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Frederick Schroeder '16, *Captain Clean*, [detail] 2015. Oil on canvas.



Marisa Olson, *Gold Digger (Time Capsules)*, n.d. Spray paint on objects.



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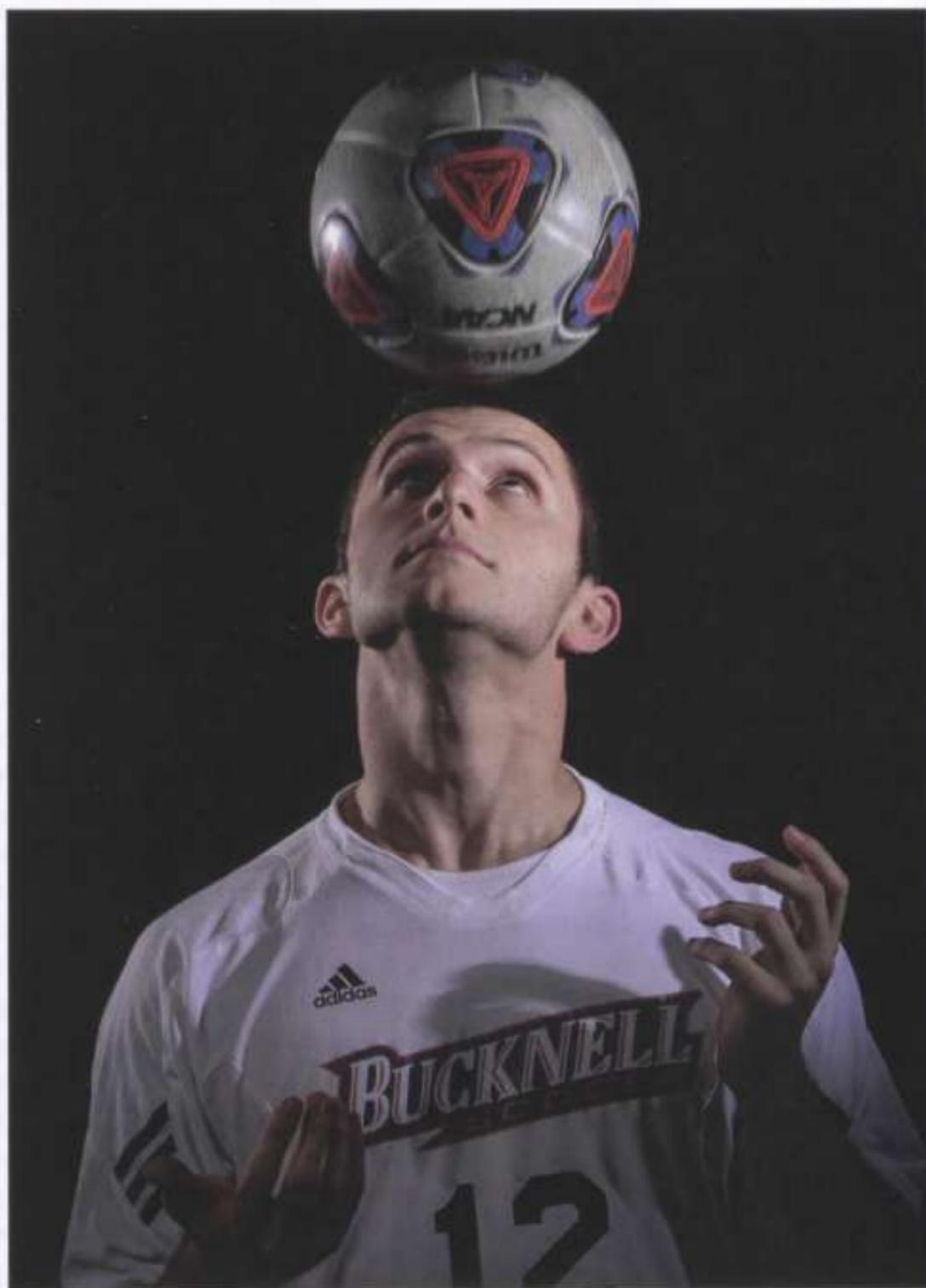
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# President's Message

## A Transformative Commitment



**E**ach May, I have the privilege of presenting Bucknell University diplomas to our newest graduates. The broadly educated students of the Class of 2016 will be well prepared to make our society a better place through their work in the arts, design, entrepreneurship, the sciences, engineering, business, the social sciences, the humanities and more. Many in the class are only able to attend Bucknell, and thus gain the very best kind of academic preparation, because of the financial support the University provides them and their families.

Financial aid is in fact so crucial for our families that we assigned the highest goal of all priorities in the WE DO Campaign for Bucknell University to endowed scholarships. Now, an alumnus has made an unprecedented commitment toward that goal; it will transform the lives of generations of students who cross the Commencement stage toward promising futures.

In January, **Bob Malesardi '45** and his wife, Doris, pledged \$20 million to be dedicated solely toward endowed financial aid. This is the largest commitment in University history, one that will benefit Bucknell and its students throughout the life of this institution. You can read more about it on Page 6.

I am in awe of this remarkable act of generosity, as is the wider Bucknell family. With the announcement of the pledge came an outpouring of gratitude from across our global community. Alumni and students have shared that they were moved — some to tears — by the news. A few said they hope to one day be able to follow in the Malesardis' path by making their own gifts toward financial aid and scholarships. This spirit of giving will ensure that our University becomes the very best version of itself, something we can only achieve when a Bucknell education is accessible to students from all walks of life. Bob and Doris have significantly increased our ability to fulfill this responsibility we have to the students of today and tomorrow and, for that, I am eternally grateful.

John Bravman, PRESIDENT

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# Letters

## HOMECOMING EVENT HONORING JACK WHEATCROFT '49 WAS MEMORABLE

I was fortunate to attend the Homecoming event at Bucknell Hall honoring Professor **John Wheatcroft '49** [chronicled in the winter magazine]. On a beautiful day, with the campus at its autumn best and with Professor Wheatcroft and his family in attendance, the ceremony's speakers eloquently described his contributions as an artist, a master teacher and a valued member of the academic community.

I did not become a poet, author or academic; the 40-plus years since my graduation have been spent in a gratifying but unremarkable professional career as a lawyer and volunteer. Yet I have no doubt that Jack Wheatcroft and my liberal arts degree from Bucknell made me a more compelling advocate before a jury, a better brief writer and a more clear-headed prosecutor. As a volunteer, I felt his influence at work in every task that required focus, tenacity, critical analysis or assessment of human behavior. My work was done more skillfully because of my exposure, with the help of a guiding hand, to what literature teaches us about the human experience. These influences may be difficult to measure, but without doubt, they have stood me in great stead.

Most of all, my experience in those Vaughan Lit classrooms enriched my life every day to this day. There is a different beauty to nature, and even to relationships, when imbued with the lessons, perhaps subconscious, of the works Jack helped reveal. These are gifts that cannot be repaid and for which I am so very grateful.

I hope that others will agree and contribute to the John S. Wheatcroft Scholarship we celebrated that day, so another student can benefit as I did from a world-class liberal arts education. Thank you, Jack Wheatcroft, and thank you Bucknell.

Donna Triptow '73  
Baltimore, Md.

During Homecoming, I attended the tribute to **Jack Wheatcroft '49**. As a former student of Professor Wheatcroft, I was reminded of the special nature of a liberal arts education, especially when one of the speakers, former President Gary Sojka, justifiably crowned Wheatcroft as an icon of the scholar-teacher model. Sojka characterized Wheatcroft's literary career as "deep emotion without sentimentality."

Professors Wheatcroft, Dennis Baumwoll (English), William Holzberger (English), Michael Payne (English), Harriet Pollack (English), Richard Drinnon (history), James Turnure (art) and countless others of my era were first-rate scholars, and they were inspiring educators who gave young people the hunger for inquiry and a propensity for skepticism.

This tradition continues today. My son, **Matthew '05**, still corresponds with his wonderful mentor, English Professor Sandra Morris, just as I did with Jack after graduation.

I urge current and future Bucknell students to absorb the intrinsic values of curiosity beyond the practical concerns of credentials and grades gained by proximity to these scholar-teachers. The best way I can make that point is to invite people to view the YouTube video of the tributes to Jack Wheatcroft and read the magazine article and online postings of the tributes read at the event by **Jan '83** and **Peter Balakian '73** [available at bucknell.edu/bmagazine and in the magazine app]. I was enthralled by Peter's remarks because of my personal connection to the event and because he replicates Wheatcroft's career accomplishments. Peter's eloquence and passion were not fostered by utilitarian endeavors, and he communicated, accordingly, deep emotion without sentimentality.

Tony Fornataro '73, P'05  
Lewisburg, Pa.

What a delight it was to open my Winter 2016 issue of *Bucknell Magazine* to see an article about **Jack** (whom I knew when I was a student only as **John**) **Wheatcroft '49**.

The professors I remember most prominently from my career at Bucknell are Allen Flock, Chuck Longley and, of course, Jack Wheatcroft. Quite an impressive trio, I'm sure you will agree. But Jack is the one for whom I can best articulate "why."

I'm not sure why I, a math-turned-philosophy-turned-psychology major wound up in one of Jack's classes or how he somehow managed to be the faculty adviser for Bucknell's ice-hockey club, of which I was president. But however the serendipitous forces of the universe conspired to make our paths cross, I've been grateful ever since that they did.

What do I remember of Jack's teaching? Very simply, the power of understatement — the truth behind the statement that the best way to get someone's attention is to whisper or that the best way to make a point is not to beat someone over the head with it but to get them to make it in their own words for themselves.

Maybe that doesn't sound like such a big deal, but the way those notions resonated with me and fit with my personality have influenced virtually every aspect of my life ever since.

The words that were paraphrased in the article that said, "You won't remember me, but I was in your course, and it changed my life" could easily have been written by me and hundreds of his other students. I have expressed similar sentiments to many people in the years since my graduation and wish I had taken the time sooner to express them to Jack. But I expect Jack would be among the first to also agree that it's never too late to do the right thing. Thank you, Jack.

George Lane '72, P'14  
Arlington, Va.

# Moore Avenue

News&Notes

## Charting Progress

A year after a troubling campus incident, the University has advanced its diversity and inclusion efforts.

By Matt Hughes

**N**early two years ago, Bucknell launched an ambitious five-year plan for improving diversity and inclusion on campus. Since then, the University has made laudable improvements, admitting the most diverse class in University history (Class of 2019) and in 2015 hiring a cohort of tenure-track faculty, 60 percent of whom are from groups that are traditionally underrepresented at Bucknell.

Despite that progress, those supporting diversity and inclusion efforts on campus say there's still much room for improvement.

"Of course we should be excited about this, but it only speaks to the quantitative aspect," says Carmen Henne-Ochoa, a sociologist and one of two diversity

and inclusion fellows furthering efforts as part of the 2014–19 Diversity Plan. "We also have the qualitative aspect: the campus culture — and that's the hardest part."

Changing Bucknell's culture is a central focus of Bucknell's diversity plan, which embraces diversity as a core

value of the University, one intrinsic to the education and holistic lives of its students.

With that goal in mind, the University has undertaken an array of initiatives, including establishing the diversity and inclusion fellowships. These roles, currently filled by Henne-Ochoa and Professor Atiya Stokes-Brown, political science, contribute to campuswide professional development focused on diversity and inclusion and oversee specific projects related to the plan.

Bucknell has also launched lunchtime discussion and action affinity groups for staff and faculty of color and for women, a professional development series, an expanded week of events in January celebrating the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr., improved bias reporting mechanisms, a major in Africana studies, enhanced diversity training for residential advisers and the first annual Diversity Summit, held in March. The University also removed gendered language from its mission statement and broadened its statement of non-discrimination to prohibit gender expression as a basis of discrimination.

**Nneoma Ibezim '18**, a Nigerian-American L.A. Posse Scholar who



An overflow crowd of students, faculty, staff and community members attends a talk by fathers of Sandy Hook victims during the Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Week, sponsored by the President's Diversity Council.

planned to participate in the summit, says programs such as these are important in helping students of all backgrounds feel comfortable.

"You can increase the numbers — imagine 50 percent students of color on campus — but how are you keeping them here?" she says. "I think the increase [in admissions] is a great thing, and I'm so happy about it. But I don't want it to just be a number. I would like those students to feel that this is their home, and I think Bucknell's culture can be enhanced to help them feel that way."

Bridget Newell, associate provost for diversity and global learning, notes that while taken individually the programs and initiatives implemented through the diversity plan aren't likely to create an overnight shift in the campus culture, cumulatively they aid in "keeping the goal of a truly diverse and inclusive campus community in the forefront of our thinking and action in all we do." Those community-building efforts can contribute to improving the University's already high retention rate and broaden perspectives for all students.

"Shifting the culture and climate requires intentionality and consistency over time," Newell says. "Broadening and deepening our critical lenses and shifting our habits to integrate a focus on diversity and inclusion in all we do — and knowing what that means and requires — takes time, energy and hard work. 'Being for' diversity and inclusion requires that those of us who are in the majority see and act in the world differently."

In the last 12 months, events have continued to demonstrate why a culture shift is so critical. Last year the University expelled three students for broadcasting racist language on the campus radio station. At a student-led solidarity ceremony following the incident, students shared more stories of discrimination and alienation on campus and in the local community. On the second day of classes fall semester, another reminder came when racist language was found written on a whiteboard on the office door of a faculty member of color.

"At the President's Diversity Council we had students come and talk about their experience on campus," says Carmen Gillespie, professor of English and director of the Griot Institute for Africana Studies. "I'm astonished by the frequency and commonality of their experiences. Each student described alienating and eviscerating encounters grounded in racism."

While much work lies ahead, **Helen Vu '16**, a multiracial Posse scholar from Washington, D.C., says she has noticed change on campus, beginning with the March 2015 solidarity ceremony. She was particularly happy to see large turnouts at this year's Martin Luther King Jr. Week events.

"[The ceremony] was like throwing a stone into the river, and there have been ripples that occurred after," says Vu. "There are still large things that need to be done — by students and by administration and faculty — but there has been gradual movement."

 For more photos of MLK Week events, go to [bucknell.edu/MLKWeek2016](http://bucknell.edu/MLKWeek2016) photos or download the app.

## Celebrating Diverse Voices in Music

The canon of classical music has long been dominated by dead European men, but there are other voices, says Christopher Para, conductor of the Bucknell Orchestra, and they're voices worth hearing.

This spring, the orchestra brought some of those voices to the Bucknell stage through its Semester of Social Justice Series, a sequence of three concerts spotlighting orchestral and chamber works by women — who comprise only a tiny minority of composers even today — as well as African-American, gay and transgender composers.

"In each of these instances, we're not saying this is women's music, African-American music or gay music, but rather we are presenting music of great quality, produced by composers from groups underrepresented on the concert stage," Para said at the outset of the series. "Although not its defining feature, one can listen to the music in the context of ethnicity, gender expression or identification."

He added that the series was a direct response to President John Bravman's call to action in the wake of racial invectives expressed on the campus radio station in March 2015. Bravman charged faculty and students to build a community in which all are valued and respected.

"How does one engender diversity awareness through the vehicle of a symphony orchestra?" Para asks. "This was my solution."

The series' first concert celebrated International Women's Day and featured the first symphony of Florence Price, the first African-American woman to have a composition performed by a major orchestra, as well as the women of the Bucknell Concert Chorale and Camerata singing a suffragette anthem. The second, a chamber music concert, included more works by women and by African-American, gay and transgender composers. The orchestra dedicated the final concert to music inspired by the great social justice issues, including music from the film *To Kill a Mockingbird* and Aaron Copland's *Lincoln Portrait*.

"The works on the first two programs are seldom performed," Para says. "The students have not heard them, and there will be very few in the audience who have. We're bringing to light a whole repertoire that is unjustly ignored." — Matt Hughes



See photos of the orchestra's first concert in the series in the magazine app and at [bucknell.edu/orchestra](http://bucknell.edu/orchestra).

## Life-Changing Generosity

Bob '45 and Doris Malesardi pledge the largest gift in Bucknell's history.

By *Andy Hirsch & Christina Masciere Wallace*

For decades, **Bob Malesardi '45** has championed the importance of philanthropy to Bucknell. In a 1973 issue of the alumni magazine, the successful business leader sought to inspire his fellow Bucknellians to support their alma mater. He wrote, "By giving to Bucknell, you provide the children of today the same opportunities we had to receive a superior education." More than four decades later, Malesardi and his wife, Doris, have ensured that generations of students will have those opportunities, pledging an unprecedented \$20 million to Bucknell, the largest single commitment in University history.

"This is one of the most meaningful and gratifying decisions of my life," Bob Malesardi says. "All of the success I've experienced is in some way rooted in the education I received at Bucknell."

The pledge will be solely dedicated to supporting financial aid. The Malesardis hope to amplify its impact through a matching-gift program designed to inspire others to make philanthropic commitments to the University. Details of that program will be released later this spring.

"This is truly a transformative commitment to Bucknell, one that will greatly enhance our ability to attract outstanding students who might not otherwise have the opportunity to attend our University," says President John Bravman. "Bob and Doris have a deep appreciation for the impact a Bucknell education can have on an individual. This gift will quite literally change the lives of an untold number of students, and we are profoundly grateful for Bob and Doris' support."

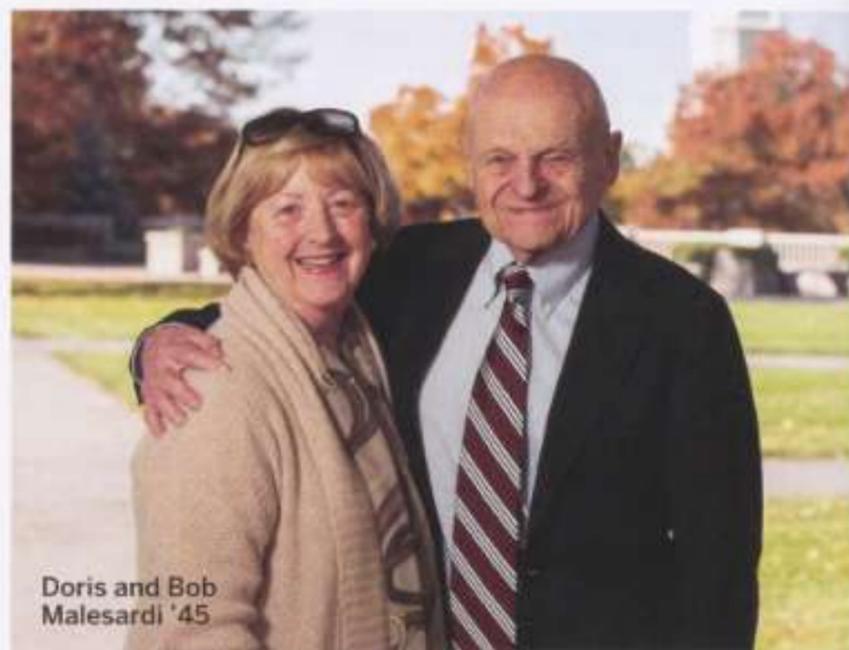
At Bucknell, Malesardi majored in

accounting and was a member of the wrestling team, the Navy V-12 program and Sigma Chi. Before his retirement, the World War II veteran spent many years operating an accounting firm and developing real estate. Until recently,

he co-owned the Four Seasons Resort in Palm Beach, Fla. Malesardi is also a former Bucknell trustee whose previous gifts to the University have supported scholarships and the Ellen Clarke Bertrand Library. To commemorate those gifts, the University in 1988 named one of the Gateway Residence Center buildings Malesardi Hall.

This latest commitment will receive exceptional recognition. In honor of the pledge, Bucknell's Board of Trustees has approved renaming the University's iconic Academic Quadrangle. The site of Commencement, the quad is Bucknell's central green space — a hub framed by Bertrand Library, the Vaughan Literature Building, Coleman Hall and panoramic views of the Susquehanna Valley. The new name, the Malesardi Quadrangle, will ensure that the family's legacy will endure at Bucknell in name and spirit.

"Bob and Doris' philanthropy marks a historic moment in the life of the University, and the Board of Trustees could not be more grateful for their inspiring vision and leadership," says Board Chair **Ken Freeman '72**. "This gift will benefit Bucknell in immeasurable ways for generations to come. By



Doris and Bob Malesardi '45

naming the academic heart of Bucknell for the Malesardis, our community will always be reminded of this magnificent commitment."

"It is extraordinarily special to know that the Malesardi family legacy will forever be tied to such an iconic place of learning and celebration," Doris Malesardi says. In addition to Bob, family members who received degrees from Bucknell include daughters **Carol Malesardi Litwak '75**, **Janet Malesardi Schaefer '79**, **Ann Malesardi '87** and granddaughter **Allison Litwak '08**. Another granddaughter, **Kelly Shaner**, will matriculate with the class of 2020.

The \$20-million pledge pushes the total raised in WE DO, The Campaign for Bucknell University, close to \$400 million. The most ambitious campaign in University history, the WE DO Campaign seeks to raise \$500 million, \$150 million of which will support the campaign's top priority: scholarships and financial aid.

"I have sincere affection, pride and respect for this great University," says Bob Malesardi, who was 16 when he enrolled. "This pledge is the culmination of my 75-year relationship with Bucknell."

# Q&A

By Alexander Diegel



Steven DeKosky '68

A noted neurologist, Alzheimer's disease researcher and former vice president and dean of the University of Virginia School of Medicine, Steven DeKosky '68 was portrayed in the 2015 film *Concussion*. His discovery with Dr. Bennet Omalu (played by Will Smith) that Pittsburgh Steelers' Hall of Fame lineman Mike Webster sustained significant brain damage has led to significant changes in the NFL's rules on player safety. As interim executive director of the McKnight Brain Institute of the University of Florida, he still works to make the game safer.

**Q:** How did it feel to be portrayed on the big screen?

**A:** I've received [a lot of] ribbing, because I'm about 6-2, and Eddie Marsan [who plays DeKosky in *Concussion*] is a relatively short fellow. I was hoping for Tom Selleck. It's a weird thing to see yourself [depicted] on camera.

**Q:** As a football and sports fan who knows what blows to the head can do to the brain, do you undergo an internal struggle when watching high-impact sports?

**A:** I do. But there are a lot of people who play football and are cognitively fine in their 70s. We don't know how frequently it emerges in people or why [in] some but not others. We are studying it now. I learned to box when I was at Bucknell. When they call it the Sweet Science, I agree with that. As much as I appreciate the beauty of boxing, I don't like it, and I won't watch it. I would not object if boxing were outlawed, because the singular purpose of it is to hurt the head — to score a knockout.

**Q:** As the film illustrated, your research showed that the neurofibrillary tangles in Webster's and other football players' brains looked like dementia pugilistica, a cognitive disorder that had already been accepted as a risk for boxers. Was the revolutionary aspect of the research the fact the impairment was now seen directly in football players?

**A:** You got it. When we looked at the slides, we figured it was dementia pugilistica. The reason it was justifiable for Bennet to pick a new name was that dementia pugilistica implies [a fighter] from the name. But this wasn't just happening in boxers. Chronic traumatic encephalopathy is more of the generic name. You could [call it] CTE due to boxing, therefore dementia pugilistica; CTE dementia footballistica didn't have the right ring.

**Q:** Late in a big game this winter the Steelers' star quarterback, Ben Roethlisberger, took himself out due to the fear that he'd sustained a concussion. It was later revealed he had one. Do you think that was a big step for the NFL — to see a big name like that, one synonymous with tough-

ness — take himself out of a game for his own safety?

**A:** If he took himself out for safety, I admire him even more. When I was his age I felt I was absolutely invulnerable. If he took himself out because he was concerned about his safety or he recognized that something was wrong and his passes were not doing well, or both, I think that's a huge step.

**Q:** You now work at the University of Florida, a football powerhouse. Are you helping the university make the game safer?

**A:** There's a concussion group that comprises a team of physicians, physical therapists, rehabilitation specialists [and] a couple of neurologists. So we're getting more involved with the team. I was very impressed with the seriousness with which they took the head-injury work, and Coach Mac [Jim McElwain] and the University Athletic Association were willing to support it. This is how the college ranks can help and pass that information on down to high-school and junior-high-school coaches.

## Pushing the Margins

Interdisciplinary studies get a boost with addition of new programs.

By Matt Hughes

**B**ucknell is finding new ways to push the interdisciplinary margins and build connections between them with the addition of two new academic programs: a major in Africana studies and a minor in digital humanities.

The Africana studies major enlists faculty expertise in history, arts, political science and other disciplines, offering a multifaceted look at the African diaspora and the intractably interwoven histories of Africa and the West.

"It provides a rich basis for students to learn about the interactions between African people and their descendants and those in the West," says Professor Carmen Gillespie, English, the program's chair. "The themes and approaches are directly relevant to understanding critical issues facing the U.S. and our

global society."

The major joins existing minors in African studies, African-American studies and Caribbean studies to form the Africana Studies Program. Three tenure-track faculty positions and a postdoctoral fellowship were created to support the program. An associated residential college — a themed living and learning community for first-year students who take a related foundation seminar — also is planned.

The new minor in digital humanities applies computational techniques such as GIS mapping and network visualization to pose and answer questions within humanities disciplines, including comparative humanities, history, English and religious studies.

Its establishment follows five years of digital humanities instruction at

Bucknell, which was bolstered by a 2013 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. That grant of \$700,000 established a Digital Scholarship Center inside Bertrand Library and has supported smaller grants for faculty to develop digitally focused courses and teaching modules, as well as for students and faculty to conduct digitally enabled research.

"The Mellon grant provided a framework for me to have conversations with faculty who were interested in doing these kinds of things," says Diane Jakacki, Bucknell's digital scholarship coordinator and a member of the coordinating committee for the minor. "It's been generative." Fewer than 20 schools in the U.S. offer a major or minor in the discipline, she says.

