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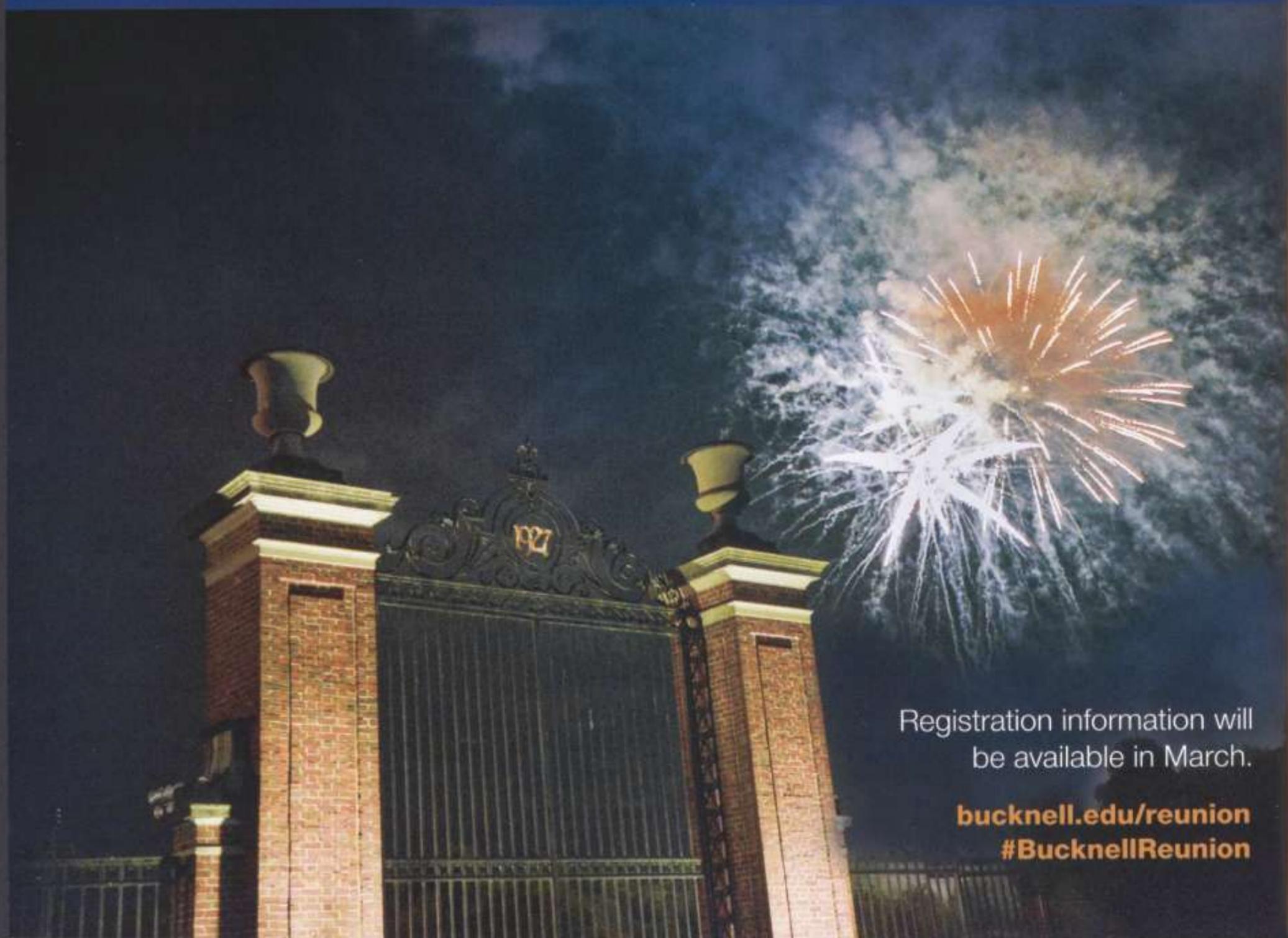
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President's Message

The Generations to Which We Are Accountable



Outside Taylor Hall, the home of Bucknell's School of Management, Frederick Franck's *Seven Generations* sculpture represents the Iroquois idea that each generation must consider how its actions will affect multiple future generations. At Bucknell, we make crucial decisions according to a similar forward-thinking ethos.

One such decision occurred during the October Board of Trustees meeting. Following a decadelong process of refining and enhancing more than 100 years of management education at the University, the board unanimously voted to establish a College of Management, effective July 1, 2017. This third college will allow Bucknell to forge new bridges between the arts and sciences, engineering and management — delivering an educational experience unattainable at traditional liberal arts, engineering or business colleges.

For Bucknell, this development will further elevate the University's reputation among prospective students and employers alike. Already, recent advances in the School of Management have helped raise Bucknell's profile among prospective students, as evidenced by the profile of the Class of 2019, the most diverse and selective class in the 126-year history of management at Bucknell.

Enhancements include four interdisciplinary major programs launched in 2011 — accounting and financial management; managing for sustainability; global management; and markets, innovation and design — and accreditation in 2013 from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. We expect the new college will also increase Bucknell's reputation and visibility among prospective employers, benefiting all of our students.

The college will deliver to our students professional preparation integrated with Bucknell's liberal arts approach and core curriculum. We will continue to build interdisciplinary connections among fields of study and across colleges. This comprehensive approach, says Director of the School of Management Michael Johnson-Cramer, will change the practice of management one student at a time.

There is challenging work ahead. The critical discourse that allowed Bucknell to reach this moment in its history must continue as we create a College of Management that strengthens not a particular piece of Bucknell, but the University as a whole. I am excited about the significant and mounting momentum I sense on campus. Come 2017, Bucknell will take a significant step toward becoming the next, best version of itself, and we will be poised to deliver an even more distinctive, relevant and sustainable education to the future generations to which we are accountable.

John Bravman, PRESIDENT

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Letters

STORY ON U.S. SOCCER LEADER SUNIL GULATI '81 SCORED HIGH WITH MAGAZINE READERS

I read "Game On," the Fall 2015 cover story about my classmate **Sunil Gulati '81**, with great interest. Sunil and I came to Lewisburg from the New England states, studied economics and spent a semester abroad in England during our sophomore year. It was during our semester abroad that I got to know Sunil — his intelligence, wit and passion for soccer. Sunil was a wealth of knowledge about the English Premier League and introduced me to players during weekends in London, where we traveled to watch matches. In 1979 he was ahead of his time — a U.S. citizen who was in love with the game of soccer.

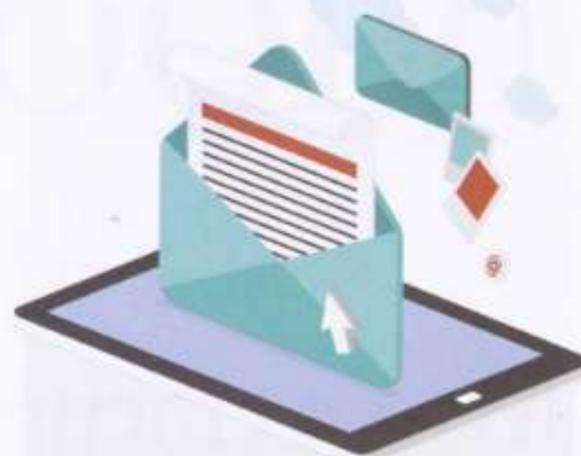
While soccer has always been one of the world's most popular sports, its continued growth in both participation and fan admiration in this country is propelled by individuals such as Sunil. [Gulati is the president of the U.S. Soccer Federation.] I know firsthand that this sport is in good hands. Thanks to visionaries like Sunil, the growth in soccer will endure. I feel honored to have had the chance to know Sunil, and I look forward to watching him successfully serve as a global ambassador for the sport he loves.

David Brond '81
Middletown, Del.

I stay up to date on University news and affairs, primarily as a former athlete who competed on the soccer and lacrosse teams in the early 1970s. I just finished reading the Fall 2015 issue of *Bucknell Magazine*, and it is the best one that I have ever had the pleasure of reading.

I thought that I would start by reading the feature article on **Sunil Gulati '81**, yet I found that I attacked the issue from cover to cover in the order it was written. The kickoff president's message resonated with me, being a former student-athlete. I could go on and on. I have already given copies of the article on **Peter Balakian '73**, the author of *Black Dog of Fate*, to one of my most important mentors and the article on Sunil Gulati to the former Connecticut State Junior Soccer Association president. Congratulations on a job well done.

Gary Toubman '76
Newington, Conn.



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NOW YOU KNOW!

Ever wonder what those puzzling letters mean behind alumni names, preceding their class years? Here's a key:

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- G** = grandparent of a Bucknell graduate
- H** = honorary degree recipient

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News&Notes

Management as a New College

Board of Trustees unanimously approves 2017 change in status.

By Matt Hughes

Bucknell's School of Management will officially become the University's third college in 2017, joining the College of Arts & Sciences and College of Engineering. Bucknell's Board of Trustees unanimously approved the new college at its Oct. 15–17 meeting, the culmination of a 10-year process of refining and enhancing management education.

"Through this decision we seek further distinction for Bucknell," Chair **Ken Freeman '72** stated on behalf of the board following its vote to establish the college. "Upon the strength of our academic core we will forge new bridges

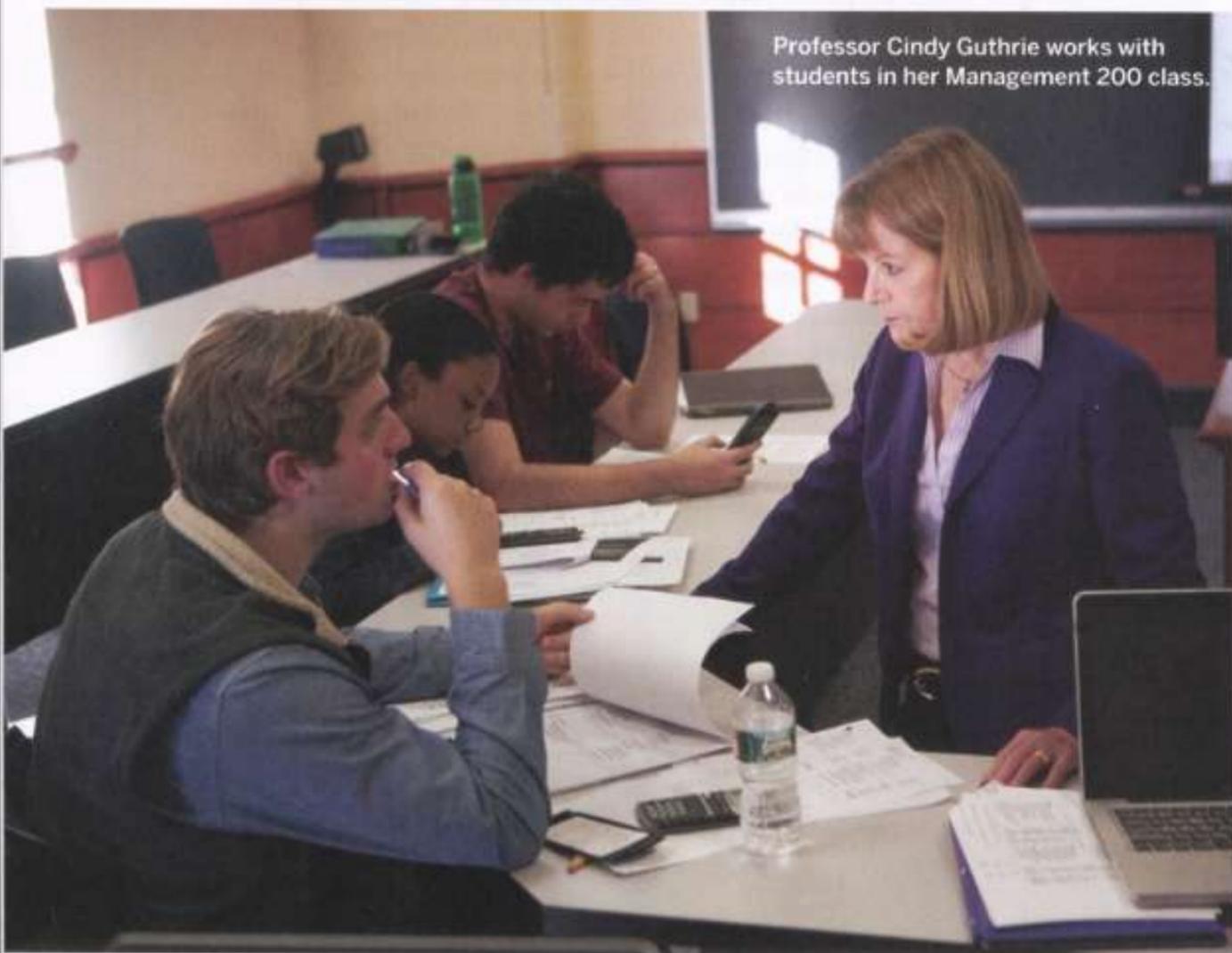
between arts & sciences, engineering and management, enabling Bucknell to deliver educational experiences and interdisciplinary opportunities unattainable at traditional liberal arts, engineering or business colleges."

The transition from school to college is set to take effect on July 1, 2017, and builds upon more than 125 years of management and business education at Bucknell.

"The very earliest courses in management at Bucknell were taught under the name of jurisprudence back in the 19th century," says Provost Barbara Altmann. "It was meant to prepare people for the professions of law and business. It taught about organizations, systems and real-world institutions — it was already teaching what we consider management today. The roots of this program are very, very deep here."

The transition also reflects significant strides made since the 2008 launch of the School of Management, including:

- The revision of the curriculum into four new degree programs (the first majors graduated in 2015)
- The development of cross-disciplinary programs such as the five-year bachelor of management for engineers and the arts entrepreneurship minor
- Significant gains to the Management Education Initiative of the WE DO Campaign for Bucknell University
- Earning accreditation from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business in 2013, an achievement granted to only 5 percent of business schools worldwide.



Professor Cindy Guthrie works with students in her Management 200 class.

Lauren Smith '16, a teaching assistant for Professor Cindy Guthrie's Management 200 class, addresses the students.



Michael Johnson-Cramer, director of the School of Management, adds that those accomplishments have been followed by yearly increases in the number and quality of applicants that have made the Class of 2019 the most diverse and most selective class in the School of Management's history.

"The transitional process of becoming more visible and strategic has really helped establish our presence in admissions relative to competitors," Johnson-Cramer says. "We've seen continued growth since the creation of the school, which is especially good in a time of demographic downturn."

The formation of a college will similarly heighten Bucknell's profile in the eyes of employers. Large companies have become more involved in the education of their future employees, relying on colleges to develop learning goals for internships and to expose students to meaningful industry experiences and projects, Johnson-Cramer says. The organizational focus of the new college structure should help deepen those partnerships for the benefit of the whole student body.

Johnson-Cramer notes that professional preparation will not come at the expense of the commitment to liberal education that sets Bucknell apart in the increasingly crowded field of undergraduate business and management programs. In fact, the college hopes to build more inter-

disciplinary connections across institutional boundaries, he says. Management majors will continue to study the same College Core Curriculum as majors in the College of Arts & Sciences, with the same essential learning goals.

"The establishment of a College of Management is an opportune moment to highlight our distinctive mission: to integrate management and liberal education and, thereby, to change the practice of management one student at a time," Johnson-Cramer says. "It's a clear signal to the world that this project is an important part of the Bucknell we're becoming."

Altmann adds that building a College of Management steeped in the liberal arts tradition is a project Bucknell is "uniquely positioned to do well."

"The way the curriculum of professional schools and the curriculum of a liberal arts core fit into and rely on each other is part of what makes Bucknell distinctive," she says. "It's the expectation that we're creating engineers and managers who are deeply trained in ethics, humanistic thinking, global citizenship, transnational thought, environmental concern and the importance of the arts as a pillar of modern culture. It's our job to ensure that as we build the College of Management we also reinforce and showcase what gets done so very well in the liberal arts."



Bucknell in the News

(See more at bucknell.edu/bitn)

CAN'T STOP THE MUSIC

The *Wall Street Journal* asked Professor Andrea Halpern, psychology, about "earworms," the scientific name for the songs you can't get out of your head. While researchers can't pinpoint precisely where in the brain earworms live, imaging studies by Halpern show that deliberately imagining music and listening to music activate many of the same neurological networks.

BREAKING UP IS HARD TO DO

Women get over breakups faster than men "because they seek social support and use positive coping methods," Professor T. Joel Wade, psychology, told *U.S. News & World Report*. Asked about new research on the topic, Wade suggested men should seek support from friends or a counselor after a difficult breakup, something women are more likely to do.

FERAL FASCINATION

Professor Emeritus Douglas Candland, psychology, talked to ABC Radio about his work with John Ssebunya, a Ugandan man found in 1991 who was supposedly raised by monkeys. While stories of feral children are fascinating, Candland said he's most interested in what those stories say about the rest of us. "Why is it such a common story? That's the psychological question," he said.

RUNNING FOR FUN

NPR asked Professor Chris Ellis, political science, an obvious question about the 2016 presidential race: Why are so many people running? Ellis said some candidates run to bring attention to a particular issue, à la Bernie Sanders and income inequality, while others simply crave the spotlight. "I think anyone who runs for president has a little bit of Donald Trump in them," Ellis said.

A Rainbow Reunion

LGBTQA Alumni group celebrates 25th anniversary at Homecoming.

By Sherri Kimmel

“**T**his is my family; this is my Bucknell,” says Ann Malcolm ’80, glancing around Arches Lounge at a veritable rainbow of people — spanning ages, races and gender.

Whether lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual, queer, asexual or their heterosexual allies, all present enjoyed one another’s company and a plentiful spread of food during the LGBTQA Alumni 25th Anniversary Celebration Meet and Greet on Oct. 25, during Homecoming Weekend.

Besides opportunities to reconnect, the two days of activities included a film screening by writer/director Mikki del Monico ’89, a founder of the affinity group. (See adjacent story.)

Attendees celebrated the changes that have transpired in the last few decades. “In the ’80s and ’90s, Bucknell

was not a friendly place to be gay,” says Malcolm, who co-chairs the affinity group with Jen Carter ’93. “Things have changed dramatically. In most instances, we were not comfortable coming out until after we graduated. Students now are coming in having been members of their high school GSAs [gay student associations]. It’s fabulous to see the progress. The current administration is very supportive.”

Besides the opportunity for mingling, the LGBTQA Alumni Group provides mentoring and, potentially, modest financial support for students whose families may withdraw support after

they come out, according to Malcolm.

Jessica Voorhis ’09 is one member who has benefited from the group’s emotional as well as material support. When she moved to Washington, D.C., to attend graduate school, alumni assisted her with housing and have helped “fund her dissertation” by hiring her as a dog walker. “They’ve made me feel I’m not alone,” she says.

Carter reiterates one purpose of the group: to be a “safe space to develop friendships.” She’s also been touched by the stories older alumni have told her about their struggles for acceptance, such as one man who graduated in the mid-1950s then moved to Korea with his Korean partner because the culture was more welcoming there. “The fact that we [the alumni affinity group] existed was amazing to him,” says Carter, who attended the event this year with her wife and their daughter.

Looking around the full room, Carter says 50 people registered for the event, but there were many walk-ins, including Rosaria Gabriele, a retired education professor who served on the LGBT Advisory Board, and Arlyne Hoyt M’70. “We were married in April after 25 years together,” says Hoyt. “It’s something we never expected to happen.”

Hoyt, now retired, says she has been pleased to see the growth in support since she became a staff psychologist in 1973. “There was a part-time graduate student, then Fran McDaniel,” former director of the LGBT Office. Many of the attendees said McDaniel provided them strong support as students and after graduation.

Malcolm, who says there are approximately 350 alumni who subscribe to the affinity group’s listserv, notes that members don’t have to be graduates to be a part of the organization. “As soon as you come to Bucknell you can be a member of our group.”



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Q&A

By Sherri Kimmel

Always a storyteller, Mikki del Monico '89 launched into screenwriting and directing with his first feature film, *Alto*, in 2015. The movie includes music by Antigone Rising, founded by sisters Cathy '90 and Kirsten Henderson '92. During the making of the film, del Monico also made the transition from female to male — an experience he has chronicled for *The Huffington Post* and in a short video. He was on campus Homecoming Weekend to screen *Alto* for the LGBTQA Alumni 25th Anniversary Celebration. (See adjacent story.)

Q: *Alto* is your first feature film, and there are a lot of references to Italian culture — music, dancing, food, the mob. Was this film an exploration of your roots?

A: Yes. It was also an exploration of stereotypes in the media. I wanted to tackle those stereotypes, particularly of the Mafia genre, which have been so ubiquitous and have shaped the way that non-Italians see Italian-American culture.

Q: The mother character, played by the well-known actress Annabella Sciorra, is confused about her cultural identity. Was the struggling-with-one's-identity theme a reflection of what you were going through at the time of the filming?

A: Completely, but with a caveat. At the time of the writing, there was this internal struggle about my identity, but I wasn't consciously writing about it. I knew I didn't feel right in my body, but



I was writing myself into dealing with it rather than actively addressing it. In terms of why I chose to transition during the making of the film, it was because, as a director, I needed to get into the mindset of the character, and the character was about being her authentic self. And I thought, 'I cannot direct this without doing that myself.' You put so much of your heart into something, and when the heart is divided, it's not the way to go into making a story about authenticity.

Q: How did you manage to deal with the stresses of making a film and transitioning?

A: They balanced each other out, because when I felt incredibly stressed out about coming into my own gender identity I was distracted by the film. As a Gemini, it worked perfectly. I actually think it was the best time for me to do it.

Q: *Alto* has won several awards at film festivals around the country — and in Spain. Why do you think it's sparked such a positive reaction?

A: It appealed to people because it's a comedy. People like to laugh. People also respond to the family aspect. And the love affair feels very genuine — that blossoming of something that completely catches you off guard. Some people love the music, some people love the relationship between the two women, some people love the whole family, and some people love the Italian part. I've had old Italian men come up to me and be like, "You got it!"

Q: You've been a film editor, a book editor, a personal trainer, a digital media assistant on a Semester at Sea ship. What's next for Mikki del Monico?

A: I've been working on *Alto, the Musical*. That's one of the reasons I retained the theatrical rights. I'm going to continue to write and hopefully direct again.

+ To see the trailer for *Alto* as well as del Monico's video "Seven Things To Consider When Making Your First Feature Film (While Transitioning from FTM)," visit bucknell.edu/bmagazine or download the Bucknell Magazine app.

140 Years Strong

Black Alumni Association celebrates a landmark in its history, honoring the first graduate.

By Matt Hughes

Looking up at the roof of the First Baptist Church of Lewisburg gave Lee McCray a chill. A year of investigation tracing the life of her great-grandfather, **Edward McKnight Brawley, Class of 1875, M1878**, Bucknell's first black alumnus, had led her to this same church where her ancestor was ordained a Baptist minister 140 years ago.

"To think that he stood in the same sanctuary looking up at this same wood..." McCray says. "That was pretty emotional — to see what he could see and walk where he walked on this campus."

McCray is one of 10 Brawley descendants who joined Bucknell's Black Alumni Association (BAA) during Homecoming Weekend to celebrate 140 years of African-American history at Bucknell. The weekend of events included a Friday evening reception, pre- and post-football game barbeque and the unveiling of a timeline of that history created by Bucknell's Griot Institute for Africana Studies.

"In 1875, slavery only just ended, and there were a lot of people for whom a college education was not even a possibility," says Allison Alexander, Brawley's great-great-granddaughter. "To think he paved the way for African-Americans not only here at Bucknell, but in general, is a source of pride for our family."

From the start, Brawley's story is remarkable. Born in 1851 to free parents in Charleston, S.C., he came to Bucknell after studying for three months at



Three generations of Edward McKnight Brawley's descendants, pictured here with their ancestor's portrait, attended Homecoming.

Howard University, where he was the first full-time theology student.

Seeking a four-year degree, Brawley transferred to Bucknell (then the University at Lewisburg) on the advice of one Rev. B. Griffith. Griffith's wife provided a scholarship, and Brawley also supported himself by teaching vocal music and preaching.

"Few other schools would have allowed a person of color to enroll, but the University opened its doors and provided him with an education — and it wasn't a second-class education," says **Cynthia Mason-Posey '78**, president of the BAA. "This tells me that this University has always been progressive."

Brawley studied theology privately alongside his Bucknell courses and preached at First Baptist Church, the same congregation that founded the University. Upon his graduation in 1875, a council of 35 ordained him as a minister.

Degree and ordination in hand, Brawley advanced to an even more extraordinary career in theology and education. He organized Baptist Sunday schools in South Carolina before becoming president of Alabama Baptist Normal and Theological School, which he helped establish as Selma

University. He also helped found and became the first president of Morris College in Sumter, S.C. He received a master's in course from Bucknell in 1878 and an honorary doctor of divinity degree from the University of Louisville in 1885. Later in life, Brawley was a minister in Durham, N.C., and a professor of Old Testament history and evangelism at Shaw University in Raleigh, N.C.

Today, Brawley's legacy endures not only through his descendants but through the Edward McKnight Brawley Fund, an endowment that helps finance Bucknell's annual civil rights trip and provides grants for students of color. His story also continues to offer inspiration to students 140 years later.

"When I came to Bucknell in 1974, some things were probably still like they were when he went there," Mason-Posey says. "His story sends a message to students facing some of that adversity today, that if he can do this, you can do this."

See more Homecoming photos and a video in the Bucknell Magazine app and at bucknell.edu/homecoming.

A Family of Buildings

Legacy of master planning continues.

By Matt Hughes

With a combined 60 years of service, Dennis Hawley '72, M'73, and Jim Hostetler have overseen some of Bucknell's largest, most complex building projects, including the Rooke Science Center, Academic West, the Kenneth Langone Athletics and Recreation Center and 11 residence halls. What they didn't build, they renovated. During the last three decades, the campus has grown from 1.5 million to 3 million square feet of interior space. Before they retired this winter, we asked Hawley, associate vice president of facilities, and Hostetler, director of construction and design, what makes this cluster of Collegiate Georgian structures such a special place.

What defines Bucknell architecturally?

Hostetler: There are key elements and images. Flemish bond brick is a very important element that makes our buildings tie together so they look like a family of buildings. Dennis and I have worked hard to keep our architectural vernacular consistent over the years.

Hawley: Another piece of it is simplicity. Bucknell grew from Baptist origins, and the Baptists were pretty simple in their aesthetics. The landscaping is pretty simple, too. It feels pastoral and calming. We're not a city; we're able to spread out.

Is that look something you've had to work to preserve?

Hawley: Every time architects come in to interview, some will say, "Wow!

Jim Hostetler (left) and Dennis Hawley '72, M'73 have capped off careers spanning three decades — and more than a million cubic feet of construction.



Your campus is so tied together. Let me build you something different."

Hostetler: Or they'll say, "Let's give you a fresh reinterpretation of the Georgian style." And we shudder.

The master plans have been here for nearly 100 years, and Bucknell, to its credit, has lived by them. In the '30s a gentleman named Jens Larson came here, and he literally wrote the book on campus master planning — Dennis and I have copies of it. There's a legacy of master planning here that makes this place special, and we've tried to preserve it.

How has your approach to designing buildings changed over 30 years?

Hostetler: Technology is now driving design and construction [when we consider] the size of buildings, the size of classrooms and aspect ratios. Pedagogy has changed too; it's much more collaborative than it was when all you needed was a room full of chairs and a blackboard. When we renovate older buildings, modern-day code requirements mandate elevators, expanded bathrooms and so forth, but we also want to preserve the historical aspects. They're complicated projects.

What were your favorite buildings to work on?

Hostetler: The Weis Center for the Performing Arts is one. My initial job here was a temporary, two-year contract to help build Smith and the Gateways. The Weis Center popped up between those two projects and, during construction, we discovered it wouldn't have stood up if it were built as designed. In the end it all got fixed, and that led to the University asking me to stay. I would also add the Campus Theatre, where we got to breathe new life into an old building. They were literally scraping soot off the original 1941 murals.

Hawley: The development of the 50 acres we've been working on for five years is another. That was a real green-field site, literally cornfields. We put in roads, walkways, the whole works. That's something that few of us get a chance to plan and design. The last one is the ongoing restoration of the Carnegie Building. Most of our buildings weren't built like it to begin with. It's pretty spectacular.



To see how much campus has grown in the last 30 years, watch a video at bucknell.edu/bmagazine or in the Bucknell Magazine app.

Pushing Through Adversity

Kelly Pretz '18 advocates for epilepsy awareness.

By Erica L. Shames

Kelly Pretz '18 was 10 when she had a grand mal seizure. Her mouth filled with saliva and she lost control of her body. "I was confused and scared," she recalls.

Diagnosed with Rolandic epilepsy and advised by doctors to keep the disease a secret, Pretz recorded her thoughts and feelings in her diary. Years later, she edited her reflections into a book, *Rain at Midnight* (2011, *The Place in the Woods*), to help others who are "different," as she says.



Kelly Pretz's book and articles about her were featured in the library.

She also created a mentoring program for children and teens and spoke with congressional leaders about funding epilepsy research. In 2014, she earned a \$5,000 Spirit of a Hero Scholarship award from New Jersey's first lady, Mary Pat Christie, for her profound effect on global awareness of the disorder, as the award announcement stated.

"Epilepsy had a big impact on me," Pretz says. "It jump-started me to be an ambitious person. Volunteering at the Epilepsy Foundation of New Jersey made me realize what it's like to have a passion."

Having a seizure disorder, Pretz realized, also gave her something to prove. "Because epilepsy made everything more difficult, it motivated me," she says. "People would ask why I was taking a demanding class, and I would answer, 'I'm going to struggle through it, but I'm going to show you I can do it.' I wouldn't wish my experience on anyone, but it did make me a lot stronger and encouraged me to strive for a lot more than I thought possible."

Her experiences prompted Monna

Rarig, a cataloging specialist, to create a display at Bertrand Library during National Epilepsy Awareness Month in November. "I was curious to learn more about the disease and thought others could benefit, too," says Rarig.

On campus, Pretz's can-do attitude is apparent. She is a counselor for Building on Foundations, a leadership and service preorientation program; a member of Kappa Alpha Theta; and, with sister Amy '16, part of the We Brake for Nobody improv comedy troupe. An animal-behavior major, she helps train shelter dogs to make them more adoptable and does observational research with primates on campus.

Seizure-free for nearly five years, Pretz's life is on an even keel. New challenges, however, have emerged with a recent diagnosis of an autoimmune disease, Hashimoto's thyroiditis.

"I grew up with what I'm dealing with now — changing medications, revising dosages. I'm more equipped to handle it," she says. "Sometimes it's a lot of just pushing through."

Pretz is the 11th in her family to attend Bucknell. "They all wanted me to go to Bucknell," she says. "I looked at other schools; unintentionally, I kept comparing them to Bucknell, and they fell short. I had the feeling that if nothing can equal this, and I feel at home here, this is where I need to be."

SHORT STACK

Bucknell again was ranked **second in the nation** in student-athlete graduation rate by the NCAA's annual survey, maintaining a four-class average 90 percent graduation rate for student-athletes entering Bucknell between 2005–06 and 2008–09. Seven of the 27 Bison varsity programs had 100-percent graduation rates, while eight others scored 89 percent or better.

Professor **Charles Kim**, mechanical engineering, and co-researchers from Columbia University were awarded a **\$1-million National Science Foundation grant** to develop a more lightweight, comfortable spine brace for scoliosis sufferers. They hope their device can improve life for the 30,000 children in the U.S. who wear a back brace to treat the sideways curvature of the spine.

The John Templeton Foundation awarded religious studies professors **Maria Antonaccio** and **Karline McLain** grants **totaling \$150,000** as part of the Enhancing Life Project, an effort to explore essential aspirations that move humanity into the future. Antonaccio received an advanced-career award of \$100,000, while McLain secured an early-career award of \$50,000.

An Organic Movement

An evangelist for urban farming, Will Allen motivates first years, community gardeners alike.

By Sherri Kimmel

It's twilight on a Sunday evening in early October. In a large, leafy garden near the corner of North Water and St. Anthony streets in Lewisburg a middle-aged woman is working the soil. She looks up, smiles and waves to a runner trying to beat it home before sunset. The gardener turns back to the long, broad, flower-framed plot and plucks bunches of dark-green kale, which she envisions perfectly crisped and fragrant after sauteing with garlic and onions.

It's a sight that would bring a smile and a sigh of contentment from Will Allen, author of *The Good Food Revolution: Growing Healthy Food, People and Communities*. Just a month earlier, the trailblazing urban farmer stood very tall (he's a former pro basketball player) among the plants — meeting with community gardeners, Bucknell faculty, staff and students.

The Lewisburg Community Garden, a partnership between Bucknell and the borough of Lewisburg that is managed by the University's Office of Civic Engagement (OCE), aligns with Allen's mission at Growing Power. The Milwaukee-based urban-agriculture network he started in 2003 is dedicated to "making sure everybody is eating good food, whether they are millionaires or are making \$5,000 a year. It's all about food justice, the environment and social justice," he told folks in the Lewisburg garden that day.

Professor Mark Spiro, biology, who helped found the garden in 2012,



Will Allen (right), whose book was the common reading for first years, met with University and community members at the Lewisburg Community Garden.

delighted in telling Allen that many community members who lease the 41 rental plots donate their organic produce to the Community Harvest hot-meal program that the OCE administers.

As Lynn Pierson, OCE's assistant director of community service, told Allen, the program serves 60 to 80 people weekly in nearby Milton, which she says is a food desert — with fast food but few healthy-food options for residents.

Allen told Pierson, "You will change the dynamics of that community. I helped Michelle Obama launch Let's Move [a campaign for healthier food in schools], and now an estimated 10 million people have started growing food for the first time. We're all responsible for making this happen."

Just as 20 or so supporters of the Lewisburg Community Garden heard Allen's message in that plot near the Susquehanna River, 900 first-year students heard it over the summer in their homes as they read *The Good Food Revolution*, the common reading for the Class of 2019. They wrote essays about the book and discussed it in small groups during Orientation. In the Weis Center for the Performing Arts,

where Allen spoke after mingling with the group at the garden, they heard the gospel straight from the man who began the movement.

Reading Allen's book and discussing its implications with eight other first years in her orientation group was illuminating for Gabby Giammalva '19. "I eat mainly organics, and I didn't know it was a luxury," she says. "I didn't associate it with privilege."

Allen's approach — asking people to help grow food in their communities — resonated with Giammalva. "Teaching you how to do it yourself is an important part of Will's strategy," she says.

Giammalva, who's been an avid grower of strawberries, string beans, kale, carrots, arugula, basil, eggplant and zucchini since age 8, notes, "His book has motivated me. I have the potential to do more than what I'm doing in my own garden."

Lauren Repke '19 was another first-year student inspired by Allen's book and his campus visit. Says Repke, "It reinforced how the little things you do for someone go a long way and made me want to be involved in community service in Lewisburg."

Provoked by Language

Nathalie Dupont challenges students to probe an author's intent.

By Paula Harrison

As she leads students through the French countryside, Professor Nathalie Dupont, French & Francophone studies, feels her job is to teach them to challenge their existing cultural assumptions. "It's amazing to see how students change after a semester abroad," she says. "They're more confident, more culturally aware and better global citizens."

Dupont's classes focus on French literature and cinema. She chooses works that question the individual's place in society and challenge existing social values. Dupont explains that she wants her students to be provoked by language

and to understand that an author's words are carefully chosen and manipulated. "When a student tells me after taking my classes that he or she can no longer take a text at face value, I know I've done my job," she says.

In her research Dupont examines forms of deviance in experimental French poetry since 1968. She traces an ambivalent attitude and general loss of faith in language to the political, economic and ideological failures brought on by World War II. "These provocative yet astonishing innovative contemporary works attest to an ongoing reflection on language and the self," she says. "This poetry may be considered a strategy that enacts new ethics of writing,

which both question and transform humanistic and romantic perspectives on language, the subject and reality."

