, 2014. A member of Delta Zeta, she graduated from the University of Connecticut and earned a master's from the Pratt Institute. She worked in a factory assembling the Corsair Marine Corps Fighter during WWII, and was a librarian for educational institutions in Nyack, N.Y., and Ridgewood, N.J. She founded therapeutic riding programs in three states. Survivors include four children, four grandchildren and three step-grandchildren.

W. Nelson Roberts P'74, Newtown, Conn., on Sept. 3, 2014. A member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Intramurals and Pi Mu Epsilon mathematics honor society, he worked as a mechanical engineer for Westinghouse and as a consultant. Survivors include his wife, **Jeane Morgenthal Roberts '47**; five children, including **Keith Roberts '74**; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

1948

Albert Covelman, West Palm Beach, Fla., on Sept. 3, 2014. A member of Sigma Alpha Mu, he served in the Air Force. Survivors include his wife, two children and three grandchildren.

Richard Hoy, Lewisburg, Pa., on Aug. 23, 2014. A member of Tau Kappa Epsilon and Band, he served in the Army during WWII. He worked as an accountant for Westinghouse, and as a general accountant, plant manager, assistant comptroller and assistant treasurer for American Home Foods. Survivors include three sons, nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

1949

William Bachman M'50, P'74, P'83, Hamilton, Mont., on Sept. 25, 2014. A member of Lambda Chi Alpha, *L'Agenda* and Phi Sigma biology honor society, he served in the Coast Guard during WWII. He also earned a master's from Bucknell and graduated from Temple University School of Medicine. He opened a general medical practice in Wellsboro, Pa., and worked with Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hospital, where he was chief of obstetrics for 20 years and served two terms as president of the medical and dental staffs. He later became associate director of family and community medicine at Lancaster General Hospital and chief of the Walter L. Aument Family Health Center in Quarryville, Pa. Survivors include his wife; four children, including **William D. Bachman '74** and **Barbara Bachman Josephian '83**; and five grandchildren.

Roland Decker, Brooklyn, N.Y., on Oct. 26, 2014. He served in the Army during WWII, and also graduated from Lycoming College. He worked as a teacher in Big Timber, Mont.; for Armour Leather; and as a manufacturer's representative for Isaac C. Decker Co. and other companies. Survivors include his wife, two children, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Joseph Elick, St. Louis, Mo., on Sept. 2, 2014. He served in the Army Air Forces during WWII and worked for Hoover, Inc., and as a design engineer

for Olin. Survivors include five children, three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Elma Zeigler Herpst, Lexington, S.C., on Sept. 16, 2014. A member of Kappa Delta, Chorale and *L'Agenda*, she worked as a nursery school and Sunday school teacher. Survivors include her husband,

Rolland Herpst '47; two children; and three grandchildren.

Patricia Owens Homa, Freehold, N.J., on June 16, 2014. A member of Alpha Chi Omega, she also graduated from Trenton State Teachers College. She was an elementary school teacher. She was predeceased by her husband,

Stephen Homa '49. Survivors include three children and two grandchildren.

Harold Lawrence, Lancaster, Pa., on Sept. 24, 2014. He served in the Air Force during the Korean War and worked for Merck & Co., Allied Chemical and PepsiCo. After retiring he operated an oil distribution business with his brother.

Jeanette Bowling Maharajh, Clemmons, N.C., on July 31, 2014. She also attended Columbia University. She was a teacher and vice principal at St. Stephen's College, Trinidad, and later worked as a substitute teacher in Winston-Salem, N.C., and as a teacher at Forsyth Technical Community College. Survivors include her husband, **Andrew Maharajh M'56**; five children; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

David Slosberg, Atlanta, Ga., on Aug. 31, 2014. A member of Sigma Alpha Mu, American Chemical Society and the Navy V-12 program, he served in the Marines during WWII. He was a chemical engineer. Survivors include three children and five grandchildren.

Marie Prieston Titus, Yadkinville, N.C., on Oct. 4, 2014. She worked in various church and local school positions and was a homemaker. Survivors include two sons and two grandchildren.

1950

Herbert Levy, Columbus, Ohio, on Aug. 26, 2014. A member of Sigma Alpha Mu, Hillel, Interfraternity Council, *L'Agenda* and WVBU, he owned Copy Cat Fast Printing Shop in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. He also ran a boys' camp in Maine, worked for Blue Ribbon Bakery and was a salesman for Baker's Coconut. Survivors include two children, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Thomas Titus, Bonita Springs, Fla., on Aug. 26, 2014. A member of Delta Upsilon, he served in the Army during WWII. He worked for the Army in personnel and human resources at Picatinny Arsenal in Dover, N.J. Survivors include his wife.