Bucknell named Elizabeth Kolbert, a *New Yorker* contributing author who won a 2015 Pulitzer Prize for her book *The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History*, its 12th Janet Weis Fellow in Contemporary Letters. At a Jan. 26 speech before a campus crowd of nearly 1,000, Kolbert made her case that human activity has created a massive and escalating die-off of species "not unlike an asteroid impact." She described in uncomfortable detail how unprecedented the changes are, noting that they could lead to atmospheric carbon-dioxide concentrations not seen in 20 million years and coral reefs the size of continents that have been reduced to fields of rubble. She then left it to audience members to draw their own conclusions. "I don't end the book, and I don't end the talk by telling people what they should do, or how they should feel about the information I've presented," she said. "And the reason for this is because I don't have the answer to those questions." — Matt Hughes



Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Elizabeth Kolbert spoke to a capacity crowd in the Weis Center for the Performing Arts.



To read an interview with Kolbert and watch a video from her visit to campus, visit [bucknell.edu/bmagazine](http://bucknell.edu/bmagazine) or download the magazine app.



Jennifer Ohn '16 (left) makes plans for Net Impact's spring events with Marissa Graham '16 and Professor Neil Boyd, management.

## Sparking Connections

By Sherri Kimmel

With more than 200 clubs on campus, there is no dearth of opportunities for students to connect with a cause. A few focus on careers and internship opportunities and some on environmental and social-justice issues, but only one “fills the gap as a single entity that brings all of these interests together.”

Professor Neil Boyd, management, is talking about Net Impact, the Bucknell chapter of a national organization for which he serves as the adviser. “It’s like LinkedIn for professions related to sustainability,” he says.

During Net Impact’s four years on campus, Marissa Graham '16 and Jennifer Ohn '16 have been a driving force for the chapter that has about 50 loosely affiliated members. A strong executive committee organizes events that have wide appeal.

“We’re trying to align social and environmental causes and collaborate with other groups,” such as Habitat for Humanity, with which Net Impact held a brunch this spring, says Graham. They discussed how to incorporate volunteer efforts with a sustainable-business career, she says.

Last fall, Net Impact organized a forum for social justice and environmental groups “to brainstorm about

our goals and how we could co-sponsor events,” says Graham. “We’re focused on how we can build a strong network and make a positive impact environmentally, socially and financially on campus and throughout our careers.”

Among their activities have been field trips to Weis Markets in Selinsgrove to meet with the sustainability manager and to a local farm owned by Professor David Kristjanson-Gural, economics, and his wife Kathy. “We picked apples, made applesauce and learned about organic farming,” says Graham. “The Kristjanson-Gurals are entrepreneurs.”

On-campus events have included a talk by Pete Kadens '00, “who works in solar in Chicago,” says Graham. “He joined a chapter of Net Impact in grad school and helped me get an internship in renewable energy.”

While many Net Impact members are managing for sustainability majors, Ohn says there also are environmental studies, biology and even neuroscience majors like herself.

“I first got interested in Net Impact because it focuses on global health and sustainable measures,” Ohn says. “It’s interconnected. We think about how business makes an impact sustainability-wise. It has to do with nutrition and making a better environment.”



## Bucknell in the News

(See more at [bucknell.edu/bitn](http://bucknell.edu/bitn))

### A POWERBALL'S CHANCE

Maxim interviewed Professor Matt Bailey, management, about January's record Powerball jackpot. Bailey, who studies strategies that lottery designers use to drive ticket sales, said unprecedented jackpots and lottery fever are the new norm. “It is more about our tendencies to focus on outcomes (\$1.4 billion) and ignore the actual likelihood of the event (1 in 292 million),” Bailey said.

### FILMING FOREST ELEPHANTS

The Associated Press spotlighted the discovery of rare forest elephants in war-torn South Sudan by Professor DeeAnn Reeder, biology, and her partners at Flora and Fauna International. Reeder's team used game cameras to verify the presence of the critically endangered elephants and other elusive creatures in the nation's little-studied Western equatorial state.

### UNCOMFORTABLE CHOICE

In advance of the Iowa Caucus, *The Christian Science Monitor* quoted Professor Chris Ellis, political science, about the then-surgingly popular anti-establishment GOP candidates Donald Trump and Ted Cruz. Ellis suggested Cruz is so disliked among his own party it could push some to support Trump. “It’s leading serious people to do things that they wouldn’t otherwise do,” Ellis said.

### CHINA'S NEW SILK ROAD

CNBC interviewed Professor Zhiqun Zhu, political science and international relations, about China's ambitious plan to revitalize the ancient Silk Road trade route, a plan somewhat at odds with the United States' own aims in Afghanistan. Zhu, director of Bucknell's China Institute, said that, factoring in inflation, China's investment could be as much as 14 to 15 times what the U.S. spent on the Marshall Plan.

## Legacy of Listening

Decades-old peer-mentoring program brings Bucknell students into local schools.

By Sberri Kimmel

**B**orn out of tragedy, persisting by necessity, the Listening Post peer-mentoring program has become an essential element in the Lewisburg schools — and in the Bucknell experience for several hundred students during its nearly 40-year history.

According to Steve Jacobsen, a now-retired Lewisburg science teacher, “the program’s impetus was the death of a high-school student in a drug-related incident in 1977.” Within a year, Jacobsen co-founded the Listening Post with guidance counselor Betty Tufts as a drug-prevention program in Lewisburg High School and Eichhorn Middle School. First-year teachers served as peer mentors until 1982, when the program switched to employing Bucknell students.

Today, the program operates at Linntown Intermediate and Eichhorn Middle School, and the problems shared with peer mentors range from bullying to family relationships to coping with

weight issues or Asperger’s syndrome, according to Stephany Gormley, director/coordinator. Research she’s done indicates Listening Post is the nation’s longest-running school-based peer-mentoring program.

“I started with the program my sophomore year, and I fell in love with the job,” says **Emily Beisser ’16**, a neuroscience major who envisions becoming a pediatrician. “Listening Post is not only a rewarding job but a challenging job that has strengthened my ability when faced with adversity. It is truly amazing how much you can learn from children.”

Beisser mentors students two or three times a week during lunchtimes at

Eichhorn Middle School in a designated room with beanbag chairs, a couch, chalkboard, games and snacks.

“We provide a safe and caring environment where students can express concerns, problems and achievements,” she says. “It’s neat to see throughout the year how they open up to you. It’s made my Bucknell experience so much more than just me going to class every day and worrying about my schoolwork.”

Beisser meets with “a huge range of students, from children of blue-collar families to those whose parents are doctors. That’s why I love working in the Lewisburg district, because it’s so diverse.”

**Zach Moon ’16**, an economics and mathematics major with a minor in political science, partners with Beisser. Students work in pairs, which he says, “definitely helps, especially in a situation I feel uncomfortable with.” Most peer mentors are psychology or education majors, he says. “They have seen the textbook version of a lot of the things and know where to go with the conversation,” he adds.

Moon stresses that students are well trained before the school year commences (Listening Post only operates when Bucknell is in session) by professional staff, which include board members Rosaria Gabriele, a retired education professor, and **Andrea Ellis Kratzer ’74**, a retired learning-support teacher. “Mental-health experts go through regulations and discuss what



Emily Beisser '16 (center) shares lunch and conversation with Eichhorn Middle School students in the Listening Post room.

we are allowed to talk about, different scenarios and how they could be handled," says Moon.

Bucknell students, says Gormley, "act as a primary intervention with the guidance department, because students are more comfortable talking to peer mentors. If they hear something that indicates harm would come to the student or someone else, they fill out a concerned incident report. We're not in the counseling business in a clinical sense."

However, the experience has inspired Bucknellians to become clinicians. **Julia Martin '09**, who is pursuing a Ph.D. in clinical psychology at Fairleigh Dickinson University, explains, "Listening Post has had a huge impact on my career. It gave me the chance to see what it would be like to be a therapist."

Listening Post, which is funded by United Way, the Lewisburg School District and private donations, is making a positive impact on students, attests Eichhorn Principal George Drozin.

Each week, he says, near peers meet with 50 to 60 students. "The fact that students are giving up their only 'free' time of their day — lunch and recess — to go to Listening Post tells me that it's more than just popular; it's quite valuable."

## CARNEGIE REVEALED



As students returned to campus in January, Bucknell revealed to this latest generation of Bucknellians a majestic interior — one not seen in its full glory for more than a half-century. A \$7-million renovation restored the Carnegie Building's sky-lit, oak-clad atrium. Originally used as a reading room when the building served as Bucknell's first dedicated library, the atrium was covered to create additional classroom space in the 1950s. Carnegie is again a gathering space for students, as the building now hosts the University's Writing Center, Teaching & Learning Center, Office of Accessibility Resources and the Griot Institute for Africana Studies. — *Matt Hughes*



To see more photos of the Carnegie Building, visit [bucknell.edu/Carnegie-Then-and-Now](http://bucknell.edu/Carnegie-Then-and-Now).

## SHORT STACK

**B**ucknell ranks first among undergraduate-focused U.S. institutions for faculty Fulbright scholarships in 2015–16, according to *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. Four faculty members earned Fulbrights for the academic year: **Charles Knisely '75**, mechanical engineering, to Brazil; **Bill Flack**, psychology, to Northern Ireland; **Doug Hecock**, management, to Mexico; and **Andrew Stuhl**, environmental studies, to Canada.

**P**rofessor **Mark Haussmann**, biology, garnered a **\$330,000 grant** from the National Institutes of Health to study the impact of prenatal stress on aging. His research examines how mothers can pass "stress hormones" to developing embryos. Once these offspring are adults, this can affect their disease incidence and aging rates. Prenatal overabundance of these hormones can increase risk of diabetes, hypertension and cancer.

**P**rofessor **Kevin Daly**, classics & ancient Mediterranean studies, in December led **Secretary of State John Kerry** on a tour of the Agora, a center of athletics, arts, religion and politics in ancient Athens, Greece. Daly is the academic professor for the American School of Classical Studies at Athens and directs the newly formed Athens study-abroad program co-developed by Bucknell and Penn State University.

## Classroom Magic

Ashli Baker goes beyond the classics canon to find the modern and fun in stories.

By Jason Snyder '95, M'98

In the novel *Metamorphoses*, also known as *The Golden Ass*, a Roman named Lucius has an insatiable curiosity about magic. While attempting to transform himself into a bird, he accidentally changes himself into a donkey. Throughout his time as a donkey, Lucius, retaining his human mind, experiences the darker side of life in the Roman-ruled Greek world.

Professor Ashli Baker, classics & ancient Mediterranean studies, focuses her research on this novel, written by the Roman North African author Apuleius in the second century AD. "It's interesting as a study of the question of sociopolitical identity," she says. The

novel is also one of the first "conversion narratives," according to Baker. Lucius joins the cult of the goddess Isis as a condition of his transformation back to human form. Apuleius, she says, was an accomplished orator who found himself accused of witchcraft, a capital charge in the Roman world. She studies his orations and defense speech in addition to his fiction.

Baker includes *Metamorphoses* in her seminar on the ancient novel as a way to encourage students to discuss the intersection between fiction and lived reality. "*Metamorphoses* and other novels of the period are less familiar to undergraduates than more canonical texts,

but it's important for students to be introduced to these surprisingly modern — and fun — stories that can help us reflect on both the ancient world and our own," says Baker.

Baker, who also teaches Latin, heroic epic and Roman history, sees her work as a "multidirectional conversation between students and teacher.

"I have high expectations for active, informed student participation," she says. This classroom dynamic is vital to her work on Apuleius and other ancient writers, because every class contributes to her research. "My research in turn contributes to student learning," Baker says.

### FACULTY PROFILE

## Daniel Cavanagh

When Professor Daniel Cavanagh came to Bucknell in 1999, there were only about 45 undergraduate biomedical engineering programs in the country, and most were associated with sprawling research institutions. He started with a nearly blank slate to design a program steeped in excellence.

"Our goal was to provide every student with a baseline experience that was designed to be above the norm, from hands-on experience to research opportunities to connections with external groups," Cavanagh says.

Cavanagh holds the William C. & Gertrude B. Emmitt Memorial Chair in Biomedical Engineering, which helped fund development of the major and provides opportunities for Cavanagh and students, including medical-device design projects and summer internships with Geisinger Health System

in Danville, Pa. Working with professors and Geisinger clinicians, students tackle real-world health-care needs by designing medical-device prototypes. That's where great ideas are born, says Cavanagh, who adds that some of the most exceptional have had their ingenuity recognized with patents.

The Geisinger collaboration challenges students in authentic, hands-on settings crucial for learning to solve problems.

"We also want to be sure promising ideas and inventions are driven by the ultimate goal of improving patient care," Cavanagh says. — Susan Lindt





# 'Ray Bucknell

Student Life & Sports

## Taking the Pitch

New softball coach Courtney Foster relishes leading a team that likes to be challenged.

By William Bowman

**C**ourtney Foster's initial season as Bucknell's softball coach may offer a sense of normalcy, perhaps the first bit the rookie head coach has enjoyed in quite some time. Since concluding the 2015 season at Northwestern University, Foster left the comfort of her home away from home, Chicago, to come to Lewisburg, took over the reins of her own program and found time to marry Penn State Assistant Softball Coach Joe Guthrie on Christmas Day.

An All-America pitcher who led Northwestern to the College World Series as a senior in 2006, Foster comes to Bucknell after five years as an assistant coach at her alma mater.

"It's been a smooth transition," says Foster, who played a year professionally in Italy after graduation. "I can't imagine a better group to work with in my first year."

She inherits a Bucknell squad coming off consecutive appearances in the Patriot League championship and a program-record 35 wins in 2015. The Bison are tabbed to finish second in the preseason poll thanks to the return of preseason All-Patriot selections pitcher **Amanda Fazio '16** and infielder **Jacee Almond '17**.

"I can't say enough about how the players have responded to the coaches and how the staff has handled the transition," says Foster. "I inherited [from former coach Bonnie Skrenta] a team of excellent people and players who want to challenge themselves."

Foster admitted it was difficult to leave Northwestern — "one of the hardest decisions of my life," she says, since she spent nearly a decade there as a player and coach. But one of Bucknell's attractions was its similarity — academically and athletically — to Northwestern. Explains Foster, "Both are universities that are committed wholeheartedly to the student-athlete model."



New coach Courtney Foster leads a preseason practice in Gerhard Fieldhouse.

# CBS Chief to Address 2016 Graduates

By Matt Hughes

**L**eslie Moonves '71, chairman, president and CEO of CBS Corp., will address the Class of 2016 as the keynote speaker at Bucknell's 166th Commencement.

For a decade, Moonves has led one of the world's largest media companies, overseeing operations that span network television, basic and pay cable, feature films, publishing, radio and online entertainment. CBS holdings include the CBS Television Network, CBS News, CBS Sports, The CW, SHOW-TIME, Smithsonian Channel, Simon & Schuster and CBS Radio.

Seniors selected Moonves as their speaker. He also addressed graduates 20 years ago.

At Bucknell, Moonves majored in Spanish and pursued a love of theater. He performed in several plays and, after graduation, pursued an acting career before deciding his talents were best suited for a role behind the scenes.

Moonves was a leader at 20th Century Fox Television, Saul Ilson Productions, Catalina Productions and Lorimar Television before being named president of Warner Bros. TV.

He moved to CBS in 1995 as president of CBS Entertainment and became president and CEO in 2006. In February, he was tapped to succeed Sumner Redstone as the corporation's chairman.

Under Moonves' direction, CBS has been America's most-watched network 12 of the last 13 years and is home to the highest-rated drama (*NCIS*), comedy (*The Big Bang Theory*) and news program (*60 Minutes*).

Moonves is married to television and news personality Julie Chen. They live in Beverly Hills, Calif.



Kelsey O'Donnell '17, shown here in Copenhagen, Denmark, is inspired by her travels abroad.

## STUDENT PROFILE

### Kelsey O'Donnell '17

Growing up in Berkeley Heights, N.J., **Kelsey O'Donnell '17** developed a passion for art and the environment. "I was always drawing and painting, and after becoming editor-in-chief of my high-school yearbook, I developed an interest in graphic design," she explains. Her love for the outdoors also evolved as she spent her summers traveling around the United States. For O'Donnell, "the experience of hiking the East and West Coasts — the combination of scenic views, adrenaline and accomplishment — really can't compare to anything."

At Bucknell, O'Donnell's varied interests and her major in markets, innovation & design led her to co-create a new campus magazine. *Et Cetera* focuses on art, culture and human-interest stories about students studying abroad, alumni and Lewisburg residents. Grants from the Bucknell Arts Council and the Bucknell Innovation Group will fund printing and distribution across campus. *Et Cetera* will also be available online at etc-mag.com.

After naming the magazine, O'Donnell discovered author **Philip Roth '54** edited a magazine with the same name as a student. "I love the idea that we have a coincidental predecessor that broke the mold and drove innovation in ways that I hope our *Et Cetera* will continue to do," says O'Donnell.

Creating a magazine has been an ambition for O'Donnell "ever since my first graphic-design class at Bucknell," she notes. Her travel experience in Copenhagen, Denmark, her sophomore year informed the design of the magazine as she drew inspiration from places she visited. "I've gathered so much information from my study-abroad experience that I plan to incorporate in the magazine," she says.

This semester, O'Donnell is exploring her other passion, environmental studies, at the School for Field Studies in Yungaburra, Australia. Though she will have limited internet access, O'Donnell plans to continue designing the magazine from abroad. The *Et Cetera* team of 45 students planned an April 7 debut.

O'Donnell envisions a career that combines her dual interests. She says, "My dream job would be to work in marketing and use some of my creative talents for a company or organization that cares about the environment."

— Lauren Repke '19

# Legacies

Gifts & Giving

## For Arts' Sake

Endowed funds boost music, poetry and fine art for aspiring artists and community alike.

By Christina Masciere Wallace

Imagine you're a student musician with the chance to learn from a significant composer. Each year at Bucknell, Jazz Ensemble members not only work with a musical artist but also play a piece the composer has been commissioned to create just for them — personally conducted during the artist's residency on campus.

The Charles J. and Isabelle Kushell Music Endowment Fund has made such experiences possible since 1971. "It really attracted me to come teach here," says Professor Barry Long, music, who first learned of the resource during his job interview. The Kushell fund is among several that elevate both the student experience and the arts

on campus and in the surrounding community.

Since joining the faculty in 2008, Long has taken full advantage of the Kushell fund. Nearly every summer, he sends recordings of the Jazz Ensemble to a composer, such as jazzman Dean Sorenson, who creates a piece that takes advantage of members' talents

and challenges them to play in new directions. After practicing the music for months, the students are ready for the composer's spring residency. They rehearse under the direction of the composer, then publicly perform the work.

"When the composer is there to talk through his or her thought process, it's a whole new level of teaching for the students that reinforces what we do as faculty," says Long. "It's way beyond the typical undergraduate experience."

Personal lessons and feedback from visiting artists influenced **Christian Humcke '15**, who majored in music composition and is continuing his studies at the Peabody Institute of Johns Hopkins University. "Guest artists give you a fresh perspective on what the faculty teaches us," he says. "When they explain something in a slightly different way, it can make a really big impact."

The fund was established through a gift from the late **Charles '27, H'71** and **Isabelle Coopey Kushell '27, G'77**. It has enriched the music department's offerings, from classical and world to jazz and contemporary music. Professor Bill Kenny, the department chair, still recalls the impact of Kushell artist



Pianist Rick Masters, the Kushell artist-in-residence, accompanies vocalist Timothy Lambert '17.



Claudia Rankine, Stadler poet-in-residence, gives a reading in Bucknell Hall in February.

Joan La Barbara, an avant-garde vocalist who collaborated with composer John Cage.

"Her approach was so fresh and so commanding that it made me step back and look at how I was teaching my foundation seminar," he says. "It was a turning point for some of my students, and for me."

The Stadler Center for Poetry also benefits from endowments that support visiting writers. Its Poet-in-Residence program was originally funded in part by the late **Jack Stadler '40**. His son, **Jack '75**, carries on the tradition of supporting the Stadler Center. The program funds visits from the likes of celebrated poets Mark Doty and, most recently, Claudia Rankine. Poets participate in readings and panels, teach a master class and work directly with students for a week.

As a creative writing major, **Tyler Mills '05** worked with Stadler poets-in-residence.

"We were regarded as real poets, which was incredible. It made me feel that I could make a life in poetry, whatever that might mean," she recalls. Now an award-winning poet who founded a journal and teaches at New Mexico Highlands University, Mills

returned to the Stadler in 2013 to read her work.

Another Stadler gift-based initiative is a fellowship for emerging poets who receive training in arts administration and literary editing while working on their first book of poetry. Also created and supported by members of the Stadler family, it's a prestigious two-year post that offers a rare opportunity to an outstanding recent MFA graduate.

The Sandra and Gary Sojka Visiting Poet Series, sponsored by the Bucknell president emeritus and his wife, brings a distinguished poet to campus for several days each fall to give a reading and to interact with students. The most recent visiting poet was Cole Swensen, a Guggenheim Fellow.

Music and the literary arts aren't the only beneficiaries of generous endowments. Recent gifts from **John '64** and **Sandy Lyttle Nesbitt '64, P'94**, have allowed the Department of Art & Art History and the Samek Art Museum to establish programs for visiting visual artists. Every other year, the Nesbitt Artist Residency Program will bring an artist-in-residence to campus to spend a month working in a studio that is open to the public for two hours per week.

"This is a living lab," says Professor Tulu Bayar, art. The work produced by multimedia artist Shani Peters during the first residency is on display in Academic West through May 1.

A gift from **Ed '58** and **Martie Lauver Samek '60, P'86, P'88, P'91** last year created the Samek Distinguished Art Lecture Series, which showcases art-world luminaries — visual artists, curators and writers — who give a public talk and work with students. The first guest, art historian John Wilmerding, was a director of the National Gallery of Art and curated the celebrated Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art in Bentonville, Ark. This year's guest, scheduled to speak April 21, is Lowery Stokes Sims, the first African-American curator at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and recently retired chief curator at the Museum of Arts & Design in New York City.

"We envisioned the series as an opportunity to bring highly accomplished individuals with different experiences in the art world to share their views," says Ed Samek. "It's a chance to reach out beyond campus to the community and enhance Bucknell's national reputation."

# The Mind and the Muse

## Books & Film

### BOOKS

**Christine Reilly '10**  
*Sunday's on the Phone to Monday*  
 (Touchstone)

Claudio and Mathilde Simone left their bohemian life in New York City and moved to suburban Babylon, Long Island, to raise their three daughters: Natasha, an overachieving prodigy; sensitive Lucy, who has a debilitating heart condition; and Carly, adopted from China. Their tight-knit family bond is threatened by mental and physical illnesses and deeply held secrets. During hard times, the family looks to their favorite Beatles and Dylan lyrics and, most important, each other, for strength to carry on. This book illuminates the love and resilience the Simone family has, even in the face of tragedy. **Christine Reilly '10** was inspired to write this novel after she lost her Bucknell roommate in a motorcycle accident just after graduating. She wanted to explore the aftermath of a tragedy and how a loving family would cope with loss.



is about to get a second chance at the family she has always dreamed of having. Pregnant with her first child, Angel looks forward to celebrating Christmas. But the family life she envisioned seems to be slipping away. Charli, Angel's stepdaughter, fears her choices will ruin a second chance at life with her father. Marita, Charli's mother, creates further complications.

**William Durland '53**  
*The Demise of American Democracy*  
 (The Edwin Mellen Press)



**William Durland '53** draws on vast research and experience to make the case for the danger our present political climate poses to democracy. Durland's sometimes analytical, sometimes anecdotal perspective veers from the legal to the historical to the philosophical as he tackles the big issues, including gun control, capital punishment, torture, mass incarceration and global warming. As he sheds light on these prevalent topics, he expresses his beliefs that we are in the midst of a "silent emergency."

**Stephen L. Rodenbeck '87**  
*Kennedy's Revenge: The Election of 2016*  
 (CreateSpace)

Fitzgerald Cavendish, an ex-Wall Street executive, is caught by surprise when he discovers he is the son of one of the most influential figures of the 20th century. Cavendish uses his newfound celebrity to run for the presidency and



**Kathleen O'Neill '75**  
*A Life of Hope: Our Lady of the Mississippi Abbey* (self-published)

A sister in Our Lady of the Mississippi Abbey, **Kathleen O'Neill '75** tells the story of the 650-acre monastery, which is perched on a bluff above the Mississippi River in Iowa. The

book features more than 170 color photos of the beautiful monastery grounds and the simple way of life of the women who call it home. The text includes a history of monasticism and



the Mississippi Abbey, samples of the abbesses' spiritual teaching and sections on monastic spirituality and work, which includes operating a candy-making business. The abbey, founded in 1964, produces 60,000 pounds of caramel products and 2,000 pounds of other types of candy each year.



**Lisa Lawmaster Hess '83**  
*Chasing a Second Chance*  
 (CreateSpace)  
 This novel tells the story of Angel Alessio as she

offer solutions to some of the nation's most challenging problems. He offers speculations on why Lincoln was assassinated and who really started World War II. As Cavendish rewrites history, he proposes the real reasons why America is plagued by debt, illegal immigration and a health-care crisis.

**Emily Anderson M'11**

*Little: Novels by Emily Anderson*  
(BlazeVOX)



Emily Anderson M'11 traces the origins of this book to her studies at Bucknell, where she worked with Professor Harold Schweizer on a thesis project that considered the relationship between creative writing and literary criticism. *Little* takes up that question by playfully critiquing Laura Ingalls Wilder's *Little House* series. To write *Little*, Anderson erased text from each of Wilder's nine books to create an alternative and frequently creepy series of stories and poems that investigate the assumptions underlying Wilder's narrative.



**Pamela Love '88**

*The Pegasus Potential*  
(self-published)

On the day Sophie learns she may never walk again, she discovers her seemingly ordinary

farm horse, Rooster, just might be able to fly. Together, they face a powerful snob, a deadly secret and a high-altitude stampede before Sophie's dreams take flight in a way no one expected. An author of several picture books, this is Pamela Love's '88 first children's novel.

**Bruce Cawley '68**

*Shhhhh!! Someone May Be Listening ...*  
(Rolltop Desk Publishing)

Ever wonder why we haven't blown up the world yet? It's Cold War time at a



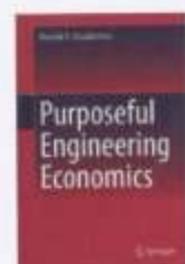
secret base in Scotland. A U.S. Navy petty officer is involved in an outlandish tale of sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll with more than a dash

of nuclear intrigue. This action-packed story will make you shake your head and wonder even more.