As professor-in-residence for the 2013-14 Bucknell *en France* program, Dupont spent the academic year with Bucknell students in the Loire Valley, a region known as the "Garden of France" and the country's gastronomic center. "For the students, it's a total cultural immersion," she says. "They live with host families but are responsible for their own day-to-day needs. And in a smaller city like Tours, English isn't so readily spoken. It's a fantastic experience — and one that all of our majors and most of our minors take advantage of."

FACULTY PROFILE

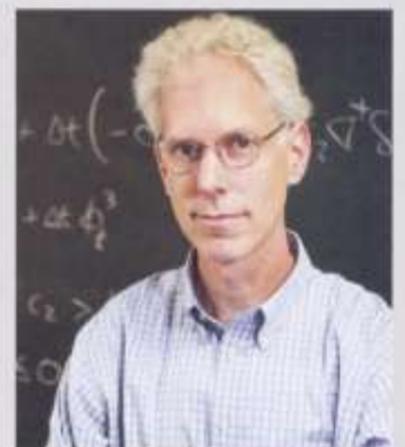
Ben Vollmayr-Lee

Professor Ben Vollmayr-Lee knows he's had a positive impact on his former students when they return for alumni panels hosted by the Department of Physics & Astronomy. Alumni in a variety of industries share with students the importance of learning the basic principles of physics and how those skills help with career success. Recently one alumna, who became a successful patent lawyer, explained how her physics background made the process of reviewing science-based patents much more efficient.

"It is so rewarding to hear alumni who are five or 10 years down the road saying it was really great to learn physics," says Vollmayr-Lee. "Not all of our physics majors go on to graduate school. You only need a handful of tools, and if you

use those tools well, you can answer a wide range of questions in many industries."

Vollmayr-Lee's research concerns theoretical biophysics and statistical physics — the study of cooperative effects in systems with many particles. "New technology makes new experiments possible, which raises new questions requiring new theoretical models," he says. "The beauty of physics is in the simplicity of the ingredients and the broad range and depth of the results."



— Rhonda Miller



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Student Life & Sports

A Turn for the Better

Culture shift drives women's basketball coach and team to rebuild program and court greater success.

By William Bowman

In each of his three seasons as Bucknell's women's basketball coach, Aaron Roussell has led the Bison to more victories than the previous year, a rise he attributes to a culture shift within the program. While Roussell is at the forefront of the rebuild, he won't accept the credit. "I hate the word 'my.' I hate the word 'I,'" he says. "I want this to be an 'our' thing."

Roussell came to Bucknell following a successful eight-year run at the

University of Chicago. He led a Bison squad that won just five games the

season before his arrival and lifted it to 15 wins his first year. The next season, the team notched 16 victories and 18 in 2014-15, the most at Bucknell since 2006-07, a turnaround he attributes to players understanding expectations and a willingness to do whatever is necessary to succeed.

Claire Maree O'Bryan '16, a Patriot League Academic Honor Roll member and team co-captain, says the "change in culture within our team has been remarkable in terms of the work ethic that we have come to expect."

"That first year, we were all learning together," says Sheaira Jones '16. "Now the expectations are set in stone; this is what we have to do to reach our goals. There is an understanding that you work hard and help the younger players coming in learn."

For Roussell, the evolution continues. "We're still not there," he says, "but this is a complete 180 from where it was."

It's easy to spot where Roussell wants the program to go, as he points out the banners hanging at Sojka Pavilion that honor championship seasons. "They aren't our banners," Roussell says. "They are [former Bucknell men's basketball coaches] Pat Flannery '80's banners or Dave Paulsen's banners. When you know what it feels like to be a champion, it's tough to get away from that. That is our goal."



Now in his fourth season at Bucknell, Aaron Roussell (right) is hoping to continue the program's ascent.

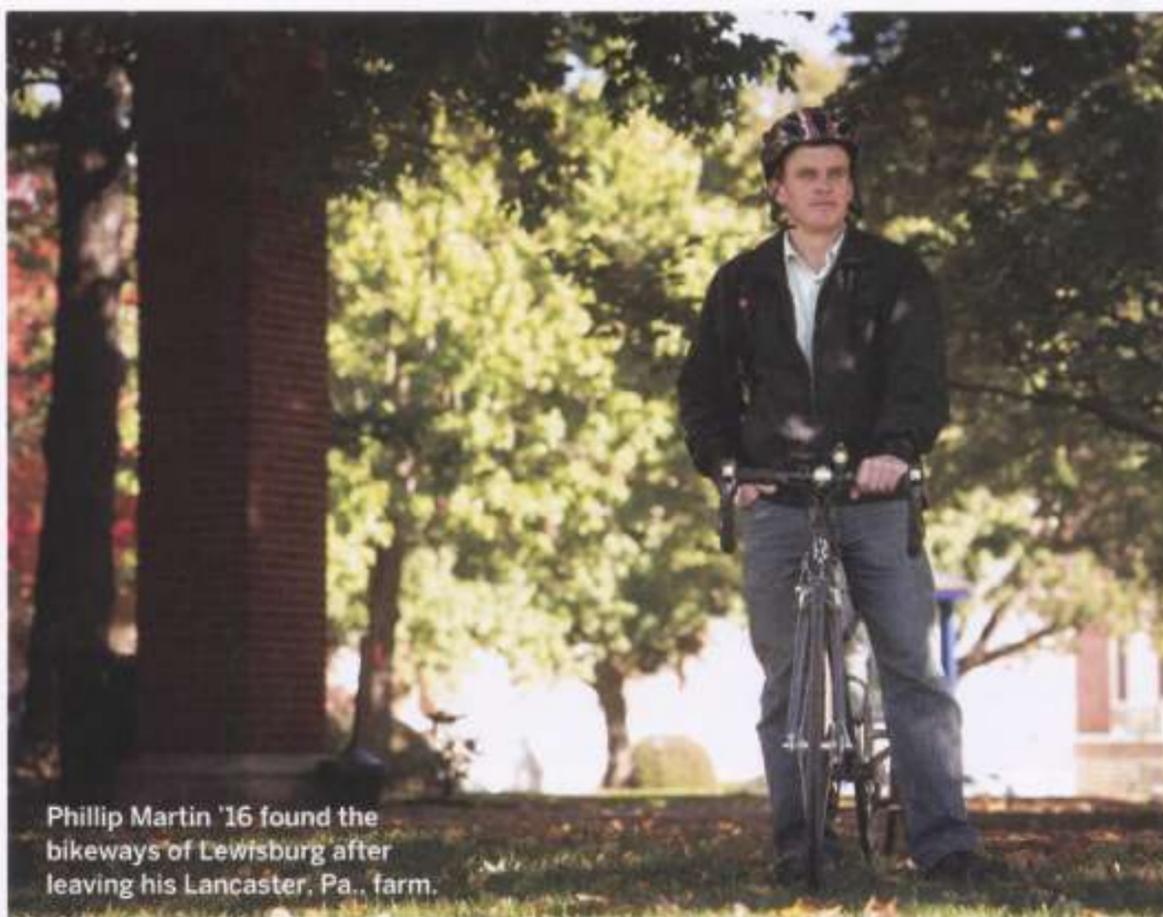
STUDENT PROFILE

Phillip Martin '16

By Lauren Repke '19

Growing up as an Old Order Mennonite in Lancaster, Pa., Phillip Martin '16 was taught to value a simple life. Higher education was not considered part of that equation. However, his curious nature led him to Harrisburg Area Community College, where Martin fully embraced academic life. He transferred to the University in fall 2014 through the highly selective Bucknell Community College Scholars Program. "Being a member of the Bucknell community reaffirmed my decision to strive toward higher education," he says.

His agricultural upbringing inspired him to study cell biology and biochemistry at Bucknell. "While I was living on the farm, the biggest science questions I had were biochemical," he admits. "I was most curious about the herbicides I was applying to the cornfields." He plans to either attend graduate school in plant and soil science or pursue work in the agricultural industry.



Phillip Martin '16 found the bikeways of Lewisburg after leaving his Lancaster, Pa., farm.

For now, Martin is a familiar sight on the campus pathways riding one of his three bikes — a folding, a mountain or a road bike. He rides the latter with the Bucknell Cycling Team. His passion for cycling is a reflection of his Mennonite upbringing — bikes were a prime mode of transportation. Martin now rides mostly for "fun, relaxation and stress relief."

Biking and curiosity even led Martin to a three-month trip across Europe and

the Middle East during summer 2010, 975 miles of it by bicycle. He logged his experiences in a journal, which he self-published this August as *With My Own Eyes*.

"There is nothing particularly special about the trip I took," Martin says. "But what is a bit unique is that I chose to remain an Old Order Mennonite while still going out and exploring the world."



FROM 'THE BUSH' TO BUCKNELL

The fact that Claire Maree O'Bryan '16 landed at Bucknell, 10,000 miles from her home in northern Australia, may seem surprising. Yet even growing up among indigenous people in "the bush," O'Bryan knew she was destined for bigger things. The 5-foot-10-inch guard has

used her three-plus years in Lewisburg to grow as a basketball player and leader with lofty goals.

Her ambition to "do my own thing" led her to the U.S. from a village "eight hours from the nearest anything," where she and her sisters were the only white children. "We had our food flown in by planes, and when the planes didn't come,

you'd live off potatoes for a week."

Before she turned 10, O'Bryan's family moved to Darwin, Northern Territory, where she developed a passion for basketball that eventually led her to prep school in Pennsylvania, then Bucknell.

The neuroscience major is a Patriot League Academic Honor roll member and co-president of the Bucknell Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. Keeping busy helps her cope with homesickness and fulfill her desire to help others.

"There have been highs and lows, but they have combined to create an experience that really makes you grow up," O'Bryan says. "You have to embrace it all." — William Bowman



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Legacies

Gifts & Giving

Poetic Justice

At the advent of a new scholarship in his name, liberal-arts legend Jack Wheatcroft '49 is honored.

By Christina Masciere Wallace

On a sunny October morning, Peter Balakian '73 stood before the audience in Bucknell Hall and cleared his throat. "This is the house that Jack built," he began, nodding to an elderly man in the front row of the hall, home to the Stadler Center for Poetry.

Jack Wheatcroft '49 smiled, surrounded by family and friends who had gathered during Homecoming Weekend to celebrate a new scholarship named for the author and professor emeritus of English. An anonymous donor from the Class of 1989 recently

created the John S. Wheatcroft Scholarship to honor his dedication to the craft of writing, ensuring that students receive the best liberal-arts education possible.

The series of speakers lauding Wheatcroft included Balakian, Philip

Brady '77, Jan Balakian '83 and Bruce Smith '68, all English professors and authors in their own right; Gary Sojka, former president of the University; and Shara McCallum, professor of English and director of the Stadler Center, which Wheatcroft and Jack Stadler '40 co-founded in 1988.

Wheatcroft served on the faculty from 1952 to 1996, exemplifying the ideals of the teacher-scholar in the best tradition of the liberal arts. "Jack was a great teacher, both one-on-one and in class," says Peter Balakian. "He was nurturing and caring, always on the side of students, appreciative of what you were doing and asking you, by his very intensity, to do more."

Wheatcroft's legacy would not have been possible had he not received a college scholarship of his own. The son of a Philadelphia pastor, he enrolled at Temple University at age 15 thanks to a scholarship for children of clergy. After two years of studies, he enlisted in the Navy, where he served on the *USS Wisconsin* and saw action in Japan. After the war, Wheatcroft enrolled at Bucknell through the GI Bill. He completed his third and final undergraduate year at the University — where his teaching career began before



Jack Wheatcroft '49 (center) was joined by his family at the event. From left: son David, daughter-in-law Eve Granick, wife Katherine M'75, son Allen and daughter-in-law Carmen.

he even received his diploma.

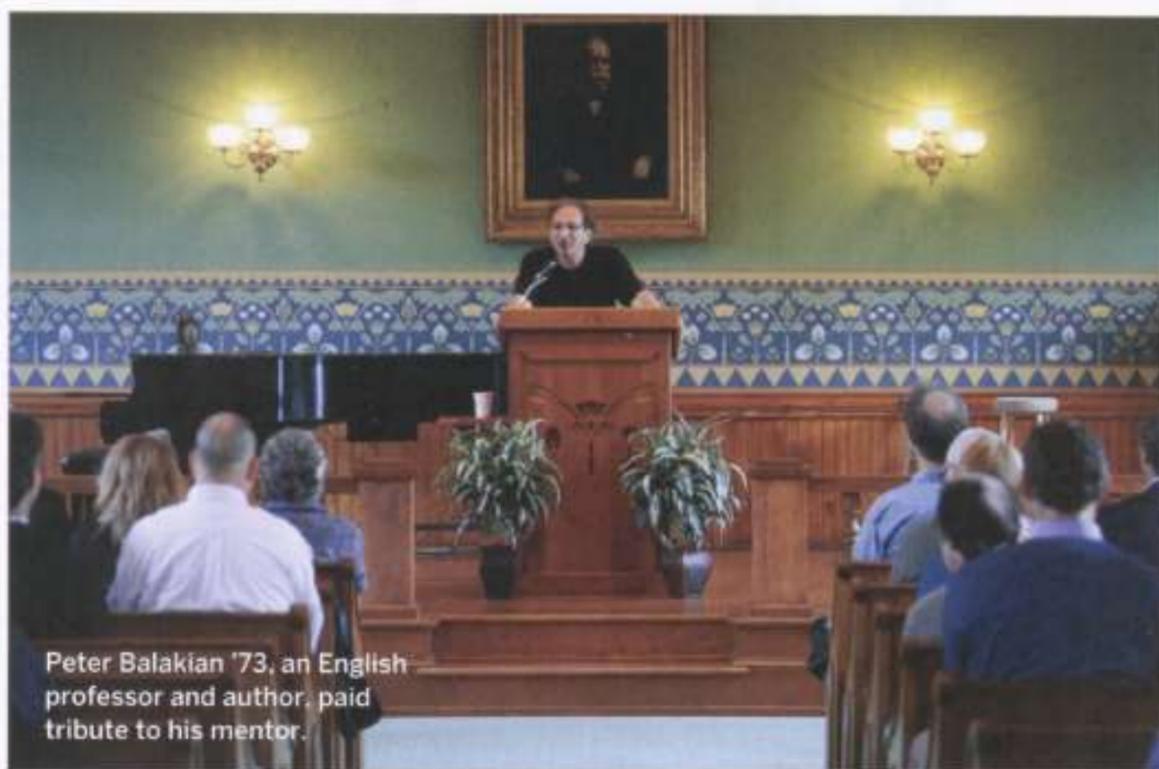
It was a crazy time for American colleges, which were absorbing thousands of returning GIs. When a professor who taught a world literature course abruptly left Bucknell, the department chair invited young Wheatcroft to take over. The baby-faced senior found himself in front of a classroom filled with skeptical men in their 20s and 30s, but he drew upon the confidence he developed as a Navy cryptologist to set a tone of respect — “to raise literature up to the level where I thought it should be,” he recalls.

Wheatcroft had long felt driven to become a writer — he’d begun composing Shakespearean-style sonnets at around age 10 — but teaching the class helped him decide to become a professor. He accepted a position at Bucknell instead of an Ivy League school because he felt Bucknell would give him the freedom to produce his own creative work as well as teach. And produce he did, publishing 26 books, including poetry, plays and novels. He wrote well into his 80s.

“He still gets letters at least once a month from former students, some of whom are now in their 80s,” says his wife, **Katherine M’75**, who also taught English at Bucknell. “They’ll write and say, ‘You won’t remember me, but I was in your course, and it changed my life.’ They were nurtured in poetry, and they still hold that memory.”

The Wheatcroft scholarship commemorates that kind of transformative teaching. The anonymous donor credits a successful career in finance to a wide-ranging education in the liberal arts, where classes in subjects such as literature and philosophy complemented her training in management. Professors like Wheatcroft, the donor believes, define the Bucknell experience.

The first recipient of the scholarship, **Jinling Luo ’18**, has fully embraced the liberal-arts credo. A native of the Hunan province of China, she first considered



Peter Balakian '73, an English professor and author, paid tribute to his mentor.



Jinling Luo '18 is the first recipient of the Wheatcroft Scholarship.

studying philosophy, then management. She’s planning to double major in economics and history.

Although separated by decades and cultures, Luo and Wheatcroft share an interest in teaching. She and a friend created an educational program for children in rural Hunan, which they have run for the last two summers. Their classes reinforce the idea of liberal education, Luo says. “The student volunteers utilize these experiences when they go to college. They change a lot — they’re more responsible and more optimistic about life.”

Would she consider becoming a teacher after Bucknell?

“I don’t want to set any limitations on my career path,” she says. “I want to

focus on bettering myself. Then, when opportunities come to me, I will take the challenge and embrace it.”

It’s hard to imagine a better example of the spirit of Wheatcroft and the enduring power of the liberal arts.

Scholarship support is the top priority of the WE DO Campaign for Bucknell University, which aims to raise \$150 million in endowed scholarships and financial aid. For more information, please visit bucknell.edu/WeDo.

 To read the full text of tributes to **Jack Wheatcroft ’49** by siblings **Peter ’73** and **Jan Balakian ’83**, visit bucknell.edu/bmagazine or download the Bucknell Magazine app.

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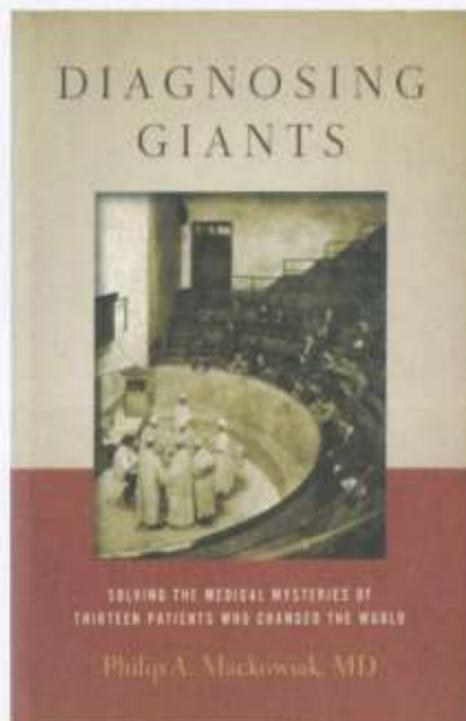
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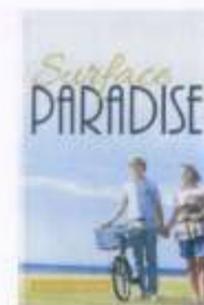
Philip Mackowiak '66

Diagnosing Giants: Solving the Medical Mysteries of Thirteen Patients Who Changed the World
(Oxford University Press)

Recognized as one of today's most accomplished medical historians, award-winning physician Philip Mackowiak traces the illnesses of some of the most influential figures in history. Mackowiak examines the medical histories of patients such as King Tut, Buddha, Goya and Eleanor Roosevelt, then explains his own diagnoses. What ailment drove Caligula mad? Could modern medical practices have saved Abraham Lincoln's life if they were available in 1865? He reveals the effects that various diseases had on the lives and legacies of these legendary figures.



of the 20th century. Imogene Ware, a black domestic worker, deals with not only her own loss but with the return of Katie Sutton, now a full-grown woman. She battles the racism of the South as she fights for another Sutton child.



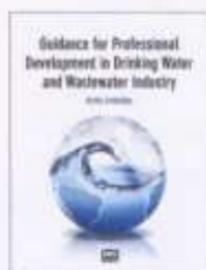
Allan Green '56
Surface Paradise
(iUniverse)

This novel traces the life of Michael Sykes, an overly mothered child who is doomed to have impossible relationships with women — until he meets Anne. Eventually, tragedy strikes when the two are lost at sea in a hurricane, and only Michael survives. The book explores the quest to live up to the great expectations of one's mother and the ability to overcome loss.

Archis Ambulkar M'05

Guidance for Professional Development in Drinking Water and Wastewater Industry
(International Water Association)

The author, an environmental engineer and contributor to the U.N. World



Ocean Assessment, reviews drinking water and wastewater infrastructure systems and provides a step-by-step professional development process

for those interested in related occupations.

Paula Closson Buck

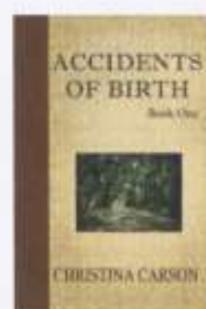
Summer on the Cold War Planet: A Novel (Fomite)

In her first novel, English Professor Paula Closson Buck writes about the



summer before the Berlin Wall collapses. A young American art historian, whose husband has disappeared, returns to the divided city seeking truths she believes he might have kept from her. There, she falls again under the spell of an exiled East German artist.

Christina Moyer Carson '68



Accidents of Birth: Part Two (CreateSpace)
The second half of this two-part novel (part one was reviewed in the fall issue) continues the Sutton family story in the latter part

Lauren James '13

The Next Together (Walker)

Katherine and Matthew are born and born again, each time destined



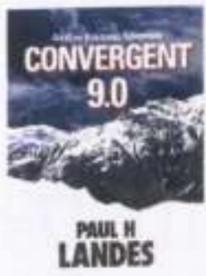
to change history, fall in love and ultimately face tragic separation. The two sacrifice their lives century after century and question why they keep coming back and how they can stop this recurring process.

Paul H. Landes '72

Convergent 9.0

(Hunter and Gatherer Publishing Co.)

In the latest installment of the Alex Boudreau Adventure Series, Alex seeks



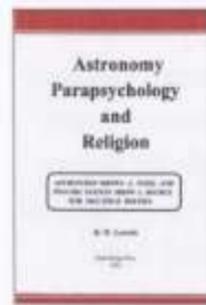
to avenge the near death of her love, Benjamin Hunter, after an international arms dealer blows up his house and car. She travels across the world to confront

her nemesis and discovers a plan to ignite the flames of two world super powers through the use of a weapons-grade virus.



Brenna Lemieux '07
The Gospel of Household Plants (Quercus Review Press)
This book, one reviewer notes, “conjures a set of private mythologies,

punctuated as the most compelling myths are, with bursts of violence. These poems offer a deep awareness that nature is rarely human sized, even if we can only see it from our anthropocentric perspective.”



Richard Lowrie '48
Astronomy Parapsychology and Religion (Dade Design Press)
Richard Lowrie explores topics in science, religion and

parapsychology, contending that society’s emphasis on sports, music, drugs and money is causing religion to lose ground among people concerned about the loss of moral value.

Glenora Kelly Smith '58
Love: A Harvesting from Heaven



(self-published)
The author presents a philosophical and spiritual

exploration of the magic and mysteries of love through poetry and photography. Smith, who had an earlier career as a graphic and interior designer, reflects on our ability and power to create something extraordinary: love.

Martha Link Walsh '69
A Paper-Cut Christmas: The Twelve Days of Christmas (Martha Link Walsh)



Martha Walsh refers to the various pagan and Christian beliefs that add to the magic of the carol “The Twelve Days of Christmas.”

The cut-from-one-piece images that represent each verse are connected to the deeper meanings of the carol.

David Wanetick '89
Business Model Validation: What Makes Business Models Work? (Business Development Academy)



As CEO of the research firm Business Model Validation, **David Wanetick** provides extensive analysis of business models. In this book, he explores

business models in emerging industries such as bitcoin, music streaming, crowdfunding, marijuana dispensaries, electronic cigarettes, massive open online course operators, cloud storage and 3-D printers.

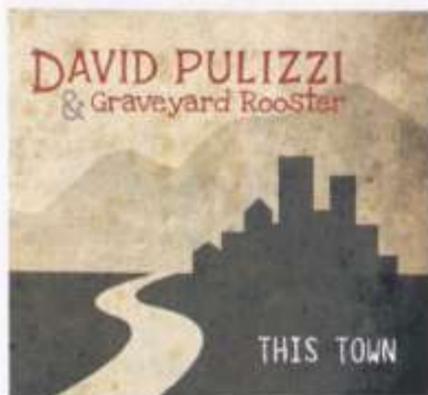


Meredith Sue Willis '68
Meli's Way (Montemayor Press)

Fourteen-year-old Melisandre Rossi, known as Meli, struggles as a “weird teenager.” She is searching to find herself amid a series of complications. She travels to Italy to meet her half-siblings, learns a secret about her mother and faces a frightening terrorist attack.

MUSIC

David Pulizzi '94
and **Graveyard Rooster**
This Town (Green Valley Recording)



Each of the eight original songs on Pulizzi’s debut recording stands as a

snapshot capturing some element of everyday existence in the singer-songwriter’s hometown of Williamsport — a once-robust hub of steel and lumber production in north-central Pennsylvania.

Camila Ballario, co-produced and recorded by **Mark Hauptschein '76**
Another Good Mistake (Striking Note Records)

A combination of pop, folk, rock, jazz and country, this music blends North and South American cultures in a pure and soulful way. Producer and songwriter **Mark Hauptschein** provided guitar, keyboard and drum



work for this CD, the first released by the music label he founded.

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Creative Collective

Arts & Culture

Of Verses and Voices

Since 1977, 'West Branch' has been a literary force on campus and around the nation.

By Paula Cogan Myers

“Because that’s the fun part!” says writing professor G.C. Waldrep, when asked why it’s important to have undergraduate interns at the editorial table for *West Branch*, Bucknell’s professional literary magazine. “If we’re going to involve interns in the whole life of the journal, then they need to have a voice,” adds Waldrep, who has served as the magazine’s editor since 2011. “Part of what we’re showing them is how editors work.”

Two of this year’s interns can attest to the success of that approach. “I’ve been considering publishing as a career, and this internship has given me experience with the publishing world,

especially because we have a real role in the editorial process,” says **Kaitlin Scagluso ’16**. “The editors always ask our opinions and really want to know what we think about the work.”

Meghan Carroll ’16 thinks that evaluating other writers’ works has helped her develop her voice. “It makes me read thoroughly, develop stronger opinions and be able to relay those opinions about what I’m reading,” she says.

West Branch was founded in 1977 and is now recognized as a prominent showcase for emerging voices in poetry and fiction. In fact, Professor Paula Closson Buck, English, who was the editor from 2000 to 2011, published one of Waldrep’s early poems in 2001, when he was an up-and-coming poet. The magazine receives around 8,000 submissions each year, and the editorial process is designed to honor each submission while creating an interesting, diverse publication, both in print and via *West Branch Wired*, a distinct online magazine.

In 2015, work by Sarah Kokernot and Natalie Scenters-Zapico that originally appeared in *West Branch* was selected for the widely read anthologies *Best American Short Stories* and *Best American Poetry*. “Having work selected for these anthologies is a distinction for the writers and one of the highest honors available to an American literary magazine,” explains *West Branch* Managing Editor **Andrew Ciotola M’06**.

The on-campus staff also includes the Stadler Center for Poetry Fellow, who this year is poet Chet’la Sebree, and two undergraduate interns. Five other writers from around the country serve as associate editors.



The *West Branch* staff reviews manuscripts for the next issue. From left: Kaitlin Scagluso '16, Meghan Carroll '16, Chet'la Sebree and Andrew Ciotola. Not pictured: G.C. Waldrep.

When the submission queue opens, the editors begin reading, reviewing and deciding which entries should move on to weekly editorial meetings, held in the University's 7th Street Café. The selection process allows the editors to discover distinctive voices and to create a balanced issue that features a mix of styles and topics.

For Sebree, the process is part of honoring the work. "I dedicate a lot of time to the magazine because I don't want to miss something," she says. "I'm passionate about those writers I don't know, because when I submit my work for consideration, I'm often that person."

Once a final 40-page packet of manuscripts is ready for review, the on-campus staff reads submissions, then meets to discuss them. The interns actively contribute to the discussions, a rare opportunity for undergraduates.

Waldrep wants the interns to discern the difference between an editorial staff meeting and an English class. "We're not meeting to talk about what's wrong

with the work — we're trying to talk about what's right," he explains. "We want to choose work that we're excited about. I don't want to publish a story that all five of us think is just good — I'd rather have us disagree strongly than have us agree weakly." Sometimes their opinions differ drastically, but they take a risk and publish the work because it elicits such strong emotion.

Since the internship is designed to prepare students for potential careers in the publishing industry, the interns assemble contracts, proofread and assist with the journal's layout. "The more meaningful work we can give them, the better," Ciotola says. "Some of our interns have gone on to very interesting positions in the New York publishing industry."

"I fell in love with agenting because we are the author's biggest advocate throughout her career," says **Janine Hauber Le '09**, who now represents children's book authors and illustrators for Sheldon Fogelman Agency. "West Branch helped ignite that passion. I

loved speaking up for projects I thought deserved recognition and helping them reach an audience through publication."

Mary Coyne '11 says that her internship helped solidify her interest in a publishing career. "It opened my eyes to different styles of writing and different career possibilities in the publishing industry," she says. "It was crucial in preparing me for the job market."

Coyne started her career at Random House and is an editor at BookBub, an ebook marketing startup in Cambridge, Mass. "I curate submissions for our daily deals email, which is received by 7 million people around the world," she says. "I get to read and discuss books all day long — I'm truly living the dream!"

Check out the literary magazine online at bucknell.edu/westbranchwired.



THE WRITE STUFF

'West Branch' founder recalls the journal's genesis.

Karl Patten and I were sitting across from each other at a dinner with a candidate for a position in the English department. The topic of literary magazines came up, and I said we ought to start one at Bucknell. Karl agreed and, without so much as the blink of an eye, added that the magazine's name should be *West Branch*, referring to our location in the Susquehanna River Valley.

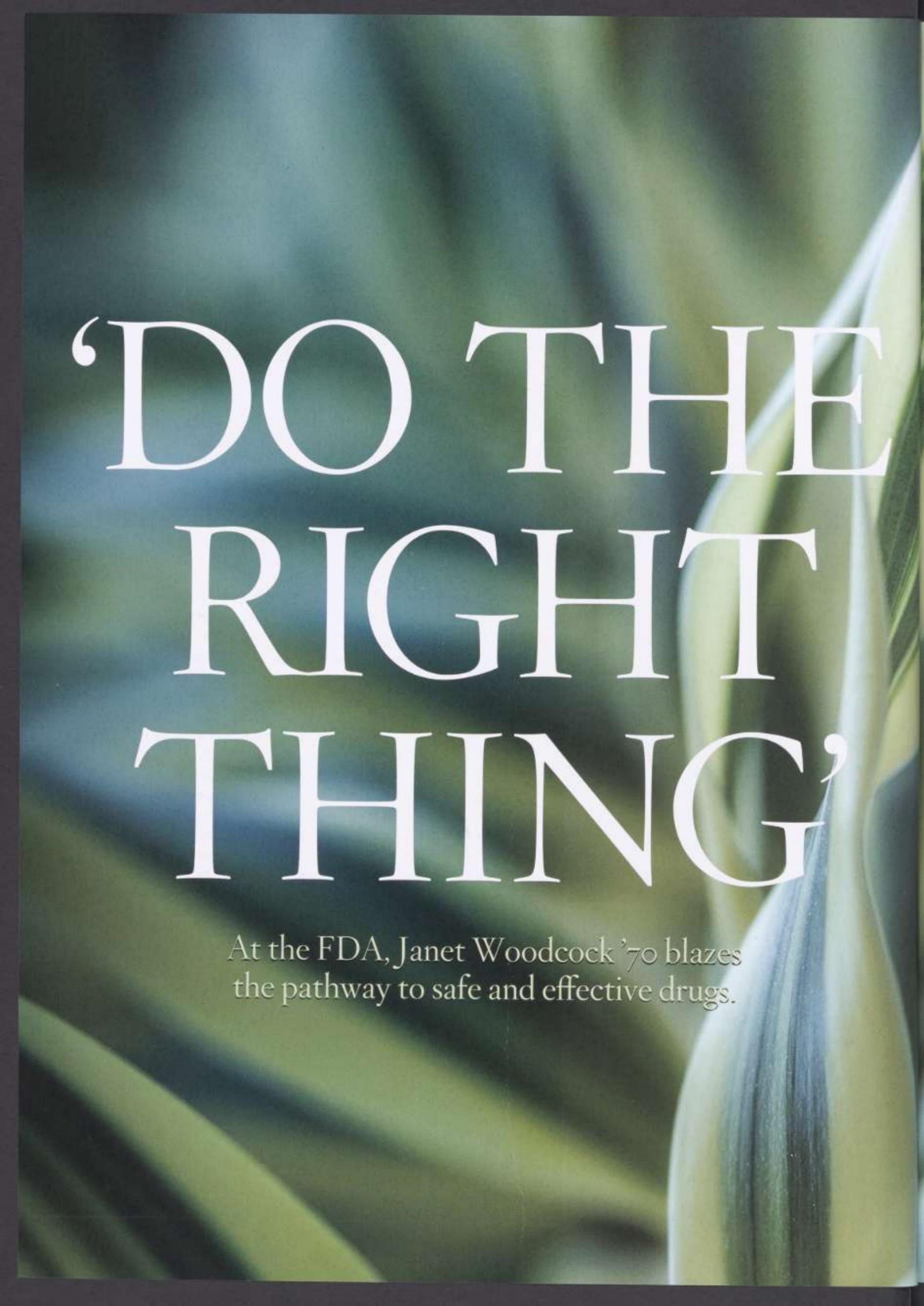
It was easier said than done, of course, but not so long after that dinner Karl and I secured some funding from Bucknell, and we then went to the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts and were awarded a small grant, making a first issue possible. All we needed now were poems and stories, so we compiled a mailing list of writers whose work we had admired in other literary magazines and sent out a call for submissions. In a matter of weeks we had filled the first issue, which came out in fall 1977.

Getting the magazine underway seemed to me daunting enough, but Karl had another idea: a yearly poetry festival that would bring to campus some of the writers we were publishing. Bringing poets together for workshops and readings, we would be building a community of writers and readers, enriching the

life of the arts at Bucknell and in central Pennsylvania. This turned out to be one of the most rewarding aspects of *West Branch*, actually meeting the writers whose works we'd published, hearing them read and generously give of their time in workshops with Bucknell students and writers from Lewisburg and the surrounding area.

From 1977 on, Karl and I produced two issues yearly, the two of us reading every manuscript that came our way, and with the able assistance of [Writing Center Coordinator] Steve Styers and, later, Managing Editor **Andy Ciotola M'06**, we organized and brought into being a poetry festival every spring. The magazine has continued to evolve and thrive in the years since Karl and I ended our 23-year editorship. It is a source of great satisfaction and pleasure for me. I always look forward to the next issue and am delighted that the magazine has a lively online presence to supplement the gorgeously printed issues. — *Robert Love Taylor*

Robert Love Taylor, co-founder and co-editor of West Branch from 1977 to 2000, is an emeritus professor of English.



‘DO THE RIGHT THING’

At the FDA, Janet Woodcock '70 blazes
the pathway to safe and effective drugs.



It isn't easy maneuvering around the sprawling, well-manicured White Oak Campus in Silver Spring, Md., where Janet Woodcock '70 presides over the Food and Drug Administration's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER). The mazelike layout of the campus gives one indication of just how complex Woodcock's job is directing CDER, whose mission is ensuring that drugs are safe, effective and available.

Finding one's way to the proper high-rise building and then through the security phalanx and up to her sixth-floor office takes time. Everything about Woodcock's vast area of responsibility takes time. Managing 45 offices and a staff of 5,000 government employees, this research-scientist-turned-CEO oversees the approval of all prescription and nonprescription drugs in the United States.

On their way to her office, visitors pass through a room where exotic orchids are arrayed on workers' desks. To the right is a walkway to another building, which is lined with large, leafy green plants, grown and bestowed, as were the orchids, by Woodcock, an inveterate gardener.

Woodcock greets visitors in her large corner office, with its beige wood furniture and a balcony that overlooks the White Oak grounds. Prominent on the walls are photos of her two daughters and art by the one who's in medical school now. Petite with short brown hair tucked behind her ears, Woodcock has an easy, warm manner and a steady smile as she speaks.