1951

Richard Getty, Surprise, Ariz., on Oct. 24, 2012. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, Concern and Action and Christian Fellowship. Survivors include his wife, four children and six grandchildren.

Thomas Pfleeger M'63, Elmira, N.Y., on July 9, 2014. He earned a master's from Bucknell, and worked as a math teacher. Survivors include three children, six grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Daryl Sheridan, Langhorne, Pa., on Feb. 14, 2014. He was a civil engineer for the Army Corps of Engineers in Philadelphia. Survivors include his wife, two children and four grandchildren.

Dorothy Carringer Smith, Hudson, Ohio, on Sept. 18, 2014. A member of Cap and Dagger, Chorale, *L'Agenda*, Student Government and WVBU, she earned a master's from the University of Pittsburgh. She was predeceased by her husband, **Donald Smith '51**. She was a social worker and a library volunteer. Survivors include three children, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

1952

Reginald Hubley, Free Union, Va., on Aug. 13, 2014. A member of Kappa Sigma, Cap and Dagger, Chorale, Interfraternity Council and Intramurals, he served in the Navy during WWII. He worked for McGraw Hill Publishing and rose to several executive positions, including publisher of *Aviation Week*, *Space Technology* and seven other publications; and vice president, international. He later worked as a consultant. Survivors include his wife, three children, and one grandchild.

James Kindig, Silver City, N.M., on Aug. 16, 2014. A member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, Christian Fellowship and intramurals, he served in the Air Force during the Korean War. He earned a doctorate from Penn State University. He was a research scientist and inventor specializing in coal, oil and mineral processes, working for companies including Custom Coals International, Achemix and Hazen Research. He held more than two dozen chemistry patents and became a science consultant. He was also a holistic health practitioner, acupuncturist and author. Survivors include his wife, two children, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Donald Scheer, West Lafayette, Ind., on Sept. 20, 2014. A member of Symphony Orchestra, he earned a master's and a Ph.D. from Rutgers University. He worked for Burpee Seeds and as an extension professor for Purdue University and the University of Rhode Island, and operated several business ventures in industry and horticulture. He was editor of *Florist and Nursery Exchange* magazine and director of All-America Selections, the testing organization for new flower and vegetable seeds. Survivors include his wife, three children and eight grandchildren.

Kenneth Towner, Moorestown, N.J., on Aug. 2, 2014. A member of Lambda Chi Alpha, Christian Fellowship, Intramurals

and Student Government, he served in the Army. He worked as a scheduling production manager for Campbell Soup Co. He was predeceased by his wife, **Nancy Deibert Townser '53**. Survivors include his daughter and three grandchildren.

1953

Gerald Brown, Oakland, Pa., on Oct. 12, 2014. He served in the Army Quartermaster Corps during the Korean War. He earned a bachelor's and a master's from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and also attended the University of Pittsburgh. He was an associate professor of English at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, and also taught at Penns Manor High School, Penn Highlands Community College and Mount Aloysius College. Survivors include his wife, four children, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A. Gay Dunbar Stoner P'78, Boca Raton, Fla., on Oct. 22, 2014. A member of Delta Delta Delta, Christian Fellowship, Ski Club and WVBU, she also attended the University of Pittsburgh. She was a physical therapist. Survivors include her husband; three daughters, including **Susan Stoner Brown '78**; four grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

James Whitney, Tucson, Ariz., on June 10, 2014. He earned a law degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo Law School, and worked as an attorney in private practice, for the Cochise County Attorney's Office in Bisbee, Ariz., and for the U.S. Attorney's Office in Tucson. Survivors include his wife, **Nancy Carter Whitney '53**; three sons; and five grandchildren.

1954

R. Holton Confer, Spring Township, Pa., on Aug. 20, 2014. A member of Cap and Dagger, men's soccer and

WVBU, he served in the Army. He was a self-employed photo-journalist. Survivors include one daughter.

Velda Tiarks Cowan P'77, Somers, N.Y., on Sept. 5, 2014. A member of Delta Delta Delta, she earned a bachelor's from Stockton College. Survivors include two children, including **Carey Cowan Garrity '77**, and two grandchildren.

William Francis P'83, Dundee, N.Y., on Oct. 1, 2014. A member of Theta Chi and Christian Fellowship, he served in the Navy. He also attended the University of Wisconsin, the Stonier Graduate School of Banking and Harvard University. He worked as a bank examiner for the U.S. Treasury and for 38 years for Citizens and Northern Bank in Wellsboro, Pa., 25 as president and CEO. He was predeceased by his wife, **Vaughn Richart Francis '55**. Survivors include his second wife; two children, including **William B. Francis '83**; five stepchildren; and four grandchildren.