**Ronald Chadderton '68**

*Purposeful Engineering Economics*  
(Springer)

This economics textbook conveys the essence of an "Austrian" economic



perspective on cash-flow analysis and decision making in engineering.

Ronald Chadderton '68 draws on the methodology of the Austrian School of

Economics, using a variety of case studies to emphasize the importance of market processes and price signals to coordinate engineering plans.

FILM



**Frederick Olessi '55**

*Joan of Arc*

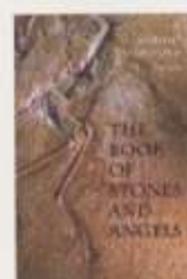
Frederick Olessi's '55 film follows the story of Joan of Arc on the evening before she is burned at the stake. Joan, played by actress Allison Martynovych, meets a gruesome death at the hands of her enemies — the English and the French clerics. The film explores one of the most notable political and religious crimes ever committed.

FACULTY BOOKS

**Harold Schweizer (English)**

*The Book of Stones and Angels*  
(Tupelo Press)

In Harold Schweizer's first book of poems, he portrays angels as unfettered and denies the notion that we ever transcend our physical world. He instead



explains his belief that angels are everywhere and "inhabit all things." In his poetry, Schweizer, who teaches literary theory and creative writing, attempts to disclose the angelic lightness of stones in the obstinate materiality of angels, amid the lightness and frailty of our existence.

**Harold Schweizer (English)**

*Rarity and the Poetic: The Gesture of Small Flowers*  
(Palgrave Macmillan)



Harold Schweizer examines the imaginary or poetic dimensions of the concept of rarity, a quality by which things fleetingly appear and disappear, leaving in their wake a resonance of something we thought we had just glimpsed. The nine chapters of the book examine material and mental rarity in poetic images, ideas and silences.

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# Creative Collective

Arts & Culture

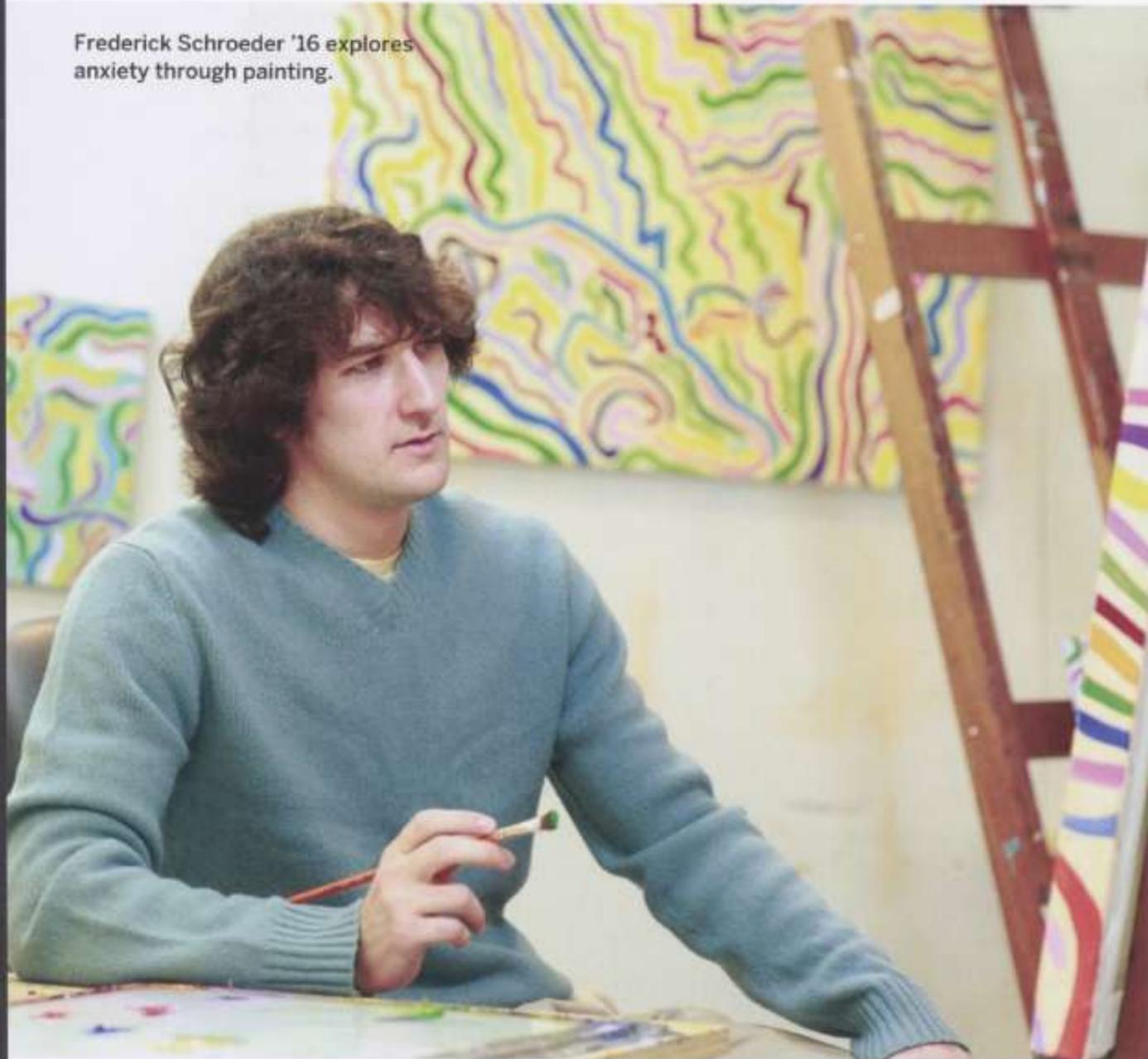
## Developing an Artistic Voice

Seniors sort out the challenges of developing a body of work for a culminating exhibition.

By Paula Cogan Myers

**F**rederick Schroeder '16 was having recurring nightmares — his sleep disrupted by anxiety. As a coping mechanism, Schroeder turned to his interest in interdisciplinary fine arts. The studio art major revisited each nightmare and wrote a memoir about his experience, but as he developed the concept for his senior art project, he began to look beyond himself. Building relationships between art and people just might offer a way to share the often-taboo experience of anxiety.

Frederick Schroeder '16 explores anxiety through painting.



Schroeder is taking the Senior Projects in Studio Art course this year with Professor Tulu Bayar, art & art history. During the fall, students developed their ideas, met to discuss them and began creating and critiquing their work. This spring, they further refined their projects while writing artist statements, preparing snap talks and planning *Mindscape: the Annual Senior Student Art Exhibition*, held April 12–May 1 in the Samek Art Museum.

Schroeder's collection of paintings, *Night Sweats*, has evolved as he's developed his painting style. "I've illustrated each story with a dreamlike quality," he says. "Over time, through natural progression and critical feedback, I've loosened and abstracted the style to further challenge the viewer." Standing in the middle of a second-hand bedframe that will be part of the exhibition, he says that each new painting has become his favorite. "I think that's because I've been getting comfortable with the style and gradually dared to do new things with it."

Bayar says she is impressed with how the students have embraced critical

discussions of their work. “They are very honest with each other,” she says. “We have respectful tension in our discussions, and something positive always emerges because everyone reflects and then takes a break and then reflects again. If you’re going to be working in any field, not only in the arts, you have to learn how to take criticism and interpret it. It’s not personal. I think it should happen in every class because it prepares you quite well for the real world. You learn how to take and give feedback.”

**Vicki Klein ’16**, who is exploring body image through photography, agrees. “We get to talk about our projects for hours,” she says. “Being able to spend that much time helps me discover what it is I’m trying to communicate, what’s successful and what’s not — and what next step I need to take.”

Klein, a double major in studio art and psychology, started by deciding to include women as collaborators so she could explore the variety of experiences women have with body image. As her project progressed, it evolved from interpreting her collaborators’ stories through painting and photography to collecting selfies from women and responding to them by taking her own photos that reflect how she sees them. Her final collection will focus on how people represent themselves juxtaposed with how others see them.

Creating art on her terms has been liberating for Klein. “This is the first time I’ve had the opportunity to make whatever is in my mind without a prompt,” she says. “Having that freedom is kind of terrifying but also fun and interesting. It’s helping me to discover what I like to create.”

The process has taken her in directions she hadn’t imagined. Through peer and faculty critiques, she changed her focus as her project evolved. “Each new direction has been



Kate Miller '16 in the photography studio, with her project arrayed behind her.

triggered by reflection,” Klein says. “It’s almost like starting a new project at each phase.”

The same has been true for art history major **Kate Miller ’16**, who was asked to join the exhibition due to the success of her Advanced Digital Photography project on visual paradox, which explores the duality of pre-conceived gender roles. Inspired by feminist film theorist Laura Mulvey, who addresses the practice of women being cast as objects to reflect male heroism in feature films, and conceptual portrait photographer Cindy Sherman, Miller began exploring power dynamics between men and women in the workforce.

“I didn’t start with the art — I started with the theory,” she says. “As an art historian, I appreciate the beauty and technical aspects of a work of art, but my practice of art is strongly grounded in the debate around what makes art important — things like aesthetic value, political influences and how it fits into the timeline of art history.”

Miller photographed women wearing stereotypically female, then male, clothing to address how gender

influences societal roles. She was surprised by how much the models altered their posture when they changed clothes and how they brought new energy to each character as the shoots progressed. She hopes the viewer’s experience is powerful, no matter how her collection is interpreted.

“Social-driven pieces resonate with me, so I’m attempting to create visual interest while provoking the audience,” she says. “I don’t want to create a specific identity for these characters, but I do want to capture their humanity.”

The yearlong experience has enabled the seniors to develop their artistic voices and skills they’ll use long after the exhibition closes.

“This process has been a challenge for me because it required working for months developing my concept and technique,” says Schroeder. “When I was first experimenting with this painting style, I wasn’t sure of myself. I’m really glad that I had to keep going.”

*Learn more about Frederick Schroeder’s painting and writing at [frederickiv.com](http://frederickiv.com).*



# Winning Tradition

Balancing athletics and academics is essential to  
Bucknell's brand of success.

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**L**et's come right out and say it: When it comes to athletic bragging rights among the NCAA Division I schools that compete in the Patriot League, Bucknell looks a lot like the New York Yankees in their glory days.

Bucknell has won the Presidents' Cup for best overall performance across all Patriot League sports 18 times in the league's first 25 years, never finishing below third place. Bison teams are the proud winners of 102 (and counting) Patriot League championships.

The Bison men's basketball team has made the NCAA tournament six times and twice won first-round upsets against teams from national powerhouse conferences.

Last year, when the Patriot League announced its 25th anniversary all-star teams for all its sports, 67 Bison athletes were on the hallowed list.

They include **Mike Muscala '13**, who plays professional basketball for the Atlanta Hawks of the NBA, and **Conor O'Brien '10** and **Mayowa Alli '14**, who play professional soccer in Europe. Women's basketball star **Molly Creamer '03** was drafted by the WNBA's New York Liberty as the 10th overall pick and played many years as a pro overseas. After his senior season, men's soccer player **Chris Thorsheim '16** signed with the New York Red Bulls, a leading team in Major League Soccer, the highest-level U.S. pro soccer league.

Meanwhile, Bucknell ranks second, behind Stanford, in graduation rate among all schools competing in NCAA Division I sports. More than half of Bucknell's varsity athletes — 441 — made the Patriot League academic honor roll in the 2014-15 season. Bison athletes have been chosen as their sport's outstanding Patriot League scholar-athlete 139 times.

Bucknell's scholar-athlete wall of fame proudly lists 128 Academic All-Americans tracing back to the honor's debut in the early 1970s. Only four Division I schools in the country have produced more.

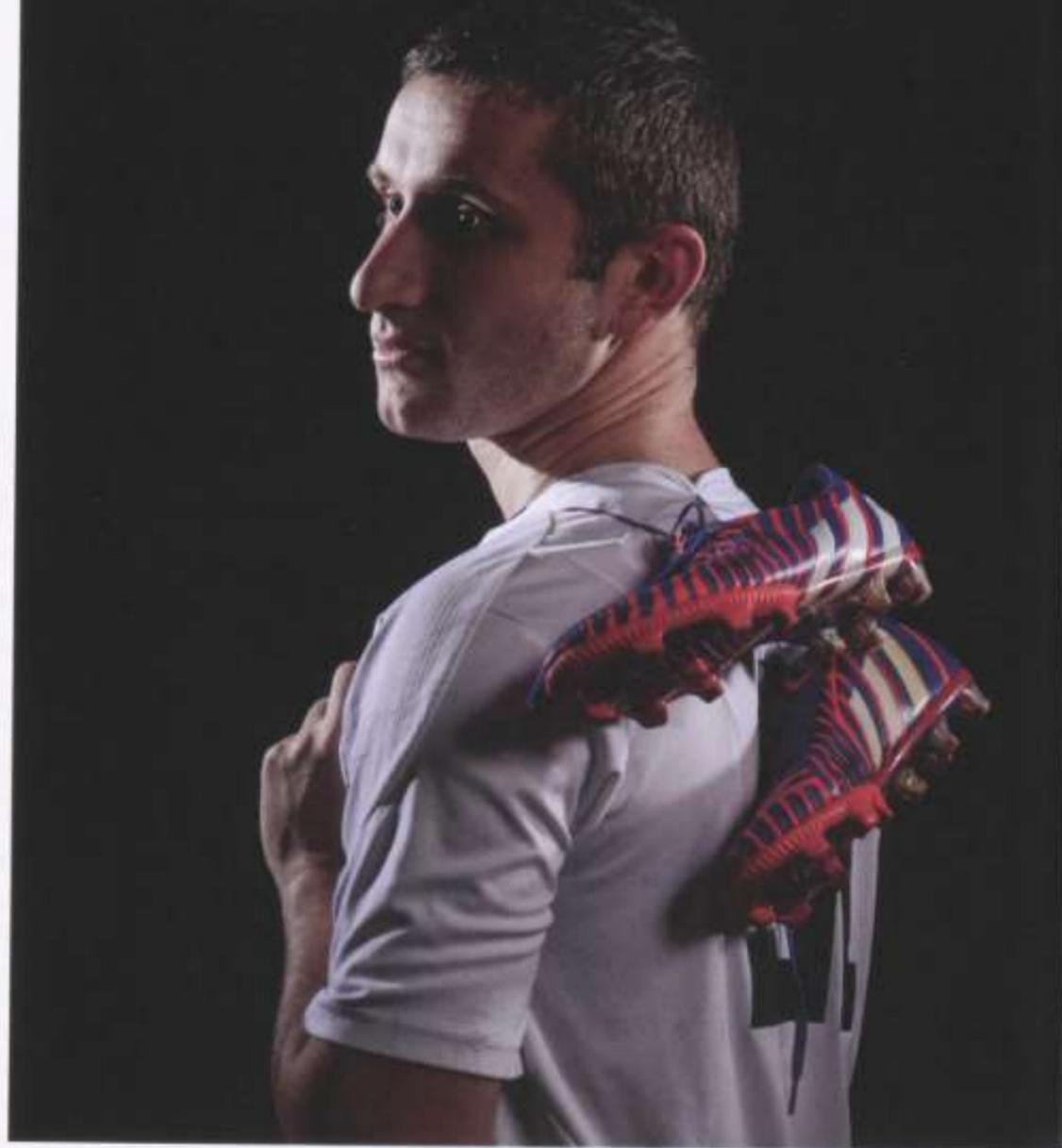
How does Bucknell do it? What is the secret to this long-running tradition of excellence in both athletics and academics?



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### **ACADEMICS FIRST; ATHLETICS SECOND**

It starts with an ironclad commitment, made clear at every turn: Yes, we want good athletes, but if you come to Bucknell, you are a student first and an athlete second.

Potential recruits who check out the athletics department website immediately get the message. The home page's top headline proudly mentions that second-in-the-nation graduation rate. Under "What It Means to Be a Bison," prospective athletes are told, "You are a scholar first and foremost." Several Bison sports disseminate recruiting forms that ask students about their academic record before they are asked to list their athletic accomplishments.

President John Bravman makes Bucknell's core philosophy clear: "We are not going to admit students based solely on their athletic prowess."

That said, Bucknell is not looking for the brainiac who dabbles in sports as a sideline. To be a varsity athlete requires what the athletics department calls a "rare blend of physical skills along with the drive and passion needed to succeed at the highest level of collegiate athletics."

Creating this student-athlete culture allows Bucknell to attract recruits such as men's soccer standout **Jesse Klug '16**. The Seattle-area high-school star wasn't sure he wanted to keep playing in college. "I value academics a lot," he says. "The purpose of going to college is getting an education. Soccer was a bonus." An Academic All-American, Klug ranks eighth among Bucknell soccer's all-time goal scorers, with 29.

To Bravman, Bucknell's commitment to upholding high academic standards for student-athletes is unshakeable. "We're not going to deviate from it," he says. "It's part of our identity."

### **CRUSHING DEMANDS ON TIME**

Meeting Bucknell's lofty academic standards while playing Division I sports is, to put it mildly, a challenge. During the season, student-athletes not only attend practices and games, but they also do weight training and conditioning work on their own and spend long hours traveling on road trips.

"It's almost as if you have a full-time job and are going to school on top of it," says **Valter Karavanic '00**, a key member of the 1999-2000 men's basketball team featured in sports journalist John Feinstein's book, *The Last Amateurs*.

"Managing my time was the hardest part," says **Matt DelMauro '16**, an Academic All-American football player who led the team in rushing as a senior and ended his career with 12 touchdowns. "I had to put myself on a tight schedule."

He and other Bison footballers get help on that score from coach Joe Susan. He has all players fill out a weekly calendar showing all their classes and sports commitments. If they want down time — say, to play video games — they need to find an open slot and put it on their schedule.

**Lauren Wible LaBarca '06**, named to the Patriot League's 25th anniversary all-star team in softball, remembers getting up at 7:30 or 8 a.m. on Saturday and



Sunday to study, while all her dorm mates snoozed in past 11.

She and several others said they would actually do better with their classwork during playing season. The crushing demands on their time simply forced them to focus and made sure they kept up with their studies.

Are there times when something may have to give on one side or the other?

For field-hockey star Abby Watson '16, the crunch came when the team made the playoffs. She says with a laugh, "There were times when what I gave up was sleep!"

Klug, the men's soccer player, is well known on campus for speaking out on LGBTQ issues and supporting other social causes. He says keeping up with academics and soccer meant that he had to dial back more than he liked on his activism.

Unlike big-time sports schools that happily set lower academic standards for hot recruits, Bucknell doesn't offer athletes special help to keep up in class.

Terrie Grieb, now associate athletic director for business and team services, says that during the two decades she spent coaching several different Bison women's teams, "I never had study hours — never had to. Never had a kid not eligible." As a Bucknell coach looking for recruits, she says, "You've got to get a kid who gets it."

Bucknell does offer some academic help if needed, says Maisha Kelly, senior associate director of athletics, but it's open to all students, as there is not a special track for student-athletes. Kelly says, "The standard, at least during my time, has been that the same resources and levels of support are extended to all student populations regardless of their affiliations.

"So far it's worked, as it is rare to see student-athletes have NCAA academic eligibility issues," says Kelly.

It will be hard for a team of scholar-athletes to win consistently if it always has to play against schools that take superstar athletes with sketchy academic records.

Fortunately, Bucknell has found a home with like-minded schools in the Patriot League. Now celebrating its 25th anniversary as an all-sports conference, the league is one of only two in NCAA Division I competition to enforce rigorous academic standards when admitting athletes.

Along with the Ivy League, the Patriot League uses an academic index, based on high-school GPA and college-entrance test scores, to ensure that athletes are, on average, no different academically than the rest of the student body. Because of the index, teams cannot fill their ranks with phenomenal athletes who will struggle to handle college work.

### HIGH STANDARDS MAKE COACHING HARDER

"It's absolutely critical to get coaches who are committed to the scholar-athlete model," says Director of Athletics & Recreation John Hardt. "We put it right up front [in the hiring process]."

Hardt says prospective coaches are told, "We are all about student-athletes' academic success and well-being. That's the No. 1 priority for us. No. 2, we want to have successful athletic programs."

Grieb, the longtime Bison-coach-turned-administrator, says of Bucknell's academics-first approach, "As a coach, you've got to recruit that way; you have got to coach that way."

"It was a big adjustment for me coming in," says veteran tennis coach Rebecca Helt, but she quickly got the hang of what Bucknell expects. She mentioned a case a few years back involving a tennis player who just would not get up and go to an 8 a.m. class. "I would go there every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning," she says, and deliver a wake-up call that couldn't be ignored.

Grieb says the key is that coaches "want the kids to have a good experience," a point that Helt also embraces. "You can't coach stressed-out athletes," Helt says. When her players made it clear they needed a little time for a social life, she says she adjusted her expectations accordingly.

Bucknell coaches keep a close eye on GPAs. Helt mentions that the women's tennis team boasted a 3.52 average. Football

## ALL-SPORT MEMBERS OF THE PATRIOT LEAGUE

American University, Army,\*  
Boston University, Bucknell, Colgate,  
Holy Cross, Lafayette, Lehigh,  
Loyola (Md.) and Navy\*

\*except in football

### scholar-athlete

#### EARLY PATRIOT LEAGUE STANDOUT WAS WELL PREPARED FOR CAREER

**Jeremy "Jay" Gross '93**, named to the 25th anniversary men's swim team, remembers working hard to meet Bucknell's high academic and athletic expectations.

As an engineering student, he had labs that couldn't be missed or moved, and he often had to make up missed practices by swimming with the women's team.

"It was always a challenge," he says. "You had to be more regimented in managing your time."

Gross was one of the early winners of the Patriot League's annual scholar-athlete award in his sport. "It felt good to know Bucknell and the league were dedicated to academics as much as athletics," he says.

He now works in the Philadelphia suburbs for the pharmaceutical company Pfizer, managing its portfolio of vaccines.

"Bucknell did a great job preparing me" for a professional career, he says.

His Pfizer colleagues include some fellow alumni. "Everyone remembers it fondly. It's a good community that goes on with you for the rest of your life." — *Matt Zencey*

## Patriot League Emerged From Ivy League Model 25 Years Ago

In the mid 1980s, Ivy League schools were looking to add nonconference football games against opponents that would offer reasonably competitive contests. Schools such as Bucknell, Lehigh, Lafayette, Holy Cross and Colgate — geographically close, with high academic standards and sharing the Ivy policy of no athletic scholarships — seemed like a good fit. With Ivy games as a building block, Bucknell and five other schools formed a new football conference in 1986 — the Colonial League.

Five years later, with the football competition working well, the Colonial schools expanded to more sports and chose the name The Patriot League. Bucknell's then-president Gary Sojka was a key force in launching this new Division I conference, founded upon the scholar-athlete model of college sports.

Noted sports journalist John Feinstein lauded the Patriot League's student-centered approach to college sports in his 2000 book *The Last*

*Amateurs*, which followed the league's men's basketball teams for a full season.

Bucknell and the other schools, Feinstein wrote, "refused to sell their souls in the name of winning games and cashing in on the athletes they recruit." They "simply won't give in to the temptation to take gifted athletes who are poor students."

And yet, one pillar of that commitment to the scholar-athlete model — no athletic scholarships — was a flashpoint from day one.

William & Mary opted out of plans to join the still-forming football conference over the no-scholarship policy, according to Bucknell Director of Athletics and Recreation John Hardt. Eventually, founding member Davidson College dropped out of the league.

As the cost of higher education escalated, the remaining Patriot League schools found it harder to recruit top athletes whose talents could earn them free educations elsewhere.

coach Joe Susan notes the team GPA during the fall semester was 3.09 — "good," he says, "but not good enough." (His goal was 3.1.)

No question, striving for victory on the playing field while upholding Bucknell's high academic standards does make a coach's job harder.

"We have had coaches ... who have opted to go elsewhere," says Hardt. "But that's a fit issue," not a systemic problem. "It's been very rare here."

And some parts of the Bucknell experience make things easier for coaches as they compete for student-athletes. Compared to big sports schools, Bucknell's small classes are a draw. "You're a name, not a number," says Grieb. Also, she says coaches regularly mention Bucknell's great record of job placement for graduates. "Parents love that."

#### FACULTY ARE HAPPY TO HELP

Going into his final semester this spring, soccer star Chris Thorsheim aimed to finish his Bucknell degree while training with the New York Red Bulls soccer team. Doing so means taking two independent-study courses and two courses online. "It's definitely going to be a juggling act," he says, but "professors seem like they're going to help me along the way."

Academic All-American Mike Muscala did similar juggling as he spent his last semester preparing for the NBA draft in 2013.

"It was pretty tough," he says, but "professors were really helpful in my being able to chase my dreams while still upholding high academic standards."

And if Patriot League champions were going to get automatic berths in NCAA tournaments, the league needed to add more schools in some sports — another challenge made more difficult by the restrictive, need-only scholarship policy.

By 2012, the league had decided to allow athletic scholarships in all sports, including the last holdout, football. Bucknell had gradually embraced the option in other sports, but the decision on football prompted serious soul-searching.

President John Bravman ultimately decided Bucknell could offer merit aid in football “in a way that upholds our core values,” just as it had done in other sports.

The four-year phase-in of merit aid in Bison football will be complete as the team takes the field this fall.

“It was just competitively too difficult” to stick with need-only aid, Hardt says. When the vast majority of the other Division I schools could offer athletic scholarships, “the playing field was slanted,” he says.

Today, not every Bison sport offers the full amount of scholarship aid

allowed by NCAA Division I rules.

Bucknell and other Patriot League schools remain staunchly committed to the scholar-athlete model, and they enforce that commitment by using a rigorous academic index to ensure their athletes are academically representative of the student body as a whole.

When the Patriot League named its 25th anniversary teams in 2015, the roster of all-stars included 64 Bison athletes. Another three Bucknell football players had been honored five years earlier, when the league announced that sport’s 25th anniversary all-star team.