When asked how long it takes to get a drug approved, she spends a patient 10 minutes explaining every step.

By Sherri Kimmel
Photography by James Kegley



THE LONG ROAD

Going from research conducted in university science labs to the pharmaceutical company-funded predrug development stage can take years. Next comes drug discovery in the pharmaceutical labs. More years. Then there's the clinical phase — testing in animals, then in humans. Summing it up, she says, "If you go really far back, when you're first identifying what causes a disease, it might be 25 years until you get [the drug] into people."

That's why many Nobel laureates, such as the three scientists lauded in October for developing drugs to treat parasitic diseases, are in their 80s. "With the Nobel, you can't just discover something," she confirms. "It has to have made a difference. Sometimes that takes 25 to 40 years. So the Nobel is a good measure. One of my goals is to accelerate our part of the process — to make it as efficient as possible but to still get all the information."

Once the drug companies successfully pass the trials stage, she says, "they assemble all the information, which includes how they make the drug, where they make it — plus details on the pharmacology, toxicology and human studies. Then

GAME-CHANGING DRUGS ARE SAVING MORE LIVES

Forty years ago, it was common to see wheelchairs lining the halls of clinics treating patients with crippling arthritis, says the FDA's **Janet Woodcock '70**, who began her distinguished medical career as a rheumatologist. "Biologic agents have changed the face of rheumatoid arthritis, and my colleagues say, 'We don't have people in wheelchairs anymore in our clinics,'" Woodcock explains.

Arthritis drugs are among the few Woodcock mentions when asked to list breakthrough drugs. Another is a blood thinner that acts as a clot buster — tissue plasminogen activator (tPA). "It's the protocol now to rush people who seem to be having thrombotic strokes in to see if their clot can be dissolved," Woodcock says. Often, paralysis on the left side of the body can

be prevented by quickly administering tPA, she adds.

"A lot of the other drugs the FDA has approved lately really are triumphs," says Woodcock, whose office approves 20 to 45 novel drugs each year. Those that treat hepatitis C are among the most groundbreaking, despite their expense, she says. "If you can cure hepatitis C, you can interrupt transmission [to others] as well as treat the person."

A few other alumni physicians recently identified drugs they consider to be game changers. **David Bresticker '82**, a family physician in Williamsport, Pa., asked several colleagues to list their top drugs. They agreed on four.

Metformin has made the greatest impact in diabetes treatment during his 25 years of practice, says Bresticker. Not only does it lower blood sugar, but

it reduces the complications of diabetes. "There are fewer heart attacks and strokes," he says.

Lovastatin, which "gave rise to a whole family of cholesterol-lowering drugs," is another one the docs agree on. Statins are "now used for people with risk factors," Bresticker says. "Even though my numbers [LDL, HDL, triglycerides] look great, I take Lipitor because I have a terrible family history [of heart disease]."

The third breakthrough drug the doctors champion is the now-over-the-counter medicine Prilosec, used to treat heartburn, stomach ulcers and acid reflux. "This is an A-plus drug that has revolutionized how we treat these problems," Bresticker says.

The final drug on the doctors' short-list is Prozac. "That one really changed everything about the way we treated mental illness," Bresticker contends. "It helps people not just with depression but with anxiety, OCD and eating disorders and is now the standard of care."

they draft a label. That's called a new drug application. Our review process takes six to 10 months, which is very short compared to [all the years spent in development]."

A program she started for breakthrough drugs has fast tracked some that have been, she says, "real game changers for serious diseases. We've been approving them in something like three months.

"The science of drug development is really changing now and is very promising," she says. "We'll be able to crack some of these diseases and treat people who were previously untreatable. Every year we're approving drugs that do that or cure diseases, like hepatitis C, that were intractable before."

Among other new advances that come under her purview are printable drugs, created by 3-D printers. "We just approved our first printed drug, for epilepsy," she says. "Drug manufacturing is one of the new frontiers. The rigorous chemistry training I got at Bucknell has served me in good stead supervising all of that.

"Sequencing the human genome has caused a big revolution in how drugs are developed and administered," she adds. "That scientific revolution has been pretty fast, given that the sequencing of the human genome was 15 years ago." Her job involves, "great science all the time. Of course, it's all mixed up with lawsuits all the time," she adds with a smile.

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— Janet Woodcock '70

Prozac also was singled out by **Margaret Wetmore Chappen '79** of Geisinger Health System in Lewisburg. "I'm in internal medicine and primary care, so much of what I do is psychology and psychiatry," she says. "The development of an effective, safe and affordable antidepressant has made the biggest difference to my practice. The breakthrough drug was Prozac in the early '90s, but there are even better medicines now in that classification — Lexapro, Celexa, Paxil, Zoloft. They have been refined so they have fewer side effects."

Like Woodcock, **Douglass Drelich '98** has a specialty — his is cancer. "It's been a busy decade or so for oncologists," says Drelich, who is affiliated with Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia. Chronic myelogenous leukemia took a serious hit with the advent of Gleevec, he says. It was the first molecularly targeted therapy, which means it homes in on "what it is about a cancer cell that makes it a

cancer cell," he says.

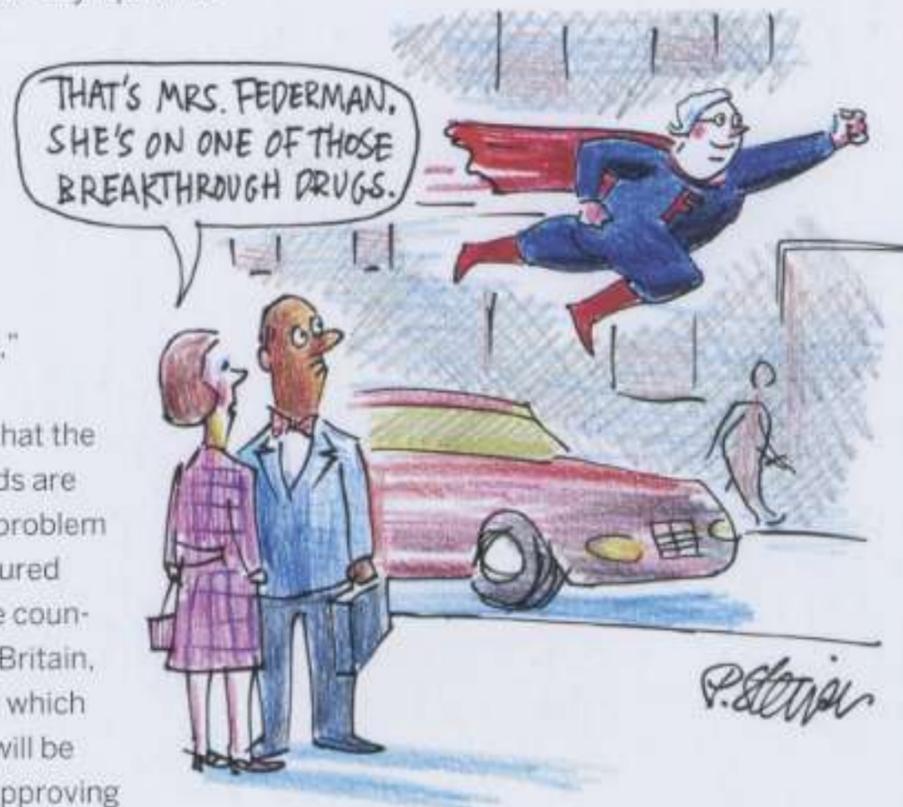
Another miraculous drug is Rituxan, a monoclonal antibody that "makes your immune system target a cancer," Drelich says. "It's very important historically, and we use it by the gallon for a wide variety of autoimmune diseases as well as non-Hodgkin's lymphoma."

The final drug he cites is Yervoy, used to treat melanoma. "It was the first drug that activates the immune system to destroy cancer cells," he says.

He freely admits that the cancer drugs he lauds are very expensive — a problem he feels will not be cured anytime soon. Some countries, such as Great Britain, assess the extent to which a patient's lifespan will be lengthened before approving

an expensive drug. Says Drelich, "Pharmaceuticals are an extremely well-funded lobby, and until we address campaign-finance reform, there are unlikely to be any changes."

— Sherri Kimmel





QUEST FOR LOWER PRICES

While the FDA reviews drug-development data, it doesn't fund drug research. That's on the pharmaceutical companies' dime. The FDA also "has no role in how drugs are priced," says Woodcock. She invokes former FDA Commissioner Mark McClellan's concerns about affordability.

"That was back in 2004," she recalls. "I wrote a report in which I discussed what we could do in FDA-regulated phases to make drug trials and development programs more efficient and effective. We've done a huge amount with public-private partnerships to simplify trials, and we're still working on that." She's also counting on innovations such as electronic health records. "We can help reduce the time needed for trials," she says. "I believe we can lower the cost of developing drugs through some of these measures."

One of Woodcock's top challenges in drug development and regulation is figuring out why some people experience adverse reactions to new drugs and others don't. Sequencing the human genome has brought about tissue typing to detect if someone has a rare allele that could react adversely to a drug. "We're trying to understand the biological basis of different human responses to drugs," Woodcock says.

STRICTLY SCIENCE

During her 30 years with the FDA, Woodcock has worked under several presidential administrations. While presidents may express interest in certain topics — for Obama, it's been the epidemic in prescription opioid abuse, she says — the FDA has been largely immune to the political winds. "The fundamental work is very scientific, and we like to keep it that way," Woodcock says. "We're more successful the more we keep it strictly based on policy and the science that we have."

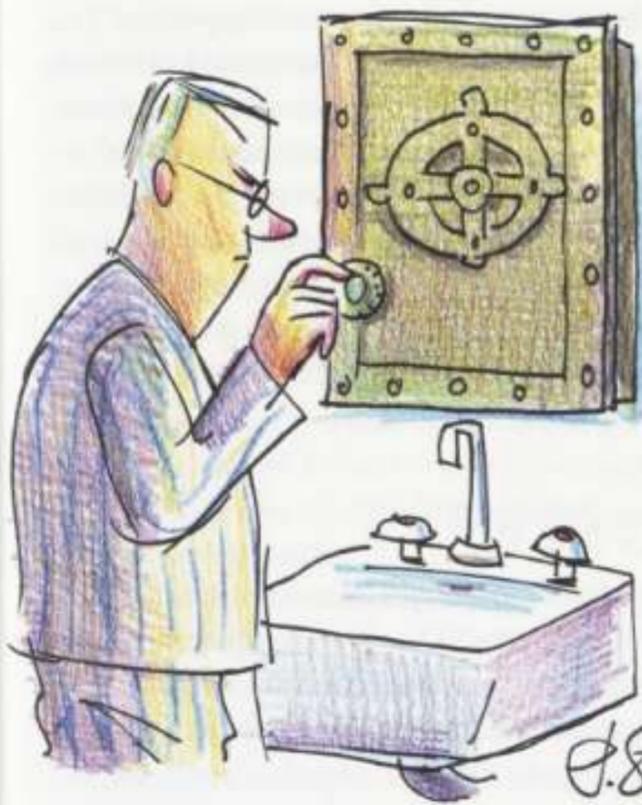
Woodcock came to the FDA in 1986 as a part-time drug reviewer. A rheumatologist and new mom, she'd been on the faculty at the University of California, San Francisco doing research in rheumatology when her husband got a job at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md.

"I was hired by a biologic center, because I had experience doing research on monoclonal antibodies, which were very experimental," she explains. Because this was the height of the AIDS epidemic and she was helping to regulate a therapeutic vaccine, "I got thrown into media things right away. 'Oh, you can do *60 Minutes*.'"

"Pretty soon I was supervising the whole IND [Investigational New Drugs] Division at CDER, and then I was deputy director," she says. She's been CDER director since 1994, except for a few years when she served as the FDA's deputy commissioner and chief medical officer.

When asked how she manages to lead an operation of 5,000 people, she says, "I've always been looked to as a leader. At Bucknell, they made me captain of the cheerleaders. I was terrible at it, but I've always been somebody that people look to and ask, 'What's the next step?'"

HOOPLA OVER HIKE IN PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICES SPARKS LIVELY DEBATE



This fall, the 5,000-percent price hike of a 62-year-old prescription drug provoked an outcry in the national media, on the presidential candidate debate stage and in some Bucknell classrooms.

Professor Amy Wolaver, economics, co-director of the Bucknell Institute for Public Policy, led students in her three sections of Economics 103 in a lively discussion of drug monopolies — showing a video clip of the CEO

who was declared “the

most hated man on the internet” by *Benzinga*, a financial-media outlet. Students watched the rather oily-looking Martin Shkreli of Turing Pharmaceuticals explain why he raised the price of Daraprim, which is used to fight parasitic infections, from \$13.50 to \$750 per pill: to make his company more profitable.

The controversy inspired a lively conference-call debate among **Emily Powers '18**, her sister Carolyn and her mom, **Barbara Weir Powers '84**. Emily took the middle ground in their discussion of ethics and economics; her sister advocated for the right of pharmaceutical companies to recoup the exorbitant cost of research and development before a drug can be approved; and her mother found the price hike unconscionable.

“I don’t agree with how aggressive it was — 5,000 percent overnight — but drug companies really do need to make a profit,” says Emily Powers. “Making a higher profit is an incentive for companies to make better drugs. Ultimately, that will make a healthier society. You just can’t give away drugs for free. The world doesn’t work that way.”

In some countries, drugs are nearly free, though, attests **Teweldeberhan Misghina '18**. At least that was the case when he left his home country of Eritrea in 2006 for a refugee camp in Ethiopia. Another of Wolaver’s Economics 103 students captivated by the topic, Misghina says in Eritrea, individuals could acquire drugs for a nominal fee at hospital pharmacies.

Although he says, as “a private person, I feel

terrible [about increases like the ones driven by Shkreli], I understand that firms are always trying to maximize profits.”

Misghina was among the 45 or so students, faculty and staff who attended a Pizza and Policy Forum titled Prescription for Trouble in late October. The panel of Wolaver; Professors Erin Jablonsky and Ryan Snyder, chemical engineering; and Jove Graham, Geisinger Health System clinical research director; addressed prescription-drug pricing and pharmaceutical company obligations to patient safety, innovation, access and affordability.

According to Snyder, one reason drugs cost so much is that pharmaceutical firms spend on average \$1 to 1.5 billion and a dozen or more years to reach the point where FDA approval is in sight. Only about five out of 10,000 drugs actually gain approval, he says.

Drug patents are good for 20 years, at which point a drug may be manufactured and sold by other companies as a generic. Because patents take effect before trials and safety testing begin, the patent period after approval is often just seven to 12 years.

“If we had the will in this country, we could devote more federal funding [for drug research, rather than relying on private companies to foot the bill],” says Wolaver. “I personally think that’s the best option. But politically, we’ve decided on a system that results in inequity in access. It’s a social-justice issue.”

Wolaver suggests an additional remedy: regulating drugs prices, as is done in the United Kingdom and Canada. But she sees no hope for this.

Nor does Professor Chris Ellis, political science. “Even if health economists agree on a technically sound solution, actually changing policy to reflect that solution is another matter entirely,” says Ellis. “The gridlock in our political system makes even really sound economic ideas politically impossible to implement.”

He also doubts that the “price gouging” headlines of this past fall will endure as a presidential campaign or media issue.

“It’s the story of the day, rather than something that sticks, since the drug in question doesn’t affect that many people,” says Ellis. “It makes for a jarring story, but it leads citizens to say, ‘That’s weird,’ rather than something they should take action for.” — *Sherri Kimmel*

Orchids that Woodcock grew brighten FDA staff desks.



Besides providing Woodcock a physical outlet for four years as a cheerleader, Bucknell gave her a scholarship and “a really rigorous education,” she says. “All the parts of it have really helped me. Medical school [at Northwestern University] was fairly straightforward for me.”

One of Woodcock’s chemistry-major requirements at Bucknell was particularly memorable. “We had to blow our

own vessels, and I probably would have inhaled molten glass or done something horrible if not for my lab partners. So I thank them for helping me and allowing me to graduate.”

She’s no longer cheerleading, but she maintains her lifelong penchant for physical activity. “I do aerobics and have taken up running again,” she says. “And I go hiking all the time” — recently in Iceland and Banff. And then there’s her gardening — flowers, fruit and vegetables — at her place in rural Brookeville, Md. “Having grown up in Pennsylvania [near Altoona], I like the country,” she says. “My job is so intense that when I go home I just want to go out in my garden. I garden a lot.”

BREAKING NEWS

Woodcock’s straightforward, candid manner makes her a natural spokesperson for the FDA. If you read or watch the national news, including newsmagazine shows, you’ve probably seen her explain the benefits of biosimilars, generic versions of biologic drugs (*CBS News*, March 9, 2015). Or address the overuse of prescription painkillers or opioids, as she did in *Time* in June (“No one anticipated the clinical community would take to this and start giving it out like water.”).

The opioid addiction problem is immense. According to *Time*, 9.4 million Americans take opioids for long-term pain, and 2.1 million are estimated to be addicted and potentially

CDC’S LAURI HICKS ’95 TACKLES THE DANGERS IMPOSED BY THE MISUSE OF ANTIBIOTICS

Seven decades ago, antibiotics arrived on the market as a life-saving remedy to common infectious diseases. Due to overuse or improper use, however, antibiotics are losing their effectiveness against new bacteria strains. To compel the public — and doctors — to stop using antibiotics without careful consideration, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) launched a new Office of Antibiotic Stewardship last year. **Lauri Hicks ’95**, an expert in antibiotics, bacterial respiratory

diseases and outbreak investigations, is at the helm.

“Antibiotic resistance is dialing back the clock on modern medical advances,” Hicks says. Taking antibiotics when they are not needed is fueling an increase in drug-resistant bacteria, causing infections that are more difficult, and sometimes even impossible, to cure. Drug-resistant bacteria infect 2 million people, killing 23,000 each year, according to the CDC.

“I think of antibiotics as a precious resource,” Hicks says. “Every time you

use an antibiotic it becomes less effective.” About half of antibiotics taken by people are used incorrectly, she adds. Patients who skip doses, stop midway through treatment or take medicines not prescribed for them risk the development of drug-resistant strains like MRSA, a dangerous staph bacteria.

Hicks’ office reminds doctors to follow hand-washing and infection-control routines scrupulously and to stick to recommended guidelines for diagnosing and treating infections.

turning to the black market. Woodcock contends that the FDA is working with states and physician communities to address the problem and has written guidelines on “abuse-deterrent formulations — versions of the pills that you can’t snort very well or can’t inject. We’ve done a variety of different steps to mitigate the epidemic.”

The FDA’s approval of the narcotic painkiller OxyContin for use in children caused a stir this fall, as some lawmakers and politicians claimed the move could lead to more OxyContin prescriptions, further fueling the prescription opioid epidemic.

Woodcock boldly told *The New York Times*, “There are children in need. It would be unethical not to have the right dose information. It has been a real scandal that children in the United States receive drugs without proper evidence of their dosage and safety.”

Because she is dealing with breaking issues in public health she’s had to respond quickly. “You can never predict a crisis.” Woodcock reflected on a 2008 catastrophe, when an estimated 150 Americans died from contaminated doses of the bloodthinner heparin, which had been manufactured in China. “We responded quickly, and that was complicated,” she says.

Woodcock’s comment is sought on hot topics in the major media nearly every week. In the last few months, for instance, she’s addressed the approval of the new female libido pill, Addyi, and the FDA’s call for new labels on over-the-counter painkillers, such as ibuprofen and naproxen, that warn of

increased risk for heart attack and stroke.

“Over-the-counter drugs have to be safe enough for people to be able to misuse them in various ways,” she says. “People aren’t going to follow the label instructions. The drugs have to have a good margin of safety or they shouldn’t be [sold] over the counter.”

UNDER PRESSURE

Besides the pressure of responding to media calls, there’s the pressure applied by drug companies and desperate patients who want the FDA to expedite drug approval. “Our salvation is that we have scientific standards, and we try to stick to them,” she says. “The patients have trouble understanding that, but the industry understands pretty well, though they may not be happy about it.”

Woodcock frequently meets with groups affected — parents whose children are dying or dying patients — to explain the drug-development process. “That is our duty as public servants,” she says. “But we can’t satisfy their need for something if there’s nothing out there.”

“Everybody has an opinion — Congress, the [presidential] administration, the media, the patients, drug companies,” she continues to say. “Long ago, it bothered me more when people were shouting. But to maintain in this job, you have to get to a point where you just do the right thing, do the right thing. Analyze the situation. Do the right thing.” **B**

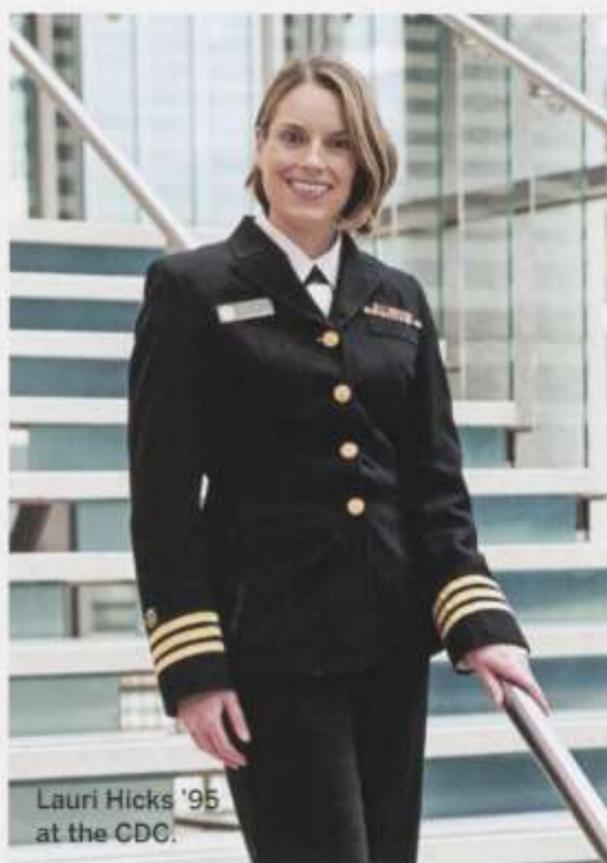
In the midst of this winter’s flu and cold season, Hicks offers facts and advice:

- Antibiotics don’t treat viral infections. (Most sore throats, ear infections, colds and bronchitis come from viruses, against which antibiotics are useless.)
- Never pressure your provider to prescribe antibiotics.
- Talk to your provider about what you can do to relieve symptoms.

Hicks’ path to epidemiology led through Bucknell, but she started on a life in science at her family’s 9-acre farm in West Chester, Pa. The thrill of delivering a calf in her early teens at first inspired her to be a veterinarian.

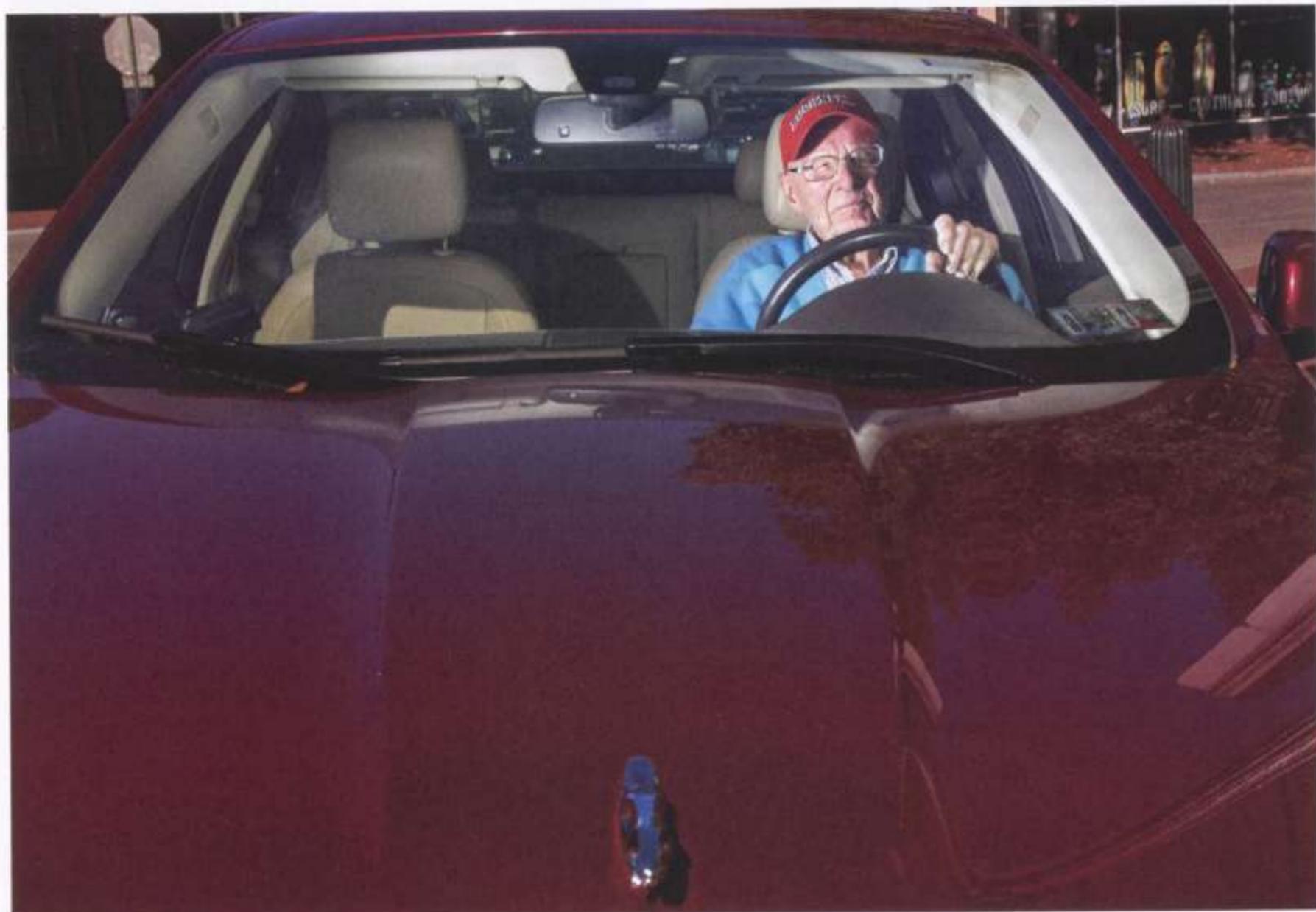
Bucknell, with its strong life-sciences program, was the perfect launching pad for the future U.S. Public Health Services commander, who earned her D.O. at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. She has been with CDC’s Epidemic Intelligence Service for most of the last 16 years.

It was the desire to heal that led her to medicine, Hicks says, and a career in public health allows her to expand her expertise from helping individual patients to helping whole populations. — Marilyn Lewis



Lauri Hicks '95
at the CDC.

KEEPING TIME



Living to age 100 — or older — is a feat, no doubt. But reaching that landmark and maintaining a lively mind is an even rarer achievement. According to the 2010 census, there are more than 50,000 Americans who are age 100 or older. **Anna Outwater Day '27** is undoubtedly one of Bucknell's eldest alumni. And **Charlie Vogel '37** will soon join the century club. They have a thing or two to say about living a rich life.

IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT

Charlie Vogel '37 turns 100 on Feb. 2, and is still cruising around in his red Jag.

Charlie Vogel, age 99 and counting, routinely drives his red 2009 Jaguar around his home, Pennsylvania's Chester County. He's a breakfast regular at Penn's Table in West Chester, where all the workers know him, and his meals are free for the rest of his life. He still interviews prominent guests for the TV channel at his retirement complex. With more than 100 shows on his résumé, his guests have included several famous standouts from his beloved Philadelphia Phillies — Chase Utley, Ryan Howard and Charlie Manuel included.

Vogel just recently surrendered his role as board treasurer of the local Meals on Wheels and began using a cane. He has more hair than his middle-aged interviewer does, and not all of it is gray.

Thinking back on his years at Bucknell prompts fond memories. "I cherish every moment I spent up there, good and bad," he says.

Tops on the "good" list, he says, was meeting his wife, **Virginia Fisher '40**, who died in 2011. Following Bucknell football was high on his "good" list, too — he says he got an award for attending Homecoming games 60 years straight.

On the "bad" ledger was the huge Susquehanna River flood of 1936. He and a pal borrowed a canoe and helped rescue people from homes by the river. Vogel also scored some points with his French teacher by making sure the man's piano was out of reach of the floodwaters — a handy chit to have, he said, because foreign languages "weren't my best subject."

He remembers returning from swim practice one winter morning, when the car he was riding in slid off the road and

almost landed in the west branch of the Susquehanna River. (That's when he decided to quit the swim team, even though he had helped found it, before the school even had a pool.)

Vogel is still class reporter for the Class of '37, but with nobody else sending in news, he says, "I write crazy things." He writes a lot about his grown granddaughter's potbellied pig. "It's gotten to be pretty well-known," he says. "I got letters from people in other classes."

He chaired his 50th class Reunion, which he says set the record for raising the most scholarship money of any class.

Until recently, he came back to Bucknell every year for the Scholarship Day Celebration.

Will he come back to Lewisburg for his 100th birthday this Feb. 2?

Says Vogel, "I'd love to get to campus one more time."

If he does, it will be with a ride from his family. In a rare concession to his age, he doesn't drive long distances any more. That red Jaguar will be home in the garage. **B**

— Matt Zencey

SUPER CENTENARIAN

At age 108, Anna Outwater Day '27 maintains a strong voice and active mind.

With the recent success of the movie remake of *The Great Gatsby* and the hit HBO series *Boardwalk Empire*, references to the Roaring Twenties still abound in popular culture. But finding an authentic flapper today ... not so easy.

Anna Outwater Day '27, who celebrated her 108th birthday Aug. 25, can lay claim to that title. Speaking recently with a Bucknell visitor at her retirement home in Charlottesville, Va., Day recollected her campus days and the origin of the term. "We wore galoshes unbuttoned so that they flapped. That's why they called us flappers.

"I have fond, fun memories of Bucknell," she adds. "Nobody was allowed to have a car unless you were an upperclassman. You walked everywhere. I really developed good legs. Maybe that's why I'm so old."

Day's Bucknell education, she says, "gave me an experience I never would have had otherwise. I met a nice group of girls and boys. There were four boys for every girl, and I managed to get fraternity pins quite frequently. I still have them."

Her senior year, she says, that pin came courtesy of fellow New Jersey native **Ted Mitchell '29**, center for the football team.

Day belonged to Kappa Delta sorority, was active in musical activities and majored in French with minors in math and Spanish.

"I was only 19 when I graduated, and I went to look for a job [in New York City]," she recalls. "I went down on Wall Street, because I thought my French would help me get a job in the diplomatic service."

She pursued her master's in French at Columbia University, then was told she needed shorthand and typing skills, so she took classes at a business school. Day spent seven years as a secretary in the long-distance department of AT&T before marrying and raising a family.

Today, she resides near her daughter, Betty Dinwiddie, and enjoys visits with friends and family. Day remains a lifelong learner.

"I have been reading since I was about 3 years old," she says. "I'm still reading a lot," especially historical fiction.

"I don't have any words of wisdom except that I took advantage of every opportunity that was offered to improve myself and to be nice to other people," she says. "I was conscious of the privilege it was to go to college. Not many people had it. It was expensive, and you did the best you could and took advantage of every opportunity."

When asked her secret to a long and happy life, Day says, "You were put on earth to help other people. That's the way I was brought up. I think Bucknell promoted that." **B**

— Sherri Kimmel, with assistance from Steve Codner

 To watch a video of Anna Day's 108th birthday celebration, download the Bucknell Magazine app or visit bucknell.edu/bmagazine.



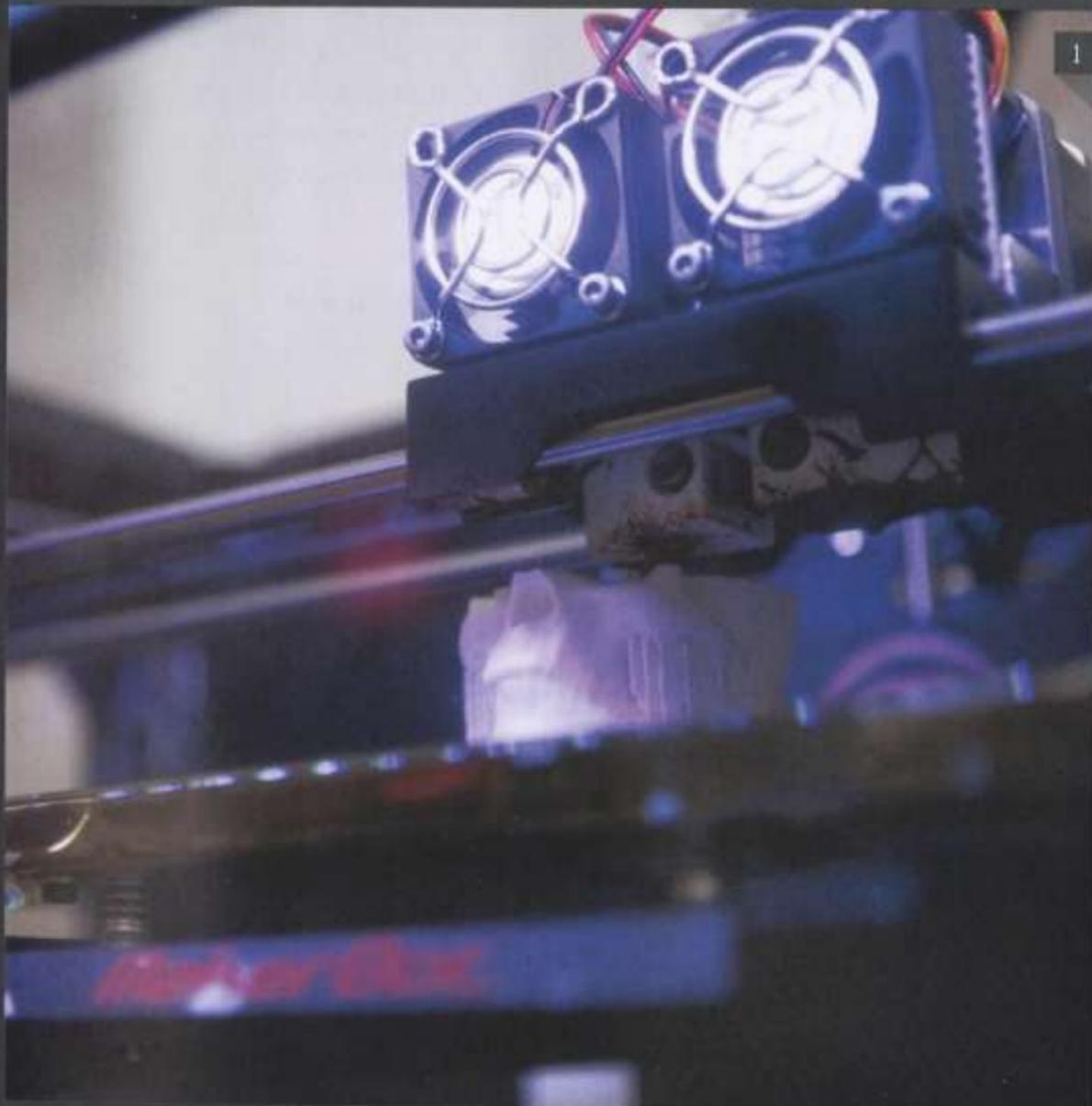
Anna Day '27, a resident at Our Lady of Peace in Charlottesville, Va., turned 108 Aug. 25.

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THE MAGIC OF THE MAKER MOVEMENT TAKES HOLD IN MANY INNOVATIVE POCKETS ON CAMPUS.

BY MATT HUGHES • PHOTOGRAPHY BY DUSTIN FENSTERMACHER



There is something enchanting about watching a 3-D printer in action, and it's even more enthralling if you're behind the controls. Download a file from the internet or design one yourself, press print and watch the image on your screen begin to materialize point-by-point in plastic — it's hard not to crack a smile.