Louann Cupp Geiger P'85, G'14, G'16, Media, Pa., on Aug. 11, 2014. A member of Delta Zeta, Chapel Choir, Chorale, Concern and Action and WVBU, she co-owned Craftsmen's Company, Inc. Survivors include four daughters, including **Leigh Geiger Partridge '85**; and seven grandchildren, including **Emily Partridge '14** and **Allison Partridge '16**.

Eleanor Bender Ludwigs, Yankton, S.D., on Nov. 2, 2014. She was predeceased by her husband, **William Ludwigs '52**; and by a son. Survivors include three children, nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Cynthia Hetzel Halsey Martin, Norwalk, Conn., on Jan. 6, 2013. A member of Phi Mu, she earned a master's from Fairfield University. She was a nursery school teacher and a receptionist for Wheeler Real Estate. Survivors include two children.

1955

Mary Flanders Congdon, Livonia, N.Y., on Aug. 24, 2014. A member of Kappa Kappa Gamma, Christian Fellowship, Dance Company, Delta Mu Delta business honor society, *L'Agenda* and Phi Sigma biology honor society, she worked for Eastman Kodak. Survivors include two children, five stepchildren and five grandchildren.

Paul Kober, Penfield, N.Y., on Jan. 13, 2014. A member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Cap and Dagger, Intramurals, men's soccer, *The Bucknellian* and ROTC, he was an engineer for Rochester Telephone. Survivors include his wife, two sons and five grandchildren.

Susan McVicar Ziegler, Richmond, Va., on Nov. 27, 2012. A member of Kappa Kappa Gamma, Christian Fellowship, Panhellenic Council, Psi Chi psychology honor society and Psychology Club, she earned a master's from the University of Pittsburgh. Survivors include two sons and five grandchildren.

1956

Walter Julia P'73, Langhorne, Pa., on Sept. 28, 2014. A member of Christian Fellowship, Pre-Medical Society, Phi Sigma biology honor society and WVBU, he served in the Navy during the Korean War. He graduated from Hahnemann Medical College, and was a general family practitioner. Survivors include two sons, including **Richard Devitt '73**.

Hugo Kates, Haddam, Conn., on Sept. 14, 2014. A member of Kappa Sigma and the American Society of Civil Engineers, he served in the Army during the Korean War. He worked as a contracting manager for Bethlehem Steel. Survivors include his wife, two children, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Betty Waldvogel Ross, Belle Haven, Va., on Oct. 23, 2014. She also attended the University

of Maryland; graduated from the nursing program at Union Memorial Hospital; and earned a bachelor's from Pace University and master's and a Ph.D. from New York University. She worked as a nurse, taught psychiatric nursing at Fairleigh Dickinson University, ran a private psychotherapy practice, and founded the Academy for Lifetime Learning at Eastern Shore Community College. She was an oil painter, poet and author of children's books. Survivors include her husband, four children and nine grandchildren.

Edward Williams, Millville, N.J., on March 26, 2014. A member of Lambda Chi Alpha, Concern and Action, Intramurals, the football team, Outing Club and WVBU, he served in the Army. He worked for the Department of Civil Defense in Washington, D.C., and as a health physicist for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in Bethesda, Md., where he was involved with the cleanup of Three Mile Island. He retired from Public Service Electric and Gas in Salem, N.J. Survivors include his wife, four children and four grandchildren.

1957

Harold Groff, Hunlock Creek, Pa., on Oct. 26, 2014. A member of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, he served in the Navy during the Korean War. He also attended Wilkes College. He worked as a telecommunications engineer for RCA, Western Telegraph, GTE International and Ralph Parsons Co.; as a telecomm consultant for INFRANAV and for several foreign governments; and as an assistant professor for Penn State Wilkes-Barre. He served on the board and as head of education and testing for the International Association for Radio, Telecommunications and Electromagnetics. Survivors include his wife, two sons and two grandsons.

Beverly Pender Solberg, Lexington, Ky., on Aug. 22, 2014. A member of the American Chemical Society, Cap and Dagger, Concern and Action, intramurals, *L'Agenda* and Psychology Club, she also graduated from Brown University. She was a social worker and self-employed tax professional. Survivors include her husband, two children and two grandchildren.

1958

Edward Frontz M'62, Allenwood, Pa., on Aug. 21, 2014. A member of ROTC, he served in the Army. He was a teacher, assistant principal and principal for public schools in Moravia, N.Y., and Williamsport, Pa. He also owned a farm and worked to preserve agricultural land in Union County, Pa. Survivors include his wife, two sons and four grandchildren.