“The Patriot League is such an outstanding conference for Bucknell to be affiliated with,” says Hardt. “It’s not an accident that we were a charter member.” — Matt Zencey



Download the Bucknell Magazine app or visit [bucknell.edu/PL-AllStars](http://bucknell.edu/PL-AllStars) for the full list of Bucknell’s Patriot League all-stars. Read President Bravman’s 2012 remarks on merit aid at [bucknell.edu/PLMeritAid](http://bucknell.edu/PLMeritAid).

Women’s basketball point guard **Kyiarah English ’19** learned about faculty support right from the start. Pressed into surprise starting duty during her first season because of an injury to veteran **Megan McGurk ’17**, English says, “It was a little rough at first” keeping up with the academic workload. “It’s a little harder than I expected, but the professors are great. They’re always there to help.”

Field hockey’s Abby Watson echoes that view, saying, “Bucknell really does allow you to balance the two [academics and athletics]. Both parties [coaches and faculty] are pretty understanding.”

One thing that helps bring faculty along, says athletics director Hardt, is Bucknell’s innovative Sideline Coaches Program. Professors and administrators are invited to shadow a coach as he or she works with players in practice and in a game.

It’s “a great communication vehicle for building bridges between the academic side of the University and the athletic enterprise,” Hardt says.

Professor Erin Jablonski, chemical engineering, gained valuable perspective from her sideline coaching experience. On the athletics website, she notes it was clear “the coaches are as committed to our students’ academic success as the athletes themselves.”

One reason Bucknell has won the Patriot League Presidents’ Cup so many times: All 27 varsity teams enjoy the school’s full commitment to athletics success. None is treated as an afterthought.

When totaling up the points in the Presidents’ Cup competition, every

sport counts. Having strong programs — from football and basketball to golf, track and tennis — means Bucknell often gains points in sports that don’t get as much support at other schools.

“It’s hugely important to us that we provide equitable opportunities across the board in all 27 of our varsity sports,” says Hardt. “They’re all important to us.”

One sign of that commitment is great athletics facilities.

When recruits see the Kenneth Langone Athletics & Recreation Center, Sojka Pavilion, Kinney Natatorium, the historic Davis Gym and the multisport indoor spaces at Gerhard Fieldhouse, along with Emmitt Field at Holmes Stadium, Depew Field and Becker Field — the list goes on and on — they know athletes are valued and supported here.

## DON’T PUSH THE PANIC BUTTON

Bucknell football had a down year in 2015, winning four and losing seven, as a spate of injuries dashed the team’s high hopes for the season.

At some schools, that might have set off a clamor for change. Not at Bucknell.

“Alumni pounding down the doors, [saying] fire the coach — it’s just not there,” Bravman says.

Nor was he worried that Bucknell had gone two years in a row without winning the Presidents’ Cup. “It’s not a problem that keeps me up at night,” Bravman says with a smile. “I love athletics, love to win. But it’s about the education of our student-athletes. ... That’s what I want us to focus on.”

Athletics director Hardt says that when a team’s performance isn’t what you want it to be, “the key is you don’t get overly anxious or panic. You sit down when the time is appropriate with the coach and do a thorough analysis [to determine] what is impeding our success and devise a plan to address impediments and obstacles to success.”

On the flip side, he says the goal is that every one of Bucknell’s programs will compete for a Patriot League championship at least once during an athlete’s four years here.

“Our primary focus isn’t to fill our

display cases with more trophies,” Hardt says. “We want to teach the invaluable lessons that can only be taught in that crucible of championship competition, where the margins for error are so thin.”

### CREATING THE 'COMPLETE PACKAGE'

“It’s certainly not all about wins and losses at Bucknell,” says Hardt. What matters, he says, is developing the student-athlete as a “complete package.”

That’s what coach Joe Susan tries to do with the very demanding year-round training expected of his football players. He says, “I tell them, ‘you think this is tough, wait ‘til life.’”

That intense approach worked with Matt DelMauro, the Academic All-American running back. Admittedly “undersized” at just 5-foot-7 inches, he entered Bucknell at No. 6 — dead last — on the depth chart for his position. By his senior year, he was the team’s leading rusher, and he’s graduating with hopes of catching the eyes of NFL scouts.

Bucknell takes pride in the well-rounded accomplishments of athletes such as DelMauro and Ryan Frazier '16, the male winner of the Patriot League’s 2015 Outstanding Leadership and Character Award.

Co-captain of the men’s basketball team as a junior and senior, Frazier was a leader known for his strong defense in a game where big scorers get all the glory. He was a leader off the court as well, stepping up after three students shocked the Bucknell community in spring 2015 by uttering racial slurs on the campus radio station. At a student-led solidarity event, Frazier delivered a compelling speech, calling for greater understanding and respect for diversity on campus.

That same year, Andrea Seifert '15 was the Patriot League’s female winner of the same award. While battling a rare autoimmune disease, she managed to make All-Patriot League in rowing and still keep a busy schedule of community service with groups such as Lewisburg Food Bank.

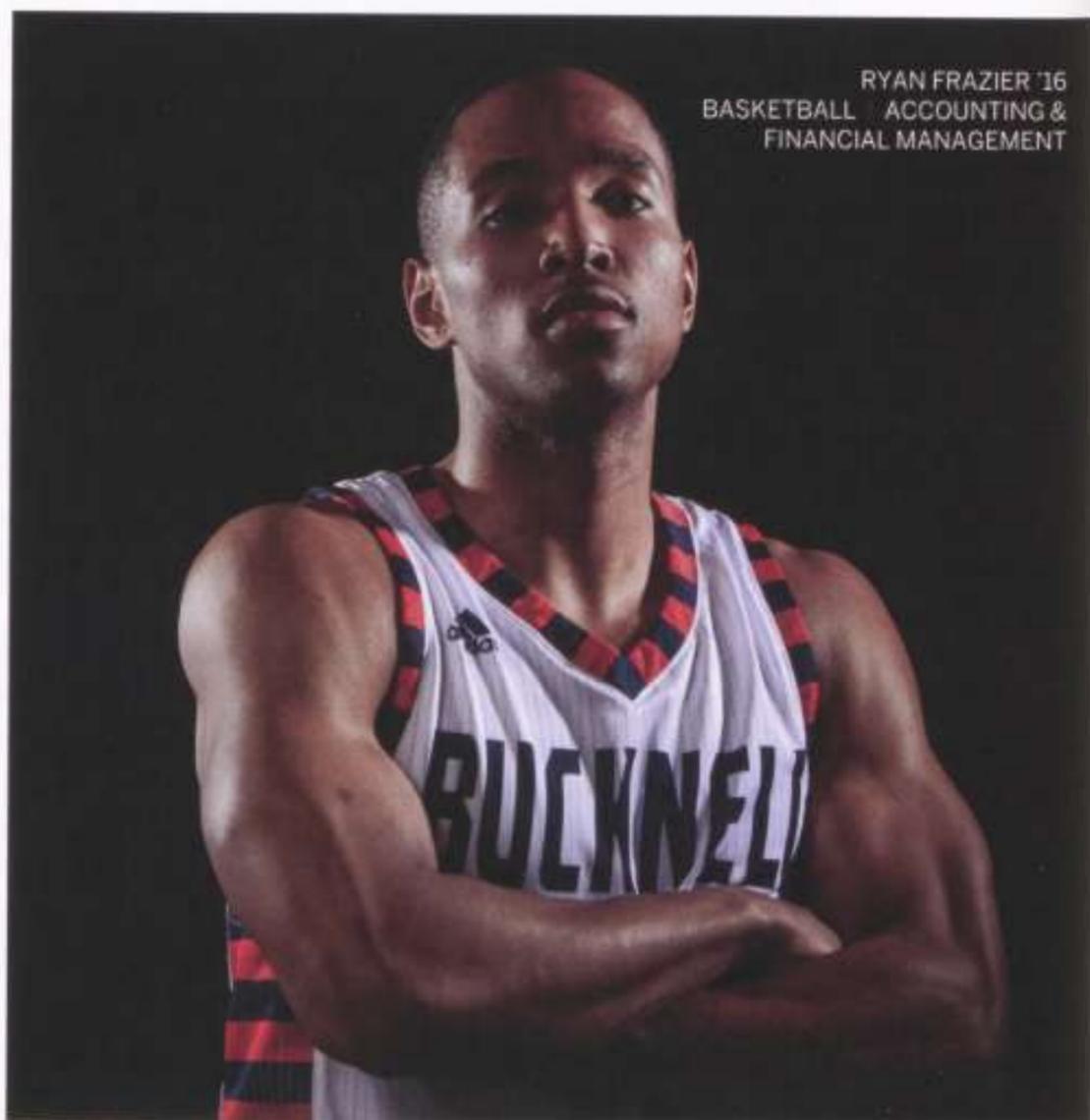
Soccer’s Chris Thorsheim spoke for many scholar-athletes when he said, “You



ABBY WATSON '16  
FIELD HOCKEY  
CIVIL ENGINEERING/  
MANAGEMENT FOR ENGINEERS

“We’ve proven we can be successful;  
you can have the balance  
[between athletics and academics].”

— MAISHA KELLY



RYAN FRAZIER '16  
BASKETBALL ACCOUNTING &  
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

can get a great education and have an amazing experience in whatever sport you're doing." Playing at Bucknell, he says, "helped me become the player and person that I am."

Fifteen years after his glory days on the basketball court, two-time Academic All-American **Valter Karavanic '00** is now an electrical engineer with a high-tech company in New England. "Bucknell prepared me very well for this part of life," he says. It was "great training in problem-solving and working with others."

### THE SECRET TO SUCCESS

So, here's what Bucknell's recipe for success looks like: Start with specially talented students who are highly proficient in both academics and athletics. Connect them with coaches and faculty who support the scholar-athlete in the classroom and on the playing field. Provide excellent athletics facilities, and make sure that every varsity sport has the resources it needs to succeed.

Then match your teams against other schools that share a commitment to the scholar-athlete ideal. Don't panic when teams hit a bad patch — just try to fix what has gone wrong. Do all that, and you produce alumni who value the scholar-athlete culture and do their part to make sure the winning tradition continues.

As senior associate athletics director Maisha Kelly says, "We've proven we can be successful; you can have the balance [between athletics and academics]."

"Alumni have truly just built a rich culture, a standard that really only accepts success in those [two] arenas," she adds. "What we're doing is really just continuing what was set out before us." **B**

*Matt Zencey is a retired journalist living in West Chester, Pa.*

### GOING TO BAT FOR STUDENTS

**Lauren Wible LaBarca '06**, a member of the 25th anniversary team in softball, had a year for the ages in 2005. She led the nation in batting with a .524 average and was the Patriot League's Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year, selected from among hundreds of competitors in all of the league's women's sports.

Grateful for the partial scholarship that made it possible for her to attend Bucknell, LaBarca says she got "the best of both worlds ... I was able to expand my knowledge in a worldly way ... while playing the sport I love."

Now teaching 7th-grade English in rural Adams County, Pa., LaBarca says the broader perspective she gained at Bucknell, plus her athletic accomplishments, make her more effective with students, many of whom have never ventured beyond county lines. — *Matt Zencey*

## DAVID KELLER '03 FULFILLS HIS MAJOR LEAGUE DREAMS

**David Keller '03**, director of professional scouting for the Miami Marlins, relaxes in his office at Marlins Park and proudly remembers his time traveling around the U.S. as a scout, being the eyes and ears of an organization and providing information that helped higher-ups decide whether to try to trade for a player, promote one of their own or cut a guy loose.

For about five years, "every February through October, I was on the road 24 to 25 days a month," says Keller, who has visited innumerable ballparks and previously tracked the development of minor-league players for the Boston Red Sox, New York Mets and Arizona Diamondbacks.

"One good thing about all that travel, I was able to connect with many of my former classmates at Bucknell," he says. He was also fortunate to have a patient wife, **Katherine Thompson '05**, whom he met at Bucknell. They have two sons.

Growing up in Sellersville, Pa., Keller played shortstop on his Little League team and dreamed about one day seeing his face on a baseball card. In high school, he continued playing, but after a serious back injury, he began imagining himself as someone behind the scenes, perhaps as a college coach or a manager.

After graduating with a degree in management, he worked in Bucknell's admissions office, coached a local high-school baseball team and sent résumés to every Major League team. The Philadelphia Phillies hired him as an intern in the operations department, and several years later, he was a Mets scout, beginning his long sojourn through airports and motel rooms.

After studying thousands of wannabe Major Leaguers, Keller believes he can spot one in the making.

"Athletic ability is easy to identify," he says. "But the separator is a player's makeup. As he progresses and the competition rises, the differences in ability come in the form of things that aren't as easy to see. What's his body language like on the field? Does he take pride in coming to the field and competing every day? How does he interact with teammates and coaches? That's how you can begin to evaluate what's in his heart — and in his mind."

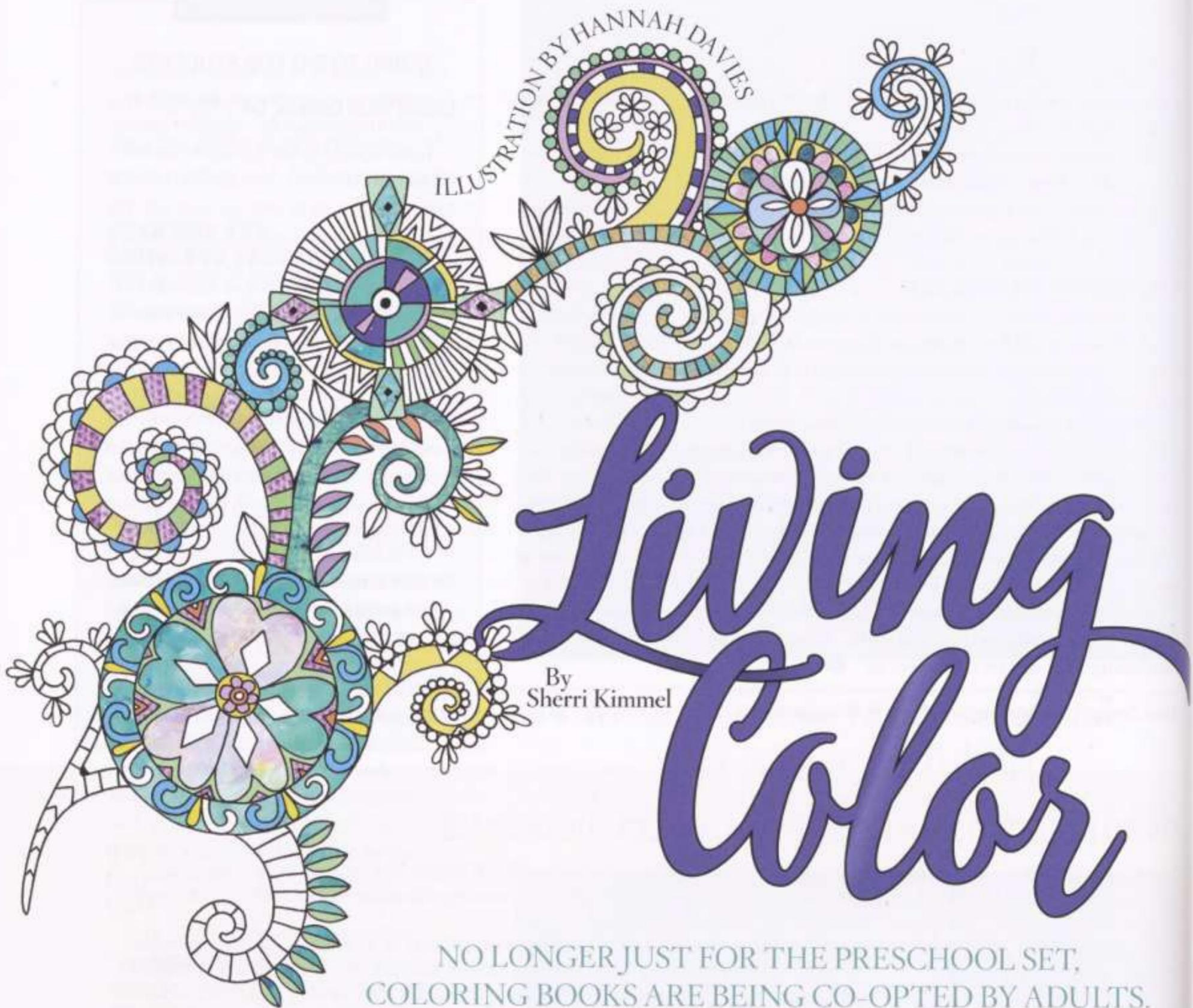
Yet Keller admits that he hasn't always been right. "We all want players we like to excel, especially those that remind us of ourselves," he says. "And I regret recommending players who never quite performed up to expectations. A couple times I've said, 'Wow, I missed that one.' Failure is part of evaluating human beings."

These days, even though Keller heads a staff of 13 scouts who file reports and travel the country, he still jets off to observe players working their way up the ranks. But his sons are his favorite athletes to watch. He enjoys Little League games but admits it's hard not to observe them as a scout would.

"I watch the game through a different lens," Keller says with a laugh. "But no matter the level, I love the game and love it even more than when I was a little boy." — *Benjamin Gleisser*



Miami Marlins manager Don Mattingly (left) confers with David Keller '03.



NO LONGER JUST FOR THE PRESCHOOL SET,  
COLORING BOOKS ARE BEING CO-OPTED BY ADULTS.

In her scarlet tights with matching jacket and blue denim skirt, Bonnie Smith looks like she just walked out of a Crayola box. Asked about her reawakened passion for a childhood pastime, the academic assistant for the music department offers, "I'm fascinated with color." Her fascination extends beyond her fashion tastes and the stew of hues she selects for the music-event posters she designs — to coloring books.

"Most people are not surprised to hear I color," she says. "I'm a crafty kind of person. With coloring you can be creative in a nice little book that doesn't take up a lot of space in the world."

Whether a newfound or rediscovered pursuit, adult coloring has taken off in the last two years, and books with illustrations varying from tattoos to the masterworks of Van Gogh and Monet are flying off the shelves.

Customers strolling through the Barnes & Noble at Bucknell University Bookstore before Christmas espied a dazzling display. A month later, coloring books still graced the front of the store — on the bestsellers' rack. In fact, two of Barnes & Nobles' and 10 of Amazon's top 20 books of 2015 were adult coloring books.

The surge began at Bucknell's downtown Lewisburg store in July, according to Debbie Sheets, trade book manager. The catalyst, she says, was a TV appearance by Johanna Basford,

whose 2013 book, *Secret Garden: An Inky Treasure Hunt and Coloring Book*, has helped power the adult-coloring fad.

"At Christmas, they went like wild," she says. "We actually ran out of the Harry Potter one before Christmas." Between early December and early January, she says, the store sold 200 coloring books, "which is really doing well. We've even had trouble keeping markers and pencils in stock."

Not only has Sheets become an avid buyer for her customers, but she's put her own colored pencils to work. "I do it mainly to relax," she says. "I'll sit in my chair, and the next thing I know I've fallen asleep. I've been coloring every night since September."

"And she's so much calmer," jokes her boss, bookstore manager Don Royal, who doesn't color but appreciates the business. Still, sales, he says, are "not like *Fifty Shades of Grey* hot," since customer tastes veer from *Candy Crush* to *Creative Cats* to *Colour Me Good Benedict Cumberbatch*. In early February, Amazon's top sellers in the genre were the new arrivals, swear-word coloring books.

Across the street from Barnes & Noble, Brushstrokes Gallery, Art Supplies and Framing is also riding the many-hued wave. "This was our best December, and we had the happiest customers ever," says co-owner Kathy Snyder, whose store has been in Lewisburg for 26 years.

Snyder began stocking coloring books about 15 years ago, when they were mainly purchased for nursing-home residents. "It's something they can do when they can't do a lot else,"

she says. Back then, they were called "grown-up" rather than "adult" to avoid an off-color connotation. Now Snyder can openly advertise on her streetside kiosk that she has hundreds of "adult" coloring books in stock.

Adults began clamoring for coloring books, she says, "after hearing Johanna Basford on NPR. People started thinking about coloring as a stress reliever." And while Snyder says her customers tend to be middle-aged women who color solo or with family members, she had three men pop in Christmas Eve to buy colored pencils for themselves.

Oftentimes, she'll direct neophytes to her employee, **Deb Slade '73**, resident expert. Colored pencils versus gel pens? Slade can help, and she'll gladly brandish her own coloring portfolio, demonstrating how to achieve different shadings and outlinings.

A former graphic designer at Bucknell, Slade says, "I came to coloring through Zentangle — meditative doodling." And she arrived at Zentangle through yoga.

"Coloring is like yoga for the brain," Slade says. "It's focusing on something else besides the craziness in your life. You just go back and forth with your pencil," she says, slowly moving her hand.

Decades ago, as a Bucknell student, Slade colored with crayons "to de-stress, working in triads of colors." Now, rather than coloring in books such as Millie Marotta's popular *Animal Kingdom*, Slade scans individual drawings from the books and prints them out on fine-quality paper. She's even bought a lap



BRETT SIMPSON

desk with a light to illuminate the surface. The coloring craze, she says with a smile, “is very good for commerce.”

It’s also good for travelers. Holly Valentine, AmeriCorps for youth outreach coordinator at Bucknell’s Office of Civic Engagement, brought *Animal Kingdom* along last summer on a North American road trip. “When I wasn’t rock climbing, I’d color,” she says. “I’d even color while camping in the middle of Canada, sometimes at night with a head lamp.”

Her office mate, Lynn Pierson, also has caught the coloring bug. When asked if anyone has accused her of being juvenile because she likes to color, Pierson says, “No, I believe it’s accepted as being in the mainstream.” Pierson even recently queried Facebook friends about starting a coloring and wine group. The response has been very encouraging.

Like Deb Slade back in the ’70s, current students also enjoy coloring. “I do it in my room, and people either say, ‘What is she doing?’ or ‘That’s kinda cool,’” says **Louise Cerami-Guarino ’16**.

“What I like is there’s no pressure,” she adds. “The point is to take time for yourself and get your brain to stop thinking.”

**Mary Agrusti ’18** also gravitated to coloring. “I’m a huge art fan and love drawing but was a little skeptical of why people started getting into coloring,” she says.

“It seemed that suddenly students had these large books with medallion prints and were coloring in random locations [around campus],” she says. “My friend just got me *The Mindfulness Coloring Book*, and I love it. Coloring takes me out of the normal adult tasks that I get caught up doing and lets my mind almost lull while my colored pencils fill in the lines.”



Barnes & Noble employees and coloring enthusiasts Angie Baumgartner and Conor Griffin check out the Lewisburg store’s new offerings.

Like many other aficionados, custodian Connie Germini enjoys coloring, because “it lets your imagination go on and on.” She relishes the freedom to choose an off-the-wall color for a common subject like a dog.

“It’s your dog; you make him any way you want,” she says. Coloring is also a way to healthfully occupy one’s hands. “It’s better than munching on chips!”

Lest you think that coloring is only meant to clear the mind, unleash the creative urge or still the yen for munchies, at Bucknell there is even an academic dimension.

When Professor John Penniman, religion, saw *Martyrdom: The Coloring Book* at a Brooklyn bookstore in December, he added it to his syllabus for his spring course *Dying for God: Martyrs & Monks*.

“Building an assignment around a coloring book helps students see some of the bigger themes and questions about martyrdom in Christianity,” he explains. The book’s left-hand pages provide a brief summary of a martyr’s life and death; on the right, the manner of death is illuminated. “Nearly every image depicts the moment

of pain but also the piety,” Penniman says. “The martyrs are in pain but gazing upward.”

“Coloring exemplifies how readers make sense of a text, not only by reading it but also by interacting with it physically, emotionally and intellectually,” he adds. “Coloring helps them think about the process in a tactile way.” **B**

 To watch how-to-color videos recommended by *Brushstrokes’* resident coloring expert Deb Slade ’73, go to [bucknell.edu/bmagazine](http://bucknell.edu/bmagazine) or download the Bucknell Magazine app.

## WINNING COLORS

Are you a coloring aficionado, or do you want to try your hand now that you’ve learned about the joys of adult coloring? *Bucknell Magazine* is holding a coloring contest, and you might just be our winner. See that snazzy Bison on the next page? Tear out the page and color your heart out.

Mail your coloring back to us at *Bucknell Magazine*, Bucknell University, One Dent Drive, Lewisburg, PA 17837, or scan your hand-colored page and email it to [bmagazine@bucknell.edu](mailto:bmagazine@bucknell.edu) by May 11. The winner will be celebrated in the summer issue and will receive a gift basket that includes a gift card donated by the Barnes & Noble at Bucknell University Bookstore and coloring-related goodies.

If you’d like another coloring page for a friend, you can download one at [bucknell.edu/ColoringContest](http://bucknell.edu/ColoringContest).

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TEACHER  
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BY GARY SOJKA • PHOTOGRAPH BY KEN YANOVIK

A quarter century ago, Bucknell parsed out the distinctive identity that it maintains today.



It isn't remembered much today, but roughly 25 years ago, Bucknell faced a crisis of enormous proportions — one that threatened to alter, perhaps permanently, the very ethos of the institution. It may even have derailed our current enviable position in the competitive residential college marketplace.

The difficulty arose out of the proudly and publicly held position that the primary mission of this university was to teach — and teach very well — undergraduate students (and a modest number of graduate students). It was stated in our hiring and promotion policies, and confirmed by the Board of Trustees, that such teaching was to be done by established scholars who were active participants in their academic fields. This stance was not intended to make Bucknell into a research-intensive university, which would engage heavily in research not connected to the education of students but rather to distinguish us from the many colleges and universities that placed little importance on faculty research or faculty-directed student research.

Bucknell found itself in a challenging intermediate position, for our mission stated clearly that education was our primary purpose, while at the same time, those who would do the teaching were required to be practitioners of their academic disciplines, not merely expositors of concepts.

The matter came to a head when two popular young teachers came up for tenure at the same time. Both were well versed in their fields, and their students were happy with the instruction they were receiving, but neither professor could demonstrate active scholarship or involvement in research programs that were highly regarded outside our own campus community. Tenure was denied, unleashing a strong backlash from outspoken students who found it difficult to accept that these popular teachers were somehow insufficiently performing their required tasks.