"For most people it starts as something that impresses them because they've done it — it's not the thing they've made; it's just that there *is* a thing when there wasn't one before," says Margot Vigeant, associate dean of engineering and a professor of chemical engineering. "A lot of people will make something out of a video game or movies: 'Look, it's Darth Vader! I made him!'"

It's a bit gimmicky, perhaps, but that feeling of wonder and agency is nonetheless powerful, and it can be a transformational experience, says Vigeant. It's one she and other leaders of the maker movement burgeoning at Bucknell and nationally hope to capture for all it's worth, because putting the magic in your hands demystifies the trick; it makes you the magician.

That feeling is one the engineers and artists on campus, like **Sam Pratt '16**, a mechanical engineering major, already know well. Pratt has been building 3-D printers since his senior year of high school and understands the mechanical minutia of the technology as well as anyone at Bucknell, but talk to him about that tech and it doesn't take long for him to mention "magic."

"I had a part break on my printer, and I emailed someone at the company and asked them for a file," Pratt says. "They emailed it to me, and I printed the replacement part — like a 3-D fax machine. That's like magic."

To Vigeant, a better term is "self-efficacy. You go from thinking this is something that's not an option to, 'I can.' That's inspirational."

It's a feeling that can benefit anyone, Vigeant says, and it's the idea driving the maker movement — a tech-savvy extension of do-it-yourself culture supported at Bucknell by six facilities branded MakerSpaces, the 7th Street Studio among them.

Renovated in 2015 and outfitted with four 3-D printers (as well as three 3-D scanners, a laser cutter, a computer-

numerical-control mill and design software to make it all go), the space provides training for any student, staff member or professor to try new ways of designing and crafting objects.

"You get people interested in making things, then they want to learn how to do it better," says Professor Nate Siegel, mechanical engineering, who manages the studio with Art Professor Joe Meiser and 7th Street Studio Coordinator Gretchen Heuges. "It allows people to move from simple projects to more complex projects, and that drives additional learning — as you get more ambitious, you've got to learn more," Siegel adds.

Since they're meant to encourage experimentation, there are few limits on what you can use the MakerSpace's printers to create. Custom cell-phone cases are a popular first project, Siegel says. But many on campus are putting the devices to educational use too.

For their senior design projects, students majoring in biomedical engineering partner with local physicians to identify novel treatment tools. These students have increasingly used 3-D printing to create quick mockups, says Professor Eric Kennedy, biomedical engineering.

"We can show the physicians pictures, and they can say, 'It should be about the size of a screwdriver,'" Kennedy says. "But to actually print the part, hand it to a doctor and say, 'How does this feel? Do you want to hold it a different way?' That's been really valuable."

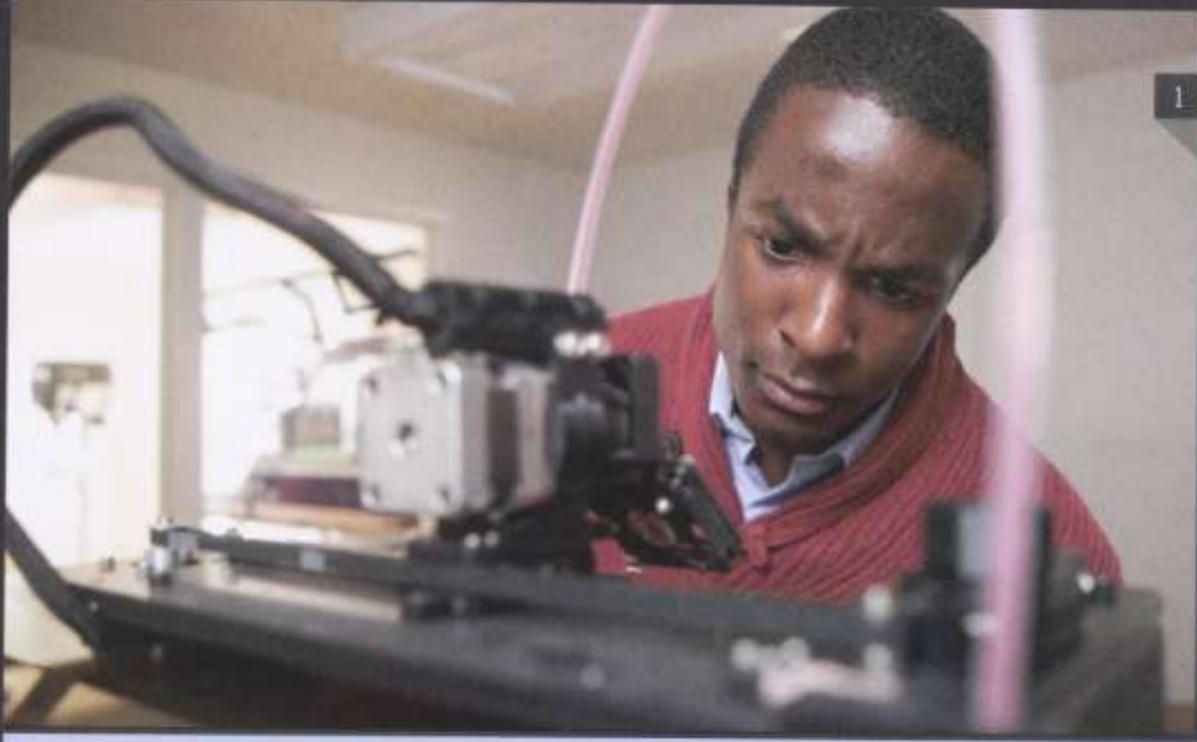
But despite its possibilities, 3-D printing has drawbacks, he adds. "It's new and novel, like the new app you get on your phone that you want to use for everything. The danger is becoming too reliant on it."

Kennedy recalls several instances of senior design project teams engineering and printing their own plastic, less-refined versions of items that are otherwise readily available. One team, for instance, needed a clamp for its capstone project: an emergency tourniquet for battlefield use. The students reverse engineered and printed an Irwin Quick Grip clamp.

"If you're trying to print a Quick Grip, why not just go get a Quick Grip?" he asks. Kennedy sees that example as a valuable lesson: get too used to a technology, and it can influence the way you think, for better or worse. Meiser, however, has a different take.

He has made art and sculpture with computer-aided design software for the better part of a decade and recently began experimenting with 3-D printing.

1) One of Bucknell's many 3-D printers builds a model of a human skull in plastic. 2) A Bucknell B, printed in the 7th Street Studio, is dipped in a chemical bath to set. 3) Professor Joe Meiser, art & art history, manipulates a 3-D bust of Jemuel Stephenson '17, scanned in with an Xbox Kinect.



"THIS ABILITY TO FREELY EXPERIMENT
WITH OUTLANDISH IDEAS HELPS US
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— Professor Joe Meiser



Meiser printed the head of an animatronic vulture he created with Professor Steve Shooter, mechanical engineering, and, with Siegel, he has begun translating 3-D prints into metal using the lost-wax method — combining a millennia-old technology with an emerging one. Next fall, Meiser will introduce this technique and others in a new digital-fabrication art course.

Meiser says designing 3-D forms on the computer has changed the way he creates in the studio, encouraging him to think in the keyboard commands Ctrl+C, V, X and Z — the shortcuts for copy, paste, cut and undo.

“If I’m working with physical materials in the sculpture studio and I make a mistake, sometimes I actually think, ‘Undo,’ ” he says. “You can’t ‘undo’ things so easily in the real world. Sometimes you have wasted material or make a mistake that requires a lot of work to correct. It’s really empowering to design in the digital space because you can quickly iterate without worrying so much about failure. This ability to freely experiment with outlandish ideas helps us produce innovative results.”

What has enabled the spread of 3-D printing technology at Bucknell and elsewhere is not that the technology is new, for it’s not as new as it may seem, nor as complicated. The technology has existed at Bucknell for two decades, since the Department of Mechanical Engineering purchased its first 3-D printer, a highly precise machine made by Stratasys that’s still used today. It has simply become much cheaper to access.

The drastic drop in prices has been almost laughable to watch, says Pratt, who, through several internships, has helped Ohio-based MakerGear refine its printer from a tricky-to-assemble kit to a plug-and-play desktop unit. He points to perhaps the most captivating to watch of the tools at the 7th Street Studio MakerSpace, a stereolithography printer, which uses a laser to solidify points within a pool of liquid resin, lifting a formed object layer by layer from the pool.

“That technology didn’t exist as something you could buy for less than a quarter-million dollars three years ago,” Pratt says. “The machine in there is \$1,500. That’s just one example.”

That price drop has enabled faculty throughout the University to experiment with the devices and introduce them to students. Six printers have been purchased in the past year, Vigeant says, each for less than \$1,000.

In fact, there are now so many printers on campus Vigeant has lost count. She tallies 15 owned by engineering departments, four in the 7th Street Studio and two in the Department of Art & Art History. Not included in that number is Ernie, an orange M3D Micro printer sitting atop Vigeant’s desk. The cost: about \$350.

“It gets to a point where it’s not capital equipment anymore,” she says. “It’s not an *investment*; it’s, ‘This would be useful.’ ”

It’s clearly a price worth paying for training future engineers. The technology has been embraced by the biomedical engineering community, here and at large, where it’s already used to create custom-fit prosthetics. Someday soon printed medical devices could also mimic the body by changing material properties as they are printed, gradually morphing from hard to rubbery — a feature with huge implications for surgically implanted devices such as artificial heart valves. Within a few decades, Kennedy says, doctors might transplant organs grown from patients’ own cells, seeded to propagate in 3-D printed scaffolds.

The technology could disrupt traditional machining, warehousing and logistics operations too, adds Siegel, if it evolves to print metal more reliably and quickly. What does it mean, for instance, when auto-parts suppliers no longer need to keep warehouses full of replacement parts but can print to order?

But Vigeant also sees a more widespread ripple effect that extends beyond the drafting room, production floor and clinic. She can imagine a day when three-dimensional objects become just as pervasive a medium as internet access has made images and videos.

“A way to think about it is in terms of communication,” she says. “We have had students practice communicating through writing for a long time, and we have a few classes where we ask students to communicate visually or kinesthetically. My hope is that when the way you’re trying to express yourself works best as an item, you just go make it.” 

1) Jemuel Stephenson '17, a student worker at the 7th Street Studio who wrote a patent for a 3-D printer, checks a print's progress. 2) At the 7th Street Studio, the MakerGear printer produces a replica of the magazine nameplate. 3) One of the more advanced machines at the 7th Street Studio is the stereolithography printer. 4) Professor Joe Meiser uses an Xbox Kinect to scan Jemuel Stephenson '17 for a 3-D bust. 5) Professor Nate Siegel, mechanical engineering, imitating Hamlet, holds a 3-D printed skull. 6) Margot Vigeant, associate dean of engineering, observes Ernie, her desktop 3-D printer.

 To take a virtual tour of the 7th Street Studio MakerSpace and to see the library's 3-D printer create a Bucknell bison, download the magazine app or visit bucknell.edu/bmagazine.

An Icy Bond

Generations of Philadelphia-area Bison are swept up in the curious game of curling.

Pamela Stephani '74 was traveling for work in Canada in the late 1990s. Several times in her hotel room at night she turned on the television to see a game, a sort of shuffleboard on ice, called curling.

"It was mesmerizing; it seemed like a kind of chess, with strategy and all," says Stephani. "I knew if I had the chance, I would love to try it."

Living west of Philadelphia, though, it did not seem as if a winter-bound sport like curling would ever come her way. But in spring 2006 she heard about a Bucknell alumni club event at the Philadelphia Curling Club in Paoli, Pa., only a few miles from her job at the Vanguard mutual fund company, from which she retired in 2015.

"I went and I became hooked," says Stephani, who is one of about a dozen Bucknell alumni and parents who curl or have curled at the club.

On a recent Wednesday evening, for instance, Stephani curled on a team against **Daniel Dudt '17**, his father, Brian, and brother Andrew, a high-school senior.

Daniel Dudt has been curling at Paoli since he was 6. His mother's parents had some Canadian friends who introduced the family to the game. His maternal grandmother, **Barbara Moore Hutchinson '55**, and his aunt, **Ginger Hutchinson Pohlman '82**, are longtime curlers.

"It may be one of the only sports where a grandparent, a parent and a child can all play on the same team at the same time and there would be no second thought about it," says Stephani. There are no formal Bucknell teams at Paoli, but nearly any night or weekend she might encounter someone

with a Bucknell connection, she says.

The rudiments of curling are simple. Like shuffleboard, the goal is to have your 38-to-44-pound stones rest in point-scoring areas at the finish of each "end," as rounds are called. Instead of shuffleboard's triangle of scoring, there are concentric circles. Each team of four throws two stones, for a total of eight, in each end — knocking the opponents' stones out of the way or throwing them so they block an opponent's path.

The ice path is usually about 150 feet long. A throw actually means sliding a rounded stone by its handle down the ice, releasing it behind a line after a short lead up, the thrower stooping low with one leg bent in front and the other stretched out in back. Two broom-wielding sweepers follow the stone down the path to the target, brushing the ice — which warms it up and flattens it out — as necessary to direct the stone.

Dudt plays enough on vacations and the occasional weekend to make it to national competitions. He will be on an all-star team of sorts out of North Dakota this year in hopes of making it into international competition, where Canada and the Scandinavian countries are usually the best. Dudt says he would love to make the Olympic team.

"People like to ask me about that, but I am focusing on a career as an engineer," he says, but then pauses. "But I would certainly not be opposed to making it. You can't make a living as a competitive curler, but I have done it all my life and plan to compete forever." 

 To watch Bucknell curlers in action, check out the video in the Bucknell Magazine app or at bucknell.edu/bmagazine.

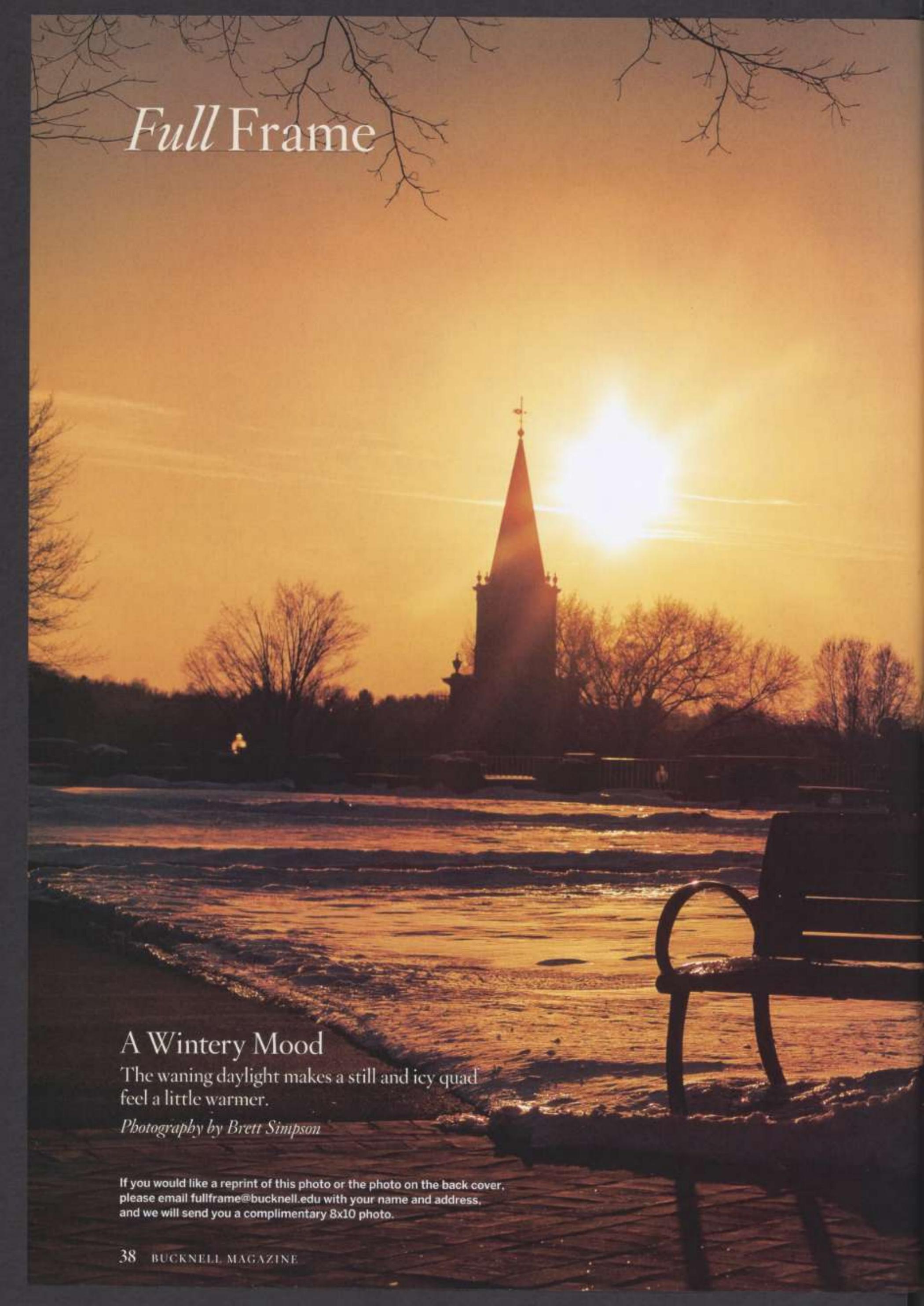
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Bruce Clouser '80 releases a curling stone as sweepers move it down the ice at the Philadelphia Curling Club.



From left: Daniel Dudt '17 releases his stone. Pam Stephani '74 watches from the clubhouse. Bruce Clouser '80, left, and Rob Van Schooneveld '75 stand in the house, or scoring rings, as sweepers move a curling stone down the ice.



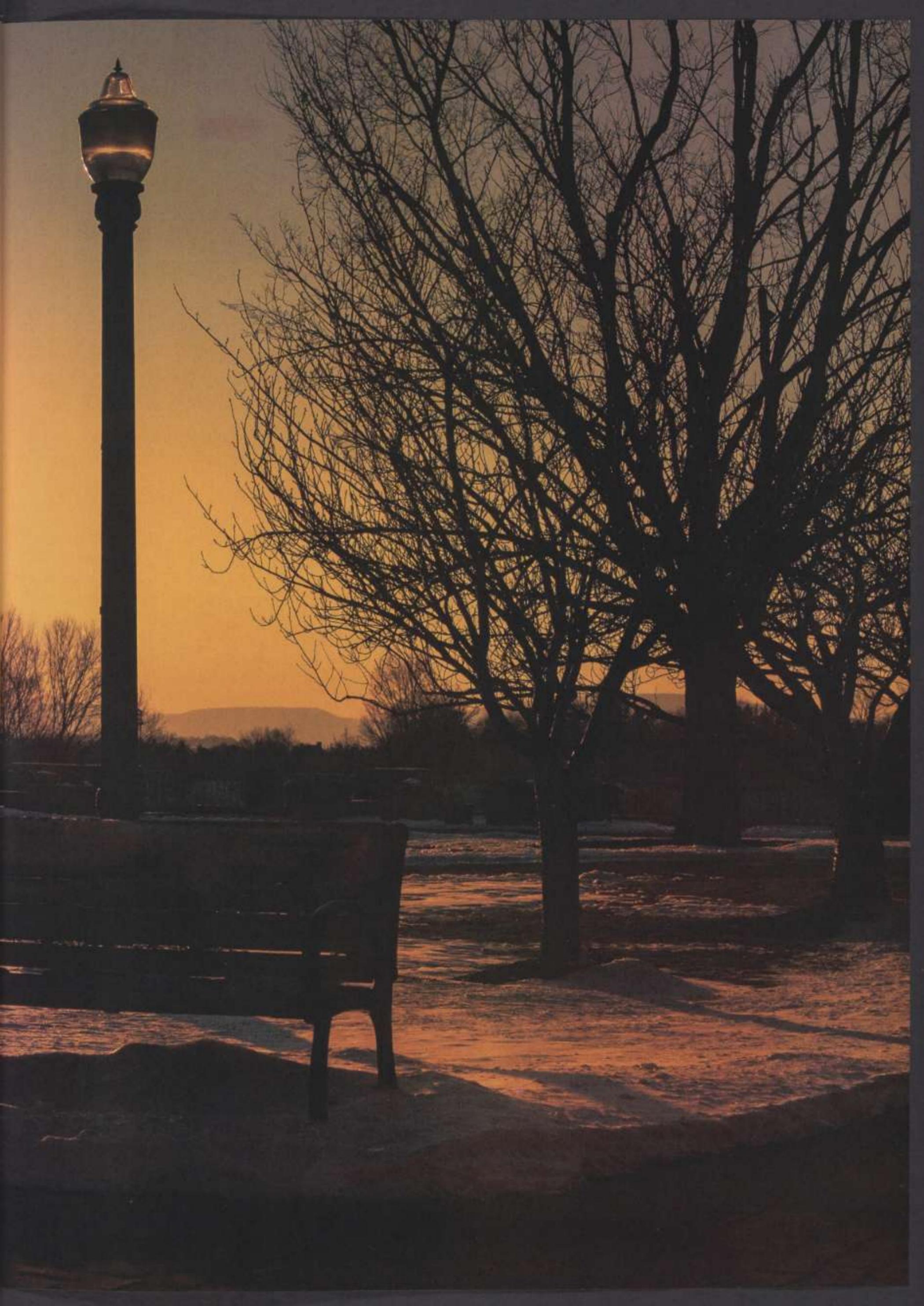
Full Frame

A Wintery Mood

The waning daylight makes a still and icy quad feel a little warmer.

Photography by Brett Simpson

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Alumni House

Opportunities & Events

One Network for All

By Heidi Hormel

When the economy experienced a downturn in 2007, Bucknell responded — lending a hand to alumni in the finance industry by creating an opportunity for networking through the Bucknell Professional Network (BPN). Today, BPN embraces alumni in every profession — helping them develop lifelong global and professional connections with fellow Bucknellians.

In the last year, BPN has broadened its scope from individual industry networks and volunteers to a core network, according to Isaac Moore, the senior assistant director of Alumni Relations who leads the BPN effort. A new 14-member advisory board brings experience from varied career interests along with ideas and resources that can

engage the alumni community.

BPN offers events that mix education with networking. For example, an Oct. 15 panel discussion in Pittsburgh titled “Health Care: Where We Are Now and What Lies on the Horizon” attracted alumni in health care and from a variety of backgrounds.

“Everyone has some contact with

the health-care system,” points out Amy Wolaver, the co-director of Bucknell’s Institute for Public Policy and professor of economics who moderated the event.

“I feel I have a strong alumni group behind me,” says one of the Pittsburgh event’s attendees, T.J. Walk ’07, a physician and chief resident for quality and patient safety for the University of Pittsburgh’s Internal Medicine Residency program. “I feel I can reach out to somebody for future job opportunities or advice.”

Jessamy Little ’07, a member of the BPN advisory board, says BPN has been a “huge proponent” of connecting alumni. “Learning goes beyond the four years at Bucknell,” says the financial adviser with a private wealth-management team at Bank of America Merrill Lynch in New York City.

The network also extends beyond specific events. Little has used Bucknell’s Alumni App to connect with fellow Bucknellians in New York City and London. A virtual networking text-based chat forum for “speed networking” will launch soon to link alumni across geographical boundaries.

“BPN really connects one alumnus with another,” says Moore. It lives up to the adage, he says, of “It’s who you know that will get you there. What you know will keep you there.”

To learn about more BPN events, visit bucknell.edu/bpn.



In New York City Oct. 29, Google employees (from left) Kiran Paranjpe '98, Bryan Rowley '98, Alexis Shellhammer '04 and Samuel Nana-Sinkam '10 joined School of Management Director Michael Johnson-Cramer for a panel discussion on the future of digital advertising.

Winning the Battle

The journey from Afghanistan to Bucknell to a Fortune 500 company was a lesson in endurance.

By Palwasha Siddiqi '10

Pursuing an education as a woman in Afghanistan is a constant, uphill and dangerous battle. It's a right we have to fight for — risking our safety and combating cultural norms that are extremely hostile toward women.

After pursuing my education in my home country, I arrived at Bucknell in summer 2006 to acclimate before the academic year began. I could barely speak English, so I signed up for a class to build on the English courses I had taken in 2003. I was overwhelmed by this unfamiliar new world, culture and education system, and I worried nonstop about the family I'd left in a war zone.

Without the community and support system Bucknell provided I would have remained lost. Through the host-family program for international students, Bucknell gave me what I needed the most — an American mom. With my

own mother thousands of miles away, my Lewisburg mom offered the comforts of home and cheered me up with homemade meals and cookies when I was overwhelmed by my new life. My professors went above and beyond — from using simpler words during lectures to spending many extra hours outside the classroom helping me understand course content until my language skills improved. To help with my adjustment, the admissions office offered me a job.

My journey was not easy at first, but within a year I felt at home and was doing fundraisers for nonprofit organizations and raising awareness about Afghanistan's history through events and interviews with local newspapers and radio stations. Today I hold an MBA from Fordham University and am a product and marketing manager in the London office of American



Palwasha Siddiqi '10

Express. Bucknell believed in me when I was at the brink of giving up and empowered me in ways I couldn't even dream. I cannot imagine a more ideal community to call my own.

Palwasha Siddiqi '10 majored in management and was active in the South Asian Student Association, the Muslim Student Association and as an Annual Fund volunteer. She received the H. Boardman Hopper Prize, awarded to the graduating senior whose degree is achieved by unusual perseverance.

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ALUMNI ENTREPRENEUR: ADAM DONATO '07

Everyone likes getting greeting cards, says Adam Donato '07, but almost no one likes buying them — it's tough to pick out the right sentiment in an aisle of mass-produced messages.

Donato's solution to this common frustration is Card Isle, a print-on-demand greeting-card kiosk that compresses a traditional card shop into the space of an ATM.

Users search for tags (mom, birthday, dogs) to sort through thousands of card designs created by independent artists. They can choose one of three inside messages or enter their own, then pay with a credit card (\$4 or less per card) and print their card on the spot. Soon users will be able to take photos from the kiosk and design cards on their smartphones, Donato says.

Donato founded the company in 2013 with two graduate-

school classmates from Virginia Tech. The company has already sold more than 10,000 cards through 12 kiosks and has seven employees.

Donato says it's a testament that, in this form at least, print is far from dead.

"Even Millennials still value greeting cards," he says. "If it's someone's birthday or you just want to say hi, a greeting card captures so much more than a text or Facebook message." — Matt Hughes



Adam Donato '07 (top) with his partners.

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 Page 71.

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Find the new alumni photo gallery at bucknell.edu/bmagazine or in the *Bucknell Magazine* app.



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In this new year, perhaps you have resolved to connect with a fellow alumnus or send some news to share with former classmates. I will help make your resolution a reality. My mailbox was empty and voice-mail silent this fall. I anticipate helping each one of you renew your Bucknell connections in the year ahead. Please write or call. I'm sending best wishes for a healthy and happy new year. — A.M.P.

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Hello, Class of 1943! You are awfully quiet, but I know some of you are still reading this column. I heard from your classmate William Pugliese. He writes: "Greetings to the Class of '43! At 93, I am still working one day a week at WakeMed Hospital in day surgery. I came to Bucknell, V-12, from Camp Lejeune, and then off to two years in the Pacific."

Dr. Pugliese reminds me that you all graduated in the throes of WWII. How did WWII affect your time at Bucknell? I look forward to your responses! — P.N.J.

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I did not receive any news from you this time around, so I have a question for you and hope to receive a response. How did WWII affect your time at Bucknell? I anticipate hearing about your experiences! — P.N.J.

 See a photo of Donald Kanally '44 and Bill Hoeveler '47's Marine Corps days in the app and online.

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Happy new year, Class of '45. Please send me a note and let your classmates know how you are doing. — S.M.G.

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It will be 2016 by the time you receive these notes. I hope your holiday was wonderful. Please send a note about what you did.

I hope we saw you at Homecoming. My son, Jeff '79, and I went. Bob Guempel and his wife hoped to go, too, but a family commitment prevented them from coming.

Cliff '49 and Eleanor Sipler Gross have told me they talked to Betty Hoile List and will let us know any news.

A note from Ruth Williamson McKee said she and Betty Winkel, her roommate in 1944, keep in touch. Betty lives in Tryon, N.C. Thanks for writing me, Ruthie.

Jean Featherly Byrne died Aug. 9. She was the former wife of New Jersey governor Brendan Bryne. I remember that she invited a group of Bucknellians to Morven, her home as the governor's wife. It was a marvelous treat. Our class sends condolences to her family.

Unfortunately, another member of our class, Dorothy Harrison, died July 17. We were luncheon buddies. Dotty's favorite spot was a local diner. I shall miss her, and I know you will too. Jeff and I visited her in her last years, taking a *Bucknell Magazine* with us, and she loved seeing pictures of our classmates and buildings from so long ago. To her family and friends I send our deepest condolences.

Note: Jean's obituary appears in this issue's In Memoriam section. Dorothy's obituary appeared in the Fall 2015 issue of *Bucknell Magazine*.

Write me any news you receive from your Christmas cards, and have a great new year. Good health to you all! — J.G.B.

1949

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I received a letter from **Ed Dexter** but misplaced it. The gist of it is: He lives in Maine, visited Nova Scotia last summer and enjoyed all the things he did there when he was growing up — visiting favorite places and walking on the beach. He wanted me to have something to report since I had begged classmates to let me know how and what they are doing.

I have a short report. About two months ago, I fell backward in the locker room and broke a bone in my right hand and later found out I had a concussion. I am in therapy to help with my memory problems. I am having a lot of trouble remembering stuff, such as appointments and names. My daughter, Holly, has been a big help to me, taking me to doctor's appointments and shopping for me. I certainly hope I will improve. I hope I will have more to report next time and that I will be feeling better. — C.M.D

1950

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Louise and **Henry Witman** share busy lives in Northfield, Minn., where he retired as associate dean of admissions at Carleton College. They have a shopping date every Thursday and join good friends for lunch or dinner on regularly scheduled days. They have one son and one daughter, and they are the proud grandparents of one grandson who is serving in the Marines. Blessed with good health, family and friends, Lu says, "We have a wonderful life."

I found **Russell Neff** at

home in Easton, Pa., on a beautiful October morning. He is doing well, continues to drive and gets out and about doing whatever he is inclined to do. Among other things, he enjoys yearly summer vacations at the shore with his family, which includes two daughters, one son, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

It was so nice to hear from **Alice Windeknecht Totten '52**, who lives at Nottingham Village in Northumberland, Pa. Spending time with her family, keeping in touch with friends, reading, listening to classical music and doing a little light housekeeping keep her as busy as she wants to be.

Frank Kamensky resides in Camarillo, Calif., following an extraordinary career. He entered the aerospace industry at North American Field Propulsion Labs on the SNAP-10A program, working on the first nuclear reactors to operate in space. Later he joined the Apollo program as resident engineer for development and testing of life-support systems and worked for Rockwell in Downey, Calif., where procedures were developed for testing and installing life-support systems in the capsule that flew on the first moon mission. That capsule is now at home in the National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C. Frank also was a development engineer for components for the MX missile system.

A memorial service for **Arthur Borden** was held at the First Baptist Church in Lewisburg July 26. Art passed away July 18 at his family's summer home on Fenwick Island, Del. Owner and CEO of Lewisburg Builders Supply Co., where he continued to work until his passing. Art was a Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War and a member of the Eastern Building Material Dealers Association. In addition to his wife, Audrey, to whom he was married for 65 years, he is survived by two daughters, **Susan Borden Rapp '77** and Elizabeth Griffin, and six grandchildren, including **Claire Rapp**

'15. We cherish the memory of our classmate and offer heartfelt sympathy to his family.

Note: Arthur's obituary appeared in the Fall 2015 issue of Bucknell Magazine.

Local prognosticators and woolly bear caterpillars predict a cold, snowy winter in the Susquehanna Valley. Wherever you are, I hope you are warm and well. — P.W.

1951

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It was so nice to hear from **Ed Mighell**, who lives in Lakewood, Colo. At Bucknell he spent much of his time in that beautiful building on the hill known as the engineering building that was lit up all night. He graduated with a degree in civil engineering and is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Since graduating, Ed has worked on engineering projects relating to bridges and irrigation in Yemen, Turkey and Greece. In Yemen he worked for Tipton and Kalmbach, a German company, from 1973 to 1976. In Turkey he worked on another irrigation project before moving to Athens, Greece, for four months.

Upon returning to Colorado he joined a running club and now runs in trail races. He and his son frequent Coors Field, home of the Rockies baseball team. We lamented the team's

need for experienced pitchers. We have an excellent team, but losing games by one or two runs is still losing. These young players are improving, so there is hope for next year.

Lynn Fetterolf Porter sent a wonderful picture of her handsome family, and we had a nice chat on the phone, the communication instrument that, sadly, the younger generation does not use anymore. They are really missing the personal touch that the phone gives us older folks. Oh well, it's OK, because they talk so fast I'm usually a paragraph behind what they are saying. Lynn and her husband have moved to a retirement area in Matthews, N.C., which they enjoy. Her address is 737 Plantation Estates Drive, Matthews, NC 28105. — C.K.E.

1953

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Robert Cooper wrote, spurred on by reading the name of **Bob Larrabee** in a previous issue. Bob Cooper, because of service time, was with our class for only nine months, but he has fond memories of Bob Larrabee as the most intelligent person he had met, and the most modest. Bob Cooper wrote of fond memories of engineering and math classes, in which Larrabee was way ahead of the class, and of the world literature class taught by Ralph Rees.

Bob Cooper retired at 67 in 1991 from a career as an engineer and manager. His wife died in 2012, and he now lives in Charlottesville, Va., with a widowed daughter. At age 89, he did a parachute jump with his three daughters and a son-in-law. They continue traditions — vacationing on the Outer Banks and family reunions in Lewisburg on Independence Day. He wrote that he planned to visit New Orleans in October for a

"reunion of the Jolly Rogers, the 90th Bomb Group of the 5th Air Force, which served in the South Pacific during World War II. I served during 1944, flying 48 missions as a navigator. Our aircraft was the B-24 Liberator."

From **Doris McCroddan Soule**: "Don and I had a wonderful trip in July to the Canadian Rockies, celebrating our 60th wedding anniversary. We were part of a small tour group that went north from Calgary through Banff, Lake Louise and Jasper. We then boarded the Rocky Mountaineer train for two days and ended up in Vancouver — a very memorable experience with a special note. On the first day Don happened to be wearing his Bucknell alumni hat on the tour bus. A fellow traveler, seated in the first seat, saw the hat and quickly retrieved an identical hat from his pack! We soon became acquainted with **Paul Johnson '76** and **Judy Ellicott Rader '76** and enjoyed sharing stories and common threads of our times at Bucknell. Small world!"

Thanks to **Don Manning '52**, I connected with **Brad Myers**. Brad phoned me from his home, within walking distance of the beach in Makaha, Hawaii. It is the original Hawaiian surfing beach, 35 miles from Honolulu. He moved there in 2007 with his wife, Nancy. He has fond memories of the undefeated football season, when he and **Burt Talmage '55** were called the Touchdown Twins. They each scored 14 touchdowns during that winning season. It took nearly 40 years for Brad's running-yardage record to be broken. That championship team had a 50th reunion in 2001 that Brad attended. For his outstanding accomplishments, Brad was inducted into the Bucknell Athletics Hall of Fame. Following college, he was drafted by the Los Angeles Rams. He played three years for L.A. and one for the Philadelphia Eagles. He also served in the Army and played football during his military service in Germany. When he returned

from the Army, he settled in the L.A. area. Brad was a stockbroker and later a mutual-fund wholesaler. He plays a good game of golf, swims and takes care of his property. He has two daughters. One lives in South Carolina and the other, who is married and the mother of Brad's two grandchildren, lives in California.