John Hancock M'63, Williamsport, Pa., on Sept. 8, 2014. A member of Delta Mu Delta business honor society and Psi Chi psychology honor society, he served in the Army during the Korean War. He earned a master's from Bucknell and a doctorate from Penn State University. He was a teacher in Cortland, N.Y., and a professor of psychology at Lycoming College, where he retired as head of the Psychology Department. He was also the director/coordinator of the Red Cross for disasters in Lycoming County, Pa. Survivors include his wife, two children and five grandchildren.

1959

Marion Douglas Adams, Hector, N.Y., on Feb. 16, 2014. A member of Alpha Phi, Alpha Chi Sigma chemistry honor society, Alpha Lambda Delta scholastic honor society, Cap and Dagger, Concern and Action and Pi Mu Epsilon mathematics honor society, she also attended Elmira College.

She worked as a teacher in Painted Post, N.Y. Survivors include two daughters.

Thomas Hibler, Thousand Oaks, Calif., on June 3, 2014. A member of Phi Gamma Delta, Electrical and Electronics Engineers and intramurals, he worked for TRW on many phases of the NASA Apollo Program. Survivors include his wife, **Delta Sowers Hibler '52**; two sons; and four grandchildren.

Charles Housenick, Bloomsburg, Pa., on Aug. 16, 2014. A member of Theta Chi, he earned a bachelor's from Bloomsburg State Teachers College and served in the Army Reserves. He was an investment adviser, most recently for Oppenheimer & Co., and formerly served as president and general manager of Housenick Motor Company. He served on the Bloomsburg University Board of Trustees. Survivors include his wife, two daughters and five grandchildren.

Thomas Marshall, Catonsville, Md., on Oct. 4, 2014. He served in the Navy, and also attended the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. He was vice president of Thomas M. Marshall Co., his father's company, and later worked for Johnson's Wax and founded Serquel Chemical Co. Survivors include his wife, a son and two grandchildren.

1960

James Hornberger, Watson-town, Pa., on Sept. 11, 2014. He served in the Air Force during the Vietnam War, and also attended Penn State University. He worked as a film editor in NYC, a regional sales manager for Phillips Industries and a general contractor in Lancaster, Pa. He later founded Barrier Enterprises, a door and window company, in Selinsgrove, Pa., and was associated with Villager Realty in Lewisburg, Pa. Survivors include his wife, two children and three grandchildren.

1961

Nancy Diamond Ireland P'90, Lancaster, Pa., on Aug. 8, 2014. A member of Phi Mu, Cap and Dagger, Chorale and Theta Alpha Phi dramatics honor society, she earned a master's from Carnegie Mellon University. She worked as an art teacher in Fox Chapel, Pa., and later in the kitchen at Franklin & Marshall College and St. Joseph's Convent. She was predeceased by her former husband, **Llewellyn Ireland '61, P'90**. Survivors include two daughters, including **Margaret Lose Christopher '90**, and two stepsons.

Larry Magargal, Philadelphia, on Dec. 27, 2012. A member of men's basketball, he served in the Army, and earned an M.D. from the Temple University School of Medicine. He was a vascular surgeon for Wills Eye Hospital. Survivors include his wife, three children and three grandchildren.

Gerald Minturn, Santa Cruz, Calif., on July 26, 2014. A member of Phi Lambda Theta and Electrical and Electronics Engineers, he earned a master's from the State University of New York at Binghamton. He served in the Marines during the Korean War. He worked for IBM and later as vice president of Cooper & Chyan Technology. Survivors include his wife, daughter, three stepchildren and five grandchildren.

1962

Robert Davenport, Colorado Springs, Colo., on Aug. 16, 2014. He earned an associate's from Auburn Community College in Auburn, N.Y., and a bachelor's from the University of Texas at Arlington. He served in the Air Force, and worked as an engineer for IBM. Survivors include his wife, three children, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Roger Gingrich, Yuma, Ariz., on Oct. 16, 2013. He served in the Marines during the Vietnam War. He earned a bachelor's and

a master's through the Marines and retired as a lieutenant colonel. Afterward he worked as assistant director of public works and coordinator of water resources for the City of Yuma. Survivors include his wife, three children and four grandchildren.

1963

David Scott, Lancaster, Pa., on Aug. 13, 2014. A member of Delta Mu Delta business honor society, he was a bank examiner for the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia and later for the Pennsylvania Department of Banking and Securities.