What was most disheartening to me, as Bucknell's president, was that many faculty members felt that the tenure standards, requiring both excellent teaching and solid scholarly activity, were too demanding. Some professors even questioned whether or not a teacher at a place such as Bucknell needed to actively engage in scholarship beyond what was required for the preparation of lectures, laboratories and seminar courses.

This crisis, which affected the very core of the teaching enterprise as we had defined it, needed to be clearly addressed. For me, the answer was relatively straightforward. I subscribed to the old saw that "research is to teaching as sin is to the confessional. If you are not doing the former, you have no business in the latter." In other words, only practicing scholars or researchers had the outlook and perspective needed to provide the kind of top-quality, exceptional instruction we sought for Bucknell students.

To find our way forward, the academic administration and a committee of faculty members looked to some of our most

respected and popular faculty members, who managed to be first-rate teachers and scholars, and were credited with molding the postgraduation careers and lives of legions of graduates. Current and former students extolled the benefits of working with these committed and caring teachers who were also active practitioners of their disciplines. They didn't just talk about their fields of study; they lived in them. Two of these model teacher-scholars were Professor **Jack Wheatcroft '49**, English, and Professor Harold Heine, chemistry. Despite their disparate disciplines, they had a lot in common: They were popular among the faculty, had a great ability to guide the careers of students even after their graduation from Bucknell and stood for high standards and rigor in their courses. These active practitioners ushered able students into their own professional worlds.

As I reflect on that challenging period in the early 1990s, I am buoyed by the unmistakable signs that we not only made the best decision for Bucknell, but we also avoided a disastrous mistake. These are demanding times for residential colleges, which face fierce competition from online providers offering accredited degrees with more flexibility and convenience — often at a markedly lower price. There also are many lower-cost schools that offer respectable degrees to students while employing primarily adjunct faculty and relying heavily on "packaged" instruction programs. The nature and character of our research-oriented, scholarly faculty sets Bucknell apart, making us clearly distinctive and highly sought after by the most able applicants.

As an institution it would appear that we have matured beyond the point where faculty research can be thought of as an ancillary activity, a separate hoop through which a faculty member must jump in order to flourish here. Today's professors are attracted to Bucknell because they want to teach undergraduates from the perspective of an engaged researcher or scholar, eager to invite talented students into their professional world. Research and scholarship are not ancillary but integral and essential to our faculty members' roles as teachers of undergraduates. Perhaps we could help those outside our campus community better understand what we do here if we replaced the confusing sobriquet "teacher-scholar" with the more accurate descriptor "scholar-teacher" — a small difference in language that makes all the difference in the teaching and learning that occurs at Bucknell. 

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*Professor Emeritus of Biology Gary Sojka served as Bucknell's president from 1984 to 1995.*

# BLACK LAWYERS MATTER

U.S. Parole Commission Chair Patricia Wilson Smoot '85 addresses racial inequality in the criminal-justice system.

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**A**s a young assistant U.S. attorney, **Patricia Wilson Smoot '85** worked under Eric Holder, who would go on to serve as U.S. attorney general. Early on, Smoot says, while assisting Holder, she was asked to answer a question that would come up countless times throughout her career as a prosecutor: "How can you be black and be putting black people in jail?"

Like many observers these days, Smoot is concerned about studies indicating unequal outcomes for people of color in the U.S. criminal-justice system. Smoot believes that increasing diversity among the ranks of prosecutors and others involved in the system is a necessary part of the solution to rooting out entrenched racism.

Her efforts have earned her recognition. Smoot won the 2015 National Black Prosecutors Association's Norman S. Early Jr. Founder's Award.

"It's important to have black prosecutors," she says. "Any criminal-justice system needs to be diverse so that all points of view are taken into consideration. That's what criminal justice is. You have to ask the proper questions and include people with different points of view."

Smoot sees the prosecutor's role as serving to right the wrongs done to crime victims, who may or may not be of the same race as the perpetrator. "I am trying to make somebody accountable for actions they took against another member of society," Smoot says. "I have seen cases where grandmothers who were running flower shops were gunned down, or children were gunned down in the street. Who is speaking for them?"

"I have prosecuted and released all types of people for all types of offenses," she adds. "It's not about race. It's about the circumstances. It's what you can prove."

Before her current post at the U.S. Parole Commission, Smoot spent 16 years as a prosecutor, specializing in domestic violence and sex offenses. As deputy state's attorney for Prince George's County, Md., she helped start Project Safe Sunday, which engaged religious communities in helping to fight domestic abuse. Smoot acknowledges the difficulty of bringing domestic abusers to justice. "There are often several instances before the victim reports, then more before they actually come to court," she says.

Still, Smoot believes it's vital that courts take an aggressive approach. She's reminded of the case of Yvette Cade, a Prince George's County woman whose husband doused her with gasoline and set her on fire just weeks after a judge dismissed a temporary restraining order against him in 2006. "A lot of domestic-violence circumstances turn deadly," Smoot says. "They are highly emotionally charged. It's something I've seen in cases I've prosecuted. Some of them have kept me up at night."

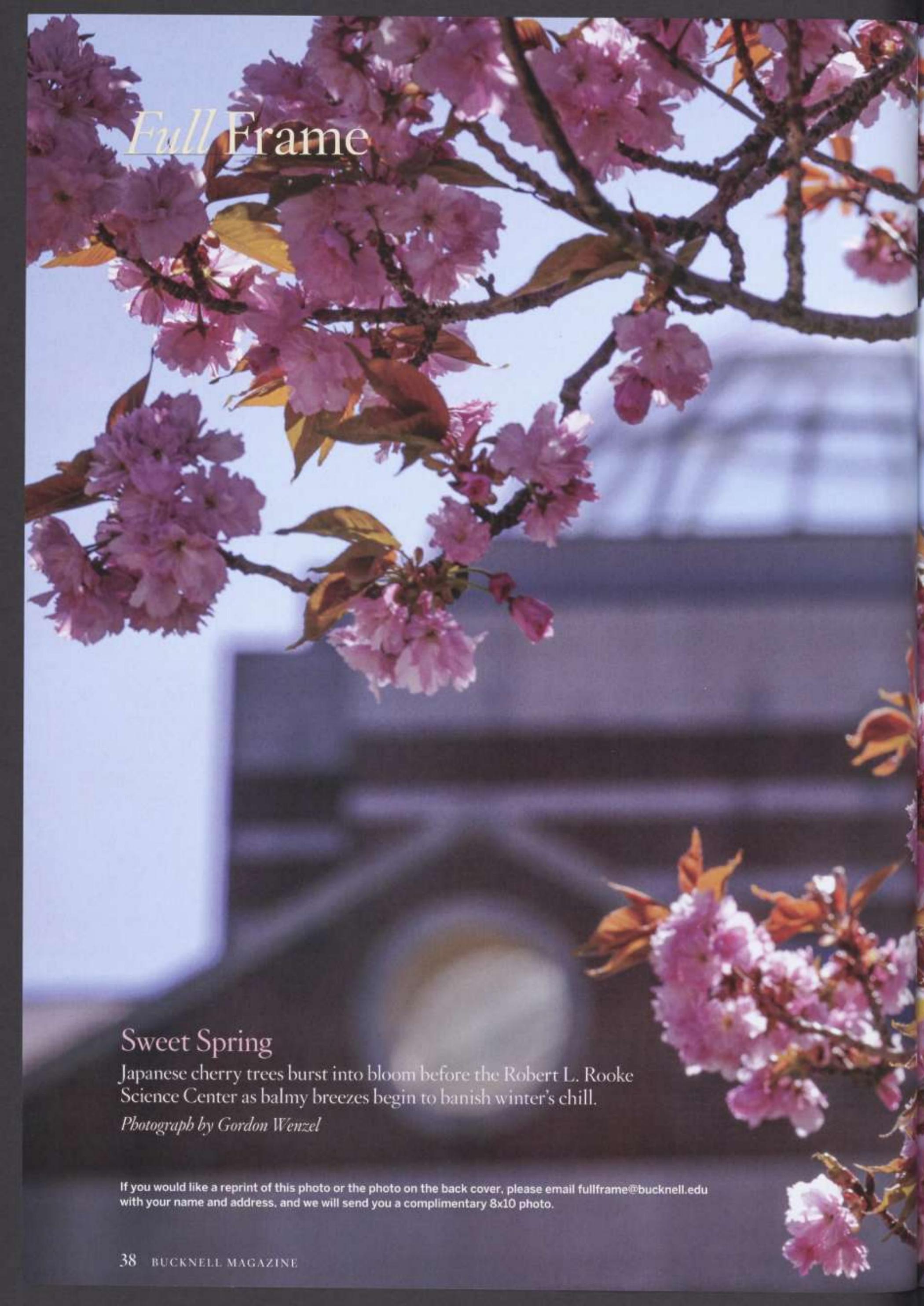
Since 2010, Smoot has been contributing her point of view to the U.S. Parole Commission, where she now serves as chairman. She was sworn in by then-Attorney General Holder. Her aim, she says, is to uphold public safety while still treating ex-offenders with dignity.

"There are so many ex-offenders out there who, when they get out of prison, are left with nothing," Smoot says. "They have completed their sentences, been accountable for their actions. It is in the best interest of public safety to give them the tools to be successful when they return to their communities." She cautions that she's not talking about the most violent prisoners but about ex-offenders with drug or mental-health problems who need help with housing and education upon release.

"That's different than being soft on crime," Smoot says. "That's being smart on crime." **B**

BY MICHAEL AGRESTA • PHOTOGRAPH BY LISA HELFERT





# *Full Frame*

## Sweet Spring

Japanese cherry trees burst into bloom before the Robert L. Rooke Science Center as balmy breezes begin to banish winter's chill.

*Photograph by Gordon Wenzel*

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# Alumni House

## Opportunities & Events

### Completing the Circle

Bucknell boosts lifelong learning with new Bucknell 360° program.

By Heidi Hormel

**L**ifelong learning isn't just a catch phrase for Bucknell 360°, a program launched last fall. Designed to "bring learning full circle," according to Jamie Donahue, associate director of online engagement and marketing for the Office of Alumni Relations, Bucknell 360° encompasses activities and events focused on education, including a series of webinars.

"For alumni, Bucknell was the foundation of their careers and the heart of their learning experience," explains Donahue. "Bucknell 360° brings them back to that point."

Under the umbrella of Bucknell 360°, the office hosts webinars that allow

Bucknellians to engage with the University online when they are too busy to travel back to campus or if they live in an area without regional club activities.

These easily digestible 30-minute lectures feature relevant and timely topics from seasoned and new professors

as well as alumni experts. Past offerings included "Predicting the 2016 President" with Professor Chris Ellis '00, political science; "The American Immigrant" with Professor Elizabeth Durden, sociology; and a discussion of same-sex marriage by Professor and Chair Michael James, political science. The goal is to offer a mix of global, virtual and on-campus events, Donahue says.

An early webinar was led by Professor Eric Kennedy, biomedical engineering, whose research delves into injury biomechanics or, as he calls it, "applying mechanical engineering principles on the body." Besides providing "an opportunity to talk about all aspects of my research and thread them all together into one talk," Kennedy says he discussed how current students helped with his research and "the contributions that students can make to these real-life problems."

Three to five webinars are planned for each semester. Registration for live webinars, which include question-and-answer segments, is required and free. For those who cannot attend the live event, recordings are available at [bucknell.edu/360](http://bucknell.edu/360).

According to Donahue, alumni should anticipate thought-provoking Bucknell 360° programming (which is replacing Alumni U) during Reunion Weekend, June 2-5.

Go to [bucknell.edu/360](http://bucknell.edu/360) for the latest information and instructions on how to sign up.



During one of the early Bucknell 360° talks, Professor Eric Kennedy, biomedical engineering, discussed faculty/student collaborations.

## Looking to Lead

New alumni board president builds on her Bucknell legacy and experiences.

By Tara Garrity Lebda '94

Initially, Bucknell was not at the top of my prospective colleges list. Attending would have made me the 27th member of my family to be adorned in blue and orange, and I planned to rebel. Dean of Admissions **Dick Skelton '60**, who convinced me to reconsider, did me an enormous favor: Bucknell has shaped me, and will continue to shape me, for a lifetime.

Majoring in management and taking Management 101, stats, accounting, even sociology, prepared me to grow and manage a business, LendingTree Inc. Studying abroad through Semester at Sea opened my eyes to a world beyond Lewisburg — an experience that continues to mold my view of the world and its possibilities. The philanthropic emphasis of some classes stayed with me long after graduation, leading me to volunteer as an alumni interviewer,

as a club president in Charlotte, N.C., and for Reunion committees while also making annual financial contributions to the University.

Bucknell provided a return on investment in more ways than I can measure — my parents and their 51-year marriage, my siblings, my education, my lifelong friends and my children have all benefited. But it wasn't until 2010, when I joined the board of the Bucknell University Alumni Association (BUAA), that I could define what makes Bucknell so special.

Interacting with our intelligent student body, dedicated staff and inspiring fellow alums — and embracing the beauty of our campus — reinforces my lifelong connection to Bucknell. More than 20 years after graduation, Bucknell remains an integral part of my life. I have never been more proud of



Tara Garrity Lebda '94

my alma mater — a place that embodies the WE DO slogan. As I become the BUAA president this July, I ask you to join me in fulfilling our motto: Open Doors, Volunteer, Give Back, Engage and Return.

*Tara Garrity Lebda '94 lives with her three daughters in Charlotte, N.C., where she is an avid volunteer for her church and community.*

*If you have a WE DO story to share, please submit it to [bmagazine@bucknell.edu](mailto:bmagazine@bucknell.edu).*

### ALUMNI ENTREPRENEUR: STEPHEN DEWEY '09

Ten days ago, the sky went black. The world was plunged into chaos, and now something even more terrifying lurks.

So begins the scenario of Ten Candles, a tragic horror game written and published by **Stephen Dewey '09**.

"It's a storytelling game," Dewey says. "It's about sitting down with your friends, rolling some dice and telling a horror story. But in this story, there's no happy ending. From the beginning, everyone knows that all the characters will die. It's about what they do with their final few hours. They're trying to hold onto hope. Hope is a big theme of the game."

The genesis of Dewey's game began at Bucknell, where he founded the role-playing game club Adventurers Wanted and began experimenting with writing game scenarios.

After watching the rise of crowdfunding websites, Dewey

began his own Kickstarter campaign in late 2014. From an initial request of \$5,000, he garnered more than 500 supporters and ultimately raised more than \$15,000, which helped him commission artwork, hire an editor and print a special hardcover edition of the game.

He's now selling Ten Candles at gaming conventions and through his website [cavalrygames.com](http://cavalrygames.com).

Dewey isn't ready to give up his day job in software support just yet but says games are his passion, and he has more scenarios in mind. — *Matt Hughes*



# Class Notes

Alumni Near&Far



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

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Hello, Class of '39. By the time you receive this edition of *Bucknell Magazine*, spring will be upon us and the snow and ice experienced in Virginia this winter should be far behind us. Correspondence from the class has been sparse so please reach out at any time with a recollection or to share news of current happenings.

I received word from Bruce Williams of the passing of his mother, **Charlotte Noll Williams**, Jan. 12 in Cornwall,

Pa., where she was a resident of Cornwall Manor retirement community for the last 26 years. Charlotte's wish to have her body donated to science was granted when her body was accepted by Hershey Medical Center. While at Bucknell, Charlotte was in Alpha Chi Omega sorority. She was married to **David Williams '38**, who predeceased her. Charlotte retired from Villanova University, where she worked in the library. — A.M.P.

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**Donna Goodyear Roth '69** wrote to me, sharing the November passing of her father, **Fred Goodyear**. "He received a bachelor's in electrical engineering and enjoyed a long, fascinating career as an engineer, from the early use of radar in WWII through the evolving computer industry, over a span of decades. He used his desktop computer until recent months. Fred was predeceased by his wife of 63 years. He is survived by two daughters; four grandchildren, including **Jessica Jacobson Spencer '01** and her husband

**Shayne Spencer '01**; and seven great-grandchildren." — N.C.T.

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Hello '48ers. We made it to 2016. Thanks to those of you who sent me mail — lots of good memories.

**Lorraine Pertsch Corbin** (a former Larison Hall resident, like me) sent a great collage of photos of her family, now in Chattanooga, Tenn. They all look like they are enjoying the South. I'm happy for you all.

A note from **Florence Kreitler Davis** informed us that she spent several weeks in Florida last spring and had a reunion with all four of her children and their children, too. I know she enjoyed every minute.

A card from **Robert Guempel** arrived, postmarked New Jersey — not Florida. He and his family are all well, though.

A note from **Ruth Williamson McKee** in New York says she keeps busy crocheting lap robes, volunteering and doing exercises. That's the way to do it, Ruthie. Keep it up.

Along with her Christmas card, **Helen Hayden Nelson** sent a newsy letter and photo. She finally has slowed down: she only bowls one game now. She had a pacemaker put in, and her appetite is coming back and her strength, too. We're happy for you, Helen.

I will have more news next issue. We have a round-robin letter in progress. — J.G.B.

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Lawrence Saphier sent me a message following Bucknell's spring 2015 Reunion Weekend. He and a friend drove to Lewisburg from Venice, Fla., and greatly enjoyed all the Reunion activities. Occasionally, Larry gets in touch with **Herb Wilcox**, who lives in Fort Myers, Fla. They were members of the 88th Infantry stationed in Italy during WWII and have attended reunions with that proud group. When we talked in January, Larry was anticipating a February cruise to the Eastern Caribbean with a group of 11 friends.

**Harry "Ed" Culver** is now at his new address: 270 Ridge Crest Circle, Apt. 1100, Lewisburg, PA 17837. He has been busy unpacking boxes, getting organized and enjoying a care-free life in his new quarters.

It was a delight finding holiday greetings in my mailbox from **Dorothy Fairchild Wolford, Howard Smith, Joann Golightly Brown '48, Jeffrey Brown '79, Jane Kohler Coleman '52, Alice Wind-eknecht Totten '52 and Jill Brown Waters '82.** I'm happy to report that all is well with these special friends.

Excitement reigned in the Susquehanna Valley on Oct. 28 when an unmanned military blimp broke loose from its tethers at Aberdeen, Md., and floated aimlessly over Pennsylvania. Residents of my area had a good view as the helium-filled surveillance blimp, followed by two fighter jets, dragged heavy cables over hill and dale, cutting power to about 35,000 homes, schools and businesses. Eventually the blimp deflated itself, came to rest in Exchange, Pa., and calm was restored. — P.W.

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Christmas went by so fast but the older we get the faster times flies! **John "Sandy" '51 and Anne Buswell Schaumberg** write that they still enjoy summers in Maggie Valley, N.C., where Sandy serves as president of the property owners association, oversees the landscaping and stocks the pond with trout. The fishing, then, is pretty good. In Santee, S.C., where they live the rest of the year, the lake is full of bass. So you fishermen, contact Sandy.

Anne says she has given up golf. I tried, too, until my son bought me a new set of clubs, so I thought I had better use them. The grass is green, and my friends are fun — the golf is just incidental. We don't even keep score. Anne has devoted herself to knitting — a very practical endeavor. The Schaumbergs live at 222 Cooper Drive, Santee, SC 29142, in case you fishermen want to get in touch.

**Eli Childs Lewis** writes that she is still enjoying the activities in State College, Pa. She has not given up her violin and plays in the symphony where she is holding down a chair in the violin section — "challenging but enjoyable." She, too, is active in her condo board and, like Sandy, keeps after landscaping projects. Eli included pictures of her two handsome sons, son Gordon's beautiful

wife Eileen and their gorgeous daughters. Thanks, Eli.

If any of you call and you do not reach me, please leave a message, and I will return the call. I spend a lot of time on church work, and the church is 100 miles away, so I am gone a lot. I love every minute of it, and the drive up to Fairplay, Colo., is truly beautiful. Along the way, I see antelope, cattle, buffalo, deer and, of course, skiers! The snow this year got a delayed start, but there is plenty of it now.

Enjoy the spring. — C.K.E.

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**Don Dewees** is proud to be the oldest employee in the bank where he has been a broker for more than 56 years. He began his career following his Army service in Germany, where his knowledge of the language was useful, and after earning an MBA from Penn.

Many of you may know Don's amazing story: the 1992 diagnosis of leukemia and his miraculous cure. After learning of his illness and prognosis from major hospitals in New York, a friend introduced Don to a nun who told him that if he believed, he would be cured. She told him that he must not fail to do what he was called to do. Don interpreted that to mean he should be of service to others as much as possible. He has served on numerous boards of directors, such as the Boy Scouts of America, the Delaware Symphony Orchestra, the Delaware Art Museum and United Way. In recent years, he has devoted much of his effort to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Delaware. As a cancer survivor, Don knows the importance of connecting with patients and even mentoring some going through tough times. He also funds transportation for patients to their treatments,

supports a variety of programs and, as a board member, he advises on financial and personnel matters by calling on his professional network to assist the organization. Don lives in Delaware and works year-round, even when he is at his Florida home in the winter.

**Downey Stancs** sent an update. "The man with the scythe is chasing us. Out of 17 in the Lambda Chi Alpha pledge Class of '49, only four remain: **Eddie Williams, Dick Landis, John Sippell** and moi. Ouch! Ginny and I have been in north-west Connecticut for 47 years and love it. Our five kids range from 55 to 61, and the seven grandkids from 21 to 31. All are doing well and, most importantly, are healthy. As we know, nothing else really matters."

Two plays have been written recently by **Bill Durland**. The first, *Tribal Tales*, a parody of Old Testament violence and the modern Holy Land conflict, received a standing ovation. The second, *The Jealous Mistress*, is a story of law, lawyers and the pursuit of justice. In the play, the evolution of the rule of law is followed historically, both seriously and humorously and with a Jokester (shades of Batman) character to punctuate the action with bad lawyer jokes and needle the actors. The local bar association sponsored the performance. Bill graduated from Georgetown Law School in 1967, and several of his cases reached the U.S. Supreme Court. His latest play, to be performed in May, is called *Seasons in the Sun* and explores through historical characters the questions of life and death, who we are and what we are meant to be. He said eight books and eight plays is enough with him having turned 85 in March. He still has a copy of his *Western World Literature* text edited by Harry Robbins and William Coleman, professors of English at Bucknell, which he refers to continually when composing his plays. The latest book Bill wrote, *The Demise of American Democracy*, is a wake-up call for our acquiescence to how representative democracy is

dwindling here and abroad. The result of this ignorance is the empowering of the one percent plutocracy and the empire building heated up by terrorist threats. Bill wasn't going to write any more books, but this one was commissioned by one of his publishers so how could he resist?

*Note: For more on Bill's new book, see The Mind and the Muse on Page 18.*

Women of the class still have opportunities to get together. **Shirley Kistler Herwig, Shirley Reidinger Ostendarp** and I have enjoyed visits at **Trudy Knutzen Powelson's** home on Otis Lake in the Berkshires. We also sometimes have the chance to meet **Claire Vogel-song Pease** when she and husband Ted escape from Anchorage, Alaska, to their house in Massachusetts in the spring and fall. **Jan Elder Hatch** and **Joan Jenkinson Haag Beiter** visited for a week with **Sue Miller Strecker** on the Outer Banks, N.C., in May. **Eileen Smith Christian '55** and I met **Patricia Lewis McElroy**, who came from her condo in York, Pa., to meet us outside Philadelphia for lunch during the summer.

The sad news from **Bill Wolfe** is that his wife died in July, just after their 60th wedding anniversary. The whole family celebrated both events — her life and their marriage — in a fishing lodge in New Mexico. The good news is that his latest book *Rays, Waves and Photons: The History of Pure and Applied Optics* has been published. Buy hundreds!

Warmer climate and the proximity of family have finally lured **Jane Brown Maas** from NYC. Her two daughters and her granddaughter live in Charleston, S.C. Jane's new address is The Palms of Mt. Pleasant, 937 Bowman Ave., Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464. Her email continues to be JaneMaas@ATT.net. Jane still works and, in the next two months, will be teaching advertising workshops for corporations in Chicago, San Diego, Cincinnati and San Francisco. She asks

you to let her know if you are in any of these areas.

**Maurice Mufson's** photo "Rouge et Noir" was part of the juried Exhibition 280 at the Huntington (W.Va.) Museum of Art, which included photography-based, oils, acrylics, drawings, pastels and mixed-media works. Of the 436 submissions, only 67 artworks were selected for the exhibition. Artists eligible to submit artworks were limited to those residing in West Virginia and the states bordering it. The exhibit was on view from October through February. — C.H.K.

 To read an essay by **Alan Raynor** about the good old days, go to [bucknell.edu/bmagazine](http://bucknell.edu/bmagazine) or download the Bucknell Magazine app.

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**Ben '53** and **Jan Shreck McKeel** insisted they had a good year, despite a broken foot for Jan. They have been blessed with good health, and their activities center around family, church, golf, bridge, dining out and travel.

**June Paterson** wrote that she moved to 3 Meadowlark Terrace, Glen Mills, PA 19342. She is pleased with her apartment and the almost total lack of responsibility. Her abundant love of gardening has continued to keep her very busy.

Any other news from the rest of the great Class of '54?  
— B.M.A.