Sally Graybill Houser died Aug. 12 in West Chester, Pa., where she lived for more than 50 years. After graduation, Sally stayed at Bucknell and was Dean Mary Jane Stevenson's secretary for three years. During that time she reconnected with her grade-school friend, **Jim Houser P'83**. They dated and, in 1956, were married in Hawaii, where he was stationed in the service. Sally, a music major, taught piano lessons, worked part time for her church and volunteered extensively for Meals on Wheels and the Salvation Army. She enjoyed golf with Jim in Pennsylvania and at the Worthington Country Club in Bonita Springs, Fla., where they spent many winters. Sally enjoyed gardening and genealogy. Jim's executive position required travel, and Sally was fortunate to accompany him around the states, to Hawaii and the Caribbean Islands and to Europe. A highlight was the opportunity to host the Philadelphia Orchestra on its 1976 tour of Europe, sponsored by Jim's employer. He predeceased Sally in 2010. She is survived by her three children, **James '83**, Patricia Mahaffey and David Houser; and eight grandchildren.

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

Brooklyn Bank Heist, a novella written by Brooklyn historian **John Manbeck**, is the fourth volume in the Brooklyn Heights Crime Series. It is now available as an e-book and in hardcover from Amazon. It describes a new type of criminal gang seemingly led by a woman. The police compete with the *Brooklyn Eagle* reporter to get to the bottom of this latest case during the Depression

and Christmas holidays, before the new year of 1931 strikes!

On a September weekend, **Bette MacDonald Becker** planned to be at Bucknell to cheer for her grandson from California, who plays water polo for George Washington University. Her grandson was not able to play against Bucknell because of an injury, so instead Bette went to Washington, D.C., later with her son and watched Bucknell beat GW in a rematch. Maybe next year she'll return to campus for an event and tour. It will be a good opportunity for her to see some of her family, to reminisce and to see all of the updates on campus.

Again, as Garrison Keillor says, "Be Well. Do good works. Keep in touch." — C.H.K.

Angel of Christmas, a TV movie based on the book *The Christmas Angel* by **Jane Brown Maas**, premiered Nov. 29 on the Hallmark Channel. A paperback edition

of *The Christmas Angel* was also published and is available through Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Walmart and elsewhere. Jane also shared that she has moved to Charleston, S.C., where her daughters and granddaughter live. She continues to teach workshops for the Association of National Advertisers.

1954

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Jackie Long Peters heard my pleas for news, and wrote just after our last deadline. She has lived in Colorado Springs, Colo., since 1968. Her husband, Bob, passed away six years ago. Their daughter, Lisa, lives in San Francisco with her daughter

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and son. Their son, Bob, lives in Denver and has a son and daughter, and another son, Tom, also lives in Denver and has a son and daughter. They have great family get-togethers in the summer and at Christmas. Jackie enjoys cruises. She had a two-month cruise around South America and anticipates her next cruise, a monthlong cruise to Australia and New Zealand. She has already done six cruises to Alaska, her favorite destination. Would you believe she is planning a world cruise in 2017? She rarely gets back to Pennsylvania so would love to see any classmates who venture west.

I'm sad to report that **Virginia "Ginny" Martin Kelly** passed away May 28. Her daughter, Pamela Kelly Wetzell, wrote to say that her parents, Ginny and **Marvin Kelly**, were married for 56 years, had three children and settled in Mendham, N.J. Ginny was a 13th-generation American. She was a member and an active volunteer for the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was also an avid reader, an excellent bridge player and an accomplished painter. She is survived by her husband, three children and five grandchildren.

Paul Ganz wrote a joyful letter about his travels. He remembered traveling alone in 1986 and thoroughly enjoying it. He wanted to experience again the freedom of doing things he would never have done had he traveled with a companion, regardless of how loving and how accommodating. The feeling was exhilarating. He spent hours at the tomb of Dante, for instance, for whom he has a special affection, having taught *The Inferno* a long time ago. He also spent hours traveling to a small village in central Italy to see just one painting. He traveled by bus and train and stayed in small cities and inexpensive hotels. Nothing was planned. He stayed in cities he liked and left the ones he didn't. He booked hotels one day in advance, checked his trusty map and the train schedules and was

off. Now it all seems like a dream to him, and he must check his journal and iPad to prove that it was real. He plans to do it again and recommends it to all 84-year-olds.

Glen '52 and your reporter have experienced a major transition in our lives. Glen has moved to skilled nursing, a five-minute walk away from where I live. It has been a very positive change for us both. — B.M.A.

1955

Frances "Frankie" Bledsoe Williamson writes, "I was deeply saddened to read of the May 17 passing of **Ann Woodworth BeVier '52**. Ann was my 'big sister' in Kappa Delta sorority. Condolences to her four sons and their families. We kept in touch all these years, when she and Bill composed the most outrageously hilarious Christmas greetings. They were priceless, and I saved them all.

Note: Ann's obituary appeared in the Fall 2015 issue of Bucknell Magazine.

"Kudos to **Jane Brown Maas '53** on her book *The Christmas Angel*, and the TV production of it.

"I am also saddened to report that I lost my husband of 62 years after a valiant battle with leukemia on Aug. 10. Jerry received his degree in architecture from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1956 and became a very successful architect and developer in the Washington, D.C., area."

Bucknell Magazine is searching for a reporter for the Class of '55. Please contact us if you are interested. Please direct your news for the next issue to classnotes@bucknell.edu or *Class Notes, Bucknell Magazine*, Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA 17837.

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A note from **Roy and Nonie Cowen Irving** said that they spent a few days with **George and Kathie DeRosa Damman** at their home in Westport, Conn. They hosted a mini-Bucknell reunion one day. "We enjoyed time with **Susan P'87, G'19** and **Ray Rappel and Hank and Polly Keller Owen**. Susan and Ray's daughter **Karen '87** and son-in-law **John Schrenker '87** stopped by and brought us up to date on their daughter's first year at Bucknell and changes there. Once again, we loved visiting with our 'old' college friends. We are planning a larger gathering at Reunion in June for our 60th."

A note from **Leo Eisner** pleaded guilty for not writing sooner: "Work or reaping the rewards of my earlier days has lasted 58 years in the promotional-products industry. My wife passed 14 years ago. Social life is fine as long as it doesn't get too serious. I became a great-grandfather more than a year ago with the birth of Emma Catherine in Chicago. I am still a Syracuse University basketball junkie, except when **Geoff '54** and **Bobbie Folk Mynott** came for the Bucknell game. I exchange emails with **Bette Skow Kenzie**. She has convinced this Yankees fan that I should root for the Orioles and Ravens. My pleasure. I am going to the Bahamas for the Battle 4 Atlantis over Thanksgiving to see three Syracuse games."

With the mention of **Winnie Kreider's** name in a conversation with a friend of mine, I noted that I went to Bucknell with a girl by that name. I looked up her name in the phone book, and to make a long story short, we got together

at my home in Mt. Gretna, Pa., one afternoon and had a delightful conversation. Winnie's married name is Hermanson, and she keeps in contact with her friends from Walker House, as they circulate a newsletter among several Bucknell friends.

Keep in mind that this June will be a celebration of our 60th anniversary of graduation from Bucknell. The dates are June 2-5. If possible, do plan on attending. — P.G.H.

1957

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I received the sad news from **Gwendolyn Howell Cerveny** that her husband, **Philip Cerveny**, died Oct. 11. Phil, a member of Phi Gamma Delta, and Gwen were married two days after they graduated. In June they celebrated their 58th anniversary. Phil graduated from the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine in 1961, then served in the Army Dental Corps for four years in Germany. In 1967, Gwen and Phil moved to New Hampshire, where he practiced dentistry for 30 years. He was an avid golfer, hiker and skier. Phil and Gwen have four children, Kip, Lee, Ned and Gregg.

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

Harold "Pete" Test sends greetings from his home in Willow Valley Lakes, Willow Street, Pa. With the passing of his wife, Wanda, in May and the passing of fellow Bucknellian, roommate, fraternity brother and best friend **Royce Crossman**, Pete decided to return to the warm embrace of Lancaster County, close to Bucknell. He writes that "words cannot describe the beauty and tranquility of Willow Valley Lakes. They are prepared for any event in your golden years, which makes one

sleep soundly. Since we are all in our 80s, it is hard to give up 58 years at the same address, but it can be accomplished with dignity.

"I take sail over Christmas with all seven members of my family for a week in the Caribbean, where we will honor my wife's life and send her ashes to the sea. It was her request for her ashes to visit many places she had never had the opportunity to visit in her wonderful life. My two years at Bucknell were the most enjoyable experience of my life, and I will treasure the memories forever. 'ray Bucknell!"

Cary Lefever Roberts wrote about a Class of '57 reunion in Atlantic City, N.J., hosted by **Billie Jane Boyer Maul**: "The pipe organ in Atlantic City is every bit as spectacular as the feature article in the last issue of *Bucknell Magazine* suggested — and so is Billie Jane's commitment to its restoration. She invited 10 of us to join her in Atlantic City Oct. 11–14. Attending were **Nancy Johnson Andrews, Mary Joyce Woodward Beringer, Marilyn Edgcumbe Grant, Jacquelyn "JJ" James, Carol Wanamaker Lenker, Martha Green Mead, Barbara Bergmann Pahren, Cary Pat Wenk Strachan, Diana Vasiliades Schaaff** and I. All are 80 years old (give or take a month or two) — and what a time we had! We stayed at Caesars on the boardwalk, talked, ate wonderful food at varied and excellent restaurants — Asian, seafood and even blueberry pancakes one morning — and talked some more. We even managed, very carefully, to climb Lucy the Elephant in Margate to enjoy the spectacular views of the ocean and Absecon Island from her howdah.

"However, the absolute highlight of our stay was the two-and-a-half-hour tour of the mighty Midmer-Losh pipe organ at Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City, the largest pipe organ in the world with 33,100-plus pipes and seven manuals (keyboards). The tour was led by Steven Ball, staff organist

and director of outreach — this latter title including responsibility of raising the \$16 million necessary to repair and breathe life into this 'beast.' The Historic Organ Restoration Committee (HORC) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Billie Jane says that if you win the Powerball, HORC will be delighted to take your check!

"Not only did this handsome, knowledgeable young man share with us the history of this instrument, but he guided us among several groups and levels of pipes, noting the material of which they were made, their length, pitches and the musical voices they are designed to replicate. After visiting the workroom where the pipes are brought from the chamber to be cleaned and repaired, we went to the music gallery at the opposite end of Boardwalk Hall, the perfect spot to witness the playing of the organ and hear its powerful sound. Though only 20-percent restored, its music filled the hall, and the playing of "The Star-Spangled Banner" lifted our spirits. The best treat of all was Steven playing the Bucknell Alma Mater, which we sang, several of us remembering it from memory. Billie Jane even sang the third verse, learned for freshmen tribunal in 1953! Anyone visiting Atlantic City should put the visit to the organ at the top of their agenda. Thanks, Billie Jane, for a very happy, very worthwhile visit with Bucknell friends and your musician friends at Boardwalk Hall." — D.H.H.

Note: For more about Billie Jane's efforts to restore Boardwalk Hall's historic organs, see the Fall 2015 issue of Bucknell Magazine.

 See photos of another Class of '57 reunion submitted by Billie Jane Boyer Maul in the app and online.

1958

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I have not heard from **Betty Jones-Zoch** for many moons (we double dated with DUs **Bruce Lundvall '57**, recently deceased, and **Fred Whipple '57**, a hysterical duo) but she wrote as follows: "I so enjoy *Bucknell Magazine* that I wanted to send along some news for our column. This June, after resettling in New York for the summer, (my husband, Dick Zoch, and I split our time between NYC and Naples, Fla.) I organized another 'Bucknell Girls Day.' This group includes **Adele Irving, Jane Scheifele Frassenei, Isabel Gordon Sklar, Pat Wenk Strachan '57, Cathy Hoffman Doremus** and me. We have been meeting for several years. We usually do a ballet, but this year we all had lunch at my women's club and then went to the Frick Collection for a guided tour. When I called about a tour, they said they only had educational tours, so I replied that would be perfect since we were all from Bucknell University. I'm not sure they expected us senior citizens, but our guide seemed delighted with this lively and interested group. We all chuckled as Cathy noted that he was wearing our orange-and-blue school colors. We had a great time and enjoyed sharing our photos of the grandchildren and travels. Cathy and I hope to make the next Reunion in 2018. Time is flying by.

"I see that **Phiddy Gilman Scott** had a fundraiser for a group of vets, and I would like to join any future events they have. Kindly, Phiddy, please send me your Naples address or email. My Naples hairdresser has a son who is struggling to readjust after serving in Iraq. We can't do enough to thank these fine men and women."

Bill Meister added some news to our column: "You may

remember that I came to the 45th and 50th, but I missed the 55th Reunion. I fully intend to make the 60th! Some of you may remember my 12-year-old daughter, whom I brought to the 45th? Well, she is all grown up now and a first lieutenant in the Maryland Army National Guard. She returned a few months ago from a one-year deployment in the Middle East, which included nine months at Kandahar Airfield in Afghanistan, as well as other forward operating bases there. She returned with a wealth of experience as a unit commander and the Bronze Star and Army Commendation Medals, among other honors. Ashley works at an accounting firm in Middleburg, Va." (How very proud you must be, Bill.)

"More news. Beth and I took our third Mediterranean cruise, this time aboard the Holland America *Nieuw Amsterdam*. I organized a group of about 25 couples via the Cruise Critic roll call. This way you can meet fellow cruisers online long before the cruise and set up smaller shore excursions at the various ports for far less than the ship's shore excursions. Eight in a van is better than 50 in a bus!

"Our cruise went from Venice, Italy, to Barcelona, Spain. Since we had spent four days in Rome last year, we wanted to do something different when we arrived at the Civitavecchia harbor. We chose to join a tour of the Tuscan hill towns set up by **Sondra Harrington Stark '56**. She was a widow accompanied by her brother and sister-in-law. I mentioned that I went to Bucknell and discovered that Sondra had as well. And she married **John Stark '54**! She is originally from upstate New York and now lives there again. We had a great time reminiscing about Bucknell as it was back then, since we spent two years on the same campus at the same time.

"Beth and I love living in Willowsford in Aldie, Va., and anticipate her retirement in about four years so we can

really get traveling."

The much-talked-about and planned Kappa Kappa Gamma reunion in September was a superb success. We convened at Mendenhall Inn near Kennett Square, Pa., for three days, starting Sept. 15. **Elaine Longenecker Wilson** was our point gal, providing many alternate activities for all. The reunion began with the Class of '58, but expanded and resulted in a multiclass group of Kappas and some husbands! Attending were: **Merle Holden Winstead, Peyt and Francie Beighley McDonald, Marcia Samuel, Irene Adcock Bassow, Nancy**

Stuart Edwards, Violet Bayer Riegel '56 (not only my Kappa sister, but my real sister), **Bob and Pat Wenk Strachan, Wilma Rilling Stahura '59, Sylvia Beauregard Van Cleave '59, Charlotte Gentry Sisler '59, Linnie Peck Campbell '60** and I. Activities included the grand Nightscape light show at Longwood Gardens, the Chadds Ford Gallery featuring Andrew Wyeth plus many of his family's works, and wonderful local restaurants highlighted by Buckley's Tavern and Crazy Kat's, although there were many more.

Some warm and meaningful

afterthoughts came from Willi: "Such fun! Let's keep in touch and get together again, before another 50 years."

And from Francie: "I am so glad to see the energy propelling everyone! Still interested and interesting. Lots of ideas and good humor. Our four years at Bucknell were fundamental in creating the women we have become, and I am honored and proud to be among these Kappas 60 years after our initiation."

And from Beau: "I'm still smiling about all the fun we had at our Kappa reunion. It was particularly great to see my big

sister after all these years. I was particularly impressed by how our Kappa bond of sister loyalty was still very evident in our interaction with one another. There was no lack of conversation and laughter with the central theme of 'why haven't we done this more often.'"

We plan to have another reunion next year. We're thinking of San Antonio! — R.B.S.

1959

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Melinda Hauser Davis spent 16 days in September enjoying climbing the rocks of Machu Picchu in Peru and seeing the wonderful sea life in the Galápagos Islands. She went by herself, joining a tour of 10 other people — a wonderful trip.

On May 31, Richard and **Sylvia Beauregard Van Cleave** received the David P. Hegg II Lifetime Achievement Award at an evensong service at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Morristown, N.J. The bishop for the Diocese of Newark, Rev. Mark Beckwith, presented them the awards in recognition of their many contributions of time and talent to church, community and alma mater.

Liz and **Jim Hall** visited NYC to celebrate birthdays and an anniversary. They enjoyed friends, attended the Metropolitan Opera's production of Verdi's *Otello* and the musical *The Book of Mormon*, and dined at Gramercy Tavern.

The big news from **Kathy P'89, P'91, P'92** and **Hank Why** is a trip to Bucknell for Family Weekend. The extended Why family (Hank, Kathy, **Andy '91** and **Paula Mistretta Why '91**, and granddaughter Megan) made the trip to Bucknell to visit **Chris Why '19**. There were programs and activities galore — a favorite was a reception for alumni parents

IN MEMORIAM:

BARRY MAXWELL '59, M'61

Barry Maxwell '59, M'61, retired Bucknell professor, dean of the College of Engineering and vice president for business and finance, died Oct. 25 at his home in Lewisburg, Pa.

Throughout his 36-year career at Bucknell, Maxwell was known for fostering well-planned, collaborative efforts among faculty, students and administrators in diverse disciplines. In his honor, in 1994 the University established the Maxwell Award to acknowledge exceptional collaborative efforts by Bucknell staff teams that make outstanding contributions to the University community.

"Today's Bucknell is in many real ways the result of Barry's commitment to modernize its procedures and operations," said Gary Sojka, emeritus professor and president of Bucknell 1984-95. "I will be forever grateful to him for his love of his alma mater and his desire to render it the best service he could possibly provide."

Born in New Brunswick, N.J., Maxwell studied mechanical engineering at Bucknell, earning a bachelor's and a master's. He was a member of ROTC, Phi Lambda Theta, the Bucknell Village Association and *Bucknell Engineer*, and was president of the Bucknell chapter of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. Between his sophomore and junior years he married his high-school sweetheart, **Marjorie Savoye Maxwell '59**, who survives.

After graduating he served in the Army as a motor operations officer and nuclear test engineer. Throughout his career he would also spend summers doing research for the military and other U.S. government bodies, including the Air Force, NASA and the National Bureau of Standards.

He returned to Bucknell in 1963 as an instructor and, after earning a Ph.D. in thermodynamics from the University of New Mexico in 1971, became an assistant professor at Bucknell in 1974. He became a full professor in 1979 and, the same year, was named dean of the College of Engineering.

Maxwell was lauded many times for his pedagogy, receiving the Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching in 1975 and the Class of 1956 Lectureship Award for Inspirational Teaching in 1975, the SAE Ralph Teetor Educational Award in 1976 and the ASEE Western Electric Fund Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1978, as well as the Bucknell Alumni Association Award for Loyalty to Bucknell in 1999.

In 1986, Sojka asked Maxwell to transition from engineering dean to administrator. He served as vice president for business and finance until his retirement in 1999.

"Barry knew our university in a way that only an alumnus and longtime faculty member and administrator could," Sojka said. "He respected our past and did all he could to help build upon it."

He was also a member of many professional organizations and served on the boards of Citizens' Electric Co., Northern Central Bank, Evangelical Spine Fitness Center, Evangelical Community Hospital, the Greater Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce and Union County Industrial Development Corp.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are three children and six grandchildren. — *Matt Hughes*



and grandparents.

Hank caught up with **Dick Smith '57** by phone. He is in Oklahoma City and doing fine. He spent many years in Wolfeboro, N.H., on Lake Winnepesaukee, two doors from Hank and Kathy. Fortunately, Dick sold his cottage to Hank and Kathy's son **Greg '89**, so they see a lot of Greg, **Shelley Glowacki Why '89** and the granddaughters during the summer.

Joan Peregoy Thayer wrote, "News this time must include the death of my college roomie **Joan Hendrickson Boor Paules** Sept. 12 in Bethlehem, Pa. Her death was quite sudden and unexpected.

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

On a happier note, rehearsals for Encore Chorale's December concerts are going well and are the highlight of each week. My grandson Chris, a police officer in Roanoke County, Va., had an amusing time writing a report on a large box turtle he rescued from the middle of a busy road. Residents expressed concern that drivers swerving to avoid hitting the turtle might cause an accident. Chris lifted the turtle into his squad car and released him in a large, open field. Describing the 'perp' and adjusting the situation to fit the police report was a challenge!"

Jack and **Janet Thompson Salzer** visited **Ken '57** and **Phyllis Hess Basmajian '60** at their home in Chatham, N.J., for a few days. They had a wonderful visit and went to two different gardens on the grounds of former estates. To celebrate her birthday Sept. 2, they drove to Ocean Grove, N.J., and heard a wonderful organ concert at the huge auditorium. Free concerts are held each Wednesday evening during the summer. Janet called **Betsy Kilbury Foster**, who was in Normandy Beach, N.J., for the summer. They had a nice chat, but they were unable to get together with her. They did learn that the Fosters' home in Normandy Beach was inundated by Hurricane Sandy and

required much work to make livable again.

In late September they attended a Road Scholar program, Autumn in the Historic Hudson River Valley. They stayed at a ranch resort and had a great time. Each day they visited various sites, from Washington's headquarters to FDR's mansion and Eleanor Roosevelt's home. They also had a cruise on the Hudson from Newburgh to West Point, N.Y.

They had been to some of the sites years ago, but many they had never seen, such as Huguenot Street in New Paltz, N.Y., dating to the late 1600s. All of their instructors and guides were super. The program was planned to see the change of color, but due to the warm weather, the leaves had not turned.

Marilyn Mumford's second book of humorous essays, *Cattagories and Dogmatism: Rude Riffs and Tall Tales*, is at the printer. She also has copies of her first book of humorous essays, *Keeping Most of Our Marbles in Play* (2012). If interested, contact her at 911 Colonial Lane, Lewisburg, PA 17837 or at 570-523-7545.

Tom Clark wrote that in October a group of Fijis from '59 and '60 gathered in Kingston, Ontario, where **Bob "White Dome" Erdahl '60** and his friend, Marsha, were their hosts and tour guides. The visiting group included Tom and his wife, Barbara; Evelyn and **Dale Pederson**; Karen and **Don Avery**; **Rog** and **Carolyn Conners P'82**; and **Dave Ott** and his friend, Eileen. The "White Dome" moved to Kingston in the '60s after obtaining his doctorate at Princeton University. He was head of the math department at Queens College for many years and still maintains an office there doing research. Activities included a tour of area wineries, a boat tour of the Thousand Islands and a visit to historical sites, with Bob and Marsha providing expert information. The last evening was spent in Westport

near Rideau Lake, where they enjoyed an evening meal and entertainment from one of Kingston's favorite three-piece groups. The Fiji couples danced up a storm with "Dome" and Marsha leading the way. **Charlotte Gentry Sisler**, **Wilma Rilling Stahura** and Sylvia Van Cleave met with several Kappa sisters in Chadds Ford, Pa., in early September for a fun-filled reunion. Please read the '58 news by class reporter **Roberta Bayer Schlacks '58** for more details.

Charles Confer wrote from Lewisburg on Homecoming Weekend. "The leaves on the trees in Lewisburg are at the highest level of color. It is truly magnificent." — T.E.D.

1960

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Since no one wrote, called, emailed or got in touch with me in any way, I have no news. However, when I took this job, some 50 years ago, I told you that if no news came my way, you would have to put up with news about **Dick Skelton**, **Tommy Thompson** and me.

At Homecoming, we were delighted to have **Ken '62** and **Gail Carson Twiford '62** as houseguests. It was great spending time with them and catching up. Other classmates we saw were **Dick** and **Cindy Helgren Skelton '68** and Elaine and **Bob Patzwall**.

Weatherwise, it was a good weekend. The only downside was that we lost the football game to Georgetown.

Ellis '59 and I get to see and have dinner with Tommy and Robynn Thompson at least once a month. It's always fun catching up with them. We got to see them more often this summer, as they help their daughter, Jennie, with her three young children. Often, when Jennie wasn't working, they would come to our pool with the kids.

We always seem to go to the Towne Tavern, where the food is excellent and the burgers are the best in the area.

A group of us also went for dinner at Le Jeune Chef at the Culinary School of Penn College in Williamsport, Pa. In the group were Nancy and **Roger Curran '61**. Roger and Nancy moved here several years ago and are a delightful couple and good friends.

Well, now you've gotten the Dick, Tommy and Jane column. Wouldn't you like some news about your classmates? Hopefully, I'll hear from some of you. I can't print news if I don't have any, so please help me. — J.S.H.

1961

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The travelogue seems to keep going. I reported about **Richard "Turk" Carnesale** and his Viking cruise on the Danube. It must have been such a hit that our old sports information director, Brad Tufts, also went on the cruise. He wished for more time in Vienna. Brad asked another Danube traveler, **Dick "Hawk" Wiesner '63**, if there were any issues with the immigration problems in Budapest, Hungary. Brad and Lori had a great time in Nuremberg and Regensburg, Germany, and really enjoyed his first river cruise, on which they had great food and atmosphere and met some very interesting people.

Back to the Hawk: Dick did have some quirks in his trip. First, the area had a record-breaking drought, and the Viking ship was unable to get upriver to Nuremberg, so they had to take a bus from Prague, Czech Republic, to Passau, Germany. They were on the ship for three days and hadn't

BONDING WITH FABRIC

It was 1971 when **Joyce Kraekel Dewsbury '61** fell in love with fabric. "When I took a batik class, I realized that's what I wanted to do," Dewsbury says. "Sometimes you bond with things; I bonded with fabric. It's the feel of it, the look of it — it's the way it drapes. It's just so nice to work with."

Now an accomplished fiber artist, Dewsbury's trajectory from her Bucknell days was a traditional one for the times. She followed her husband's career, eventually landing in Gainesville, Fla., where she resides. Along the way, she took occasional art classes, raised a family and spent 22 years as a coordinator in the University of Florida's Department of Special and Area Studies Collections. All the while, she honed her fabric painting, quilting and piecing techniques in her home studio — and produced wearable art.

Her subjects vary, as the title of her recent show in Gainesville, "From the Sublime to the Bizarre," suggests.

"I sometimes have an idea about what I want to do. I often use floral or organic imagery," she says. "Sometimes it's just pure color and shapes, though. I get an idea, and I try it. I'm largely self-taught. I learned by doing and experimenting."

She admits her sociology degree doesn't lend itself to fiber art. But she's still singing, as she did so joyfully with Bucknell's Chapel Choir. Now she sings first soprano with an inter-generational chorus founded by her partner, Ruth. She also enjoys folk dancing. To those who "can never find the time," she reveals her secret.

"You have to be a little selfish," Dewsbury says, crediting Betty Friedan's book *The Feminine Mystique* for helping her set priorities. "I realized I had to make time for me or I'd go stir crazy. I had to be careful about how I organized my time to make sure I made good choices that enriched my life ... I found meaningful things to do and one of them was art."

— Susan Lindt



1962

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Janet Wells Fagan writes:
"After four days of exploration in Edinburgh, three friends and I joined an art group in Duns, Scotland, for a wonderful week of watercolor instruction and painting. During our stay we resided in a 'Downton Abbey'-like castle. The dining table, resplendent with silver and candlelight, seated 18 people served by Matthew, our butler. During the day we hiked and painted; at night we relaxed after dinner in the drawing room. This was like living in a dream."

A note from your class reporters: It's been a slow-news day here at the "Slow Motion Ranch." It's a relatively simple task to write up your news updates. The trick is to receive them in the first place. Many of you have commented that the Class Notes is your "first read" of the magazine. Why not take a moment to write us about your latest travels, community service and family or personal news? We guarantee it will bring a smile to at least one reader.

In the past three years we have reported these notable smiles: many wedding anniversaries, mini-reunions and catch-up events; attendance of Bucknell-sponsored events; postretirement business ventures; kid and grandkid news; cruises and trips; college teaching, domestic and abroad; choral and musical exploits; hosting the Bucknell women's golf team; Bucknell veterans' outreach; a chance meeting of two Phoenix diners and fraternity brothers; a "Santa Fe Living Treasure" recipient; an orphans'-court judge appointee; a hall-of-fame inductee; a great Vermont Land Trust project; an Alpine Theatre project; a London connection; and a Latvian museum project.

Won't you take a moment to share a smile? Think of the

cranked the motor. Viking offered bus and walking tours to Nuremberg and Regensburg, but who wants to take a bus or walk when you are supposed to be on the water? So they opted for a trip to a local village, featuring old houses — an interesting tour not often offered. Dick's wife, Linda, and he said Regensburg was a great town, where she did some great shopping while he toured the fabulous cathedral, Dom St. Peter. With the natives becoming very restless, they finally set sail for the "real" trip. Viking was very supportive by offering all passengers a free ticket to *The Marriage of Figaro* while in Vienna.

Meanwhile, Brad and Lori had a great trip to Marbella, Spain. They had a lovely hotel midway between Marbella and Puerto Banús. They wanted to really relax on this trip, so they did a lot of strolling along the Mediterranean and had some fabulous meals in the nice

restaurants connected to the hotel.

Brad and Dick later met up for some golf at Brad's in Hilton Head, S.C. They sent me a nice pic but no scores. I doubt they stopped at the burger joint I frequented on my trip down there. My heart bypass is still trying to recover.

A few of my Lambda Chi buddies were on campus for Homecoming. **Dan '64** and **Georgia Gillis Goodman '66**, Doris and **Jim Bannar** and Cathy and **Fred Good** were on hand to enjoy the weekend. Since Dan has trouble climbing steps (don't we all?), they sat down low for the game, where they met some really nice Bucknell grads in their late 20s. They exchanged some Bucknell stories and traditions with them, which is what Homecoming is all about. Since we lost the game and it was cold and cloudy, these friendships kept everyone warm and happy.

The group spent many hours

at the Pine Barn Inn, having breakfast and dinner there while rehashing old Bucknell and Lambda Chi stories. Dan was hoping to run into **Art Evans '62** at the game. Art has an extensive Bucknell family and usually has a huge tailgate party behind the stadium.

The guys say the campus is a place to get lost in, with all of the construction going on. Bucknell razed the old LCA house and built us a new one. I wonder why, since the number of fraternities has dwindled from the 13 we had in '61 to eight. It seems most universities are trying their best to down-play the Greek system. Not to be political, but people will still get together, form clubs of some sort and so on.

So, as those beautiful fall colors start to fade away and the onset of El Niño brings us another horrible winter, I hope that all of you had a fabulous holiday season. Stay well.
— B.B.

"Three Ides" rule: get your item to us by mid-point of months three, six, nine and 12, and we will have it print-ready for the next publication. No smile is too small! — C.W.C. and S.S.

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Paul and I just returned from Cornwall, Conn., where we hiked a section of the Appalachian Trail that parallels the Housatonic River. We carry pedometers and regularly log 8,000 to 10,000 steps a day. Our summer months included many hours boating on Candlewood Lake. Membership in the United Methodist Women and the Alliance Française also keep me busy.

Susan Robertson Cunnold reports that her youngest daughter, Allison, gave birth Sept. 28 to Megan Joy. She is the little sister to 17-month-old Ryan Derek, for whom Sue acts as nanny every day. Sue now has five grandchildren, who all live near her home in Georgia.

Linda Garrett Greenberg notes that her husband, Fred, turned 75 in November. Linda and their three sons planned a surprise for him by renting a six-bedroom luxury villa on Montego Bay in Jamaica. She also reports that her older son, Tim, who was executive producer for *The Daily Show* under Jon Stewart, continues in that role with new host Trevor Noah.

John McMinn lives in Germany and reported that a string quartet piece would be recorded and released on CD. When things are a little further along, he promises to provide more news regarding the release.

Dick Fidler went to Homecoming and attended

the Hall of Fame banquet and award celebration. He said the food was quite good, and he was impressed with award recipients, two of whom were honor students with double majors. He also attended a celebration for Professor Emeritus **Jack Wheatcroft '49**, where a scholarship in Jack's honor was announced. Participating in the program were several of Professor Wheatcroft's former students and colleagues. He also attended a tour of the Lewisburg cemetery, which provided lots of interesting information. He was surprised to learn that the cemetery contains 28,000 graves, including those of soldiers from the Revolutionary and Civil wars. While the weather was good for the Homecoming football game the Bison ended up losing. On Sunday Dick attended the chapel service and met the new chaplain, who he reports is very personable and gave a very fine sermon. He was surprised to find that the choir had just nine members.

Polly Mitchell Savidge reports that her husband, Buzz, was hospitalized a number of times this past summer due to repeated infections resulting from anti-rejection medications he takes after his kidney transplant. This made it impossible for them to get to their Avalon, N.J., house this summer, but they've been making up for lost time by going there for a few days throughout the fall.

Nancy Henderson Greenwood's daughter, Julie, delivered fraternal twin boys in August. Everyone is thrilled!

Rob and **Susanne Otto Kuipers** spent a few days in October at the Wellfleet, Mass., OysterFest. Besides oysters, folks can enjoy all sorts of seafood and nonseafood specialties prepared by local restaurants, attend educational programs about the seafood industry, cheer for participants in an oyster-shucking contest and peruse beautiful hand-made products displayed in craft tents located along Main Street. Susanne noted that

children, grandchildren and friends enjoyed the fun. Rob and Susanne feel very fortunate to spend summers in their Wellfleet home and thought you'd enjoy hearing what one small resort town does after its busy season is over.

Ginny and **Manfred Stauch** took a road trip from their home in Redmond, Wash., to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Their drive across Washington on Interstate 90 led them through the Cascade Mountain Range, the high plains and the lush green hills surrounding Lake Coeur d'Alene and its five-star resort. The resort includes a golf course that sports one hole on an island in the lake. If your ball lands on the green, you are taken over in a boat to continue play. Their visit occurred in October when the tourist season was over, and they report that the town was attractive and well worth the 330-mile drive. Fred also noted that he would travel to Phoenix in November to see Manny's son, Chris, participate in an Ironman competition. While there, he would visit SAE brother **Tom and Elissa Richards Karn '65**. Tom sends his best to all!

Bob Terio just completed his 13th year playing in the Northern Virginia Senior Softball league. His team's motto is, "You don't stop playing because you get old. You get old because you stop playing." Hang in there, Bob!

Bob performed with the Fairfax Wind Symphony at the Center for the Arts at George Mason University and at the Virginia Music Educators Conference in Norfolk and will perform at the Association of Concert Bands Convention in Pittsburgh on April 1. If that wasn't enough, his brass quintet did holiday performances with the Reston Chorale on Nov. 27 and at the Torpedo Factory in Alexandria, Va., on Dec. 5.
— W.S.B.

1964

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From **Nancy Nicholson Yoder**: "John and I were surprised on a tour of Switzerland and Italy to be seated next to **Bill M'66** and **Karen Halstead Mendenhall '66**. They live in Downingtown, Pa., are retired math teachers and, from the sound of it, mega-gardeners. It was a great trip. Bucknellians are everywhere, it seems.

"I also saw a bunch of former Bison at the wedding of **Eliot and Bonnie Cullen Riskin's** daughter, Jenny. It was a great wedding. John and I are fine. We're putting the garden into winter mode and at this moment, hoping we don't have another Sandy headed our way."

Dow Fenton Malnati wrote: "In August, Bob and I drove to the Philadelphia area for a long weekend with **Ben '62** and **Karen Abel Jones**. While Bob and Ben played golf, Karen and I were joined by **Bob Hull** for lunch and a visit to the Impressionist exhibit at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. On the following golf day, we met **Bobbi Dubin Bliss** for lunch and a tour of her and **Larry's** new home in Souderton, Pa. And of course we enjoyed three fabulous meals, at home and out, joined again by Bob Hull, who gave us an entertaining tour of Independence Hall and joined us for dinner on Saturday. Actually seeing the Liberty Bell for the first time brought tears to the eyes of this passionate retired history teacher. In October Bob and I joined Karen and an Australian friend for dinner during their brief visit to Pittsburgh. More food and wine and even more fun!"