Frederick Waldner P'87, P'93, Camp Hill, Pa., on Oct. 22, 2014. A member of Sigma Chi, American Society of Civil Engineers, *Engineer* magazine, ROTC and Tau Beta Pi engineering honor society, he served in the Army during the Vietnam War. He worked for the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Aviation Administration, and in retirement was a consulting engineer and inspector fellow for the American Society of Civil Engineers. Survivors include his wife, **Joan Waldner P'87, P'93**; three children, including **Sue Waldner '87** and **Kurt Waldner '93**; six grandchildren; and brother, **H. Eugene Waldner '58**.

1964

Jeffrey Fleming, Southampton, Pa., on Jan. 31, 2014. He worked for GlaxoSmithKline. Survivors include his wife, **Connye Bloser Fleming '64**; four children; and eight grandchildren.

1965

Stephen Kerstetter, Vancouver, British Columbia, on May 27, 2013. A member of Delta Upsilon, Intramurals, Judicial Board, Omicron Delta Kappa leadership honor society,

Phi Alpha Theta history honor society, Phi Beta Kappa honor society, Phi Eta Sigma first-year honor society and Phi Sigma Tau philosophy honor society, he earned a master's from the University of Pennsylvania. He worked in India with the Peace Corps and was a journalist before becoming director of Canada's National Council of Welfare. Survivors include children and grandchildren.

Robert George P'92, Bridgewater, N.J., on Oct. 18, 2014. A member of Sigma Chi, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Interfraternity Council, men's track and field and Student Government, he worked as a consultant. He was predeceased by his former wife, **Diane Choborda George '65**. Survivors include his wife; three children, including **Gregory George '92**; two stepchildren; and 12 grandchildren.

1966

Margaret Drake, Springfield, Mass., on March 28, 2013. A member of Cap and Dagger and Theta Alpha Phi dramatics honor society, she worked for Travelers Insurance and Springfield Sugar.

1968

Tamar Silvernail Jones, Columbia, Md., on Aug. 27, 2014. A member of Kappa Kappa Gamma, she worked as a public school teacher and tutor. Survivors include three children and six grandchildren.

1970

Paul Fosko, Dallas, Pa., on Aug. 30, 2014. A member of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, he earned a master's from Penn State University. He was a chemical engineer for the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and owned and operated Fosko

Accounting Services with his wife. Survivors include his wife, two children and four grandchildren.

1971

Nancy Taylor, Ocean Pines, Md., on Aug. 15, 2014. A member of Phi Mu and Pi Sigma Alpha political science honor society, she also attended American University. She helped establish the Water Pollution Control Federation in Washington, D.C., and worked as an inventory control specialist for Saks Fifth Ave. and Gap, and as an area auditor for Mattress Giant. Survivors include her fiancé, two daughters and two grandchildren.

1976

Ralph Chapin, Birdsboro, Pa., on Sept. 14, 2014. He was a software engineer for Tek Systems. Survivors include his wife, **Virginia Ziegler Chapin '76**.

1981

Kimberly Cooke Brown P'12, Ridgefield, Conn., on Nov. 6, 2014. A member of Beta Gamma, she earned a master's from Sacred Heart University. Survivors include her husband and two children, including **Thomas Brown '12**.

1982

Nancy Patterson Pisano P'12, P'15, Bel Air, Md., on Oct. 11, 2014. A member of Delta Delta Delta, she worked in the chemical industry and was a volunteer for several nonprofit organizations. She served on the Bucknell Alumni Association Board of Directors. Survivors include her husband, **Richard Pisano '82**; and two children, **Elizabeth Pisano '12** and **Richard Pisano '15**.

1988

Michael Ferlan, Portland, Ore., on Sept. 17, 2014. A member of Lambda Chi Alpha, men's crew and Tau Beta Pi engineering honor society, he earned a master's from Stanford University. He worked for Boeing, Hewlett-Packard and Microsoft. Survivors include his partner, three brothers and three sisters, including **Katherine Ferlan Jackson '87**.

2016

Jeffrey Schneider, Glen Cove, N.Y., on Nov. 16, 2014. A member of Building on Foundations and club squash, he also attended Nassau Community College. He died as a result of injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident. Survivors include his parents, **Jeffrey Schneider P'16** and **Bonnie Bowes P'16**; a brother; and a sister.

MASTER'S

Mary Hadlock Beck M'43, Culver City, Calif., on Sept. 4, 2014. She earned bachelor's degrees from Elmira College and the State University of New York at Geneseo. She was the head public librarian for the Depew Public Library in Depew, N.Y. Survivors include her husband and a son.

Arthur Delpaz M'55, San Francisco, Calif., on Sept. 30, 2013. He served in the Army, and earned a bachelor's from West Chester State College. He was a band director and music instructor at Pottsville, Pa., High School, and a professor at Salisbury State College.