## 1955

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## 1956

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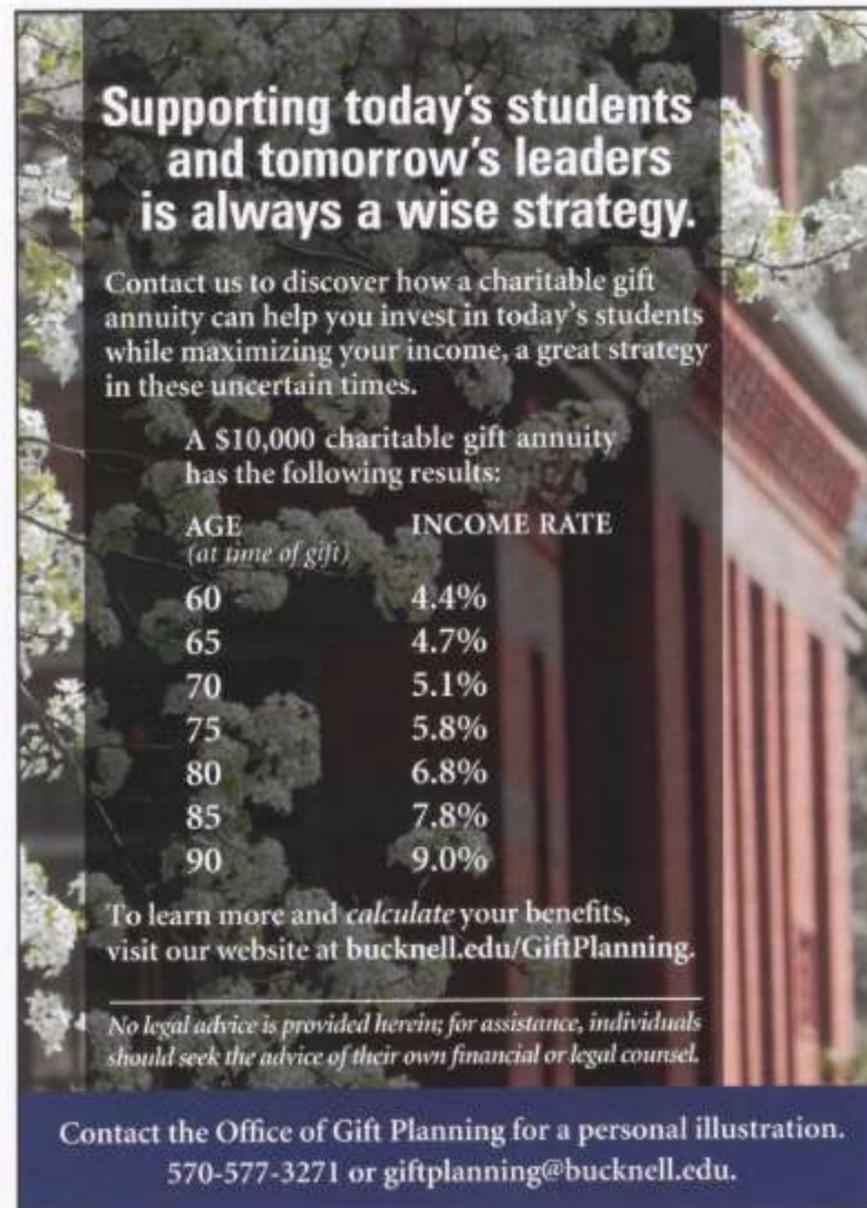
**John McKee** and his wife, Rita, sent their yearly Christmas letter. They attended the Bucknell Reunion and visited with four of his engineering classmates: **Al Bailey, Bill Frutiger '57, Ira Ellis** and **George Franke**. The big event in September was the wedding of their grandson Zack at the historic home of Admiral Boyd, father of Belle Boyd, a famous Confederate spy. John continues

to mow the lawn and work in the gardens. Both Rita and John use the senior center almost daily.

On a sad note, I received an email from **Emily Maxwell Holzschuh** that her husband, Bruce, died in September. Also a note from **Shirley Laffin Bartholomew** reported that **Judd Carr** died Dec. 8. Our hearts go out to Shirley and Emily. — P.G.H.

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

Ann and **Bob McInroy** announced their granddaughter **Jessica Schlicht** has been accepted into the Class of 2020. They write, "We anticipate a few more trips back to the old alma mater. Jessi's mother, **Cheryl McInroy Schlicht**, graduated in the Class of 1983, so Jessi will be a third-generation legacy. Her twin sister, Amy Schlicht, will attend Syracuse University. Cheryl is an attorney



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with the IRS in the Manhattan District in NYC. The family lives in Ridgewood, N.J.

"We are in good health and feel blessed. We stay in touch with Ginny and **Joe English '55**. Can you believe Joe is still a part-time physician at Williamsport Hospital? Good for him. We've gotten in the habit of spending February and March in Naples, Fla., to escape the snow and cold. Hope to see some of our DU's at Reunion in June.

## 1957

**DOROTHY HUND HAYES**

As most of us celebrate our 80th year, I hope we will share "what's happening" in our lives. I am experiencing some "age-related" physical changes and have made the decision to gracefully accept the reality of growing older. At the same time, I am grateful for a lifetime of good health, good friends, a loving family and a full range of life experiences.

I grew up in Bergen County, New Jersey. I liked going to Bogota High School and enjoyed my Bucknell years.

**Art Kinney '56** and I married in 1957. We kept the Bucknell ties alive while raising our three children and making "company moves" to Pittsburgh, Rochester, N.Y., and Chicago. Art and I divorced in 1986, and I moved from the suburb of Barrington, Ill., into a high rise in downtown Chicago. I went to real-estate school and started a career selling condos and townhouses in Chicago, still keeping in touch with my Bucknell friends.

In 1993 I moved to Phoenix and married **John Hayes '56**. Our combined family now includes five children and their spouses, 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. We enjoy traveling to be with them.

I am still basking in the memory of last Thanksgiving. My daughter, **Laura Kinney '81**, arranged Thanksgiving in Spring Lake, N.J., because her daughter is in her first year at

Colby College in Maine, and it was too far to go home to Ventura, Calif., for the brief Thanksgiving break. It was the first Hund-Kinney reunion, and 32 of the possible 34 participants gathered, from California, Arizona, Illinois, New York, Delaware and New Jersey. It was wonderful. A highlight was the cousins' jump into the Atlantic Ocean.

I hope I have inspired you to share your news, hopes and friendship with our classmates. This is my farewell column. I've enjoyed being your reporter, and I now encourage someone to come forth as the new voice. It is not a difficult job and offers the reward of being a part of the University in a special way. Associate Editor Matt Hughes is very helpful and can be reached at: [classnotes@bucknell.edu](mailto:classnotes@bucknell.edu). 'ray Bucknell!  
— D.H.H.

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Not too much news from our classmates this quarter. I received my usual Christmas greetings from **Cathy Hoffman Doremus**, **Merle Holden Winstead**, **Ginny Vollmer Swaile**, **Elaine Longenecker Wilson**, **Clark '56** and **Ann Moore Workman**, **Peyton** and **Francie Beighley McDonald**, **Bruce** and **Kay Brinkley Nelson '59**, and **Bob** and **Pat Wenk Strachan '57**, as well as a lovely letter from **Charlotte Gentry Sisler '59**, one of the attendees at our recent Kappa Kappa Gamma reunion.

I was out of town when Pat and Bob Strachan came to our area to visit Bucknellians **Jack '55** and **Jean Zimmerman Frederick '57**, who have lived here for more than 20 years.

Merle stays very busy with her three children, their spouses and many grandchildren, as they live in various parts of the U.S. She is quite the traveler and was fortunate to be with all of them in Belize for the Christmas holidays.

I am sure Charlotte will send her news to her class reporter, but she shared all her amazing travel experiences in her letter. I don't believe she spends much time at home.

Ann and Clark are very involved with family, and their grandchildren call their home "Camp Workman" during their frequent visits to their 55-plus community. They reported a good year for all.

Elaine sent an extensive email detailing this past year's activities with her two children and many grandchildren. Her activities included volunteering at the food cupboard and library. She loves living in Ocean City, N.J., near the beach.

I returned from a wonderful two-week vacation in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, where I own a time-share. This is a yearly trip for me and fortunately I returned only a few hours before our big snowstorm arrived. Twelve inches of snow made three days a bit interesting, but we all are dug out now.

I am still in North Carolina, as my townhome in Texas is taking ever so long to be completed. I expect to move sometime later this year. I am eager to be closer to my three sons and families.

Please send news. I know you all have interesting experiences to share beyond our "organ recitals," a trap we all fall into as we age. — R.B.S.

## 1959

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Happy spring to you all.

**Penn '53** and **Dee Pieper Shelley** emailed, "I attended the WE DO event on Nov. 14 [in Morristown, N.J.] with three neighbors: Susan and **John Boone '82** and **Carolyn Smith '79**. Besides the delicious food we enjoyed excellent presentations by a couple of Bucknell professors, enthusiastic talks by current students and an extremely positive message by President Bravman.

We also traveled to West Point in October for the Bucknell vs. Army football game and to Princeton in December for the Bucknell basketball game."

**Joan Peregoy Thayer** writes, "Happy New Year. We again watched the crystal ball descend at Times Square; unless I see that wonderful New York sight, it isn't the New Year.

"Encore Chorale had several December concerts. Bringing together 200-plus singers from 17 local chorales on Dec. 23 at the Millennium Stage at The Kennedy Center was the highlight; it was streamed live on The Kennedy Center website and is archived there, too.

"An after-Christmas treat from our son Will was viewing the latest Star Wars movie in a very comfortable reclining chair (and I stayed awake). I had taken Will and seven friends to see the first one as a birthday treat when he was younger."

Richard and **Sylvia Beauregard Van Cleave** say, "We enjoyed a wonderful cruise on the *Silver Whisper* in October, embarking from NYC and cruising the New England coastline. We visited ports in Boston; Portland, Maine; Saint John, Canada; and Halifax, Canada, and entered the Saint Lawrence Seaway, the only rough day of the voyage. We ventured inland on the Saint Lawrence River in Canada

visiting ports in Sept-Îles, Saguenay, Quebec and disembarking in Montreal. Our favorite shore excursion was in beautiful and friendly Quebec."

**Bob Lederer** writes, "This is the first time in 55 or more years I've had a chance to answer 'the call' for news (ha-ha). For 54 of those years, I was either building a business or a family, or both. Now the business — Prime Resources Corp., a promotional products supplier in Bridgeport, Conn. — is complete. I have largely retired, and my younger son, Jeff, runs the business, which has about 500 employees, plus about 300 more from an acquisition we made in South Carolina. My wife, Gail, and I have been married for 10 happy years. The other 41 years have actually been pretty good, too. We have two sons, Rob and Jeff, and four grandchildren, ages 1 to 10. We live half the year in Greenwich, Conn., and the other half in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla."

**George and Bonnie Steele Callahan '60** write, "We moved last October to Sun City Hilton Head in the town of Bluffton, S.C., and are loving being here in the low country and already feeling at home. Having vacationed in the area several times, we were somewhat familiar with it before we moved.

"Our oldest daughter, Patti, and her family have a part-time home here so that brings family together often. We expect to continue doing weddings at the beautiful venues here, and let us know if you know anyone getting married in the area. We have become great-grandparents to a beautiful boy, James, and are now awaiting the arrival of another. We are so proud of our *New York Times*-bestselling author and daughter, Patti Callahan Henry, who has published 11 novels set in the low country here. And our daughter Jeannie Callahan Cunnion published *Parenting the Wholehearted Child* this year. She has been on several TV shows and spoken at numerous conferences. We look forward to further expansion of her work this year ... once her baby

is born. Our middle daughter, Barbi, has two great soccer-playing boys; the oldest is heading off to college next year. He plays on a national team, and we hope to see him play in Las Vegas in March.

"We were not able to go to Africa last year, but our heart is still in mission work in Swaziland and Madagascar. We have connected with an Anglican church here in Bluffton, a historic church called Church of the Cross. If any Bucknellians get to the Hilton Head area, look us up."

**Ernie Wallwork** writes, "I teach full time as professor of ethics at Syracuse University, where I've taught for the past 33 years, following appointments at Wellesley College and Yale University. I'm also a psychoanalyst with a busy private practice in both Washington, D.C., and Syracuse, N.Y. Needless to say, I travel a lot, commuting weekly between Washington and Syracuse.

"During the past few years, I've published articles and book chapters on clinical ethics for psychotherapists, particularly the burgeoning use of the internet for psychotherapy. Our son, Adam, is a tax attorney in NYC, and our daughter, Rachel, is in her fourth year at Harvard Medical School. Since it's my 55th Harvard Business School reunion and my 45th Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (Ph.D.) reunion, I've decided it would be fun to celebrate the occasion, and our last college tuition bill, by marching this June in the academic procession for my daughter's graduation."

**Ginny Emmitt Chitwood** says, "2015 was a fun year. Our first adventure was in April when our grandson got married at a resort on Mexico's Baja Peninsula. Our big family group rented a beachside house; we snorkeled, pole boarded and celebrated the wedding. The next adventure was in Corvallis, Ore., for the August wedding of another grandson. Again our family rented a house for the event. This time, unknown to us, the home was part of a

marijuana project. In addition to enjoying the wedding festivities, we learned all about the growing of medical marijuana. Then, at the end of October, three of my book club friends and I traveled to Paris for a week. Needless to say, we had an amazing time, then a few weeks later were so appalled to hear about the terrorist attacks. I get goose bumps thinking that we were so close to some of the sites. That part wasn't fun."

**Barbara Nodine** writes, "My news is that I am still employed at Arcadia University, where I have been for 45 years. I was about to retire, having reduced my teaching down to one course, when our new president twisted my arm. I became the vice president for academic affairs. The view of the academic enterprise from the top is fascinating, and I am happy that I have spent the last year-and-a-half doing this, but this summer, I plan to really retire. Anyone visiting Ocean City (New Jersey — of course), please let me know, as I will be spending time on the beach."

**Jerry Dickstein** emails, "I'm a semiretired lawyer living in Jericho, Long Island, N.Y., with my wife, Ivette. I have three children and five grandchildren, all female. I avidly follow Bucknell's basketball and wrestling fortunes, and I am particularly proud of the job Coach Dan Wirnsberger has done in revitalizing the wrestling program so that it is on the cusp of being a national powerhouse. I'm in touch with **Hal Richman '58**, **Jay Citron '58** and **George Miller '58**, who share my enthusiasm for all things Bucknell." — T.E.D.

## 1960

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Bless you, **Pete Fritts**. I had not heard from a single classmate when you came through for

me. Somehow, I can always count on you, Pete, and I really appreciate you sending me news.

Pete emails, "I have a short squib on our family vacation trip. Page and I took our entire family of seven to Breckenridge, Colo., from Dec. 26 to Jan. 2 for a 'Once in a Lifetime Family Vacation.' While we were there, we received a visit from Bob and **Sally Anderson Brown**. The Browns own a nearby winter home, and Sally is a volunteer at the local ski resort. We had a fun time together, while our son and his family enjoyed the Breckenridge ski slopes. In addition, we went snowmobiling, dogsledding and snowboarding, and we took a family horse-drawn sleigh ride (dinner included) to celebrate Page's birthday. This family vacation trip has been on our bucket list for several years, and we were not disappointed. Back in September, Page and I hosted Lee and **Tony Rinaldo**, Chris and **Denny Cox** and Dolores and **Jack Eachus** at the house of **Kenny '62** and **Gail Carson Twiford '62** in Ocean Isle, N.C. At the 2013 Bud Ranck-Tom Gadd Memorial Kickoff Classic golf tournament banquet, I had a chance to bid on a week that the Twifords had donated to benefit the Bison football team. After winning the bid, I invited Tony, Denny and Jack (and their wives) to join Page and me at the Twifords' Ocean Isle beach house the following summer. However, with Page being scheduled for open-heart surgery in early fall 2014, we delayed our beach trip until late September 2015. We had a fun time reminiscing, playing golf, having beach time, shopping and eating great food, both in-house and at the local restaurants. Fortunately, we all departed for our respective homes before a hurricane hit the immediate area just two days later."

Speaking of Gail and Kenny Twiford, **Ellis '59** and I had the privilege of having them spend Friday night of Homecoming with us. It was wonderful spending time with them and

catching up.

Thank you again, Pete. What's wrong with the rest of you?

— J.S.H.

## 1961

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I received a nice note from **Robert "Scotty" Scott**, thanking me for his write-up in my column. You deserve it, Scotty, for doing such a wonderful job of educating our youngsters over all of these years.

Some of you have been able to see **Stephanie Hokuf Pratt's** family Christmas picture on Facebook. If not, I will have to say she looks so good I believe she superimposed her yearbook

picture into the Christmas one.

I still spend much time discussing Bucknell sports with **Richard "Turk" Carnesale, Jim Bannar, Richard "Hawk" Wiesner '63, Dan Goodman '64** and our old Sports Information Director Brad Tufts. Brad is a grad of Colgate but still has a propensity to remember all kinds of Bucknell sports trivia. He either knows it or knows where to dig to get it from the archives.

Hawk and Turk share thoughts and recall Bucknell-Lambda Chi Alpha days very fondly and would repeat those experiences anytime. Of course, the challenges of work were also fun and rewarding, as most of us would agree, but those carefree younger days, when all we had to do was worry about getting to classes and studying enough to not embarrass ourselves, were the best. We all find it interesting and rather sad that the University is so dedicated to eliminating the

Greek system when the camaraderie we shared there was what accounts for us still being in touch and for such great memories.

Though he lives in Houston, Hawk would love to have a minireunion at his summer place up in Breckenridge, Colo., where we can hike, bike, golf or just chill out. Chillin' seems good to me since Breck is 9,600 feet up.

My old roommate **John McDonald '60** also has a home in Breck and is still playing lots of golf but, again, the altitude slows him down a bit.

My pals all wished me a happy birthday, No. 82, and Brad chimed in with some more trivia. The number 82 was worn by two of the best football players ever at Bucknell: **Tom Mitchell '66** and **Dick Tyrrell '63**.

Hawk remembered when the dorm counselors challenged the frosh to a football game on Tustin field, and Hawk

"schooled" Mitchell — the reason Hawk still does not have a smooth golf swing.

As for yours truly, I am having much fun with my 9-year-old grandson Zachary. He is now a car buff and tells me what make/model cars are cutting me off, etc. We watch crash tests on my computer and compare features on all comparable models. He is so very excited and into my new car, a 2016 Chrysler 200S with six cylinders, all-wheel drive, push-button brake and trunk release, power seats, voice commands, satellite radio, navigation and no gear stick — instead, it has a little knob that you turn. Best of all, it has something I (and most of my male contemporaries) wanted *dual* exhausts. Please bear with me. I get no commissions from Chrysler. I would love to get some news from other classmates so as not to have to ramble on.

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I can't finish my novel without some more interesting "characters." Regards to all and the best in '16. — B.B.

## 1962

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**Bill Graham** writes, "Every six to eight weeks, a group of eight to 12 Bucknellians gathers for a few beers, wine or other drinks, and then a good dinner. The group includes: **Kirk Foulke, Steve Ruckman, Ken Twiford, Bill Seeburger, Walt Mayer, Ron "Gio" Giordano, Duncan Hubley** and me. We usually dine at the Radnor Hotel, but service was so poor last time we decided to meet at another restaurant. It is very enjoyable to get together with friends of 50-plus years. The group also attends some Bucknell wrestling matches — another fun event that brings us together."

**Bill Seidel** writes, "Laine and I will enjoy the winter sun again in Arizona."

**Betty Kordes Samuels** writes, "I am still an assistant director at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute in Exton, Pa., and singing as much as I can. I am already planning for the May graduation of my oldest grandson, **Brendon**, who will graduate Penn State on a Naval ROTC scholarship, receive his commission as ensign in the Navy and then relocate to Pensacola, Fla., for flight school."

**Nora Gallagher Teeple** writes, "Ron and I had a great Christmas holiday with family including sister **Anne Gallagher '64**, in from Santa Fe, N.M., and sister **Ellen Zimic** and family, who drove from Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Anne had some trouble getting out of Chicago due to one of our ice storms. Ron and I planned to leave the 'windy city' and travel to La Jolla, Calif., for the month of February."

**Ralph Abbott** writes, "Mary and I are in good health, still

living in Acton, Mass. In 2007 I sold my company, Plexus Research, then finally retired in August 2014, after an enjoyable career in the electric energy field. We especially enjoy traveling, attempting to see as much of the world as we can — while we can. We enjoyed Christmas with our two 'children' (do we still call them children?), their spouses, our four grandsons and two granddogs. Our daughter, **Jen '91**, lives with family in Milton, Ga. They are rabid New England Patriots fans. Son **Jeffrey** lives in nearby Sudbury, Mass., with his family. He and his wife are University of Vermont grads — skiing is their passion."

**John Engel** writes, "I'm a first-time grandpa! **Jeremy** and **Jenny** had **Evander Engel** in November. **Evander** is adorable; I'm on cloud nine."

**Paul Schraeder** writes, "Barbara and I will be celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary in June. We met in 1962 during my first month in medical school at Thomas Jefferson University, where she was just starting as a nursing student. After our first date, I knew that she was *the one*. She eventually got her Ph.D. and was funded by the National Institutes of Health to do pediatric nursing research. We have two wonderful daughters, one of whom, **Maria '90**, lives with her two children in Copenhagen, Denmark. Our other daughter, **Ellen**, is a ceramics artist and teacher and lives close to us in Philadelphia with her husband, **Pierre**, and three children. We feel most blessed for our lives and our family."

**Chris Hermann** writes, "Doss and I are doing great now that we're permanent residents of Florida. We miss Pennsylvania (not the winter snow) and are getting used to the heat of Florida summers. This spring we'll be catching up with **Bob** and **Marge McLean Smink** and **Sandi** and **Bill Dahl '63**. We've been on an Amsterdam, Netherlands, to Budapest, Hungary, river cruise, several Caribbean cruises and have been playing lots of golf,

Also, we're enjoying our six grandchildren, spread from East Coast to West Coast and to Brunei, Malaysia."

**Margot Ahlers Lundquist** writes, "Leif and I are moving back to the Swedish 'burbs after 17 years of island living. It's been great, but we've decided we can do without tromping up and down 42 steps several times daily, clearing unending amounts of pine needles from the gutter pipes and organizing our lives by the timetable of the ferry to the mainland. It was fun while it lasted. We sold our Skarpö house in August, found our new abode in October and will move in May. It's in Enebyberg, close to Stocksund, where we lived for 24 years while the kids grew up. We couldn't find a one-story house (something Swedish about heating economy), but we're doing the next best thing — installing a real but little elevator opposite the stairs. We'll also be closer to **Sofia** and **Johan's** families, which will be good for both them and us. The five grandkids, though, are already speaking nostalgically of our little beach and boat dock — you can't win 'em all."

"I've more or less given up on active sports (admitting, finally, that I never was a very motivated participant) and devote time to my translating ... interspersed with enthusiastic sallies onto the free AARP game sites."

We are sad to report the death of **Erik Mason** on Jan. 5. Erik was an inspiration to all of us. Having retired from the Army as a lieutenant colonel, he worked closely with **James Michener** researching and editing several books, and volunteered ceaselessly to fight homelessness and poverty. He will be sorely missed by many. — C.W.C. and S.S.

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

## 1963

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Today was the first day after the big snow (or not so big in inland Connecticut ... we only have about 6 inches on the ground), so Paul and I managed to get in our daily five or so miles of woodland walking before I sat down to provide this report.

**Sally Delong Malone** reported she celebrated her 74th birthday on Jan. 20 with a late lunch at a local restaurant, some humorous birthday cards and DVD set of the previous six Star Wars episodes. Her Ohio yard was described as snow covered, with shrubs looking like giant cotton plants with balls of collected snow and birds clustered at the feeder, adding color and liveliness to the otherwise black-and-white vista that winter provides. The latter provides you warm climate folks with a vicarious look at a cold weather winter.

I was impressed to find out **Sally** heads to the local YMCA for morning swims early enough to view the sunrise, participates in a few local book clubs and has been adding scenic photos to folded card stock to create greeting cards in support of local fund-raising efforts and for use in sunshine mailings.

**Sally** spent Christmas with family in San Jose, Calif., and reported that it was a joy to hear her grandson speaking full sentences, to see him learning to answer questions with yes instead of no and watching him learn to walk. She sent thoughts of "winter hugs and mugs of hot chocolate."

**Ellen Faberman P'92** reported the good news that her oldest grandson will soon be having his bar mitzvah, a milestone that her late husband, **Jay '63**, was looking forward to for a long time. Ellen and family

will be celebrating the event on Jan. 30.

**Dick Wiesner** reported that he and wife Linda remain busy and have been doing a lot of traveling. September found them on a Danube River tour, which mirrored **Richard "Turk" Carnesale '61's** trip a couple of months earlier with several Bucknell alumnae. Turk has a sailing background and leads boating trips at various exotic locations — several times he has been the "host" for sailing trips with fellow Bucknell lovers of the sea.

In October the Wiesners visited friends at Hilton Head, S.C., and St. Simons Island, Ga., during what was basically a golfing trip with four other couples. While at Hilton Head, Dick reconnected with Brad Tufts, retired Bucknell sports information director who lives there with his wife. He also keeps an active relationship through emails with Lambda Chi brothers **Dan Goodman, Jim Bannar, Turk and Bob "Bang" Bentivenga** (Bang is the Class of '61 class reporter, and Dick reported that he has a nice way with words). Our Class of '63 is often mentioned in his column.

Linda and Dick continue to reside with their "kiddos and grandkiddos" in Houston, where he retired from banking about six years ago. He reported that he remains active in a marketing capacity with an investment advisory firm. He also offered the following related comment: "Hopefully that activity keeps my mind from decaying too rapidly, unlike my golf game, which seems to have gone downhill the past few years — but I still enjoy the fun of occasionally hitting a good shot and of playing some gorgeous golf courses in Colorado and Texas." (I'm betting his game is better than he claims.)

Dick and Linda reported that they continue to love retreating from Houston's summer heat to their home in Breckenridge, Colo.

As you can see Dick and Linda are busy.

**Linda Garrett Greenberg** and husband Fred planned a trip to New York from the Florida Keys on Jan. 25 to see kids and grandkids. In mid-April, they planned to fly to Miami to catch a 12-day Oceania cruise through Central America. That should be fun.

Whenever you get the chance, send me some good news. Best wishes to all for a happy and healthy 2016! — W.S.B.

## 1964

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**Jim McCloskey** writes, "I'm sorry to be the bearer of bad news but I wanted to let you know that **Tom Boyd** died Nov. 4 at his home in Cleveland. After suffering from throat cancer and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease for most of this year, his heart gave out. He was 73. **Joe Elliott, Bryan Kenny '65** and I attended his memorial service on Nov 8. I gave the eulogy along with his younger brother Richard. Tom and I were born within one month of each other and were raised on the same block in Havertown, Pa. He was like a brother to me."

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

From **Jeff Nemerov**: "Susan and I visited **Bill Coates**. He and his wife, Sylvia, live on a house boat, traveling the waterways of Europe. We toured Holland this visit, and we anticipate our next visit. Other than that, I'm still playing tennis and trying to stay in shape."