Eliot Riskin writes: "I had dinner in late October at Palm Too in NYC with fellow Sammies **Rick Amdur '65**, **Rich Hirsch '65**, **Steve Oestreich '65**, **Mike Trager '63**, **Seth Kaminsky '62** and **Ed Reiss '62**. Soft food and semi-witty conversation

was enjoyed by all."

In July Bonnie and Elliot's daughter, Jenny, was married at Cedar Lake Estates in Port Jervis, N.Y. Celebrating with them were **Phyllis Heckroth Trager**, John and Nancy Yoder, Larry and Bobbie Bliss, **Dee Sherman Kash**, **Dennis Gale**, **Larry Pollack** and Ed Reiss. How lucky we were to have attended a small, isolated college and to have made and retained these friends over a 50-plus-year period. Can it be that long ago? It feels like only yesterday. — B.W.S.

1965

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My request for classmates to keep sending follow-up news from our 50th Reunion was answered by **Gerry Wagner**, who called me in October. Gerry and his wife, Judy, live in Lancaster County, Pa., near Mount Joy. He enjoys retirement and still maintains his amateur radio license. His call sign is KB3SSZ, for ham-radio enthusiasts. Jerry would love to hear from classmates who reside in central Pennsylvania either by ham radio or the more conventional email (gerry.wagner@comcast.net).

I had a nice conversation with **Andy Dzurinko**, who missed Reunion because of a family wedding. Andy was kind enough to provide a copy of his book *The Power of Optimism* to every classmate who attended Reunion. Wanderlust still gives Andy the impetus to travel to neat places around the world. In September, he and his significant other, Ginger, and three friends from Phoenix flew to Spain to walk the Camino de Santiago trail. After Machu Picchu, Kilimanjaro and Mount Blanc, Andy felt it was time to just walk. No tents or backpacks, just walking shoes, hotels, hot showers, wine and

good food. Andy was inspired by the movie *The Walk* with Martin Sheen to walk the last segment of the Camino starting in Sarria, averaging 13 to 20 miles a day for six days, then staying in the historic Hotel Compostela and celebrating mass at the Cathedral of St. James. Legend has it that the remains of St. James the Great are buried in this magnificent and historic cathedral. While Andy's group walked only six days, some of the others he met on the pilgrimage had been walking for 60 days to cover the 500 kilometers from France. The Way of St. James has existed for more than 1,000 years. Andy found the trip unforgettable due to the rich history, beautiful country and wonderful people. He's seeking suggestions for a 2016 trip and reminds us all to stay positive and active. — L.H.T.

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A very happy 2016 to all of you! In case you have forgotten, this is our 50th Reunion year. Save the date, June 2-5. Now is the time to get in touch with old friends and make plans. Please think about coming — if not now, when?

John Schumacher is the first to report that he is planning to come. I heard from him because he wanted to be certain of the date, since he is planning a trip to Ireland in late May. If you have never come to Reunion, this is a good time to start! It may be the last time we will actually be recognizable to our college buddies.

Chris Rojahn contacted me from Palo Alto, Calif., because he is counting on winning the "contest" for the oldest alumnus with college-bound children.

He met his wife, Stephanie King, in 1990 when he returned to Stanford for graduate school for the second time. They have three children: Jonathan, 18, a first-year student at the University of Arizona; Gigi, 17, who will be a first-year student and water-polo player at Bucknell next fall; and Spencer, 15, a high-school sophomore. If Chris is lucky, all three could be in college at the same time — which would make Chris not only the oldest but the most financially challenged alumnus with kids in college. He still communicates with **Bob Moyer**, who lives in Portland, Maine; **Jim Rawson**, who lives in Coral Springs, Fla.; and **John Uhler**, who lives in York, Pa.

Jim Orcutt, whom I met when he subbed at my dentist's office in Cooperstown, N.Y., some years ago, explained that he has not been a loyal alumnus due to a quarrel that he had many years ago with Dean Leon Pacala. Jim, it's our 50th Reunion and it's time to let go of old wounds. Jim wants to let our classmates know that he does not go to Africa to shoot lions, although occasionally he might nail a squirrel at the bird feeders. Congratulations are in order for him for completing his 60th-consecutive 100-mile AIDS Ride for Life. He and his wife, Diane, are in Cuernavaca, Mexico, to participate in a Spanish immersion course for the month of January.

Steve Rexford responded to my plea for news from Mechanicsburg, Pa., with an introspective musing: "There was a time when, given the chance to respond to such a request as yours, I would have gone on and on, but at 72, all the stuff that was so 'incredibly' important for others to know just isn't. What is important is gratitude for health and energy, loving and being loved by my best friend, who is also my wife, and by my kids and my 13 grands." Bravo, Steve. As for the other stuff, here are the facts: Steve is a semiretired human-resources consultant. He played his last lacrosse game at age 70 but still

coaches an old-timers team. He also works with the Capital Area Behavioral Health Collaborative in Harrisburg, Pa., which administers mental health and drug and alcohol programs in five counties in Pennsylvania. He finds it very frustrating at times, yet immensely gratifying most of the time.

Terry Hartzell sent a brief message to mention and thank **Barry Straus '65**, a Sig Ep brother who organized a reunion of friends from the fraternity at the Class of '65 Reunion last year. Terry plans to attend our Reunion in June.

Nancy Woods Rosman wrote that she has led a calm life but had a lot of fun. I'd like to hear more about that, Nancy. She is impressed with the interesting and productive things our classmates are doing. Nancy retired in 2001 after 35 years with the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare. She enjoyed her career but is happy to be free, although she finds herself very busy. Among her many activities is helping a friend who is 85 by serving as her chauffeur. Nancy sent her message just before she was to have her second knee replacement. She reports that she is generally in good health with the joints of a 90-year-old. She is having surgery because she wants to return to Scotland and Northern Ireland. She thoroughly enjoyed her trip there on a Bucknell tour, but walking is a requirement. Fortunately, the knee replacement went well, and Nancy is on the mend.

John Schumacher and his wife joined **Jeff Speirs** and his wife, **Doug** and **Inta Esmanis Walker**, and **Tom Russell** at their annual Bucknell football game get-together Nov. 14. John is encouraging all of them to meet again at Reunion.

Sad news came from **Freddie Venezia**, whom you may remember from WVBU as Freddie Vee. His wife, Tina, died at home Aug. 29, after a battle with cancer. In Freddie's words, "Tina and I met a little over 51 years ago in 1964, a

few days before her 17th birthday. We have been in love for more than 50 years, and we celebrated our 48th wedding anniversary in the Martin Memorial Hospital in Stuart, Fla., July 7. It was a strange sequence of events that allowed us to find each other, great luck as I see it, so I will not complain about our bad luck of being separated way too soon. I will love her until the day I die. She was looking forward to the 50th Reunion at Bucknell next year after having a great time at two earlier Reunions."

Thanks to those of you who sent news this month. Please keep in touch, and let me know your plans. It's been such a pleasure for me to get to know many of you that I did not know on campus. I'm looking forward to meeting you in person. If you have not been back to the campus recently, you will be amazed at the changes. If you are traveling this winter, please share your adventures with us for the Spring issue. Have a healthy and happy new year. — K.M.

1967

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Joe and Mary Marsden Browne were sweethearts at Bucknell and married shortly after graduation. They have three children and three grandchildren and live near Syracuse, N.Y. Mary has been very active throughout her life, mostly with child-rearing, volunteering and church activities. She has been an elder, Sunday-school teacher and even a fill-in preacher. She was a Girl Scout leader for 12 years as well. Joe taught math, concentrating on calculus and differential equations, at Onondaga Community College. He retired two years ago. He was president of the New York State Mathematics Association

of Two-Year Colleges and edited a national journal. He has always been musically talented and continues to play classical guitar as well as sing in, and sometimes conduct, several choral groups, including the church choir and barber-shop groups. Contact the Brownes at marybrownel@verizon.net.

Rich Church worked for the telephone company for most of his career, concentrating on internet issues. Several years ago, he and his wife, Kathy, retired and moved from New Jersey to the lovely village of Woodstock, Va., in the heart of the Shenandoah Valley. He helps his wife and daughter run a health-food store in Woodstock, where he also is on the board of directors of the chamber of commerce and is active in Rotary. They have a cabin in the woods where Rich loves to hike and commune with nature. He went to a Phi Gam reunion and also saw **Gil Engler** at Lake George, N.Y. One of his daughters has finished graduate school and lives near my home in Roanoke, so we hope to have dinner sometime. Contact Rich at richc@shentel.net.

Mark Kaplan did graduate work in chemistry at the University of Illinois and received a Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Oregon. He worked for Eastman Kodak in Rochester, N.Y., mostly managing government contracts. He retired and moved to Prescott, Ariz., where he loves the four-season climate at 6,000 feet and the many hiking trails. His hobbies include racing antique sports cars and restoring old wind-up phonographs and tube radios. He built additional rooms to house his radio collection. He's married and has two daughters and two grandchildren. Contact Mark at markap2032@cablone.net.

Dave Pinckney was a physics major and taught, mostly general science at the middle-school level in public schools in New York state. He protests that he hasn't done anything dramatic and interesting like

so many other classmates, but my knowledge of teaching middle school (learned second hand through my wife) suggests that only the very brave and committed can do that for a full career. He has been retired for 15 years and lives in a house on Keuka Lake, N.Y., which he loves. He tinkers with boats, fishes and hunts, although the latter has been curtailed by the prevalence of Lyme disease in that area. He has the excellent judgment to spend the winters in Naples, Fla.

L. Mark Walker spent seven years in the Air Force and worked on Titan missiles in the '70s. He got a master's in systems engineering at the University of Southern California, worked for the government and several independent contractors in systems engineering and has been active in the International Council on Systems Engineering, actually founding the Maryland chapter 20 years ago. He retired in May. He and his wife live in Severna Park, Md., and his hobbies including skiing and sailboat racing on the Chesapeake Bay. Contact Mark at celerity1@verizon.net.

Helen "Lynne" Hazes Donovan was a top business student at Bucknell, but after a few years in the business world, she realized she really didn't like it. She fell back on another talent, painting, and has pursued that ever since. She has a gallery for shows and teaching art in an old train station. She and her husband, John, live in The Plains, Va., which is in "horse country." They live on a dirt road, can't see any neighbors and keep some retired horses on their farm. They spend summers in Massachusetts in an unheated cabin. She paints, attends Bible-study groups, and visits their children and grandchildren. She has not been in contact with other Bucknellians, but I encouraged her to consider attending our 50th Reunion. She will likely know more people than she may think. — C.G.

1968

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I chatted with **Bruce Goldman**, who brought us up to date. He reported, "After graduation I went to Syracuse University College of Law and received my J.D. in 1971. I returned to my hometown of Rochester, N.Y. After passing the bar I worked in small law offices and then joined the Monroe County, N.Y., District Attorney's Office, where I spent most of my career becoming a special assistant district attorney and running several specialized bureaus. While working in the Hall of Justice in Rochester, I often would visit my SAM fraternity brother **John Ark '67**. We would talk a little law and spend most of the time rehashing old fraternity and Bucknell stories — great memories. I retired in December 2012 after 38 years. Since retirement I have been an adjunct law professor at Monroe Community College and director of several boards.

"I have played and coached soccer in my area with a great amateur side called Still Sporting for many years, which has allowed me to play with some outstanding former professional players from all over the world. Some of the friendships go back 35 years. While I certainly can't play at my former level, it is still great to get out on the pitch and kick it around. I have also rediscovered my long-dormant golf game, and it has been satisfying being outdoors playing with good friends on a regular basis.

"I have been with the same wonderful woman, Joellen, for more than nine years and we are engaged, although we feel like we are married. I have a terrific son from a previous marriage, Jon, who is an attorney in Waltham, Mass. Most of all, I enjoy the freedom to do what I want that retirement permits me, when I

'NOT BAD, BOCK'

Award-winning cognitive psychologist and linguist **J. Kathryn "Kay" Bock '69** has for decades investigated how language, our brains and our behavior intersect. It is a working relationship few notice — even though ordering and articulating thoughts into words requires more skill and uses more varied muscles than an Olympic athletic performance, she says.

Bucknell was the "keystone" of her career, Bock says. She entered in 1964, a self-conscious "hick" from a tiny Appalachian "coal holler" in southwestern Pennsylvania. Tongue-tied and shy, she was terrified of being called upon in class but eventually learned to face down her fears.

She majored in Russian. Languages offered the possibility of navigating the world using "a completely different code," and Russian, in the Cold War years, seemed exotic. **Robert Beard P'90**, professor emeritus of Russian studies and linguistics, pointed her to classes with Nicholas Rohrman, an early cognitive psychologist. "The whole question of what our brains are doing, what we have to know in order to communicate — all of that just snagged me," Bock says. Inspired, she added a psychology major.

Bock earned a doctorate in cognitive psychology from the University of Illinois and taught at MIT, Cornell, Michigan State University and the University of Oregon before returning in 1991 to U of I. She earned wide recognition, including election in 2015 to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Her proudest achievement? Becoming fluent in Dutch during her long research association with the Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics in the Netherlands.

In 2014 she retired from the University of Illinois and psycholinguistics. She is enjoying the rhythm of this new life while "waiting" to see what beckons next.

"I turned out way better than I ever would have predicted," she chuckles. "I'm still not very confident of myself. But I look at my work and say, 'Not bad, Bock, not bad.'"

— Marilyn Lewis



public affairs, seamanship, patrols, air crew, helicopter instruction and food service. Whew! In 10 years it has been a fantastic journey of saying 'yes' and then just going and doing it, even if I don't know how. I've had the immense challenge (and privilege) of serving aboard Coast Guard cutters at sea for weeks at a time, flying search and rescue and marine observation patrols over the New Jersey coast, working with active-duty 'coasties' on boat maneuvers, being the opposing force (complete with make-believe weapons) trying to take over various government facilities, being a victim for abandon-ship practice and cooking for officers and even the admiral of the Coast Guard. I've had the honor of throwing out the first pitch at a Pirates game during spring training, being Ms. Pennsylvania Senior America 2006 and one of the top 10 in Las Vegas, and volunteering: as an admissions counselor for the Coast Guard Academy and as staff at their summer program, as a tax preparer for AARP, with our therapy dogs for KPets, in Guatemala after a volcanic eruption, as a cook for the Anchor House Mission in Port Manatee, Fla., as an usher at two local theaters, in the senior choir The Sentimentalists, in the Coast Guard Auxiliary and as a CPR/first aid instructor for nonprofits. For the last 15 years, I have been a research subject for seven studies at NYU, as I have the gene for Alzheimer's disease. I have testified at the National Institutes of Health and am involved with researchers in finding a diagnostic tool and prevention for the disease. My partner in adventure, Jerry Hottinger, and I spent several days in NYC as actors for a public-service announcement on Alzheimer's, a very emotional experience but with an amazing, compassionate crew, producer and director. We spend our winters in Palmetto, Fla., right on Tampa Bay with a gorgeous view, and we continue our activities and volunteerism

want and with whomever I wish." Bruce asked about **Bill Ginsburg '66**. Has anybody been in touch with him or know his whereabouts? Bruce can be contacted at bgoldman@rochesterr.com.

I connected with **Bob Haas '67**, who reports being in the final stages of a transition from the suburbs of Washington, D.C., to the "Northern Neck" on the western shore of the Chesapeake Bay peninsula. While he still maintains a presence in the suburbs, most of his time is spent in his Heathsville office, where he can walk to the courthouse, the post office and the gun shop. Bob is getting used to muscling his 30-foot sport fishing boat around the bay. He is at rhaas@haaslawfirm.com.

I caught **Anton "Sonny" '67** and **Carolyn Birch Marek** visiting their daughter in California. They promised more for the next edition but

reported that they split their time between Belle Mead, N.J., and Naples, Fla. Carolyn taught for more than 30 years and Sonny retired from an American Cyanamid spinoff. They play tennis three times a week and do extensive volunteer work. They have been in touch with other Cinderella Bucknell couples **Bill '66** and **Verna Albertson Ogden '67** and **Jim '67** and **Barbie Dunn Parker '67**. Sonny can be reached at tonymar423@yahoo.com.

Linda and **Jim Reese '69** attended the Army vs. Bucknell game at West Point in October and planned to meet up with **Scott Nichols '70** at the game. The Bison held their own but lost by a touchdown. Reese isn't used to the fall climate in the Northeast now that he is firmly entrenched in New Orleans, where he has been since 1989 and where he and Linda are finally getting settled into their newly renovated

house. Reese is at jreesenola@aol.com. Nichols (who couldn't get to the game) is at nichols@bu.edu.

Rather than try to keep up with **Patti Burke Kuhn**, I badgered her to write a piece. This is what she came up with: "For me, life after 60 has been an exciting, daring adventure! That was when I really started on a great learning path: earning my pilot's license, joining a swing-dance team, leaping onto the flying trapeze, ice dancing with Olympic pairs champion Mark Ladwig, rock climbing, skydiving, polo (on horseback), square dancing, bobsledding, dogsledding, fencing, boxing, running a half marathon and Spartan runs, acting, performing at casinos, festivals, retirement centers and senior expos with Senior America, kite boarding and earning Coast Guard Auxiliary qualifications in weather, communications, Web design,

there, too. In our spare time, we are hiking the entire Appalachian Trail (in sections), meeting wonderful people and great challenges along the way. If you live near the trail, please let me know. We would love to stop for a hot shower."

That, ladies and gentlemen, is a hard act to follow! Patti's email is kuhnzie2@cs.com and in the winter she can be found at 808 Piney Point Road, Palmetto, FL 34221. She asks that our classmates be in touch and swing by when they're on the west coast of Florida.

Louise and I are heading west soon and plan to stop in Hackberry, Ariz., to visit Dawn and **Shelley Weisberg** in their relatively new home. I'll have more to report on that adventure in the next edition. — G.V.

 See a photo and read about the chance meeting of Tom Fallon '68 and Neil Zaer '65 in the app and online.

1969

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Dana Bryan writes, "I retired on Sept. 30 after more than 29 years as a biologist with the Florida park service. I received my master's in ecology and evolutionary biology at Florida State University, studying the limpkin, a wading bird on spring-fed rivers, and later wrote several ornithological accounts of the species. In the Florida state park system, several times awarded as the nation's best, I started as a field biologist, then served as the chief biologist for many years, and also as bureau chief for natural and cultural resource management. I live in Tallahassee with my wife, Gwendolyn, and daughter, Elizabeth."

Jim Varga wrote for the first time in 46 years: "I have a confession. I enjoy looking at class notes in *Bucknell Magazine*, but, strangely, our

1969 section is usually AWOL. So here's hoping others will get the urge to write in after almost 50 years. For the past 42 years I have been soaking up the sun in Southern California and have had a busy pediatric practice in Santa Monica. Somewhere along the way I was married to the lovely Olga DeJesus and had two wonderful daughters. I also was fortunate to develop a professional art career (thank you, **Blanchard Gummo '25**) over the past 25 years. We visited with my old roommate, **Bob Martuza**, and his wife, **Jill Pfifer Martuza**, in Marblehead, Mass., on our annual summer trek to Deer Isle, Maine. It is always good to see and hear from old friends. I hope all is well with all of my classmates." — P.E.D.

1970

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On April 12, **Janice Stultz Roddenbery** honored her Huguenot heritage and put her fluency in French to a new use when she served as guest liturgist and conducted the annual French service at the Huguenot Church of Charleston, S.C. The event, hosted by the congregation and attended by visitors from France, commemorates French King Henri IV's 1598 signing of the Edict of Nantes, which granted civil rights and freedom of worship to French Protestants. Janice's ancestors, whose name was Du Chemin, emigrated from Normandy to Virginia in the 17th century. For the occasion Janice borrowed a black robe from the Princeton University Chapel Choir, in which she had sung while studying for her doctorate in Romance languages and literature. — L.H.D.

1971

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I heard from **Joe Fama**, who looks forward to the 45th Reunion of the Class of '71. He said **Eric Riess** is blogging about the upcoming festivities at bucknell71reunions.com. You can send input for the blog to Eric at ericriess@comcast.net.

Joe suggested it might be fun to have class members develop a class crest with a slogan in order to create a 2- or 3-inch button that can be worn by class members at Reunion. Joe suggests you search "Bucknell class crest" to get a look at the kind of thing he is seeking. Incoming first-year students have been developing their own crests for several years. Joe would like your thoughts about symbols and slogans. He suggests that one idea might be "Mirum quam olim fuit itineris," which you all might know as "What a long strange trip it's been." Send your ideas to Joe at jtf@us.net!

Stephen Schier attended the opening day of the Oktoberfest in Munich with his dear friend Gerda Maier. Gerda was the assistant to the minister of finance of Bavaria for 35 years. Steve, who retired in May, met her 37 years ago. He says Oktoberfest is something you must do once in your life!

Stann Givens was named 2015 Best Family Law Lawyer of the Year in Tampa, Fla., by Best Lawyers. He is the founding partner of Givens Givens Sparks. He was president of the Florida chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and has lectured and written extensively on family law. He received his J.D. from Florida State in 1973 and is a former Florida state prosecutor. — Anne Smith Benbow

1972

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Paul Landes writes that the third book in his Alex Boudreau adventure series, *Convergent 9.0*, is now in print. This is a ramped up techno thriller that continues the spine-chilling mystery, shocks, twists and romance found in his first two books. More than 16,000 copies of Paul's first two books are in the hands of readers around the globe, and he hopes this book will have the same success. Please write an honest review for Amazon, Goodreads or any other book-related site after you've read it. You can contact Paul at PaulHLandes.com or on Facebook at [PaulHLandesAuthor](https://www.facebook.com/PaulHLandesAuthor).

Note: For more about Paul's book, see *The Mind and the Muse* in this issue.

In September, **Barb Faust McAllister** hosted a group of friends near Bainbridge Island, Wash. Attendees included **Pam Dingwall Herring**, **Dotty Fries Johnson**, **Judy DiSerafino Huey**, **Lorrie Cangelosi Zorbo**, **Pam Silkworth Finn** and me. We enjoyed reconnecting and enjoying the natural beauty of Bainbridge. Barb was a wonderful tour guide and treated us to dinner at her home. On our last day there, we went into Seattle to see the sights, including the Boeing factory and the Chihuly Garden and Glass exhibit.

Phil Curlett was surprised to see some familiar Bucknell faces at a wedding in Jackson Hole, Wyo., in September. He writes, "**Susan Latimer '73** and I traveled to Jackson Hole to help our daughter **Amy Curlett Martin '03** and her husband, **Travis Martin '04**, take care of their children while they participated in the wedding of **Michelle Wilkinson '04** and **Adam Vidoni '04**. We knew Adam fairly well but had not met Michelle. As it turned out, we were graciously invited

to all of the wedding events and had a wonderful time. The big surprise was finding out that Michelle's father is **Jeff Wilkinson '70**, whom I knew from the Bucknell swimming team. Also attending were **George Kuhn '70** and many Bucknell classmates of the bride and groom."

Please send news — your classmates do read this!
— A.S.B.

1973

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What a surprise! At least it was for **Donna Cotter '72** as she celebrated her birthday last March with an unexpected gathering of family and friends in New Orleans. The surprise destination birthday party brought together several Bucknellians, including **Hood '72** and **Patty Hellyer Johnston**, their daughters **Kristi Johnston '03** and **Kendra Johnston Leisher '04**, **Evelyn Finkill Reid '70** and hostess for the weekend **Paige Peck**. — S.L.C.



See a photo of the group in the app and online.

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George Eckel writes, "For the first time in 40 years I returned to Bucknell. I joined **Kurt Landefeld '76**, **David Alquist '76**, **Laura Yanne '76**, **Bill**

Koehler '74, **Peter Balakian '73** and Professor Dennis Baumwoll to celebrate Professor Emeritus **Jack Wheatcroft '49** and the scholarship and endowment created in his name. Jack inspired all of us to embrace our love of creative writing.

"Continuing in that tradition, **Kurt and Phil Brady '77** gave masterful readings of their novels at the Barnes & Noble at Bucknell University Bookstore downtown. No meeting of authors would be complete without endless rounds of beer and bawdy conversation at Dunkle's (the Bull Run Inn) every single night. There, we noticed that students are much younger and prettier than we ever were.

"I had a hundred good reasons not to go: flying from San Diego was too far, I'd gotten married two weekends before, but worst, I have a bald spot. I went looking forward to fall colors and seeing Jack one last time but came away discovering the unique camaraderie and kinship of old friends, which make life precious. Few weekends in a life are memorable. This one was. Contact me at gh.eckel@yahoo.com. See the bunch of us on my Facebook page. And yes, I have a new novel coming!" — N.Q.B.

1976

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Barbara Lamprecht filled us in on some of her achievements since graduation. She received a master's in architecture from Cal Poly Pomona and went on to specialize in urban and mid-century modern architecture, with an emphasis on the works

of Richard Neutra. She wrote several papers and articles for *Dwell* and *Architectural Review* magazines; taught architectural history at various universities, including California State University, Long Beach and Pasadena City College; and wrote two books on Neutra. In 2015, Barbara was awarded a Ph.D. in architecture from the University of Liverpool. Her dissertation explores Neutra's background in evolutionary biology, psychology, landscape horticulture and architecture. She also published a third book, *The Furniture of Richard Neutra: The Body and the Senses*.

She is an architectural historian, evaluating the historical value of buildings, and overseeing their restoration and rehabilitation. She owns a firm, lamprecht archiTEXTural, in Pasadena, Calif., while working for ICF International. On the fun side, I see from her LinkedIn page that she acted as location scout, wrote the script and did the voiceover for an upcoming short film on Neutra's furniture designs. She also appeared in a couple of film and TV productions, including *GlobeTrekker*, *Visual Acoustics* and *Coast Modern*, a documentary on West Coast modernism. In her down time she does yard work and hikes in the San Gabriels. She would love to hear from fellow Bucknellians at bmlamprecht@gmail.com.

In spring 1976, the Bucknell Rugby Football Club (both A and B sides) was undefeated at home, which included an 18-6 victory over Penn State as well as a first-place finish in the inaugural Eastern Pennsylvania Collegiate Rugby Tournament. Per **Mark Springer**, in recognition of those wonderful times and decadeslong camaraderie the Bison old boys of '76 will host a captain's keg and refreshments on the Saturday afternoon of Reunion Weekend, June 4, at the home of Lori and **Marty Wilson**, 6 Malcolm St., Lewisburg. All returning Bucknell rugby alumni and supporters are welcome to attend. Please contact **Mark**

Reilly at stedmark@verizon.net for confirmation and details.

Members of Bucknell's "legendary Class of '76," including **David Alquist**, **Kurt Landefeld** and **Laura Yanne**, gathered on campus for Homecoming on a lovely October weekend. They made the trek to Lewisburg to celebrate Professor Emeritus of English **John Wheatcroft '49**, for whom a scholarship was named. Wheatcroft was honored in a special Stadler Center for Poetry event hosted by Professor of English Shara McCallum. Other speakers at the event included **Bruce Smith '68**, **Peter Balakian '73**, **Philip Brady '77**, **Jan Balakian '83** and former Bucknell President Gary Sojka. Also on hand to celebrate Wheatcroft were **Bill Koehler '74**, **George Eckel '75**, retired English professors Dennis Baumwoll and Harry Garvin, Bucknell President John Bravman and many other friends and admirers.

Note: For more about the tribute to Professor Wheatcroft and the scholarship dedication, see the Legacies section of this issue.

Also on Homecoming Weekend, Landefeld and Brady read from and signed copies of their books at the Barnes & Noble at Bucknell University Bookstore. The bookstore overflowed with joyous crowds celebrating these latest offerings from two of Bucknell's leading literary lights.

Later that same eventful weekend, Alquist, Eckel, Landefeld and Yanne crowded into the charming, cooperatively run Mondragon Bookstore on Market Street. They found retired economics professors Gene Chenoweth and Charles Sackrey minding the store, and everyone spent a delightful afternoon discussing Bucknell, books and politics.

The Bull Run Inn (aka Dunkle's) served as the group's de facto dining hall for the weekend. The jolly alumni chummed, chugged and chatted, fondly saluting the past, and joyfully celebrating

the present. Landefeld computes the group's total beer consumption at 9.5 gallons over two evenings. — G.W.F. and M.L.K.

1977

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Thanks to **Doug Burns** for this update on the Bison Water Polo Invitational in September. Attending were former water polo and swimming student-athletes, including Doug, **John Zeigler '91**, **Mark Gensheimer '81**, **Tony Paxton '81**, **Scott Schulte '81**, **Jim Grimes '79**, **Bill Vanderwilt '79**, **Jay Fissette '78**, **Tom Cahill**, **Amy Drake '75** and **John Lyons '75**. This group and **Roger Schwanhauser '75**, **Marc Sickle '76**, **Joe Triszczuk '76**, **Don Moll**, **Dan Richards '78** and **Andy Karpuk '79** have kept in touch over the years. This fraternity was born of success, a run of water polo Eastern championships, and legendary road trips. They also remember and acknowledge Coach Dick Russell, R.I.P. The Bison had a great 5-0 weekend, including wins over Fordham and Washington & Jefferson and a big win over rival Brown. Congrats to the team and Coach John McBride. 'ray Bucknell! — E.L.S.

Elisabeth Kroeck Zimmerman '56 wrote that **Robin Suydam** was named as a Classical Season Celebration Honoree before the Munich Symphony Orchestra's Nov. 8 performance at the State Theatre in New Brunswick, N.J. Robin is a director for Franklin Mutual Insurance and chaired the theater's classical season in 2012 and 2013.

1978

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After two issues of no news I am very happy to say the Class of '78 drought has ended. I received a lovely note from **Emily lobst '16** regarding her dad, **William lobst**. Emily is studying biomedical engineering and was excited to share that post-Bucknell. Bill attended Jefferson Medical College, completed his residency at Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre, Pa., and had a fellowship in rheumatology at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. He is vice president for academic and clinical affairs and vice dean for The Commonwealth Medical College in Scranton, Pa. He was vice president for academic affairs at the American Board of Internal Medicine. In 2014 the Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine gave him a special recognition award. In 2015, he presented at the National Institutes of Health's clinical grand rounds.

Bill received the Clinical Teacher of the Year Award in internal medicine at Lehigh Valley Hospital several times and has more than 60 peer-reviewed publications, book chapters and invited reviews. He is a fellow of the American College of Physicians and was invited to be a visiting professor at multiple medical colleges, including Duke and Harvard.

In addition to Emily, Bill has two other daughters, Catherine and Elizabeth. Catherine graduated from Ursinus College in 2014 and lives in Philadelphia, where she is a team leader for the Americorps City Year program. Elizabeth is a freshman at Ursinus, where she is a member of the cross-country team.

Bill and his wife, **Michelle P'16**, reside in the Lehigh Valley, where he enjoys gardening and summer cookouts with his family and two boxers. He

enjoys returning to campus to catch up with swim and water polo team friends during Reunion weekends.

Bill and Robin Doeblor Ostrum have retired and relocated to New Orleans. Alumni living in or visiting the area are welcome to drop Bill a line at ostrum79@gmail.com.

Gerry Kowalski checked in with news of Bucknell residence directors from 1978 to 1980 who gathered in Lewisburg for a mini-reunion in June. Gerry and his wife, Gina; **Laura Hathaway Thiede**; **Bob and Tory Luce Kallin '83**; **Angelo and Beth Hoffman Onofri**, **Ted and Mogie Wetmore Chappen '79**; **Beth Fairback and Howard "Bernie" Berninger '73**, **M'81**; **Ed '72** and **Joanne Konkoly Woehling M'80**; **Kasey and George Coe '80**; **Lisa Russell O'Shea** and **Gerry Commerford** (the guy who hired them) were the attendees. They missed having **Barb Campbell Lofink '78**, **M'80**, **Frank Carroll '75**, **Connie Tschopp Brennan '75**, **Joel Boyd '79**, **M'80** and **George Buckheit '79** with them.

Gerry wrote, "Laura Hathaway Thiede was our coordinator, reprising an informal role she has held with this group for years. Bob and Tory Kallin served as our wonderful hosts. Some of us met on Friday night at the Towne Tavern for a late dinner. Lots of catch-up conversation with great stories and memories of the past were shared freely. The lion's share of the gang met at Bob and Tory's house on Saturday for more catch up, a wonderful catered meal, potent potables and more 'history is not what happened but what you remember' conversations. We closed out the weekend with a hearty 'cowboy breakfast' cooked up by Ted at his and Mogie's lovely farmhouse in New Berlin, Pa. It was a real treat to have Gerry Commerford for all of the events. We are truly fortunate to have kept our connections and friendships over time and distance. I am still smiling as I write to remember the event." — K.M.A.

1979

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One of the miracles of our modern world is the internet, which allows a New York Mets fanatic fan like me to watch the World Series live from Israel. Last night the game began at 2 a.m. local time and lasted until around 4:45 a.m. All was going well but then — you guessed it — the Amazin's blew a lead. So the question is: Will I have the strength or the sanity to do this at least one more time? Stay tuned.

I heard from **Scott Stevens**, who writes that this is the first time he has sent news to our column. Scott has been the director of linguistics and the School of Education at the University of Delaware for 34 years, almost since he left Bucknell. He writes, "If you love what you do, you never have to work a day in your life." He writes that this year, NAFSA, the Association of International Educators, presented him with the Cassandra Pyle Award for his contributions to international education in the field of English as a Second Language (ESL). Scott's wife, Lisa, teaches ESL in their local high school. Their daughter, Amanda, completed her master's in teaching English as a second language (TESL) and works in Brazil. Their son David works for a large security firm, having served tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan. Thanks for the news, Scott, and please don't wait another 34 years to write. I may not be doing this at age 92!

Brazil — isn't that where the last World Cup was held? **Ron Frank**, former Trax 1 resident, was inspired to write after seeing the Fall 2015 issue of *Bucknell Magazine*, which featured an article about **Sunil Gulati '81**. Ron writes that he and Sunil played soccer together at Bucknell. Ron went

EXTENDING THE REACH OF RARE BOOKS

The way **Michael Suarez '82** sees it, his life as a teacher, scholar and Jesuit priest has allowed him to pay forward what he learned at Bucknell. "If Bucknell hadn't prepared me so widely and so well I never would have gotten my [Marshall] scholarship to Oxford, and my academic career and career as a Jesuit priest would have been entirely different," he says.

Suarez, a book historian, bibliographer and editor, is a professor of English at the University of Virginia (UVA) and one of just 16 University Professors charged with building bridges across disciplines. It's a comfortable role for a Bucknell graduate who gained, he says, "a sort of extreme liberal arts education" by triple majoring in English, biology and sociology.

Since 2009, Suarez has directed the Rare Book School at UVA, which involves frequent travel — lecturing, fundraising for the school and "advocating for the study of humanities, the importance of libraries and the primacy of the text in its original form," he says. This spring, he gave the prestigious Lyell Lectures in Bibliography (which Suarez describes as "not lists, but the archaeology of printed books") at Oxford University's Bodleian Library.

In July, President Obama nominated Suarez to serve on the National Council on the Humanities, the advisory board for the National Endowment for the Humanities. In September, he was named a Distinguished Presidential Fellow of the Council on Library and Information Resources.

Suarez is editor-in-chief of the Oxford Scholarly Editions Online (OSEO), a 14-year, multimillion-dollar project to digitize all of the works published over hundreds of years by Oxford University Press. Making these works, which include literature, history and philosophy in English, Greek and Latin available digitally at a sliding cost will make them accessible to students globally and will "enable scholarship in ways that we never anticipated before," he says.

His fervent hope is that the OSEO project will allow scholars of the future "to ask new questions ... and create new knowledge" for generations to come.