N. Douglas Erickson M'60, Lewisburg, Pa., on Aug. 26, 2014. He earned a bachelor's from Bloomsburg State Teachers College, and served in the Army during the Korean War. He was a teacher and assistant principal in Milton, Pa., schools. Survivors include three children and four grandchildren.

Matthew Hess M'93, York, Pa., on Sept. 29, 2014. He earned a bachelor's from the University of Maryland. He worked for J.E. Baker, for several pharmaceutical companies and as an environmental planner for the Department of the Navy. He also researched birds for the University of Hawaii.

John Kosolowski M'58, Chambersburg, Pa., on Aug. 4, 2014. A member of the American Chemical Society, he earned a bachelor's from Bloomsburg University and a doctorate from Penn State University. He served in the Army during WWII. He worked as a high school chemistry teacher, as assistant commissioner of planning for the Pennsylvania Department of Education, and as state director for educational administration. In retirement, he worked as director of the Schuylkill County Drug and Alcohol Executive Commission and served on boards for several state and national organizations. Survivors include his wife, two daughters and three grandchildren.

John Shaffer M'66, Danvers, Mass., on Oct. 27, 2014. A member of American Chemical Society, he earned a bachelor's from Penn State University. He worked for Sylvania, where he received 125 patents. Survivors include his wife, two children and two grandchildren.

Robert Thomas M'66, Bloomsburg, Pa., on Oct. 23, 2014. He earned a bachelor's from Millersville University of Pennsylvania. He was a shop teacher, assistant principal and principal in the Central Columbia School District. He also coached football and wrestling, and worked as a swimming instructor. In retirement he worked for Renco and served on the Scott Township Sewer Authority. Survivors include his wife, two daughters, a grandson and three great-granddaughters.

Jack Williams M'55, Erie, Pa., on Oct. 15, 2013. He worked for Edinboro University, retiring as dean of graduate studies and academic administration. Survivors include his wife.

FACULTY AND STAFF

Connie Boyer, Lewisburg, Pa., on Oct. 23, 2014. She was a custodian at Bucknell for 24 years. Survivors include her companion, Edward Zimmerman; four children; and five grandchildren.

FRIENDS

Grace Babic P'83, East Brunswick, N.J., on June 2, 2013. Survivors include her husband; three children, including **Jacqueline Babic Gibbons '83**; and five grandchildren.

Marilee Benton P'78, P'80, G'08, G'09, G'11, Morristown, N.J., on Aug. 29, 2014. She was a homemaker. Survivors include five children, including **Jeffrey Benton '78** and **Karen Benton Crawley '80**; 13 grandchildren, including **Peter Crawley '08, Karen Benton '09**, and **Megan Crawley '11**; and two great-grandchildren.

Jean Deck, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., on Aug. 10, 2014. She was a homemaker. She was predeceased by her husband, **Peter Deck '58**. Survivors include her son.

Lee Gunnels P'00, Heath, Ohio, on March 3, 2014. He served in the military during the Korean War, and worked as a professor of finance and real estate appraisal at Central Ohio Technical College and as a professor of management, consumer finance and computer science at Muskingum Area Technical College. Survivors include his wife, **Laura Gunnels P'00**; three daughters, including **Sarah Gunnels '00**; eight grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

Donna Harpster, Lebanon, Pa., on May 19, 2014. She graduated from Penn State University and worked as an elementary school teacher in the Pottsgrove and Cocalico, Pa., school districts. Survivors include her husband, **Brian Harpster '73**.

Paul Hitte, Derwood, Md., on March 1, 2013. Survivors include his wife, **Nina R. Eldred '76**; and two children.

Ned Keefer, Lewisburg, Pa., on July 16, 2014. He served in the Army during WWII. He worked as a sprayer and inspector for Philco Ford, and in retirement as a security guard. Survivors include his wife, Carol Keefer; a son; two granddaughters; and four great-grandchildren.

Louis Pini P'15, Burlington Township, N.J., on June 15, 2014. He was a social studies teacher at Crossroads South Middle School in South Brunswick, N.J. Survivors include his wife, **Laura Pini P'15**; and three children, including **Vincent Pini '15**.

David Ratajczak P'15, Brooklyn, N.Y., on Oct. 3, 2014. He was a drummer who performed and recorded with a variety of artists and for many Broadway shows and film soundtracks. Survivors include his wife, **Amie Block Ratajczak P'15**; and two children, including **Emilie Ratajczak '15**.