From **James "Mack" Day**: Yvonne and I had a fantastic trip to England this fall on a wonderful Jacobean Manors and Gardens Tour with the National Trust, which I highly recommend. We stayed in London for a few days, taking in a gardening exhibit at the Queens Gallery and a bit of theater including *Beautiful: the Carole King Musical*. All in all,

good fun. Also during the summer and fall, our gardens were on view for visiting Garden Club of America tours to the Asheville, N.C., area — quite a lot of fun for us as you meet such interesting people and avid gardeners."

**Dick '63** and **Gail Kille Tyrrell** always make us smile and remind us we're not freshmen anymore. "We went to the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall in nearby Sarasota, Fla., last week to see the *Buddy — The Buddy Holly Story* — along with about 1,500 other senior citizens. The first act was about an hour long. Then came the intermission. Do you know how long it takes a majority of the 1,500 senior citizens (most on a diuretic pill) to use the bathrooms? It sure seemed like an hour long.

"The good news, however, is that coming up is *When Comedy Was King* — with three comics saluting the heyday of Borscht Belt comedy in the Catskills. Can you imagine the danger that classic Jewish humor might add to Dick's shtick. 'Take my wife, please.'"

Add all that to Dick's latest caper. In Sun City Center, Fla., there are many houses that look alike. Dick drove into a home's driveway and wondered why his garage door did not open with the remote control. After several tries, he realized he was in the wrong driveway and the remote was indeed working ... on his house ... next door. He also tried to answer the telephone by picking up the TV remote.

**Kathy Meara Sullivan** hosted **Barbara Post Walton '63**, **Duncan** and **Stephanie Downs Hughes** and me for a lovely lunch in their beautifully decorated-for-Christmas-to-the-nines house in Marco Island, Fla. I can report she and husband **Paul "Silky" '62** and their marvelous family are doing very well; the same is true of the Waltons and the Hugheses. — B.W.S.

## 1965

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The follow-up notes from our fantastic 50th Reunion continue to arrive. **Barry Straus** wrote that a bunch of Sig Eps (**Jim Townsend, Robert "Skip" Myers, Don Graybill, Steve Laxton, Norm Scott, Dick Layman, and Terry Hartzell '66**), who remain in touch via holiday newsletters, decided early on they would make it to the Reunion with spouses who, in most cases, had never been to Bucknell. The "girls" all bonded instantly and really enjoyed the whole experience. The group made a trip to the Sig Ep house on open-house Saturday and had fun interfacing with "kids" not too far from our grandchildren's age. They declined the offer to play "beer pong." They did arrange a group visit to the Campus Theatre and had a nice private tour of the renovation done several years ago. Barry stressed that this is a must-see place to go for all returning alumni. For an encore, several Sig Eps are planning to return for next year's Reunion to meet up with the Class of '66 brothers who they remember as well as the ones from 1965. They are planning an off-campus dinner on Thursday and then intend to enjoy the weekend at Bucknell on the golf course or tennis court or just by walking around the campus. Barry says to look for them in their orange fedoras.

Another option for Reunion 2016 is the plan my group of Delta Zeta sisters has made. We also plan to show up on Thursday, June 2, but we will attend the Emeritus Dinner and sit with the '66 DZs. And (call us brave) we intend to stay in the dorms (which are nothing like what we lived in 50-plus years ago). Nothing beats hanging out with lifelong friends. So why don't you start making plans of your own to

meet in Lewisburg in June? Reunion registration began in March. — L.H.T.

# 1966

## REUNION 2016

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Happy spring, Class of '66. Actually, as I look out my window, instead of daffodils, I see our first winter storm that nearly prevented Wayne and me from returning from a wonderful two-week sojourn in Hawaii. I wish we were still on Oahu deciding which beach to go to next. It was the first time that we had ever tried the website Vacation Rentals by Owner to find the two places we rented on our vacation. I had heard several good things from classmates about their experiences with this site. We felt that both places we rented worked out well from a location, quality and price standpoint. We spent the first week in Kailua, which is a charming beach town with an upscale shopping area on the windward side of Oahu where the Obamas spend their Christmas holidays. It is an easy drive to Honolulu and Waikiki as well as Pearl Harbor. The second week we stayed on the rural north shore known for its big surf and surfer "hang loose" lifestyle. We stayed in a comfy cottage in a little beach town called Sharks Cove. What a contrast to Kailua. It was my second visit to the islands. We spent some time on the islands of Hawaii and Maui in January 2014. Once you go, you will want to return. Being outdoors all day is healthy for the body and the soul.

It must have been an exhausting holiday season with travel and entertaining the grandchildren for members of the Class of '66, because I did

not receive very much in the way of news. Frankly, I was having too much fun in Hawaii to pursue my classmates who don't email.

**Eric Steinberg** emailed that after more than three decades, he retired in 2005 from Brooklyn College as professor of philosophy and associate provost. He and his wife, Adele, have relocated to Sarasota, Fla., because they love the climate and all the cultural and educational opportunities available there. Eric has had a long-standing interest in wine. Much of their extensive travel has involved visits to wine-producing regions of the United States, Canada, France, Germany and Italy. Eric published an e-book on Amazon titled *Understanding Mosel Wines*. Eric continues to teach philosophy as part of a lifetime-learning program in the Sarasota area. He commented that teaching students in their 60s and 70s is a challenging and rewarding experience. He is still in touch with his Bucknell roommate **Bob Kurzweil**, who retired from a career in law and is living in Los Angeles. Eric and Adele met Bob and his wife, Joyce, in Fort Myers, Fla., while they were visiting family. Bob and Eric also joined another Bucknell classmate, **Pat Mertens**, in NYC for a get-together.

Thank you, **Monica Meyer Atkins**, for sending an update. Monica wrote that most of her friends at Bucknell were in the classes of '64 and '65, foreign students or students she knew from the Christian Association. Monica is married to **Dan Atkins '65**. She is proud of the career Dan had as an engineer, capped by the honor of his induction into the National Academy of Engineering. Monica retired after a successful public-school career teaching Spanish and German. Monica and Dan live in Ann Arbor, Mich., a town Monica says is big enough to offer much of what a big city offers and small enough to get around in 20 minutes. Their two children, Susan, an English-language-learners teacher, and

Thomas, a psychiatrist, and their spouses live in Ann Arbor as well. They have provided them with five grandchildren. According to Monica, "Our lives are enriched by our closeness to our family and all that Ann Arbor has to offer." At this time, Dan and Monica are moving closer to town after 38 years in their old house. Their new address will be 2003 Marra Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. Best wishes.

**Rich Parsons** said he will be at our 50th Reunion. He wanted to correct the information that **Ron Van Helden** sent me last year about where Rich attended high school. At our age, information from last year or from 50-plus years ago doesn't hang around for long. Here are the facts, according to Rich, "Ron and all the rest of you readers who were misinformed, Rich did not attend high school in Washington, D.C., "not even for

a day." All of his high-school days were spent in Santa Monica, Calif. (How cool was that?) However, he did attend junior high in D.C. Ron kindly invited Rich to the Wilson High 50th reunion, because he is frequently in D.C. Rich said that the few people who vaguely remembered him (or think they did) assumed that he must have attended Wilson. How does this relate to us, his Bucknell classmates? If you are reluctant to return for our 50th Reunion because of some past feud or slight or you feel insecure about your 70-plus-year-old self, forget it because everyone else has.

I recently spoke to my friend **Flossie Graber Watt**, who spends her winters in Naples, Fla. — a town that is popular with many Bucknellians. We discussed getting friends together for our Reunion. Flossie and I will definitely be



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there. Hopefully, more of our Pi Phi friends will join us. We also chatted about our usual topic: college basketball and who has the better team, Duke or the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. This year my local favorite, UNC, has the better record so far. Time will tell.

Sad news, which many of you will have heard by this time, comes from Flossie. **Jack Bowers**, a friend to many in the Class of '66, passed away. Jack was a member of Sigma Chi, and he and his wife lived in Carlisle, Pa. Our sympathy to his family. He will be missed at our Reunion.

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

As you read this, we will finally be at the countdown to our 50th Reunion in June. I'm looking forward to seeing friends from my time on campus and the new friends I have made at reunions and through this volunteer job. It's not too late to get in touch with the people you would like to see again. If not now, when? Seize the moment. It's all about having as much fun as possible with other friendly mature well-educated people who don't remember everything. Come to Reunion and make some new good memories. And then, please send me some material for our Class Notes. — K.M.

## 1967

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**Janet Duyckinck Smith** got her Ph.D. in neurobiology and anatomy at Cornell Medical School after graduating from Bucknell. She has taught anatomy at the Drexel University Medical School in Philadelphia for many years. She married **Amos Smith '66** soon after college, and he has been on the chemistry faculty of the University of Pennsylvania. They live in Merion Station, Pa., and have two children: a daughter who is a physician's assistant, and a son who is a physicist. They vacation on Fripp Island, S.C. She remains in contact with **Wilma "Cherry" Light** and **Sally DeMott**. Her email is jsmith@drexelmed.edu.

**Roger '68** and **Ellen Houseal Tollefsen** live in Hampton Bay, N.Y., on the east end of Long Island. After Bucknell, Roger worked for Procter and Gamble, but then got into the seafood restaurant business. They had several seafood restaurants on Long Island before retirement in 1994. He remains active in seafood-safety organizations. He had returned to Bucknell where he was pleased to visit with Sid Jamison, his lacrosse coach. He stays in contact with **Jeff Norris**, his freshman roommate. Ellen was a math major at Bucknell. She stayed at home to raise their two

daughters, then got a degree in landscape design, which had become one of her interests. The other passion is teaching in the National Alliance on Mental Illness' Family-to-Family program. She also is in contact with Cherry Light and Sally DeMott as well as **Merle Chalow Starer**. Contact Ellen at eltoll@optonline.net.

**Marcia Kelley Budnikas** married Peter after graduating from Bucknell and lived in Philadelphia while he went to dental school. Since then, they have lived in many places, including Hawaii, where they will soon be going on vacation. Wherever they have lived, she has found employment as a church organist and all-around musician. They live in Williamsburg, Va., where she is the organist for the Williamsburg Community Chapel. They have two children who also live in Virginia. Her many activities include aerobics. Marcia's email is budnikas@aol.com.

**Jared** and **Patricia Trimmer Welsh** live in Churchill, Md., which is close enough to the Chesapeake Bay to allow for them to boat and sail whenever possible. Jared joined the Marines out of college and was a helicopter pilot. After that, they went into the commercial printing business. Their company was the printer for the Bucknell alumni newspaper for 10 years, before the current magazine format. They are now retired. Jared enjoys golf and has learned to be a train engineer. Patricia gardens, and they visit their three children and four grandchildren whenever they can. She tries to stay in touch with some of her Alpha Chi Omega sisters. Pat and Jared's emails are patwelsh215@comcast.net and jjwelsh215@comcast.net, respectively.

**George Johnson** went to grad school at Miami of Ohio after Bucknell and taught high-school English on Long Island, N.Y., for 30 years before his retirement. He and his wife then moved to Montpelier, Vt., where they run a small antiques shop. He is active on state

antiques dealers committees. They have four children and four grandchildren. He and I were on the same hall group during our first year, so we reminisced about that. I mentioned that a theme I have noticed in these phone interviews is that the freshman hall friendships have remained so very important to us, even after these 50-plus years. George's email is gbj830@gmail.com.

**Jim Earl** got his Ph.D. in medieval English at Cornell after Bucknell. Following that, he taught at the University of Virginia and Fordham, but finally landed at the University of Oregon, where he has been for more than 30 years. His area of expertise is *Beowulf*. He retired this year but has organized noncredit, no-test adult education courses for the university and Eugene communities. He also is interested in photography. For 15 years, Jim has been involved in college athletics reform issues, such as academics and the monetary funding of athletic programs. He is married to Louise Bishop, also a professor, and they have three children. Jim's email is jwearl@uoregon.edu.

After graduating from Bucknell with a bachelor's in physics, **Robert Charles '67** went to MIT, where he was awarded a predoctoral fellowship at the Carnegie Institute of Washington Geophysical Laboratory before finishing his Ph.D. in experimental petrology in 1973. After serving as a post-doctoral fellow at the University of British Columbia, Canada, Bob was hired as a staff member at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico. His initial work included research into the viability of hot dry rock geothermal energy. He developed an interest in management while at Los Alamos and earned a master's in organizational management from the University of Phoenix in 1993. He was chosen as a group leader at the lab, one of Bob's proudest achievements (next to meeting his wife, Lisa).

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In 2002, he was named Distinguished Graduate from Tyrone Area High School. Bob, now retired, is a "boy rancher," among other interests, and lives at the foot of the Bighorns near Sheridan, Wyo. — C.G.

## 1968

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This November, Louise and I traveled west, and one of the stops was at Dawn and **Shelley Weisberg's** house in Hackberry Ariz. Their house is perched at about 4,425 feet in elevation overlooking the Colorado plateau and Route 66. It also overlooks the Burlington Northern Santa Fe train route. From their front yard, one can see the traffic on Route 66 and also the many freight trains traveling through each way — and there are plenty of them. On our last day there, I saw a train that had three engines pulling, two engines in the middle and two engines at the end, pushing this long string of freight cars and tankers. Shelley estimated that it was 2 ¼ miles long. It was enough to convince a bystander that the American economy is booming and that goods and products are flowing throughout the country. I was hoping to see one of the elusive javelinas, known locally as a wild pig (even though they are not pigs but from the peccary family), but no luck. There were plenty of deer (aren't there everywhere?), jackrabbits and small critters. Turns out that a few days after we left, javelinas showed up on the front lawn, and Shelley emailed me some photos that I'm willing to share with those of you who are interested. I know that **Robert Brush** and **Robert "Bart" Bartunek** would like to have a look at what they missed on their visit. Shelley is retired from the Arizona Court of Appeals and enjoying reading and overseeing Dawn managing the "ranch." Their son Reed is

trying to follow in his dad's footsteps, studying law at the University of Idaho, while daughter Claire is at the University of Haifa in Israel. Shelley is at shweisberg@gmail.com.

I recently caught up with **Joe "Chip" Williams '69** between market fluctuations. Chip is the owner and branch manager of the Raymond James Financial office in Coral Springs, Fla. He's been an investment manager for his entire career and in this position since 1977. He also has a satellite office outside of Austin, Texas. When he's not working (or golfing), he is involved in local charities, including serving on the boards of the Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem and of Equine Assisted Therapies of South Florida Inc., which is located in Pompano and focused on handicapped children, providing therapy on horseback. He said that they have about 135 students a week at the facility. He is also the vice chair of the board of the Coral Springs Museum of Art. Chip's golf club is Delray Dunes in Delray Beach, the first Pete Dye course in Florida (for you golfers). Besides your reporter, Chip is in touch with **Brandt Rising '69**, with whom he went to high school. Brandt is retired and in Brightwaters, Long Island, N.Y. Chip can be reached at: jpw2447@gmail.com.

I was fortunate to recently co-counsel with **Bill Jackson** on a matter that required a skilled Massachusetts probate attorney. Bill practices with his brother in their father's former firm, formerly in Quincy, although they have just moved their office to Weymouth. Like many of us old (er, I mean, seasoned) lawyers, he doesn't know when to quit, so he hasn't. He is rethinking the pace, however, after his brother experienced some health issues and their secretary of 100 years retired. Bill had some health issues of his own (pretty much like the rest of us) but bounced right back. He and wife Patricia recently celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary

and are spending part of their time helping to care for their grandson Will, 7. When I last spoke with him, he was still suffering the bitter defeat that the Patriots experienced at the hands of the Broncos. Bill can be reached at wdj@jandspc.com.

I didn't hear much from **Bob Haas '67** because he was too busy shoveling out from the blizzard of '16 (and recuperating after doing so) at his haunt in Heathsville, Va., to make the deadline for this edition. Bob promised a more comprehensive sharing of his adventures for the next edition. He is at bahaas@verizon.net. He and Ann would like to hear from some of the classmates, especially those who took physics when he was Professor **Charles Stickney '48's** assistant. I was able to share a few tips on winter survival techniques, which might come in handy for the next blizzard.

Louise and I booked a room at the newly renovated home of Linda and **Jim Reese '69** for the second weekend of the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival 2016. It should be a rockin' good time to include such headliners as Stevie Wonder, Paul Simon and Bonnie Raitt, along with the Isley Brothers and Buffy Sainte-Marie as well as numerous other exceptional musicians on the 11 stages at the event. I'll report more in the next edition.

Bison in the Green Mountains: I just learned that one of our alumni, **Betty Stagg Nuovo '53**, is retiring from the Vermont legislature after a long and successful run. She is married to retired Middlebury College professor Victor Nuovo and is considered by many to be the grand dame of the state legislature. The legislature was in session at press time so I couldn't catch her before the deadline but will have more next issue. — G.V.

**Janet Clark Soller** shared an update about **Lynn Schaefer Petersen's** horseback trek through the Patagonian Andes in Argentina: "She set off on a Saturday and after a 26.5-hour journey finally arrived at her

starting destination. She set off on the next step with a five-hour drive into the interior before meeting up with her mount for the trek and her first three-hour ride into the wilderness. She waved her luggage goodbye after packing the 15 kilograms of gear into her saddle bag and the duffle for the pack horses. She didn't have access to a phone or internet for the next five days. A great adventure."

Lynn's adventure was a "challenge ride" to benefit the British Horse Society, of which she is CEO. The money from this ride will make the world a better place for horses. She anticipated that her adventure would "be demanding in ways I can't even imagine until they actually happen."

## 1969

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**Barry Hoffman** writes, "I read the remark made by **Jim Varga** in the Winter 2016 issue of *Bucknell Magazine* and totally agree with him: I enjoy reading the Class Notes but find that notes for 1969 are generally lacking. Admittedly, I, too, have not contributed much in the past to help mitigate that situation."

He went on to say that he also received a master's in chemical engineering from Bucknell in 1971. He worked for Mobil Oil at its Buffalo, N.Y., refinery for seven years, transferring in 1977 to Mobil Research and Development Corp. in Princeton, N.J. Later he worked in the Dallas office as a process engineer, which led to varied assignments, including a liquefied natural gas (LNG) plant startup and support in Indonesia, LNG barge design studies in France, multiphase flow/slug flow research in the North Sea, gas plant designs in the United Kingdom, offshore platform designs in Canada and hydrates

research worldwide. During his employment with Mobil, he was on three foreign task-force assignments for major green-field projects and functioned as the lead process engineer.

"After nearly 30 years of service, I retired from Mobil and, following the merger of Mobil and Exxon, created my own corporation (BEH Consulting Inc.) in 2001. My company had a major client in St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada, and I have provided on-site engineering and consulting services on brownfield projects for offshore oil and gas facilities on the east coast of Canada (all of which I helped design and develop). I recently was contracted to participate in the design of another major offshore platform (under construction), functioning as one of the process group area leads.

"My career has been interesting, extremely fulfilling and fun. It has resulted in my family residing in some great locations (e.g., St. John's, Paris and Montreal), which have provided us with many memorable experiences. My wife, Linda, and I have moved back to our hometown of Northumberland, Pa. While I have recently signed up for Social Security, I continue to be available to provide chemical engineering consulting, and my website is behconsult.com. Many thanks to my chemical engineering department faculty, advisers and friends and to Bucknell, in general, for the fantastic start to my long career." — P.D.

## 1970

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**Terry Howson** moved back to Lewisburg and hosted an informal get-together at his home in May. He was ably assisted by **Dottie Ashman**, who also lives in the area.

Those attending included **George Kuhn, John O'Reilly, William "Trip" Radcliffe, Greg Smith, Dale Smith, Barbara Jo Smith Castell, Ward Stewart, Steve Wagner, Scott Nichols, Thom Tyson, Randy Ruger** and **Jerry Stevick**.

Terry is retired and donates his time to several nonprofit organizations. He has also been taking liberal arts courses at Bucknell to broaden the engineering education he received decades ago. — L.H.A.

## 1971

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In mid-November, a group of Bucknellians gathered in Connecticut for cocktails and dinner. Hosting at their beautifully renovated home were **Alan** and **Patti Shultzaberger Sharpe**. After cocktails, the group moved to the lovely new home of Peter and **Pam Dingwall Herring**. Attending and catching up were Bruce and **Dotty Fries Johnson, Steve** and **Sue Martell Baird, Janet Cunningham** and her husband Tony Sepp, and Andy and I. It was a great way to kick off the holiday season.

In September, **Rich Fedock** retired from Exxon Mobil after more than 41 years of service. Rich joined Exxon in 1974 after receiving his MBA from the University of Michigan. For the past six years, he served as the general auditor. He and his wife, Carole, reside at 4864

Allencrest Lane, Dallas, TX 75244. Their daughter Laura (and Yorkie Riley) also live in the Dallas area.

**Scott Gebhardt** was named to the board of directors of the Northern California Golf Association. Since retiring in 2000 as CEO of PG&E Energy Services in San Francisco, Scott has coached high-school golf, including the past six years at Santa Catalina School in Monterey, Calif. He is also an emeritus board member of the Newhouse School of Communications at Syracuse University. Scott, wife Patty and their 14-year-old son live in Carmel, Calif.

Please send news. — A.S.B.

## 1973

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It was great to get a lengthy update from **Donna McNeal Sannicandro**. Donna is already counting the days until she retires. She and husband Tony plan to move to southern Maine, where she hopes to start a second career using her art history degree as a volunteer or employee at an art museum.

Donna reports being laid off last summer and, for the first time in more than 40 years, having more than three weeks off at once. Not one to relax, she spent her time building stone walls, planting and organizing her home, in between trips to the beach. Since mid-October, she has been contracting for Fidelity Investments and traveling between Rhode Island and NYC.

Donna was featured in the fall 2015 edition of the Tri Delta magazine *The Trident* as a Life Loyal Member. She was honored for her service to Boston's Pine Street Inn and other organizations focused on families and children in need. She is also planning a 65th birthday reunion with Bucknell Tri Deltas on Cape Cod, Mass., this fall. — S.L.C.

## 1974

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## 1975

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In November, five 4th Harris gals had their own minireunion in St. Augustine, Fla., thanks to **Patty Rothermel McKenzie** and **Phyllis Gunn Ross**, who found us a beautiful Vacation Rental by Owners with four bedrooms in a prime location. Converging in Jacksonville, Fla., we rented a car and loaded up to drive to St. Augustine. We were: Patty (Hampton Beach, N.H.), Phyllis (Boulder, Colo.), **Christine Tschopp** (Denver), **Donna Whitman** (Bozeman, Mont.) and me. What a fantastic four days — temps in the mid-70s, three-minute walk to the ocean, early-morning bicycle rides, numerous beach walks, touring of Old Town St. Augustine and reminiscing about our fondest memories of our Bucknell days. Since our R.A. **Schley Brandt '73** (Chicago) was unable to join us, we managed to Skype with her while there in order to catch up. We all had a marvelous time, and if your ears were "burning," it is because we thought of many of our fellow Class of 1975 Bucknellians. Fourth Harris was the best of times, we all agreed. — N.Q.B.

# 1976

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**Michael E. Flowers** joined the business department of the law firm Steptoe & Johnson in its Columbus, Ohio, office. With a career that spans more than three decades of business leadership and community service, Michael will practice corporate and transactional law in his new position. Previously, he was with the real-estate development firm KBK Enterprises, where he served as vice president and chief legal officer.

Michael completed a three-year term as a member of the American Bar Association Board of Governors, served on its executive committee, and led its operations and communications committee. As an appointee of Ohio Gov. John Kasich, he is chair of the Columbus State Community College Board of Trustees. In addition, he is a member of the Ohio Small Business Advisory Council, the Bucknell Board of Trustees, the National Church Residences Board of Directors and the advisory board of The Ohio State University Center for Real Estate Education and Research at the Fisher College of Business, among others.

After Bucknell, Michael earned his law degree from The Moritz College of Law at The Ohio State University. He completed the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth minority business executive program.

This announcement about **Gay Huey Evans** was made for the 2016 New Year's Honour List in London: "U.S. native Gay Huey Evans ... is to be awarded an OBE for services to the financial industry and diversity."

## GOING STEER CRAZY

**Laura Yanne '76** waxes about Rupert and Robin, the steers she rescued, as if they're Grecian statues. She describes their "refined features, impressive, majestic stance and sculpturing of their faces. They're beautiful."

Yanne had befriended the nearly two-ton Rupert when he lived on a farm near her. He grew too large to interact with people and was taken to the slaughterhouse. Yanne found out almost too late.

"I was sobbing and pleading," Yanne says of her race to save him. Rupert's owner eventually turned over both steers to her — a move that has both grounded and freed her.

Born in Massachusetts, Yanne moved to Wales when she was 10 — a "pivotal" time in her life. "I read *Charlotte's Web* and was excited there could be communication and interaction in nonhuman society, but it was unsettling," she says. After seeing lambs she'd observed playing in a field transported to the slaughterhouse, Yanne says she "turned vegetarian and understood what animals would mean to me for the rest of my life."

After graduating with a Bucknell English degree, Yanne worked with animal rights organizations. She loved the cause, but prefers it without organizational restraint.

Having moved to bucolic Vermont, Yanne is now a freelance writer who also works at a farm stand. Inspired by English Professor **Jack Wheatcroft '49**, she's writing two books, including her story of life with her steers. And she's still campaigning on animals' behalf.

Since 2008, when Rupert and Robin became her responsibility, she has undertaken the monumental task of relocating them nine times when their housing fell through. As if by karmic fate, they landed in a field adjacent to her apartment. Although she worries about the uncertainty of their shared future, she delights in their care.

"You can come pretty close to your dream if you want it with every fiber of your being," she observes. "It's a long slog, but if you don't lose sight of it, it's there. For now, life is sweet ... and good." — *Susan Lindt*



OBE stands for Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire. It is given to a select number of British citizens and noncitizens whose valuable services advanced the status of their field in a number of categories, one being industry and the economy. Established in 1917 as an order of chivalry, today the award is given for outstanding service. The honorees receive their award from Queen Elizabeth II or a member of the royal family at a ceremony known as an investiture.