— Theresa Gawlas Medoff '85, P'13



you've missed some wonderful autumn photos of campus posted by **Karen Seymour-Jones Madison** and **Sue Slike Wise**, who met up with **Mindy Tylor Inners** and **Lance Lauletta**. **Caryn Hartglass** posted photos of a fun visit with **Professor James Pommersheim P'86** in Lewisburg. In addition to memorable scenery of our beautiful campus, it's great to see posts of mini-reunions with old pals. Thanks, **Joanne Burek Wiggin** and **Libet Hall Ottinger**, for being admins on the class page.

Happy New Year 2016!
— D.L.H.

1981

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I hope by now you have gotten the news that the great Class of 1981 will celebrate its 35th Reunion, June 2–5. Many of us have planned to attend since leaving our 30th Reunion, because our Reunions are such wonderful experiences that we simply wouldn't miss them. But for others, Bucknell Reunions aren't a priority and/or the thought of attending is daunting or frightening. Well, if you haven't attended a Reunion lately, you are missing something. We have the most fun reminiscing, reconnecting and making new memories. I've said this before, and I will say it again: when the Class of '81 gets together for Reunion, *everyone* has a great time. But it's only fun because so many people make the trek to Lewisburg. So why not make a commitment now to join us?

For those of you on Facebook, be sure to go to our class page, "Bucknell Class of '81," and ask to join. You will find lots of friends chatting and sharing fun pictures. In October, I posted a question asking people

directly to University of Virginia School of Law after graduating from Bucknell. After practicing law in Dallas for a year, he moved to Los Angeles. He has practiced law and private civil practice for more than 30 years. Ron married Eileen Baily, also originally from New Jersey, and they live in Manhattan Beach, just south of L.A. Both enjoy playing soccer and golf and attending spectator sports in sunny Southern California. Ron worked for several different law firms including a dozen years with one firm that had his name on its letterhead. He spent some time in court, had several dozen jury trials and was appointed a superior court judge in L.A. He and Eileen travel extensively, including two trips to Israel. So, Ron, next trip how

about having dinner with me and our wives? Also, they traveled to East Africa on a photographic safari to Kenya and Tanzania. A two-week excursion to South America included a visit to the Galápagos Islands and Machu Picchu. Most important, in my opinion, was Ron's visit to Lewisburg and a reunion with several soccer buddies and classmates. Note: Scott's and Ron's letters arrived not far away from the latest deadline, which is a good thing, because otherwise I would have spent endless words telling you all about my lovely grandchildren! Now, who's writing next? — A.S.

1980

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Patty Halloran Garvey wrote about a special gathering in August at her home in Amagansett, N.Y., to celebrate the wedding of **Eric Braun** and **Angela Lyos**. In addition to the newlyweds, classmates in attendance were **Dan** and **Liz Arther Wilson**, **Ann Rogers**, **Brad** and **Carolyn O'Connor Fortin**, **Mike Colvin**, and **Patty** and **Andrew Garvey**. Best wishes to Eric and Angela. To connect with Patty, email her at patriciahgarvey@gmail.com.

If you're not already on the Class of 1980 Facebook page,

who they would most like to see at Reunion, and the response was an interesting mix of classmates. If you find yourself named below, you should make an extra effort to attend!

I will start with my own list of folks I would love to see at Reunion: **Leo Gabrilovitch**, **Mike Carswell**, **Al Wehrhahn** and **Val Hogan**. **Mark Mitchell** would love to see **Steve Von Heill** and says he "can't seem to get him out of Long Island!" **Tim Spencer** would like to see **Jack Taylor**. **Suzanne Gross Kowalski** sent a stellar list: **Sue Carr Ritter**, **Sigrid Haines** and **Dave Stewart**. **Valerie Mays Schrandt** would like to see **Bruce Bavitz '82**. **Regina Zibuck** would like to see **Kim Strohmaier**. For a different twist on the theme, **Cathy Barton Zales** would like to see Professor Nancy Caine. **Amy Viener** thinks we should all work hard to get **Rain Bernhardt** and **Leslie Lucker Gallagher** back. And **Julie Roberts Hynes** makes the great suggestion that we should encourage **Harriet Staley Lloyd**, **Lori Stein** and **Laurie Davidson** to join us.

No doubt, you have your own list of folks you would love to see. Why not make it your New Year's resolution to connect with some friends and tell them to meet you in Lewisburg? — C.C.R.

1982

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I am very happy to report that after almost a year of no news, several classmates sent updates. It was great to hear from you all!

Eric Allgaier has been busy catching up with many Bucknellians! He traveled to Los Angeles in February 2015 for the Bucknell WE DO Tour event with **Bill Krokowski '84**. He visited with **Sally Neiser**, who lives in Huntington Beach,

Calif., and has retired from being a middle-school principal in Los Alamitos, Calif. Bill and Eric also went to the Baltimore WE DO Tour event in September with **Dave Flinchbaugh** and his wife, **Suzanne Valley Flinchbaugh M'04**. **Sue Gregg Rice** also represented our class, and now serves on the Alumni Association Board of Directors. Eric has high praise for these inspiring and very fun events and says Bucknell is doing great things!

Eric's daughter **Kit '17** spent a semester abroad in Wellington, New Zealand, and is having a great time.

While doing the spring break college tour with his daughter Kristin, Eric visited with **Brian '84** and **Susan Lenker Hitchings '84** in Fort Washington, Pa.; **Lonnie Fertik Williard '83** in Succasunna, N.J.; **Bob Murdock** in Hartford, Conn.; **Martha Parker** in Newport, R.I.; **George Pierson '84** in New Hope, Pa.; **Lucinda "Chi Chi" Light Dealtrey** in Bethlehem, Pa.; and **Jodi Now Robinson '85** in Philadelphia (who conveniently works in admissions for the University of Pennsylvania). They also spent a night at Bucknell, of course!

Eric led the environmental, health and safety (EHS) group at Sprint for 10 years but left when they wanted him to move to headquarters in Kansas City, Kan. With a daughter in high school and aging parents, he decided it was not the right time to move halfway across the country. He is looking for EHS jobs. He still serves on the Bison Club board of directors, and at the board meeting in July went for a great 41-mile bike ride through the farms around Lewisburg with **Jim Knight '80**; **Bill Conley**, Bucknell's vice president of enrollment management; and **Ron Marquette**, who works in Bucknell's development office and leads a great bike tour. In August, Eric completed his 13th consecutive Tour D'Ewey, a 111-mile bike ride from McLean, Va., to Dewey Beach, Del. **Don Harris** has ridden the last 12 tours with him, and his

wife, **Jane Baxter '86**, joined them for the obligatory celebration afterward! Don and Eric have also done the MS Century charity ride for the last 12 years, and Eric has been one of the top fundraisers for this important cause.

Bill Krokowski hosted a house concert in McLean, Va., featuring **Chris Williams '92**, a singer/songwriter who lives in Nashville, Tenn. **Katie Malague '94** helped coordinate. Eric says Chris' music is truly wonderful!

In what has become a highlight of his summers, Eric participated in "Bucknell Summer Camp" in July at **Rich Coffin's** lake house in the Finger Lakes, N.Y., with about a dozen aging Bucknell runners. Rich and Eric have been friends since third grade! A great group of '82 alumni, including **Bob Murdock**, **Rick Sayre**, **Dave "Amer" Folsom**, **Mike Kelly** and **Gene Foley** attended, as did **Jeff Hines '84**, **Dave Katz '84**, **Jim Knight '80**, **Mike Debraggio '81** and **Dave Hawes '84**. Eric also is still trying to play a few softball games a year. He has played on the same Washington, D.C.-based coed team for the last 29 years. **Dave Whaley '81** and he are original team members who still play. Eric returned from a long week in the Northeast, where he visited **Lisa Senkowski Murphy** and **Martha Parker** again, and saw Martha's company at Team One Newport. He vacationed in Maine and then visited **Trish Campbell** and her husband on the way home.

Several of my first-year hall mates got together in Baltimore on a weekend in October to celebrate their 55th birthdays. **Helen Roby Kennelly**, **Martha Gilman Pradhan**, **Lonnie Jones Pera**, **Carol Israel Casten**, **Lauren Shiffrin Huelsebusch** and **Nancy Pultz Blackmore** were able to make it. While in Baltimore, the group toured the American Visionary Art Museum, dined in Little Italy, ate birthday cake and drank strawberry daiquiris. Helen provided a tour of the city, her

home for the last 30 years. The Fourth West friends began gathering for five-year birthdays in 2000 and plan to continue the tradition. Unfortunately, the threat of Hurricane Joaquin kept away the Boston contingent: **Kris Harris Elwell**, **Sue Kincaid** and me. Kris and I ended up meeting for lunch to celebrate anyway, since Joaquin turned into a dud after we canceled our plane tickets. **Becky Turkington Congdon** could not join the group, as she was participating in the 2015 Naples Open Studio Trail in the Finger Lakes. Becky is a professionally trained glass artist. She has a studio in Honeoye Lake, N.Y., where she produces beautiful pieces and teaches classes.

In the small-world department, **Bob DeSousa** had an Army buddy in Charlottesville, Va., suddenly pass away in September. He traveled to the funeral only to be surprised that the Rev. **Michael Suarez** was officiating! He had not seen Mike in 33 years and said it was a silver lining to a tragic day.

Note: For More about Mike, see the profile on Page 58.

Lastly, thanks to **Joe McCarty** for responding to my plea. He took three months off this summer for an extended stay-cation in Seattle, where he lives with Andrew and their daughter. He spent the summer watching their daughter, 6, at swim practice, gardening, cooking, hiking and camping. They took a trip back to New Jersey to visit cousins and grandparents, and he also started taking piano lessons since he's the only one in the house who can't play. Sounds like a wonderful summer! In September, he returned to practicing law. He has done affordable housing finance and condominium development legal work for many years and is proud to say that he was admitted to the American College of Real Estate Lawyers last year. He has also kept busy for 10 years with a small real-estate firm, Cashel Development, which focuses

on the adaptive reuse of old commercial buildings. He says it's been challenging and fun and that his daughter is already quite the little real-estate developer! He plans to attend our 35th Reunion in 2017 and hopes to see old friends then.

I hope to hear from more of you in the coming months. I hate empty columns! — B.G.K.

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Don Shacknai sent sad news of the passing of one of our classmates and then sent an update about what he has been doing since 1983: "I live in Brooklyn, N.Y., with my lovely wife, Eve, and two very active sons, Noah, 12, and Aaron, 8. Many of my Bucknell friends (**Sam Ticknor, Art Troast, Ed Campbell, Dave Horowitz**) used to live in NYC but all have fled (**Blair Boyer** actually moved back) and we're still here. It's crazy expensive, but a lot of fun, too. I stayed in part because I've worked for the city for the last 19 years and have to live here by rule. For the last year, I've been the first deputy commissioner at NYC's affordable-housing agency, HPD. Before that I had a dream run of 12 years at the FDNY, starting shortly after 9/11. The last four years there I was first deputy fire commissioner, and I don't think anybody could enjoy a job more than I enjoyed that one. Before that I worked for NYC's child welfare agency (I've been following **Carolyn Speer Miles'** career for a while — totally amazing) and before that practiced law at a big firm after going to law school seven years after graduating from Bucknell. Before law school I was mainly a social worker and was in a fairly successful band." Feel free to contact Don at dshacknai@aol.com.

Friends of **Mohammad Goodarzi** were deeply saddened

to learn of his passing in 2015 in Tehran, Iran. Mo absolutely loved his time at Bucknell, and those who knew him would find it hard to recall a time when he didn't have a big smile on his face. He was a brilliant mathematician and engineering student, an excellent classical guitarist, a fine soccer player and a great friend. He had a superb sense of humor and loved to laugh, which he often did as his friends employed the many Farsi curse words he taught us. Mo returned to Iran after graduating from Bucknell and lost his visa to come back to the U.S. Many of us hoped we would see him again here, but unfortunately that was not to be. Mo worked for more than 25 years in the newspaper industry in Tehran. He leaves behind a sister and a nephew. He will be truly missed by those who knew and loved him, and the great times we had with him at Bucknell will never be forgotten. Mo's friends are starting a Bucknell scholarship fund in his memory. Please contact **Peter Resciniti** (resciniti.peter@gmail.com or 404-307-8105) if you would like to contribute to the fund.

David White, a professor and chair of the political science and geography department at Francis Marion University in Florence, S.C., sent an update after he received the latest *Bucknell Magazine* and read our Class Notes. His daughter, Sydney, is in her first year at Georgia Tech. Her older sister, Emily, is a senior at the University of South Carolina. In August, David moved Sydney in — his first visit to Georgia Tech. A few weekends later he and his wife went to Georgia Tech's Family Weekend (which also turned out to be South Carolina's millennial flood weekend), and for the first time they really were able to explore, running all over the campus in the mornings. (He ran cross-country and track at Bucknell, and still does his best to run regularly.) David was told by **Jennifer Zeiss Keith** (who lives in Alpharetta, Ga.) that **Helen Maher's** son is also

a first-year student at Tech. On another note, his college roommate, **Mark Hulme** (who lives in Tustin, Calif.) has a son who now is a first-year student at Bucknell. Contact David at dwhite@fmarion.edu. — T.T.E.

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Hello, Class of 1985! My plea in my last column for news resulted in a few responses.

Shelley Goulding's Seattle bed and breakfast, 9 Cranes Inn, made BedandBreakfast.com's list of top 10 cutting-edge B&Bs. It has been open for five years. Shelley owns and operates the four-room inn north of downtown Seattle. Congrats, Shelley!

Linda Halsey Bonadies still performs her show *Give It All Away — A One Woman Musical* and "The Hero in You" workshop. Details can be found at LindaBonadies.com. Break a leg, Linda!

The Class of 1985 was well represented at the Homecoming Begin the Journey program for 8th- and 9th-grade children of alumni. Attending with me were **Theza Griesman Friedman, Victor Berutti** and **Fred Fischer**. Other alumni near our class included **Phylliss Kreis Hill '86, Mimi Gottlieb Bateman '84** and **Dave Frantz '86**. Later in the weekend, I ran into **Nick Bertha** and met his family. It was a nice surprise to see him. He is doing well.

If you have a chance to get to campus in the near future, be sure to stop by Roberts Hall. For many of us girls, that

was our home freshman year. I learned during Homecoming that it will be gutted and renovated. The second-floor lounge has already been changed to classrooms and offices. I stopped by my room (301 on Third West) and the junior who lived there was very nice about letting me in to say good-bye. It is now a double, not a triple, but the old built-in closet and drawer unit was still there. I have great memories from that floor with my Third West crew!

I will continue my plea for more emails and updates from our classmates. I am sure you are all busy, but just a quick note will suffice. Take care and write soon! — C.R.T.

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Julie Eliason Cartier and **Clare Schuster Hartigan** met in Kalamazoo, Mich., for a mini-reunion after Clare spoke at a spinal cord injury symposium in Grand Rapids. Clare works for the Shepherd Center in Atlanta, and is the lead researcher for the Indego Exoskeleton, a robotic device that helps people with paralysis stand up and walk. Julie is a school social worker at Mattawan Early Elementary School in Michigan. A photo of the two of them is on our class Facebook page.

I have a new job as executive director of the Phoenixville Community Education Foundation, a nonprofit organization that supports education in my town. Robb and I were back on campus last fall for Family Weekend, and it was great to see other alumni parents such as **Barbara Goodale Berutti '87, Sheila Black Gschwind '88, Bob '85** and **Sherry**

Bohner Scott '84. and **Amy Butzer Bell '87.**

Please check in with me or on our Facebook page. Let us know if you are planning to attend our (gulp) 30th Reunion in June! — J.D.C.

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We have a television celebrity in our midst! Classmate **Sean Anderson** excelled in a grueling series of tests to appear on several episodes of *Jeopardy!* in November, winning nearly \$72,000 over three shows. It was exciting to follow along and cheer him on as he kept his success a secret for the several months between competing and the airing of the show. When he's not on TV, the former Bucknell Student Government president is a law professor, teaching employee-benefits law and legal writing at the University of Illinois College of Law. He lives in

Champaign, Ill., with his wife, Jen, and stepkids Jasper, 15, and Julia, 13.

Anthony Byrd calls Seattle home, where he lives with wife, Cherry, and daughters, Kylie, 14, and Taylor, 12. He is the associate superintendent of Everett Public Schools, a district with 19,000 students. He finished his doctorate from the University of Washington in 2007 and two master's degrees from Stanford University in 1995 and 1998. Find Tony on Facebook, Twitter (@anthonytbyrd) and LinkedIn. — R.L.B.

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Greetings, fellow Bucknellians. Now that the hustle and bustle of the holidays is behind us, I hope this finds you and your family well. My clan has started looking at colleges for my oldest son, Tommy. Boy, where did the time go?

Cheryl Levene Feinstein reports some updates on her amazingly talented daughters. Hayley is playing Bielke in *Fiddler on the Roof* on Broadway. She also appears in Stephen Spielberg's movie *Bridge of Spies*. Not to be outdone by her older sister, Tori plays Nicola in *Dada Woof Papa Hot* at Lincoln Center and appeared in a Kleenex TV commercial. Congrats to Cheryl and her wonderful girls.

Stay safe and be well.
— L.M.O.

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The Bertrand Society honors Bucknell alumni, parents, friends and staff who record estate commitments, establish life income gifts or make some other form of deferred gift to the University. The gifts of Bertrand Society members strengthen every facet of the University. We welcome the following new members this year.

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I have lots of activity to report — well done, '93! From fellow York, Pa., child **Nancy Norbeck**: "I've published my first book, a young-adult fantasy novel called *The Silver Child*. It's available for Kindle, Nook and paperback." A big congrats to Nancy — it sounds great!

Stephanie Wagner Ketchum had "a fun July 2015 weekend. Nine Bucknell families joined the Ketchums (me; my husband, **Chris**; and our daughters, Isla and Ellie) for summer festivities and tomfoolery. We rented the mods for a huge sleepover and played all weekend on the adjacent fields. We ate, drank and were very merry with the following families: Stacey and **Joe Klein**, with kids Owen and Emma; Angie and **Chris Tackney**, with kids Sophia and Roman; Ann and **Jeff Fullerton '94**; RC and **Andrea Larsen Hayden**, with kids Kaitlyn and Amelia; Kevin and **Shelley Pleune O'Brien**, with kids Aidan and Cameron;

Ree and **Joe Reschini '94**, with daughter Lola; **Scott '94** and **Sue Gagnas Perricelli '94**, with kids Nicholas, Julia and Christopher; and Kristin and **Ed Gagnas '94**, with kids Edward and Ella. Highlights of the weekend included an all-day barbecue, a basketball game in the field house, a kickball game on the baseball field, water balloon games and fights, plentiful cocktails and a throwback music playlist (courtesy of Chris Ketchum). We felt so lucky to celebrate wonderful Bucknell friendships as we watched our children create some Bucknell memories of their own."

Steve Baliko writes, "My wife, Darla, our two kids and I moved from Portland, Ore., to Conrad, Mont., this summer. We wanted to be closer to Darla's family. I am stepping into private practice as a licensed professional clinical counselor after many years of work in community mental health. It's a big change moving from an urban area of about a million people to a much-larger state with the same population. I'm enjoying the wide-open spaces and a new season of life. Email me at stevebaliko@gmail.com."

From **Jacquelyn Dinielli Cerasuolo**, "**Kim Bulow Grogan** and her family visited me in San Diego in August. We enjoyed some sun while our children enjoyed the waves at the beach on Coronado Island. We were pleasantly surprised to see a couple walking toward us wearing a Bucknell shirt and hat, not a common occurrence in Southern California. They were happy to tell us that their son had just graduated — talk about feeling old! If anyone else finds themselves in Southern California let me know at jacquelync@gmail.com."

And last and probably least, I, your humble Class Notes servant, have accepted a second adjunct teaching position, this time at the University of Rhode Island graduate school. Professor Badger would be so proud (and shocked). — C.Z.

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After about two decades of working for big companies (GE, Hewlett-Packard and St. Jude Medical), **Martin "Rusty" Kondrath** has ventured out on his own. He created Triangulate Health, a company that helps hospitals better monitor the onslaught of data from heart devices. He lives outside Philadelphia with his wife, Nikki Muntz, and three girls: Libby, 12; Maggie, 10; and Georgi, 5. He is open to any Bucknellians contacting him with advice for small business at rustynikki@icloud.com.

Laura Hinsman Harshbarger was selected for The Best Lawyers in America 2016. Laura works in the Syracuse office of Bond, Schoeneck & King.

Kristin Blumer is the director of community affairs for the Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office, where **Caitlin Maloney '16** was her intern last summer (one of three internships that kept her busy). Kristin writes, "Caitlin spent a lot of her time researching programs that provide job training and placement for people in the criminal justice system, as a part of my office's Aim to B'More initiative. The program provides structured probation with job training and placement for first-time, nonviolent, felony drug offenders. In the aftermath of the unrest in Baltimore last spring, programs that will help people learn to support themselves and avoid further involvement in the criminal-justice system are crucial to the city's recovery and continued success. Caitlin and I are Baltimore natives, and it was great to connect with her on that level as well as through our shared Bucknell experiences." — S.A.S.

Scott Chesky announced the launch of Chesky Partners, a boutique investment firm focusing on strategic and

transaction advisory services for health-care and business-services companies. Scott and his partners have advised on transactions ranging from less than \$1 million to more than \$1 billion. Chesky Partners is headquartered on Fifth Avenue in NYC.

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Pamela Forand McChalicher wrote, "On May 1, my husband, Gary, and I welcomed our second daughter, Avery Elise. She was born on her big sister's fifth birthday! We are doing well and living in York, Pa."

Laina Wilk Lopez wrote, "I made partner at Berliner Corcoran & Rowe LLP in Washington, D.C., this year. I live in Fairfax, Va., with my husband and two children, and may be reached by email at lainawilk@hotmail.com or lcl@bcr-dc.com."

As for me, I had the pleasure of visiting **Sarah Damico Alles** in West Chester, Pa., in August. We each have two daughters, and we loved watching our future Bucknellians together. I anticipate hearing from the rest of you soon! — A.H.W.

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Toby Anderson and his wife,

Ornit Niv, have lived in Red Hook, Brooklyn, since January 2015. They were married Dec. 1, 2012, after a sunset proposal on the High Line July 14, 2012. They enjoyed a recent trip camping and hiking in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. Toby is a project manager in facilities management for an Episcopal church in Manhattan. He and Ornit met up with **Elaine Calderon**, **Tony and Rebecca Peters Paras '96** and a few other Bucknellians at Hershey Park a year or so ago.

Pamela Lucera Booser and her family moved from O'Fallon, Ill., to Enid, Okla. Her husband, Doug, is a pilot in the Air Force and a T-1 instructor at Vance Air Force Base. They have three kids: Jake, 8; Nick, 5; and Katie, 3. They were previously stationed in Wichita, Kan., and Okinawa, Japan. In fall 2014, her family drove to the Wisconsin Dells to meet up with **Melanie Snyder Garms'** family for the weekend. This summer, she visited **Anne Brightman Myers** to meet her new baby boy and also spent the day with **Amy DeCristofer Dearing**.

Thanks for sharing your 40th-birthday updates. Pam, Melanie, Anne and Amy, plan to celebrate this spring with **Jen Ahrens Blair** and **Natalia Macander Beardslee**, with a girls' getaway trip.

In August, **Tara Hinkle Smith** met **Susan Hermansen Childers**, **Paige Wilson Gonzalez** and **Jill Quinn Wickerham** for a 40th-birthday celebration in Sonoma, Calif. Tara shares that they "spent a lovely five days together laughing, reminiscing and wine tasting. It was a rare treat to have a girls-only vacation!" Tara has been living in Seattle and working for Starbucks since 2008. She has been married for four years. Her daughter London is 2.

Friends **Christie Fienemann Engel**, **Jennifer Beauchamp Tuhy**, **Cindy Stake Chartrand**, **Caryn Richman Polin**, **Chrissy Carlow Decker**, **Jodi De Ronde Kressin**, **Cari Vanderslice Pavlichko**, **Kristi O'Neill O'Connor** and **Susan Gruner**

Kangas celebrated their 40th birthdays in South Beach, Miami. The group traveled from all over the country and stayed at the Fontainebleau Hotel. They had fun talking about memories from Bucknell and making new ones together. With a total of 19 children among them there were lots of stories to catch up on while they relaxed poolside at the hotel. They're hoping to get together again in two years at our 20th Bucknell Reunion.

Thanks for the updates! Keep them coming. — S.B.B.

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Congratulations to **Alex Johnson!** On Aug. 19, Bucknell's swimming coach, Dan Schinnerer announced that Alex was named one of three Bucknell men and 25 Patriot League male swimmers to join the league's 25th Anniversary All-Star Team. Alex was captain of the men's swimming team his senior year and an All-Patriot League swimmer all four years. He also received the Christy Mathewson Award as the outstanding male athlete in the senior class. He and the other two Bucknellians named to the 25th Anniversary team, **Jay Gross '93** and **Mike Nicholson '14**, will be honored at a home swim meet versus the University of Pittsburgh on Jan. 16. Alex majored in economics and accounting at Bucknell and is now a partner at Ernst & Young in Boston. He and his wife, **Andrea Stanley '98**, have homes in Groveland, Mass., and Killington, Vt., and

have two children, Gabriel, 8, and Victoria, 6.

Paul Avery was recognized on the 2015 Upstate New York Super Lawyers Rising Stars list in business and corporate law. Paul is a business-law attorney who provides counsel to individuals and businesses in the manufacturing, retail, software, information technology, energy and other sectors, as well as to nonprofit institutions. Paul works in the Syracuse, N.Y., office of Bond, Schoeneck & King.

Mark Villanueva, a commercial litigation and insurance attorney, joined the law firm of Stradley Ronon as a partner in its Philadelphia office.

Homecoming Weekend was a beautiful time to be on campus with the changing of the leaves and abundance of Bucknell spirit! Please send updates of your adventures and achievements for an upcoming column. — L.Z.

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Robin Frutchey and her husband, Greg Navaline, welcomed their second daughter, Holly Louise, May 29. Robin writes, "She is an incredibly sweet and easy-going baby. Her older sister, Julia Catherine, 2, just adores her (and of course, we do too)." They live in a suburb of Baltimore, where Robin works at Johns Hopkins and Greg is a civilian scientist for the Army at a nearby base.

Andrew and Shannon Sardelli Smith announced the birth of their second daughter, Natalie Mae, April 22. She joins Caroline, 5. Both girls attended Reunion in May, excited to be future members of the Classes of 2033 and 2037! — A.B.O.



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Aline Baly writes, "Last year I joined Baron Philippe de Rothschild's team. In addition to continuing my role at our family's estate, Château Coutet in Sauternes, France, as the director of marketing, I also oversee the marketing strategy for Château Mouton Rothschild, Château Clerc Milon and Château d'Armailhac, as well as a beautiful estate in the south of France, Domaine de Baron'arques. The past year has been an amazing adventure, continuing the work that I took on at Château Coutet seven years ago while discovering these new estates, their history and terroir. I look forward to hosting more Bucknell friends in Bordeaux for years to come!"

Chris Hainge and two business partners opened a craft brewery in Kyoto, Japan, called Kyoto Brewing Company in May. Chris is the master brewer. The website is: kyotobrewing.com. They can also be found on Facebook, and Chris can be reached at chris.hainge@yahoo.com.

Kimberly Braun writes, "Matthew LeFurge '08 and I got engaged in March. We look forward to celebrating with our Bucknell friends at our wedding on Long Beach Island, N.J., in August 2016."

Desiree Chinnery married Marc-Antoine Bredemus in Marrakesh, Morocco, April 14. They met while skiing in Dubai. Marc is from Rouen, France,

and the couple lives in NYC.

Manuel and **Christa Wilson Zaldivar** welcomed a son, Justin Alexander, May 27. Christa writes that big sisters Gianna, 6, and Victoria, 3, love their new little brother!

Ben and Carolyn Condict Boisvert welcomed a son, Daniel Steven, March 5. Daughter Abigail, 3, is a fantastic big sister.

In October 2014, Robert and **Kerry Reilly Perez** had their second set of twins, Nola Grace and Keegan Robert. Older sisters Esme and Georgina love the newest additions.

Aimee and **Todd Seitz** are excited to announce the birth of their third child, Bailee Patricia, Sept. 10. She joins Zachary, 6, and Caisee, 3. — M.P.

2003

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David Snyder writes, "My wife, Erin, and I welcomed a baby girl in September. Elliana Claire is our third child, and Addilyn, 4, and Zakary, 2, are very excited for the arrival of their little sister. I have worked at Gannett Fleming in Harrisburg, Pa., since I graduated with a master's in engineering from Cornell University in 2004. I am a senior geotechnical engineer working on dam rehabilitation design projects throughout the country. I keep in touch with **Brad Humphrey** and **Jose Reyes**, as well as my cousin, **Todd Wenrich**."

Jamie Clouser married Dana Nicole Peterson at the Bellport Country Club on Long Island. There was a strong Bucknell presence that included **Kevin Hall**, **Jeff Dasch**, **Chris Harm**, **Justin Blanding**, **Scott Solomon**, **Aaron** and **Sarah Stark Casagrande**, **Keith** and **Deanna Schnepf Jennings '04**, **Ryan Bondroff '04**, **Andy '04** and **Meredith Atkinson Marbach '04**, **Devin Cooch**

'05, **Caitlin Cleveland '07**, **Blair Holland '04**, **Heather Kornack '05**, **Griffin '05** and **Caesara Wendin Brungraber '04**, **Jeff Thomson '04**, **John Luthi '04** and **Abby Gulden-Luthi '05**, **Nate '04** and **Nicole Gallo Inkrote '06**, **Matt '04** and **Myra Oneglia Albrecht '05**, **Jon '04** and **Elizabeth Peters Bartholomew '05**, **Scott Whitefield '04**, **Stanley Abellard '08**, **Jill Rockett '07**, **Kellan '05** and **Candra Gilcrest Ilse '07** and **Sarah Vanden Broek '07**.

Jim Ritter '04 was a groomsman, while **Jon Davis '04** officiated. The afternoon reception turned into a beer-pong-filled hotel after-party. The couple spent four days in Sag Harbor for a mini-honeymoon before returning to NYC and moving into a new apartment in midtown Manhattan. Jamie is an attorney in New Jersey, while Dana is a speech-language pathologist in the Bronx.

Elisabeth Hulette-Daugherty and **Scott Daugherty** are multiplying. Alex Daugherty was born in January 2015 and looks adorable in his first Bison T-shirt, a gift from **Jennifer Jenchura**.

Rachel Laskow Schwartz and **Justin Schwartz '04** had their first son, Dylan Jackson, Aug. 21. They live in Orlando, Fla., where Justin is a senior manager, ride and show engineering, at Universal and Rachel is a senior marketing manager for Scholastic.

Brandi Porter Sanders and husband Josh welcomed son Levi William Jan. 18, 2015. Big siblings Joshua and Emelia are thrilled with their baby brother. — P.N.G.

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Elizabeth Rankin writes, "In August, I accepted a job as the children's librarian at Liberal Memorial Library in Liberal, Kan.

I enjoy presenting story times and interacting with the kids.

Kathy Schnure married Tom Wall July 11 in Chicago. Many Bucknellians attended, including matron of honor **Emily Berger**, **Carolyn Chandler**, **David** and **Anya Raab Chrystal Bradford** and **Andrea Eckert Clemens**, **Laura Nuss Gorczyca**, **Sloane** and **Kelly Hofstetter Griswold**, **Jessica Grosholz**, **Angel Gabler Hedberg**, **Krissy Johnson Jones**, **Andrew** and **Meredith Atkinson Marbach**, **Sarah Carle Marrone**, **Karli Perrine**, **Art Schnure '70**, **Darren '02** and **Meredith Wright Shames**, and **Garry Thaniel**. Kathy and Tom met in Atlanta while they were completing their doctorates at Georgia Tech. They reside in Chicagoland, where Kathy spends her time engaging in executive and cultural assessment work for a global leadership advisory firm, and Tom is an engineer at Argonne National Lab.

Lina Nandy Trullinger writes, "Joseph '03 and I are officially homeowners: We bought a townhouse in Greenbelt, Md. We are less than a mile from the Metro stop and a short train ride into downtown Washington, D.C., so we look forward to unrolling the welcome mat for lots of visitors. We'll leave the light on for ya'."

Adam Vidoni and **Michelle Wilkinson** married Sept. 26 in Jackson Hole, Wyo. Many Bucknellians attended: **Jeffrey Wilkinson '70**, **Lisa Manning**, **Maura McEwan Fierro**, **Meaghan Casey Sturtevant**, **Travis** and **Amy Curlet Martin '03**, **M'06**, **Phil '72** and **Susan Latimer Curlett '73**, **George '70** and **Nancy Straehl Kuhn '71**, **John Gray**, **Andrew Jones**, **Richard** and **Emily Thede Moore**, **Dave** and **Liz Zollner Cook**, **Kate Heger Jacquet**, and **Caity Selleck Murphy**. Adam got his Ph.D. in chemical engineering at the University of Maine and is an engineer for Shell Oil. Michelle is writing her dissertation for a Ph.D. in epidemiology at The University of Texas School of Public Health. They live in Houston. — J.B.W.

2005

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Anne and **Ryan Goodman** had their second child, Sophie Pierce, April 10. They also moved from NYC to northern New Jersey, and are adjusting to having a house and a yard. Ryan still works for clean-energy company ENER-G Rudox and was appointed to the board of its global business. Bucknellians are always welcome if anyone is passing through northern New Jersey.

Long after meeting in Modern Dance I at Bucknell in 2003, **Michael Mathes** and **Vita Lamberson '06** were married in Nashville, Tenn., June 16. Vita completed her residency in pediatrics at Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt University in 2014. Michael completed his Ph.D. in economics at Vanderbilt in 2015. On Feb. 27 their son, Simon, was born. They live in Providence, R.I., where Michael is an assistant professor of economics at Providence College and Vita will be a pediatrician. — N.H.O.

2006

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Kim Palca Herzog was awarded the Westport Teacher of the Year award by her school district, then was one of 16 finalists for Connecticut Teacher of the Year. She teaches high-school English.

Nate '04 and **Nicole Gallo Inkrote** are thrilled to report the birth of their second child, Ryan Vincent, on Jan. 29, 2015. They couldn't be happier and are excited to bring him, along with big sister Madison, to Nicole's 10-year Reunion this year. — J.S.

2007

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Patrick Golden M'07 accepted a job as the assistant director of compliance within the University of Maine athletics department.

2008

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Jennifer Grant Budacki graduated from her pediatric residency at Einstein Medical Center Philadelphia in June. She was awarded a Pennsylvania American Academy of Pediatrics 2015 Resident Recognition Award for her dedication to the health and well-being of the children of Pennsylvania, as well as an Einstein Medical Center Humanistic Sensitivity Award. She is a pediatrician at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and at St. Mary Medical Center in Langhorne, Pa.

Amy Loughney qualified for and competed in her third U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur golf championship, advancing to match play for the third straight year. Last year the championship was held in Choudrant, La., at Squire Creek Country Club. Amy says, "The tournament is essentially the national championship for players 25 and older. After graduating, I took three or four years off from golf because I live in a city (Hoboken, N.J.) and work in finance (Goldman Sachs). Someone told me about the championship. I decided to start training again, and I've been very successful. It's been so much fun to be competing again! Each year, 132 players from around the country and world qualify to compete in a two-day qualifier. The top 64 move onto the next round, which is called match play. In the three years I've competed, I have made it to

the round of 64 twice and the round of 32 once, this year losing on the very last hole to a former professional golfer. I'm looking forward to competing again next year and hopefully making it even further!"

On June 20, **Sarah Johnson** married Josh Hendrick in Princeton, N.J. Among those attending were **Sarah Brown '07**, **Tacey Clayton** and **Julie Dlugos Fadden**. Sarah's brother **Alex Johnson '99** was an usher. Alex is a partner with Ernst & Young in Boston. Sarah and Josh live in Somerville, Mass., and she is coordinator of marketing for New England Fiber in Newton, Mass., while Josh is a marketing executive with the John Wiley & Sons publishing company in Malden, Mass. Josh is a native of Swope, Va., and a graduate of James Madison University. — L.C.A.