Josephine Ripa, Pearl River, N.Y., on Jan. 21, 2014. She worked for Minigrip, retiring as a human resource manager. Survivors include her husband, **Frank Ripa '50**; two children; and one granddaughter.

Mary Lou Russell, Columbus, Ohio, on Aug. 25, 2014. She attended Ohio State University, and worked for Ohio Bell Telephone, Lyons Bath and Bed, Reed's Dry Cleaners and The Wardrobe in Lewisburg, Pa. She was predeceased by her husband, former Bucknell swimming, diving and water polo coach Richard Russell. Survivors include two children and four grandchildren.

Melinda Strout, Albany, N.Y., on Sept. 30, 2013. She was a registered nurse at Kingston Hospital in Kingston, N.Y. Survivors include her husband, **Robert Strout '60**, and two children.

Johannes Swart P'17, Pittsburgh, Pa., on Sept. 8, 2014. He earned a bachelor's from

the University of Stellenbosch, South Africa, and a Ph.D. from Luther Seminary. He was an associate professor of world mission and evangelism at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, and was a pastor of churches in Oil City, Pa., and Johannesburg, South Africa. He also worked as national director of training and development for the Democratic Party of South Africa. Survivors include his wife and two children, including **Sune Swart '17**.

Margaret Thompson, Kissimmee, Fla., on May 19, 2014. She graduated from Ravenscroft Beauty College and provided in-home care for senior citizens for 22 years. Survivors include her husband, seven children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

R. Lee Waltz, South Williamsport, Pa., on May 26, 2014. He attended Mansfield University and the Williamsport School of Commerce. He worked for Pullman Power Products, Young Industries and Little League Baseball, Inc. He was also a church organist. Survivors include his wife, **Carol Harris Waltz M'67**; two daughters; and three grandchildren.

And the winners are...



Many stepped up to the plate for *Bucknell Magazine's* Class Notes Caption Contest. Here are five home runs:

"There were 10 on the bench and the little one said, 'Move over! Move over!' They all moved over and one fell off..."

— Myrna Hage
Treston '57, M'90

"Why smile? We lost!"

— John McKernan '50

"The boys of sepia."

— Jeannette Ford Powers '04

"When are they going to weed those bleachers?"

— Mike Looker '69

"...and we're not playing until we get new uniforms!"

— Elliott Merrill '61

Congratulations, winners!

Awakening

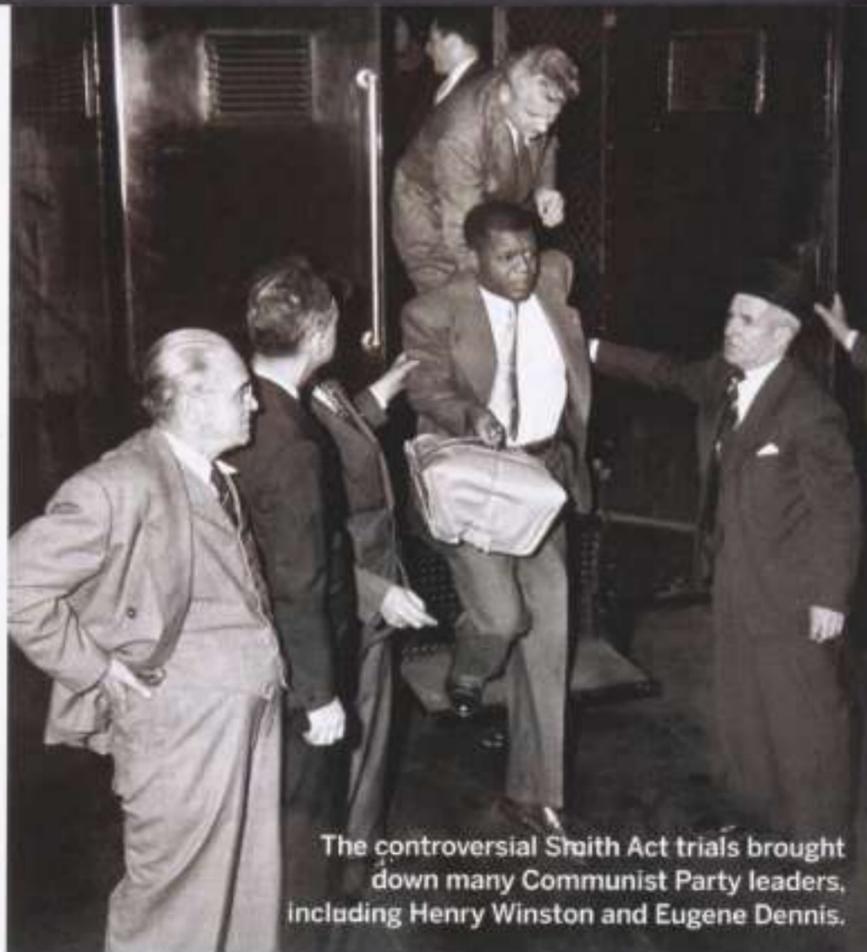
As a student, Richard Wormser paid little attention to the complicated world beyond campus. Since the 1960s, he has dedicated his career to making up for it.

By Richard Wormser '55

On July 7, 1951, shortly after I entered Bucknell as a first-year summer student, seven men in chains were ushered into the federal penitentiary near Lewisburg to serve five-year terms. These men, leaders of the legal Communist Party USA, had not been charged with spying or carrying out any revolutionary acts. They had been charged with conspiring to overthrow the government by force and violence because they taught and promoted the ideas of Marx and Lenin. Though many Americans didn't trust Communists during the Cold War, the trials and convictions of these men under the Smith Act — legislation that many believe was used to persecute people for their ideas rather than their actions, violating their First Amendment rights — have been questioned and debated by scholars and activists for more than half a century. In fact, by the late '50s, similar convictions would be overturned by the Supreme Court.

No matter what one thought of the American Communist Party or the actions of those convicted in 1951, the Smith Act trials should have at least given pause to those of us on campus. These were the McCarthy years after all, when thousands were silenced, threatened, accused, fired, tried, imprisoned, occasionally beaten and brutalized for unorthodox political thoughts, and campuses across the nation would soon become hotbeds of protest and debate over social justice issues, including racial equality, feminism and First Amendment rights (even for Communist leaders). But I, along with many of my fellow students, was oblivious to this turbulent world outside Bucknell. Few of my teachers ventured to examine this side of American life or the coming cultural shift.

Yet there was plenty to be concerned about, even in our small world of classrooms, dorm rooms and organizations. There was a handful of socially concerned professors and students, as well as a local chapter of the NAACP, but Christian fraternities, at Bucknell and across the nation, did not accept black students as members and rarely welcomed them as guests. Jewish



The controversial Smith Act trials brought down many Communist Party leaders, including Henry Winston and Eugene Dennis.

students, who had their own fraternity on campus, were invited as guests to other fraternities but banned as members. The rationale for discrimination was that the national offices determined the policy, not the local chapters.

It was only during the 1960s — after I became a social activist and a documentary filmmaker (and after Bucknell itself began to awaken and implement change) — that I recognized my oblivion to the real world during my college days. And so I eventually began to make films illuminating the struggles of people who overcame political and economic repression. My hope was that my work might enlighten

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future generations to create a world free from racial, gender, economic and political inequality.

I envy my former classmate **Philip Roth '54**, who was able to sheath his pen at age 80 and end his

storytelling days. But since I take my cue not from the "good old days" (which my former classmates tend to glorify in these pages) but from the "bad new ones," I remain in the trenches even at the age of 81. I still have stories to tell before I fade to black and become a story myself. And there is still much to learn in order to become a better storyteller — to recognize that the work already done should have been done better; to continue to question the world around me; and to be guided by Samuel Beckett's admonition: "Ever tried. Ever failed. No matter. Try again. Fail again. Fail better."

Richard Wormser has written, produced and/or directed some 40 documentary films that have received more than 25 awards, including the Peabody Award. His latest film, American Reds: What Must We Dream of? focuses on the rise and fall of America's Communist Party between 1930 and 1960. The program is intended for broadcast on PBS next year. Wormser teaches sociology and film studies at several universities.

Passing down values: Susan Curtis
Tonking '89 and Jane Wherly Curtis
'57 with Kathryn Tonking, 7.

WE GIVE BACK AND PAY IT FORWARD.

Susan Curtis Tonking '89 grew up in a family that gives back. Whether her parents were volunteering in their community or supporting their four alma maters, they were teaching their children to be involved in what matters most to them.

In 1997, Susan teamed with her mother, Jane Wherly Curtis '57, to create the Jane W. Curtis and Susan J. Curtis Scholarship. They continue to make annual gifts to this endowed fund, which benefits French majors with financial need.

The women then decided to make planned gifts that will ensure their scholarship will benefit students for generations to come. Years ago, Susan included Bucknell in her will. "A bequest is a great option for younger people — you don't have to be a high net-worth individual," she says.

For Jane, a charitable gift annuity was the right choice. It enabled her to support the We Do Campaign while securing lifetime income for herself. "I wanted to contribute now, while I can enjoy keeping in touch with the University," she says. "I always feel enriched when I attend Bucknell events."

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