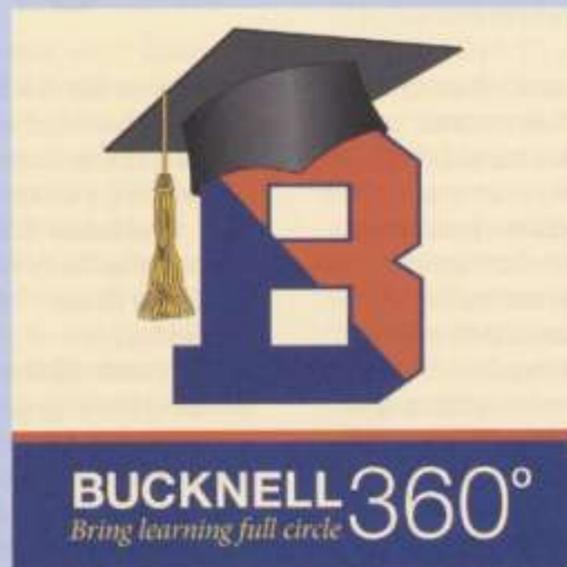
2009

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Ward Abel continues as assistant director of the World Perspectives Program at Greens Farms Academy in Westport, Conn. He was awarded a research grant and traveled to Cuba in July.

Matthew Chen is a project manager of localization and translation at Amazon in Seattle. Matthew and his wife are also happy to report the birth of their second child, a boy, Aug. 1.

Christopher Gabryluk was promoted to global product manager for the extremities division of Zimmer Biomet in Warsaw, Ind. He was also accepted into Ball State University's MBA program with an entrepreneurship concentration. On Sept. 2,



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A DRAMATIC IMPACT

The burgeoning theater career of **Diego Chiri '12** has been touched and influenced by Bucknell in many ways. But one moment had a greater impact than he could have imagined.

As a senior, Chiri, a native of Peru who majored in theater and English, took Audition Technique, a class intended to prepare students for life in professional theater. One day, Professor Anjalee Deshpande Hutchinson suggested that Chiri check out New York City's Repertorio Español (Spanish Repertory Theater).

"That small comment made all the difference," he says.

After graduation, Chiri moved to New York City and joined a widespread community of Bucknell artists there. He also took another look at the repertory theater and learned about its directing fellowship. Within two years of graduation, he landed Repertorio Español's prestigious Van Lier Fellowship for emerging Hispanic directors and an opportunity to mount two professional productions in Spanish.

"To be able to direct an off-Broadway production just a few years after graduating is wonderful," he says. "I knew I wanted to direct theater professionally, but I didn't imagine it would happen so fast after school."

As his career has blossomed, Chiri has sought other Bucknell collaborators. For *La Gran Semíramis*, the play he directed this summer, he recruited Professor Jason McCluskey, Spanish. McCluskey had introduced Chiri to the 400-year-old piece in class at Bucknell and provided an English translation of the play for the New York production. **Bianca Roman '10** led the choreography. The success of that play, which had never been performed in the U.S., led Chiri directly to another role as an assistant director at Repertorio and encouraged him to continue seeking collaborations with Bucknellians.

Says Chiri, "The connections you make on campus don't stay just on campus; they stay for life, especially if these are people you respect as artists." — Patrick Broadwater



Diego Chiri (right) met Mario Vargas Llosa while directing the Nobel laureate's play.

spent the last year and a half renovating their house.

Adrienne Jensen-Doray got engaged to **Marc Henry '09, M'10** on top of a mountain during a ski trip in Utah in March. After five years with Intel in Arizona, Marc returned East after accepting a make-to-stock process engineering job with GlobalFoundries outside Albany, N.Y. In May, Adrienne graduated from the College of William & Mary with a master's in educational leadership in higher education administration and moved to NYC. She is the assistant director of student activities at Union College.

Morgane Treanton got engaged to Alex Mattern in August. The wedding is planned for Oct. 8 in Scituate, Mass. — M.L.L.

2010

Bucknell Magazine is searching for a reporter for the Class of '10. Please contact us if you are interested. Please direct your news for the next issue to classnotes@bucknell.edu or *Class Notes, Bucknell Magazine*, Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA 17837.

2011

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Melinda Spicer and **Matthew Glavin** are the newest in a string of all-Bucknell engagements and weddings! The couple wed in October at The Reeds in beautiful Stone Harbor, N.J. In June, he graduated from Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University, and she graduated summa cum laude from St. George's University School of Veterinary Medicine. Congratulations to the newest orange-and-blue power couple! Cheers to a

Christopher and his wife, Gillian, had their second child, a healthy baby girl, Jordyn Marie.

Megan McShea graduated from Nazareth College in August with a master's in speech-language pathology. She works at the Ohio School for the Deaf in Columbus, Ohio.

Lauren Jaeger Stark married Ken Stark on June 27, celebrating with many Bucknellians. They reside in Harrisburg, Pa., where she is a curator for the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission and he is an attorney with the Public Utility Commission.

Joe O'Connor and **Jeweliet Yost** got engaged last summer and plan to marry at Bucknell this summer. Joe and Jeweliet met during their first year when they lived across the hall from each other in Smith 2B. They started dating in spring 2014 and are excited to return to Bucknell for their wedding.

Caroline Strunk Schweyer married Thane Schweyer June 27. Bucknellians attending the wedding included **Sara Kurz**, **Stephanie Rozolis Knauss**, **Kimberly Hassett** and **Emily Orazi**. They live in Fairfield, Conn.

Stephanie Rink is excited to report her engagement to Paco Giuliani. They plan to marry in Bologna, Italy, June 25.

Amanda Barto Kilpatrick had her second child, Preston David, July 30 in Newport Beach, Calif.

Brandon Liebeskind got engaged to Elana Rudnick July 10. A June wedding in New Jersey is planned. The couple resides in Hoboken, N.J.

Renee Perry and Joost Clerx celebrated their wedding in Renee's hometown of Rochester, N.Y. Attending were several Bucknellians, including **Sarah Wohlman**, **Whittney Henry Sueda**, **Ryo Sueda**, **Caitlin Doolin**, Jeweliet Yost, Joe O'Connor, **Caity McLaughlin**,

Jenny Lyden and **Lisa Patel**. Also attending as photographers were **Liz Lorson Bower '07** and **Ryan Bower '06**. Chemical engineering professors Erin Jablonski and Brandon Vogel also attended. Renee and Joost work for the pharmaceutical company Merck and live in the Netherlands, Joost's home country. They are excited to relocate to Tokyo in October for a one-year assignment for their company.

Joshua and Stephanie Knauss welcomed a daughter, Thessaly Louise, Sept. 26.

Becky Eppelman married **John MacFeeters '07** June 12 in Chadds Ford, Pa. They met while running track at Bucknell and reconnected in Philadelphia after Becky graduated. Other Bucknellians in the wedding party included **Lauren Aversa**, **Lindsey Pierce '08**, **Adam Puff '04** and **Rob MacFeeters '12**. Several other Bucknellians attended. They live in Cherry Hill, N.J., where they have

wonderful wedding and a lifetime of happiness.

Following in quick succession to join the blue-and-orange nuptials is **Joyce Novacek**, who celebrated her engagement to **Stephen Ragard '10** this fall. She lives in Madison, Wis., and writes an excellent blog, rejoycetoday.blogspot.com. Congratulations, Joyce and Stephen! We cannot wait to hear about your special day!

Mary Hood married Eric Luttrell May 30 in Belmont, N.C. He is an English professor at Texas A&M University Corpus Christi, and she is a beauty editor at Peaceful Dumpling, a vegan network and startup company. Check out the Peaceful Dumpling blog and Mary's contributions at peacefuldumpling.com. Congratulations, Mary! — L.M.

2012

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Greetings to all! By the time you read this column we'll already be in 2016 — so merry Christmas and happy New Year! I hope you enjoyed the holidays.

Homecoming was a success this year. I could not make it, but I know we had lots of people attending from the Class of 2013. Keep it up!

Xavier Hope works for a nonprofit Christian missions organization, Campus Target, which aims to spread the Gospel throughout Asia. Xavier joined Campus Target in May 2013 and flew to Asia that August. He was an environmental geology major at Bucknell and took a variety of classes, including Japanese,

differential equations, organic chemistry, symbolic logic and ecology, all of which broadened his horizons. However, since graduation he decided that being a missionary in Asia is better than being a scientist. His high-school teacher, who taught him physics, chemistry and biology, once said, "Everything is related; there is no such thing as a truly isolated system." Xavier honestly believes Bucknell is a place where people who truly embrace that sentiment can thrive and enrich themselves in ways that extend beyond the classroom and the nine to five. Xavier comes back to Bucknell often and enjoys seeing and catching up with his professors.

Patrick Towery graduated from Army Flight School as a UH-60 Black Hawk pilot and was promoted to first lieutenant July 16. He was promoted by his father, Col. (Ret.) Bobby Towery, and had his aviator wings pinned on by his mother, Lisa Towery. Patrick will spend a year flying with the 1-228th Aviation Regiment in Honduras. He really enjoyed reading the alumni spotlights on **Col. Kimberly Parsons Daub '89** and **Lt. Col. Joe Diblin '40** in the Summer 2015 issue of *Bucknell Magazine* and is proud to follow the legacy of such great leaders. He stays in contact with fellow alumni and misses the boys on the rugby team. 'ray Bucknell, and fly Army!

Robert "Bo" Jones is a research analyst for the Man Group, an alternative investment management firm, in NYC. He lives with a few friends from high school on the Upper East Side and loves seeing all the Bucknell alumni in New York.

As always, it's great hearing from all of you, and I hope you are doing well. Do get in touch with me with updates on anything that's going on. I look forward to it! — M.Z.



See photos from Patrick Towery's graduation in the app and online.

2014

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On Aug. 1, **Brian Ward** got engaged to his girlfriend of four years, Carly Morris, on a sunrise hike in Denver, Colo. A spring 2016 wedding is planned in San Antonio.

On July 1, **Kelsey Mucelli** got engaged to her high-school sweetheart of seven years, Zach. He proposed in their hometown, and the couple is looking to get married next summer. — C.H.

IN MEMORIAM

1943

Robert Bartow, West Caldwell, N.J., Sept. 21. A member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, he served in the Navy during WWII, and graduated from the University of Notre Dame. He was president and CEO of Hudson Blueprint Co. He was predeceased by his former wife, **Anne Gerhard Bartow '46**. Survivors include three children, four stepchildren, four grandchildren and his brother, **Lewis Bartow '45**.

Kathryn Lauer Holgate, Huntingdon Valley, Pa., Sept. 20. A member of the Christian Association and Delta Zeta, she earned a master's from Lehigh University and attended Temple University. She was a guidance counselor in Abington, Pa., public schools. Survivors include a son.

1944

Alvin Sponagle, Harleysville, Pa., Aug. 1. A member of

Lambda Chi Alpha, he served in the military during WWII. He owned and operated Lock Haven Construction Co. and was a construction supervisor for Conestoga Telephone Co. He was also president of the Birdsboro Borough Council. Survivors include three children, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

1945

Harry Brumbach, Twin Falls, Idaho, Aug. 8. A member of Lambda Chi Alpha and the Navy V-12 Program, he received a medical degree from New York University School of Medicine and completed his residency at the National Health and Cancer Institute. He established a private practice specializing in general surgery. He was chairman of the Biomedical Ethics Committee of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Survivors include his wife, six children, nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

F. Donald Hamre, Birmingham, Ala., Oct. 12. A participant in basketball, Omicron Delta Kappa honor society, Phi Kappa Psi, ROTC and tennis, he served in the Navy during WWII. He worked for Armstrong Cork, was CEO of Automatic Food Services/Canteen and founded the Automatic Food Service. Survivors include four children, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

1946

Gloria Whitman Cowan P'73, P'77, Virginia Beach, Va., Oct. 10. A member of Kappa Delta, she worked with her husband, founder of the Brandywine Veterinary Hospital. Survivors include two daughters, **Rebecca Cowan Hoye '73** and **Susan Cowan Uremovich '77**, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Henry Pellikka, Calumet, Mich., Aug. 4. A member of the Navy V-12 Program, he served

in the Navy during WWII. He also attended Columbia University and graduated from Michigan Technological University. He worked for Dow Corning and retired as manager of maintenance and construction services. Survivors include two daughters, four grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

1947

Robert Austin P'76, Trumbull, Conn., Sept. 4. A member of Sigma Chi, he served in the Air Force during WWII and the Korean War. He worked for General Electric, Bridgeport Savings Bank, People's Bank and Webster Bank. Survivors include two children, including **Douglas Austin '76**, and two grandsons.

Barbara Messer Hale, Keene, N.Y., Aug. 27. She was a member of Cap and Dagger, Kappa Delta and Symphony Orchestra. She was co-publisher, business and circulation manager and owner of the *Lake Placid News*. During her tenure the weekly was nominated for two Pulitzer Prizes. Survivors include her husband, three daughters and eight grandchildren.

Gladys McDowell Lakes, Lewisburg, Pa., Oct. 14. A member of Pi Sigma Alpha honor society, she was a waitress in Lewisburg and an assistant registrar at Bucknell. Survivors include three children, eight grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

1948

Jean Featherly Byrne P'91, Princeton, N.J., Aug. 9. A member of Phi Mu, Cap and Dagger and Chorale, she earned a master's from New York University. She was an elementary school teacher, a homemaker and first lady of New Jersey, when her former husband, Brendan Byrne, served as governor. Survivors

include her former husband; six children, including **William Byrne '91**; and several grandchildren.

1950

William Brennen, Northumberland, Pa., Aug. 29. He was a member of the Air Force Aviation Cadet program and served in the Army. He was a sales representative and manager of the Philadelphia district for Dietzgen Co., vice president of the Central Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce and president of the Maclay Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. He is survived by his son and two grandsons.

Alfred Meckley, Loyalsock Township, Pa., Sept. 11. He served in the Army during WWII, worked in personnel management, and retired as vice president of human resources from Lord Corp, Erie. He was predeceased by his wife. Survivors include nieces and nephews.

1951

John Swanson, Hendersonville, N.C., April 13, 2015. A member of Interfraternity Council, Phi Kappa Psi and Student Government, he was the general manager of S.B. Thomas Bread Co., which created Thomas' English Muffins, and later a consultant to small businesses and companies. He was board chairman for Englewood Hospital, chairman of the Tenafly, N.J., school board, trustee for Pardee Hospital and Foundation and served on the Board of Trustees at Bucknell. Swanson and his siblings endowed the Swanson Fellowships in the Sciences and Engineering, which support Bucknell faculty in these areas of study. Survivors include his wife, **Mary Brokaw Swanson '52**, two children and four grandchildren.

Raymond Tallau, Stanhope, N.J., March 19, 2015. A member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, he served in the Army. He was an accountant at Lime Crest. Survivors include nephews and nieces.

1953

Wayne Diller, West Palm Beach, Fla., July 29. A member of Interfraternity Council, Christian Fellowship, Kappa Sigma and L'Agenda, he was president of Jefferson Mortgage and Capital, president of Diller-Farina & Associates and chairman of the Diller Foundation. Survivors include his former wife, **Carol Miller Miner '56**; his wife; four children; and two grandchildren.

Janet McKain Fawcett, Glenshaw, Pa., Nov. 7, 2014. A member of Chorale and Pi Beta Phi, she earned a bachelor's from Chatham University and a master's from the University of Pittsburgh. She was predeceased by her husband, **David Fawcett '50**. Survivors include four children, six grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Romulus Fratila, Williamsport, Pa., Sept. 13. He served in the Navy and also studied at Catholic University, the University of Maryland and George Washington University. He worked for Sylvania Electric Products and the Department of the Navy, where he was an electrical engineer, director of the command and control division, command of Naval electronic systems, head of the laser radar branch and command of space and Naval warfare systems. He was an adjunct professor of physics, computer science, thermodynamics, electricity, magnetism and light theory for Capitol Technology University and Pennsylvania College of Technology. He was a published author in physics and theoretical mathematics.

Sara Graybill Houser P'83, West Chester, Pa., Aug. 12. A

member of Alpha Chi Omega, Band, Cap and Dagger, Dance Company, Christian Fellowship, Mu Phi Epsilon honor society, Panhellenic Council and Chapel Choir, she was a homemaker, taught piano lessons and was involved at her church. Survivors include three children, including **James Houser '83**, and eight grandchildren.

W. Harvey Mapes, Lancaster, Pa., Aug. 19. A member of L'Agenda and Phi Kappa Psi, he served in the Army during the Korean War. He worked for Pennfield Corp. and was a weigh master for the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority. Survivors include his wife, **Fanny Rich Mapes '54**, two children, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

1954

Celia Johnson Luebkekmann, Tallahassee, Fla., Aug. 12. A member of Chorale, L'Agenda, Chapel Choir, swimming and diving and WVBU, she was a teacher, worked in children's and senior care and was the director of the Tallahassee Senior Center. Survivors include her husband, son and two grandchildren.

Joan Rafaj Olson, Northfield, Minn., Oct. 22. A member of Cap and Dagger, Christian Fellowship, Phi Alpha Theta honor society, Phi Beta Kappa honor society, Psi Chi honor society and Pi Sigma Alpha honor society, she attended Keystone Junior College and earned a master's from Cornell University. She was the first archivist at St. Olaf College; president of the board at the Northfield Historical Society and helped create the book *Cows in the Kitchen: An Anecdotal History of Food and Eating in Northfield, Minnesota*. Survivors include her husband, three children and eight grandchildren.

James Pangburn P'78, Palm Beach, Fla., Sept. 25. He was a member of Concern and Action, Christian Fellowship,

Intramurals, *L'Agenda*, Sigma Chi, Student Government, *The Bucknellian* and WVBU. He was a senior executive in the banking and trust business and was president of Pangburn Realty. He was predeceased by his wife, **Janet Geller Pangburn '54**. Survivors include three children, including **Wendy Pangburn '78**, and six grandchildren.

1955

Gladys Ellis Deibler, West Columbia, S.C., Aug. 27. A member of the American Chemical Society and Band, she served in the Army. She was a research biochemist at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md. Survivors include her daughter and three grandchildren.

Lawrence Jones, Enfield, Conn., Oct. 17. A member of Band, the Christian Association, Christian Fellowship, Intramurals, Lambda Chi Alpha, NAACP and Chapel Choir, he was an auditor for the state of Connecticut and commissioner for the Enfield planning and zoning board. Survivors include his wife, three children and three grandchildren.

Anna Caul Kirk, Hyde Park, N.Y., Aug. 23. She was a member of the Christian Association, Delta Zeta, Chorale and Chapel Choir. She loved music and was active in many choral groups. Survivors include her husband, four children and eight grandsons.

Robert Rednick, White Plains, N.Y., Sept. 13. A member of Band, *L'Agenda*, Intramurals and Sigma Alpha Mu, he earned a juris doctor from New York University School of Law. He was an attorney for Rednick & Rednick LLP, president of the Port Chester/Rye Bar Association and prosecutor for Port Chester, N.Y. Survivors include his wife, two children and three grandchildren.

1956

Ivan Satow, Walnutport, Pa., Aug. 17. He was a pilot instructor in the Air Force, worked for Crawford & Co. and later was a general adjuster for Trans-America. Survivors include his wife, **Dorothy Riedel Satow '57**, three children, a grandson, and two stepgrandchildren.

1957

Philip Cerveny, Gilford, N.H., Oct. 11. A member of the Christian Association, *L'Agenda*, Phi Gamma Delta, Pre Medical Society and ROTC, he earned a dentistry degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine and served in the Army. He was a dentist in New Jersey and New Hampshire and was a member of many dental study groups. Survivors include his wife, **Gwendolyn Howell Cerveny '57**, four children and five grandchildren.

1958

Robert Nicodemus, Phoenix, Ariz., Aug. 5. A member of the Christian Association, Delta Upsilon, Intramurals, *L'Agenda* and ROTC, he also graduated from the University of California, Berkeley. He served in the Navy and was a special agent for the U.S. Customs Service. Survivors include two children and two grandchildren.

William Reilly, Fort Myers, Fla., Aug. 17. A member of the baseball, football and wrestling teams and Theta Chi, he earned a law degree from the University of Virginia Law School and was a managing partner at Gould and Wilkie. Survivors include his second wife, daughter, three stepchildren and step-granddaughter.

C.K. Williams, Hopewell, N.J., Sept. 20. He earned a bachelor's from the University of Pennsylvania and was a poet who was awarded a Pulitzer

Prize for poetry in 2000, a National Book Critics Circle Award in 1987 and a National Book Award in 2003. Early in his career he was a psychotherapist, editor and ghostwriter. He served on the faculty of numerous colleges and universities, including Columbia University, New York University, Boston University, George Mason University and Princeton University, where he taught in the creative writing program from 1996 until shortly before his death. He also translated plays by Sophocles and poems by Adam Zagajewski and Francis Ponge. Survivors include his wife, two children and three grandchildren.

1959

Joan Hendrickson Paules, Bethlehem, Pa., Sept. 12. A member of the Christian Association, Student Government and WVBU, she worked at the Sun Inn Gift Shop and was involved in golden retriever rescue and therapy dog programs. Survivors include three sons and seven grandchildren.

1962

George Klingler, Williamsburg, Va., Sept. 10. A member of Cap and Dagger, *L'Agenda*, ROTC and WVBU, he served in the Army during the Vietnam War. He earned a master's from the University of Illinois and a doctorate from Iowa State University. He was a communications professor and associate dean of the continuing education division of Iowa State University and was programming chairman on the board of National Public Radio. He was predeceased by his first wife, **Nancy Ellison Klingler '62**. He is survived by his wife, four children and seven grandchildren.

1968

William Sprowls, Anderson, S.C., Sept. 2. A member of ROTC and the wrestling team, he was in the Army Signal Corps and was an international consulting electrical engineer for McGraw Edison/Cooper Power Systems. Survivors include his wife, four daughters and four grandchildren.

1970

Susan Riggs Barrell, Salt Lake City, Utah, Aug. 11. A member of Cap and Dagger, Kappa Kappa Gamma and Theta Alpha Phi honor society. She worked for Repertory Dance Theatre and was the executive director of the U.S. Film and Video Festival. She was company manager and executive director for Ballet West. Survivors include her husband, son and grandchild.

1971

Eugene Depew M'79, P'06, P'11, Mifflinburg, Pa., Nov. 23. He was a member of Phi Gamma Delta and co-captain of the football team. He worked for the University as an assistant football coach from his graduation until 1992, as an assistant baseball coach 1974–1981, and as head baseball coach 1982–2012. During his baseball-coaching career his teams won 591 games and made five NCAA Tournament appearances. He was named Patriot League Coach of the Year four times and inducted into the Bucknell Athletics Hall of Fame. In 2003 the Bucknell varsity baseball field was named in his honor. Survivors include his wife, **Debra P'06, P'11**; two children, **Erin Depew Threet '06** and **William '11**; two grandsons; and two brothers, **Terry '73** and **Alvin '81**.

Jack Home, Basking Ridge, N.J., Oct. 15. A member of Sigma

Phi Epsilon, he graduated from Baruch College and later attended New York University. He was a clerk and a consultant in banking and brokerage fields. Survivors include his wife, **Linda Mount Home '71**, and two children.

1972

Candeece Ramsey Harm P'03, Mechanicsburg, Pa., Oct. 1. She taught elementary school in Philadelphia and Mechanicsburg, worked in the children's department of the Fredricksen Library and was the inaugural coordinator for the L.E.A.P. program in Mechanicsburg. Survivors include her husband, **Kenneth Harm '72**; two children, including **Christopher Harm '03**; and two grandchildren.

1974

Alan Cooper P'08, P'12, Wilmington, Del., Oct. 18. A member of Kappa Delta Rho, Christian Fellowship, Intramurals and a residential assistant, he earned a master's from Indiana University and a juris doctor from Widener University School of Law. He worked for Berkowitz, Schagrin & Coonin law firm, was a family court judge and was a professor at Widener University School of Law. He received the Delaware Volunteer Legal Services Outstanding Pro Bono Service Award. Survivors include his wife, **Nancy Hall Cooper '76**, and two children, **Andrew Cooper '08** and **Justin Cooper '12**.

1979

Alan Miller, Wyomissing, Pa., Sept. 10. A member of Kappa Delta Rho, *L'Agenda* and International Relations Club, he received a degree from the University of Pittsburgh Law School. He was an attorney in private practice and later

in-house counsel for Gilbert Associates. He was also the solicitor for the Berks County, Pa. Survivors include his wife and son.

1983

Karen Hiller Bury, Lancaster, Pa., Aug. 15. A member of Alpha Chi Omega, *L'Agenda* and Mortar Board honor society, she was a claims manager for State Farm Insurance. Survivors include her husband and two sons.

Mary D'Amico, Jersey City, N.J., Sept. 27. A member of Chorale, she was a business writer in NYC, a freelance journalist in Munich, Germany, and a singer-songwriter. She recorded two albums and toured the United Kingdom and the Netherlands. Survivors include her husband, **Noel Pick '83**, and two daughters.

1995

Sean Samuel, Kenner, La., Aug. 18. He earned master's degrees from Tulane University and worked in laboratories and for the family business, B. Samuel Co. Survivors include his wife and daughter.

MASTER'S

Joseph Appelbaum M'48, Baltimore, Md., Sept. 23. A member of American Chemical Society and American Institute of Chemical Engineers, he graduated from the advanced management program at Harvard University. He was a food engineer and invented Daisies and Bugles corn chips. He also was a board member of the Plaza Hotel, Sonesta Hotels and Doxsee Foods and was president of Slim Jim. Survivors include two sons, four stepchildren, six grandchildren and great-grandson.

William Bowler M'73, Limestone, N.Y., Sept. 24.

He earned a bachelor's from Lycoming College and graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He was an occupational specialist and senior vice president of client group for the Employee Assistance Group. He was also interviewed by the *Wall Street Journal* and BBC for his expertise in workplace violence. Survivors include his mother, aunt and cousins.

Cynthia Gass M'88, Sunbury, Pa., Aug. 18. She graduated from Susquehanna University. She taught in the Shikellamy School District and retired as head of the high-school English department. Survivors include her husband, daughter and two grandchildren.

Richard Haas M'65, Loyalsock Township, Pa., Aug. 28. He received a bachelor's from Lycoming College, worked at Sylvania Electronics and Brodart and was a controller for the Montour Auto Service Co. He was chairman of the Loyalsock Township Board of Supervisors, treasurer of the Lycoming Planning Commission and president of the Lycoming County Association of Township Officials. He was honored with several awards for his township service. Survivors include his wife, five children, 11 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Ellen Jacobi M'62, Lancaster County, Pa., Aug. 21. A member of Delta Gamma and Pi Mu Epsilon honor society, she graduated from the University of Oklahoma. She was a math teacher and later a professor at Harrisburg Area Community College. Survivors include four daughters, four stepchildren, 19 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren.

Jean Campbell McCreery M'65, Williamsport, Pa., Oct. 14. She earned a bachelor's from Wilkes University and graduated from Williamsport Hospital School of Nursing. She worked at Williamsport Hospital and taught psychiatry and was coordinator of staff development and the accreditation office at Danville State Hospital. She later worked

for ManorCare South in Williamsport. Survivors include her daughter, four grand-children and two great-grandsons.

James Peters M'51, Kutztown, Pa., Aug. 1. He earned a bachelor's from Susquehanna University and served in the Navy during WWII. He was a public school counselor and teacher, an associate professor and counselor at Kutztown University and a coach for high-school and college sports. He was also inducted into the Susquehanna University Sports Hall of Fame. Survivors include his wife, three children and two granddaughters.

Harold Richwine M'59, Imperial, Calif., Aug. 28. He served in the Army and earned a bachelor's from Shippensburg University and a master's from Cornell University. He was a professor at Imperial Valley College. Survivors include his wife, five children, 15 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

FACULTY/STAFF

Slava Yastremski P'96, Lewisburg, Pa., Nov. 13. He graduated from the Moscow State Theatrical Institute and earned a doctorate from the University of Kansas. He worked at the Taganka Theatre, as an assistant director for Russian television and films and as a reporter for the newspaper *Izvestia* before migrating to the U.S. in 1975. He was the coordinator of Russian language instruction at Yale University and taught and produced plays at Middlebury College's Russian summer school before joining the Bucknell faculty in 1990. At Bucknell he led the Russian studies program and helped develop the comparative humanities and film studies programs as well as the residential college system. He also translated works by important Soviet and Russian writers and poets. Survivors include his wife, **Irina P'96**; a son, **Alex '96**; and two grandchildren.

FRIENDS

Christy Apfelbaum, Lewisburg, Pa., Sept. 7. She graduated from Pennsylvania College of Technology, was a dental hygienist, started her own business, Advanced Skin Care Associates Medi-Spa, and later opened the Center for Permanent Cosmetics. She died alongside her husband in an airplane accident. She is survived by three children.

Michael Apfelbaum, Lewisburg Pa., Sept. 7. He graduated from George Washington University and from Penn State University Dickinson School of Law. He worked in his family law firm, Apfelbaum & Apfelbaum, and was a solicitor for Sunbury, Pa., Northumberland County Airport Authority, Penn Valley Airport Authority and Shikellamy School District. He was also co-trustee of the Degenstein Foundation and served on the Penn State University Dickinson School of Law Board of Counselors and Law Association and the board of trustees of Wyoming Seminary College Preparatory School. He died alongside his wife in an airplane accident. He is survived by three children.

Charles Currie P'18, Tupelo, Miss., May 12. He earned a bachelor's from Florida Technological University, a master's from Washington University in St. Louis and a degree from Saint Louis University. He completed his residency and was a professor at Vanderbilt University. He joined Radiology of Tupelo, founded Imaging Associates of North Mississippi and owned an imaging center in Tupelo. He was also president of Northeast Mississippi Medical Society and of the Oren Dunn City Museum board. Survivors include his wife; five children, including **Mae-Emlyn Currie '18**; and two grandchildren.

Augustine DiGiacomo P'91, Warren, N.J., Aug. 13. He was an engineer and partner in Jaros, Baum & Bolles, where he led construction

development of major office centers, including four of the seven World Trade Center buildings and the National September 11 Memorial & Museum. Survivors include his wife; two children, including **Lisa DiGiacomo Dyer '91**; and three grandchildren.

Ellen Foland, Columbus, Ohio, April 30, 2013. She graduated from the University of Maryland, earned a master's from Temple University and a doctorate from the Heller School for Social Policy and Management of Brandeis University. She was an assistant professor at Ohio Dominican University and was active with the Ohio State University Medical Center Service Board. Survivors include her husband, **Kenneth Foland '67**.

Frank Henry P'17, Dallas, Pa., Oct. 9. He graduated from Boston University and worked for Frank Martz Coach Co. Survivors include his former wife, **Wendy Henry P'17**, and two children, including **Frank Henry '17**.

Mary Koonsman, Mifflinburg, Pa., May 5. She worked in food service in the Mifflinburg Area School District. Survivors include her husband, two children, six grandsons and two great-grandchildren.

Jean Markell, Battle Creek, Mich., Aug. 2. She was pre-deceased by her husband,

George Markell '45. Survivors include her two brothers, nieces and nephews.

William Molak P'04, Mendon, N.Y., Aug. 29, 2014. He graduated from Georgetown University School of Dentistry and served in the Army. He was the dental director for Excellus Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Rochester, a member of various dental societies, president of the Monroe County and Seventh District Dental societies and was awarded the Greenwood Award. Survivors include his wife, **Cecily Guzzetta Molak P'04**; three daughters, including **Elizabeth Anne Boak '04**; and four grandchildren.

Robert Weis, Sunbury, Pa., Oct. 19. He was the former chairman of Weis Markets Inc. Survivors include his wife, three children and nine grandchildren.

Kent Womack P'11, Toronto, Canada, Aug. 4. He received a bachelor's from Yale University and a doctorate from Cornell University. He worked for Goldman Sachs, and was the Manulife Financial chair and a professor at the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College and later a professor at the Rotman School of Management at the University of Toronto. Survivors include his former wife and one child, **Barrett Womack '11**.



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Entries came flying in for the latest edition of the Class Notes Caption Contest. Here are five that got our motors going:

"We should really put a camera on this and sell it to filmmakers, call it a drone or something."
"What, like bees? That'd never work. Who'd take the picture?"

— *Mikki del Monaco '89*

"After the carrier pigeons all died from smoke inhalation, the drone was the only way to get messages outside the Bucknell bubble."

— *Dave Koerner '92*

"You think mom will get the letter?"

— *Jim P'16 & Donna Bianco P'16*

"If that oil doesn't do the trick, I have some pomade here in my pocket!"

— *Mark Sandy P'13*

"I know, but the passengers are very tiny."

— *Cort Steel '77*

Congratulations, winners!

Last Word

Discovering Our Palate

Reliance on locally sourced food fuels a rich community experience.

By Ellen Kahler '89

Everyone eats. And what we eat increasingly matters — for the health of people, animals and the planet. Through our increased exposure to fresh, seasonal and local foods, we now really taste the food we're eating. Once we try a vine-ripened, sun-soaked tomato from our backyard, picked at its peak of flavor, it's hard to be satisfied with anything else. Before long, our curiosity about the difference in taste leads us to learn where our food comes from, how it's produced and by whom.

That's why there's been an explosion the last 20 years in the number of farmers markets. They provide a rich community experience and a way to keep our dollars circulating locally, in the pockets of farmers and local food entrepreneurs. Humanely raised, hormone- and antibiotic-free meat and cage-free eggs are increasingly important to consumers. Cooking shows and celebrity chefs, along with books by Alice Waters, Mark Bittman, Will Allen and Michael Pollan, are turning people on to home cooking, farm-to-table dining and diversifying our taste buds.

I grew up outside Buffalo, N.Y., where there were family farms and you-pick operations within 10 minutes of my home. My family had a big garden, so we could freeze and can fruits and vegetables for winter eating. At Bucknell, I made weekly excursions to the Mennonite/Amish farmers market in Mifflinburg. There I found fresh fruits and vegetables, homemade breads, jams and preserves. It reminded me of home.

After graduating, I moved to Vermont, where the ennobling gift of agricultural production lives on in the local food system, from small-batch dairy and maple syrup production to nationally recognized name brands guided by a commitment to sustainable agriculture, such as Ben and Jerry's, Cabot Cheese and Keurig Green Mountain. For the last 10 years, I've led the Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund, a legislatively enabled nonprofit whose mission is providing financing,

Ellen Kahler '89 with her organic farmer friend Justin Rich of Burnt Rock Farm in Huntington, Vt.



technical assistance and other resources to sustainable businesses so they can develop products and services and create jobs in renewable energy and sustainable agriculture and forestry.

In 2009, the Vermont Legislature asked us to create a 10-year strategic plan to further strengthen Vermont's food system, which has always been a sector critical to our economy, identity, quality of life and sustainability. After a rigorous 18-month public-engagement process, we published the plan

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and created a network of hundreds of organizations that are collaboratively implementing it.

Our impact has been significant — a testament to growing consumer interest in and demand for high-quality, safe, locally produced foods. From 2009 to 2013, 4,200 new jobs and 665 new farms and food

enterprises were created. When measured by employment and gross state product, food manufacturing is the second-largest manufacturing industry in Vermont.

We all have to eat to live, and food is the perfect vehicle for talking about the purchasing choices we make and the messages we send to the marketplace by making different choices. Let's dig in to the conversation.

Ellen Kahler '89 is the executive director of the Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund. She lives in the small rural town of Starksboro (pop. 1,600) with her wife, Susanna, and enjoys gardening, skiing and meditating in her spare time. This fall, Kahler received the Art Gibb Award for Individual Leadership from the Vermont Natural Resources Council and the 2015 Con Hogan Award for Creative, Entrepreneurial, Community Leadership.

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