The announcement went on to chronicle Gay's lengthy career in finance. It made particular mention of her executive position at a regulating board for the derivative market, citing the fact that she took this post at a crucial time in light of the financial crisis.

Gay told me in January that she has four nonexecutive directorships and two charitable trusteeships (chairs) but "is not actually working full time." Her board positions require a lot of travel, but she manages to fit in vacation time and trips to see her daughter in California. Unfortunately, she is unsure whether she will be able to join us for Reunion this year due to her schedule.

**Connie Horton Moynihan** retired from IBM on Dec. 31, after almost 40 years with Big Blue. Congratulations to Connie. She keeps busy and continues to do her tennis officiating — college matches and other. Last July, when officiating at a women's tennis tournament in Lancaster, Pa., her hostess was **Nancy Quay Bradley '75**, the class reporter for Class of '75! And, at the

event, she ran into **Melissa Smith Golden**, another Kappa from our class. Melissa and her husband, Phil, moved recently from York to Lancaster, Pa. Small world!

Speaking of that, we hope to see many of you at our 40th Reunion at Bucknell in June. See you there. — G.W.F. and M.L.K.

# 1977

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**Wayne Stokes** lives in Long Beach, N.Y. and works in NYC as the director of sports medicine at the Rusk Institute of

Rehabilitation Medicine at NYU Langone Medical Center. He reports, "My main focus is to see how many days I can surf and ski each year." — E.L.S.

## 1978

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Selinsgrove Area High School English and humanities teacher **Harvey Edwards** received the 2015 Pennsylvania Association of Student Councils (PASC) High School Advisor of the Year award. It was presented at the 79th annual PASC State Conference in Harrisburg, Pa., hosted by Halifax High School, Nov. 12–14. Harvey will represent Pennsylvania at the annual conference of the National Association of Student Councils in June in Portland, Ore.

Hope everyone is well and survived winter storm Jonas. — K.M.A.

 Go to [bucknell.edu/bmagazine](http://bucknell.edu/bmagazine) or download the Bucknell Magazine app to check out what a bunch of female '78ers were doing in London this winter.

## 1979

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As I write this column, the wind is howling outside and a heavy rain is coming down. Where am I? In the Middle East, the state of Israel to be precise. Snow is predicted for my area tomorrow night as temperatures drop. Earlier today, I watched scenes from the northeastern United States, the Blizzard of 2016, and I wonder if this is just a coincidence that parts of Israel

may resemble New York by tomorrow night. Dear classmates, I would love to share with you news from our fellow classmates, but, alas, I only heard from alumni you have already heard from so many times before, namely **John Weitz, Ira Leff** and **Dave Stoddard**. All three are doing well, thank you, but all three requested you, dear fellow classmates, share your news with us. New job? An interesting vacation? Grandchildren? Share with us, please. So, sadly, I will end this abbreviated column with a request, a plea, if you will, to share your news. I am waiting and, oh, can someone lend me a sled? Send it with Fed Ex and maybe I'll get it before the snow melts. — A.S.

## 1980

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It's Jan. 24 as I write this and much of the East Coast is under feet of snow after winter storm Jonas. By the time this issue comes out, everyone should be enjoying some warmer temperatures and will have forgotten the shovels and cold.

Christmas cards seem to be fewer and fewer and e-greetings more the norm. Classmates write of grown children, a few grandkids and retiring or starting to think about it. It seems that some of us are "de-escalating" our hectic lives, too, especially as more of us are becoming empty-nesters and have opportunities to pursue some of our own interests and passions, which were often on the back burner when our children were younger.

Tell us all about these newest chapters in your life. Look forward to hearing from you. — D.L.H.

## 1981

### REUNION 2016

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Our 35th Reunion is just around the corner. Under the leadership of **Kirsten Schubauer Heinemann**, many of our classmates have been working hard these past few months to make sure the turnout is terrific, the weekend events are fun for all and that we raise as much money as possible to help Bucknell thrive in the years ahead. I hope that you are planning to attend, as there is truly nothing more special than when the great Class of 1981 gets together!

If you have decided to join us but haven't registered yet, just go to the Bucknell website and find the online registration form.

A special treat on Reunion Weekend will be a book signing at the Barnes & Noble at Bucknell University bookstore downtown by our own **Gwyn English-Nielsen**. She will be there from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. And if you haven't visited the Barnes & Noble store across from the Campus Theatre, you are in for a treat.

One classmate who will not be able to join us for Reunion is **Susan Atkinson Noack**. In December Sue was elected mayor of Pleasant Hill, Calif. How's that for cool? Those of us who know Sue and were in Bucknell classes with her know that the people of her town are being led by one really smart and kind person. Congrats, Sue. We will definitely miss seeing you at Reunion. — C.C.R.

 Read **James Castle's** account of a historic international war-crimes trial in which he served as defense counsel. Go to [bucknell.edu/bmagazine](http://bucknell.edu/bmagazine) or download the Bucknell Magazine app.

## 1982

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I reconnected with my 4th West hallmate **Lynn Koenig**. The last time I was in touch with her, I was still in Connecticut and had no idea that our lives would take a turn to the north. She is still living in Park City, Utah, and comments, "who would have thought that I would have moved from Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y., to Park City almost 18 years ago, and still love it? It has been wonderful to raise my four children in the mountains, live, work and play in Utah, and take advantage of all of the great recreation we have here in winter and in summer. Right now, we have the Sundance Film Festival going on, and Park City is a zoo, which we locals, of course, hate, but love. It's the price we pay for living in a cool resort town. But it is always fun to attend a few of the screenings, so I encourage my fellow Bucknellians to put it on their bucket list — especially if you ski, because the Sundance folks don't hit the slopes, just fill up the lodging, so if you come to do both, it is fabulous. The snow is always great this time of year at Park City and Deer Valley."

Lynn has been working at Westminster College in Salt Lake City for nine years doing development and alumni work, and really loves it. She enjoys working with the students, being on a vibrant college campus every day and attending a performance or lecture when she wants. Her oldest son got two business degrees from Westminster; one of her daughters has finished up at USC; another daughter attended the University of Utah; and she has one more finishing up at Westminster. She also says, "working every day on a small, private college campus brings back many fond memories of my time at Bucknell and all of

## MODELING DIVERSITY

Having risen from a rough neighborhood in Washington, D.C., to spend two decades in managerial and director-level positions at Fortune 500 companies such as Westinghouse, Honeywell and Johnson Controls, **Frank Davis '82** hit reset on his career in 2001, starting his own company, the Horizon Group in Birmingham, Ala. His father, a career federal employee, never quite grasped the details of Davis' corporate work, but he did help his son realize that the lack of diversity among business owners was a pressing societal issue.

"Dad would always tell me, 'It's a waste of material and talent for you not to own your own business. Clearly you have the skills and intestinal fortitude to succeed.' I give Dad all the credit for inspiring me," Davis says.

With the support of his family and his business partner, Steve Jager, Davis developed a wide-ranging technical-services company focusing on industrial and commercial materials procurement and project management for clients such as Honda and Volkswagen. As the black CEO of a company based in the Deep South, Davis has felt the occasional sting of racial intolerance.

"It's truly sad that even in the new millennium, bias still exists, albeit not as bad as it used to be," he says. But he also faced the difficulties of creating a firm from the ground up. With no existing business, clients or credit, the first year was turbulent. However, after one year in business, Horizon turned a profit in 2002 and has done so every year since while remaining debt free. Now a model organization with a diverse staff of nearly 100 employees, Horizon was named Supplier of the Year in 2015 by the National Minority Supplier Development Council.

"I always challenge myself to be part of the solution, not part of the problem," says Davis, who will conclude his eight-year service on Bucknell's Alumni Board in June. "My mission is to do things the right way, lead by example and help make the world a better place for all people."



— Patrick S. Broadwater

the friendships formed there. I hope to make it back for our 35th next year and see many of you again, since there are not many of us out here in Utah. Best to all the '82ers; hope to see you next year."

Speaking of Roberts, I had coffee with a woman from the development office, and she told me that Roberts was going to undergo a renovation this year. I am not sure what the configuration of the rooms will be, but they are installing air conditioning. I guess I'm becoming a grumpy old lady, because my first thought was, "Why do they need air conditioning? We didn't have air conditioning." Seriously though, I am looking forward to seeing the many renovations and changes, especially the renovated Carnegie Building and the new Academic West, when I attend my husband **George '81's** 35th Reunion this spring.

Congratulations to **Trish Campbell**, who was named the 2015 New Hampshire Pediatric Society Pediatrician of the Year. She is a pediatrician in Keene. Your patients are lucky to have you as their doctor, Trish.

The Delaware Community Foundation (DCF) appointed **Stuart Comstock-Gay** as president and CEO. Previously, he was the president and chief executive officer of the Vermont Community Foundation. Stuart said in a release: "I am thrilled to be joining the Delaware Community Foundation as it embarks on an exciting new direction. The DCF has the potential to play a key role in the future of the state, and it's an honor and a privilege to help lead that effort." He also previously was director of the Democracy Program at Demos, executive director of the National Voting Rights Institute in Boston, vice president and COO at the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, and worked with the American Civil Liberties Union in Maryland for 14 years. He earned a master's in public administration from the Kennedy School of Government at

Harvard University. He and his wife, Lucy, have three adult daughters. — R.G.K.

## 1983

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**Christine Crafts Neal** writes in an email, "I rarely contribute anything to the Class of 1983 notes so am especially saddened to share the loss of my former roommate **Marybeth "MB" D'Amico** Sept. 27 at her home in Jersey City, N.J., after an extended illness. She was a business writer in NYC and continued as a freelance journalist in Munich, Germany, for 22 years. She began a second career as a singer-songwriter. She toured in the United Kingdom and

Netherlands and recorded two albums in Austin, Texas. Three years ago she moved back to the U.S. and continued her journalism and music with remarkable success. She is survived by her two daughters, Francesca Pick, in Paris; and Bianca Pick, in Amsterdam, Netherlands; their father **Noel Pick**; her parents John and Marge D'Amico; sister Suzanne D'Amico-Sharp; brother Mark D'Amico; and a wonderful network of friends including **Amy Pettibone Toole**. Those interested in listening to her music can visit her website at [marybethdamico.com](http://marybethdamico.com) and/or find recordings on YouTube. One of her final songs was titled 'Joy,' with lyrics that included: 'Find joy, in every little thing, like when the sun shines through the leaves. Take heart, from someone else's smile, or the feeling of the breeze.' "I know I speak for many classmates when I say

our thoughts and prayers go out to Marybeth's family and friends.

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

**David Dorey**, a partner at the law firm of Blank Rome, was elected chairman of the 21-member board of directors of The First Tee of Delaware. The First Tee's mission is "to impact the lives of young people in Delaware by providing educational programs that build character, instill life-enhancing values and promote healthy choices through the game of golf." The organization provides character education and life-skills programs, incorporating the First Tee Nine Core Values and Nine Healthy Habits to help young people be successful in school and in life. At Blank Rome, David concentrates his practice in all aspects of business and corporate/commercial litigation.

## WOMAN IN MOTION

When you've lost the use of your legs — perhaps from a spinal-cord injury, brain trauma or a neurological illness like multiple sclerosis — the hope that someday, somehow, you will walk again always shimmers in the distance. Now, that possibility is advancing rapidly, thanks to robotic exoskeletons like one being developed by physical therapist **Clare Schuster Hartigan '86**, an expert in human locomotion, and her team in Atlanta.

Movement has always mattered to Hartigan. A scholar and swimming star from little Fredonia, N.Y., she had her pick of athletic scholarships. "Bucknell was extremely generous" with its offer of a four-year full ride, she says. It took a visit to campus to seal her decision: Bucknell just felt right.

Hartigan threw herself into a demanding major (biology), Greek life (Alpha Chi Omega) and a record-breaking career on the Bison varsity swim team (butterfly and individual medley). She graduated cum laude, earning an East Coast Athletic Conference medallion for the highest GPA among senior female athletes at Bucknell.

After receiving a master's in physical therapy at Emory University, Hartigan joined the Shepherd Center, a small, nonprofit rehabilitation and research hospital in Atlanta renowned for treating spinal cord and brain injuries.

In 2009 the center, with Hartigan as clinical team leader, began testing and refining a light-weight exoskeleton developed by Vanderbilt University's Center for Intelligent Mechatronics. The product, Indego, now is owned by Parker-Hannifin Corp. It received FDA approval in March. Although several exoskeletons had previously won FDA approval, Indego is exceptional, Hartigan says, for its light weight and ease of use.

Besides longed-for independence, just standing upright aids patients with physical therapy and overall health. Paraplegics and even quadriplegics, some of whom haven't walked in decades, find it an emotional experience. With Indego's robotic legs strapped around their waist and legs they lean slightly forward to start and then, astoundingly, they're walking, haltingly, gripping a walker or forearm crutches for balance.

This year the Veterans Administration will begin buying FDA-approved exoskeletons for qualifying veterans. "I'm very excited for veterans to experience Indego," Hartigan says.

— Marilyn C. Lewis



Pierson Advisory Group. In 2010 he was honored by the University with the Distinguished Engineering Alumni Award for his accomplishments, service and dedication to his profession, to society and to Bucknell.

John and **Roberta "Robbie" Weaver Schuldt's** move back to the U.S. from Seoul, South Korea, was postponed when John was named president of the American Chamber of Commerce in Korea in December. John retired from Ford Motor Co. after more than 30 years, and the network of friends and business associates they have built up in the last three and a half years of living in Seoul will serve him well in his new position. Their daughter Allison is in the eighth grade at Seoul Foreign School, and daughter Julie is studying in Buenos Aires, Argentina, this spring semester. — G.D.T.

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**Brian Book** has a new job with RETTEW as a program manager in the company's energy and environmental engineering group, where he is responsible for developing business in the water and wastewater market throughout the Northeast. Brian has nearly 30 years of experience in water and wastewater consulting that has been focused on helping municipal authorities acquire funding and complete designs to meet expansion and upgrade needs.

Another October brought another wonderful Bucknell reunion at **Laurie Holben Fine's** house in Hilton Head, S.C. This year our numbers were down, but we still had a great time getting pampered at the spa, eating delicious food, hanging out on the beach, catching up on kids and jobs and enjoying each other's company. Thanks for a great weekend, **Meg Barron Born** (who joined us after family weekend at Davidson College), **Stacey Bernhard Smollen**, **Sara Allen Lepkofker**, **Nancy Harvey Worrell** and **Eileen McCarthy Born**. I'm not sure we will get together at Laurie's beach house next year. **Jim '82**

and I are thrilled to be hosting our daughter Sarah's wedding on Oct. 29. Sarah and her long-time college sweetheart got engaged Aug. 22 at Lake Oconee, Ga. If that wasn't exciting enough news for our family, our son, J.C., proposed to his girlfriend on Nov. 1 at our house during a Sunday family dinner. They have set their wedding date for May 20, 2017. We are so happy to welcome these two to our family and are enjoying being in "full on" wedding-planning mode for the next few months. — T.T.E.

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Congratulations to **George Pierson**, who was recently named a winner of the Outstanding Projects and Leaders award by the American Society of Civil Engineers. The award honors outstanding civil-engineering leaders with lifetime accomplishments in construction, design, education, government and management. George is president of the

as well as regulatory standards. A licensed wastewater operator, Brian is president of the Pennsylvania Water Environment Association and is involved with the American Water Works Association, several chapters of the state's Water Quality Association, the National Society of Professional Engineers and the Water Environment Federation. Previously a senior associate with Hazen Sawyer, based in NYC. Brian has a bachelor's in chemical engineering from Bucknell and a master's in environmental engineering from Penn State. He resides in Benner Township, Centre County, Pa.

**Jim Morelli** left the corporate world as director of engineering and is now a leadership coach and consultant (engagedleadershipmethods.com). He also published an e-book, *Techno Leader: The Handbook*. Jim lives in Syracuse, N.Y., and on Vieques, Puerto Rico, with his wife, Linda Quinn. Jim says, "I have stayed in touch with **Scott Slifer**, **Ted Farrell** and **Steve Oney '85** and see **Tom Barnard** from time to time. I miss being on the board for the Bucknell Engineering Alumni Association. A great group of folks and a great way of staying involved with Bucknell."

My son and I saw Billy Joel at Madison Square Garden. Due to the wonders of social media, I met up with **Kathy Ferrara Baxley** at the show, because we both posted about it on Facebook as we were going through security. I got to meet her lovely daughter, too.

Please visit our class's Facebook page and get ready for our Reunion in June.  
— J.D.C.

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I am writing this note the day after an East Coast blizzard

brought Philadelphia 22 inches of snow, and I just returned from sledding with my daughter and husband. I am reminded of sledding at Bucknell on cafeteria trays at night during Jan Plan with good friends and having such fun. It's hard to believe how many years ago that was and that most of us have already or will be turning 50. We are fortunate for the great experiences Bucknell provided us, and I am excited for my niece, **Christine Weeks '20**, who will be a first-year student in fall 2016, continuing my family's Bucknell tradition.

I received news from **Julie Martinez Hayes** about her career and life changes since Bucknell. Julie's first job was at Northampton Community College in Bethlehem, Pa., where she had a wonderful experience. After a stint in Pittsburgh, Julie ended up in Arlington, Va., where she worked at Georgetown's School of Foreign Service for six years before switching to information technology (IT).

Julie worked as a system and network administrator for a variety of organizations through the 1990s including the Pentagon, a Georgetown-based consulting firm, a nonprofit in downtown D.C., a for-profit college and a research arm of the Navy. At that point, she met her husband, Dan, who lived in Clayton, N.C., just outside of Raleigh, where they have lived since 2005.

There, she worked for a local municipality for six years (senior system administrator) but decided to take a break from IT. Because she enjoyed being a trainer in the past and was encouraged to apply for a teaching position, she now teaches operating systems and an introductory-level class, which she loves. Although not as financially rewarding as IT and a lot of work, Julie says she loves what she is doing because the students have so much energy and provide her with great satisfaction.

In her spare time Julie gardens, works with an animal rescue, and bicycles. She can

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**Todd and Kathy Yates Gray** are thrilled that their son, **Andrew '19**, is attending Bucknell. They brought Andrew to their 10-year Reunion as a baby and he's felt at home at Bucknell ever since. They reported that he loved his first year at Bucknell and is a Bison Chips member. Their older son, Peter, is a junior at Tulane. Kathy and Todd celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in Vienna, Austria, where they met in 1986 as study-abroad students. They visited some of their favorite spots, including Kathy's old apartment, the International Education of Students school, Zwolf Apostles bar and Gasthaus Schmidt restaurant. Great memories.  
— L.C.H.

## 1988

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I received an email from **Rob Klawonn** with an update. In 1996, he moved to Knoxville, Tenn., and since 2008 he has been president of Toho Tenax America Inc. (TTA), a Japanese-owned carbon-fiber manufacturer. Rob also has served as president of Diversified Structural Composites since July. This company is a specialty producer of carbon fiber and glass-fiber composites, and a daughter company of TTA. He is member of the American Composites Manufacturers Association's board of directors. Great to hear from you, Rob.

Keep sending your news through email or Facebook.  
— S.V.P.

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Many of you are sending your sons and daughters off to college for the first time in a few short months. My own send-off will be bittersweet when my youngest child leaves the nest in August to attend Smith College in Northampton, Mass., to study environmental engineering. We had a really positive experience exploring colleges over the last year. One of my earliest memories of being a freshman at Bucknell was confusion over how to get to my intended destination — it seemed there were so many paved paths leaving Roberts Hall ... how would I ever know the best route to the U.C.? That seems silly now, and I hope all of our children have smooth transitions as they progress through life onto new and exciting ventures, whatever they may be.

And speaking of exciting ventures, **Mikki Del Monico** finished making his first feature film, *Alto*, which is being distributed by Cinema Libre Studio and is available on Amazon and other DVD and video-on-demand platforms. He also blogs for *The Huffington Post*. In addition to being a writer-director, Mikki has been a film editor, book editor, researcher, proofreader, personal trainer and digital media teaching assistant on a ship that sailed the Atlantic Ocean. He also directed and edited a music video for Antigone Rising, a band that got its start at Bucknell in the 1990s. Along the way, Mikki earned his MFA in film from Columbia University. When he returned to campus during Homecoming for the first time in more than two decades, Mikki expressed his gratitude for the chance to reconnect with old friends and make new ones. If you'd like to contact

him, do so via [altothemovie.com](http://altothemovie.com) or [mikkidel.com](http://mikkidel.com). — R.L.B.

Note: To read more about Mikki and his film, see the Winter 2016 issue of Bucknell Magazine.

## 1990

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I hope everyone is enjoying the spring weather. The craziness of spring musicals and lacrosse season has descended upon our household, as has the fun of SATs and the college search. Never a dull moment.

My family had the pleasure of seeing **Cheryl Levene Feinstein's** daughter Hayley in her Broadway debut in *Fiddler on the Roof*. It was an amazing production, and Hayley is so talented. It was even more terrific to connect with Cheryl and her family after the show. Cheryl also shared the news that daughter Tori was asked to reprise the title role in *Matilda* for the show's national tour. Way to go.

**Janice Rohrbaugh Baugher** had some exciting news to share as well. Her daughter Hannah has been accepted to the San Francisco Ballet's summer intensive program and the World Ballet Competition. Outstanding news.

Keep those updates coming. Stay safe and be well. — L.M.O.

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### REUNION 2016

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Happy 2016, classmates, and a big thank you to **John Zeigler** for serving as our 25th Reunion chair. John sent word that he

joined Marshall Dennehey Warner Coleman & Goggin as a shareholder in the Harrisburg, Pa., workers' compensation defense group. He and wife Lisa have three daughters, Laura, 12; Larissa, 10; and Leah, 6.

Belated congratulations to **David Keim** for being named the Massachusetts Principal of the Year for the 2015–2016 school year by the Massachusetts Elementary School Principals' Association.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at Reunion! — J.C.R.

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**Marc Yaklofsky** wrote that he's been hired as senior vice president of corporate development for Franklin Square, a leading innovator of alternative investments. Marc will lead business development and strategic initiatives, while further developing Franklin Square's stakeholder communication efforts. He was most recently managing director and head of stakeholder relations in the office of the CEO for Nomura Holding America, where he oversaw messaging to Nomura's key stakeholder groups and managed strategic initiatives. Congratulations, Marc, and best wishes for continued success.

On the Saffle home front, we are gearing up for Shannon's high-school graduation in early June (and graduation party). Right now, she is studying hard and taking mock international baccalaureate (IB) exams in preparation for the actual IB exams in May. She will not find

out until early July if she earned an IB diploma. Students need to earn a minimum number of points (or higher) on the IB Diploma Program requirements, including a 4,000-word paper; projects and reflection on those projects, in the areas of creativity, action and community service; and IB exams in core academic subjects. In August, she will be off to Harding University in Arkansas to study elementary education. That will be a big adjustment for our family. If anyone has any news they'd like to share, please feel free to email me. — L.M.S.

## 1993

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**Jeremy Gross** came up for air long enough to share this message: "It was great to be back at Bucknell in January for the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Patriot League. Bucknell was well represented with more than 60 athletes nominated to the 25th anniversary teams, and it was great to be honored with 30 fellow student-athletes who made it back to Bucknell for the ceremony at halftime of a basketball game. **Mike Bright** made the trip with his family from New Jersey, where he is president of the Newark, N.J., YMCA. **Margaret Grunow Conze** was also there with her two children and husband **Dietrich Conze '94**. Margaret recently opened her own physical-therapy practice in the greater Washington, D.C., area. Dietz, Margaret and I are still competing with U.S. Masters Swimming, so to all those former 'wet heads,' we hope we saw you at Zone Championships in Fairfax, Va., April 8–10."

Note: For more about the Patriot League 25th anniversary, see *A Winning Tradition* on Page 22.

I got a note from fellow SAE brother **Phil Elliott**. "**Wendy Foster Elliot '94** and I and the kids are enjoying our first winter away from the snow in 15 years, in Houston, Texas." — C.Z.

## 1994

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**Gerry Gordon** writes, "After close to 15 years as an attorney in private practice (bankruptcy, corporate restructuring and foreclosure), I joined Norcom Mortgage & Insurance as its director of compliance. My wife, Valerie, and two kids, 12 and 9, moved away from the NYC area to a suburb of Hartford, Conn., about seven years ago after Valerie started working at ESPN. In my kids' opinion, even though they admit that I'm moving in the right direction, their mother still has the much cooler job."

Thanks, Gerry, for the update. — S.A.S.

## 1995

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Happy spring, Class of '95. I'm writing this from Northern Virginia, just after the snowzilla blizzard of 2016, so please know how excited I am for spring to finally be springing as you read this. I hope you are all well. Please keep in touch if you have anything fun to share.

**Kelly Bennett Seiler** has reached her dream of becoming a best-selling author. Her debut novel, *Shifting Time*, was released by Simon and Schuster this fall and quickly became a No. 1 best-seller in her hometown of Austin, Texas, according to the *Austin*

*American-Statesman*. Her next book, *The Plan*, will be released in September. I've read *Shifting Time* and can highly recommend it. Congratulations, Kelly.

**Jessica Liss** has been named a Law Firm Leader by *Missouri Lawyers Weekly*. She is a managing principal and litigation manager with Jackson Lewis in St. Louis. This award is presented to "chairmen, managing partners or other law firm leaders who demonstrated extraordinary vision, innovation and leadership during the past year." Jessica was honored at a reception in January. From the press release: "Ms. Liss, who has been based in St. Louis her entire career and has extensive experience litigating all forms of employment and civil rights matters, counsels clients on a variety of employment practices, handbooks and policies. She regularly represents employers in prosecuting and defending claims of unlawful competition and solicitation, and is a frequent speaker on employment matters and litigation avoidance. Ms. Liss was previously named a Rising Star by *Missouri Lawyers Weekly*, and was recently recognized in the 2016 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*." Congratulations, Jessica.

I look forward to hearing about the wonderful things happening in your lives. Keep in touch. 'ray Bucknell. — J.B.B.

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"It's always great to hear from our classmates — please send news of your latest adventures. 'ray Bucknell! — L.Z.

## 2000

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David and **Melanie Kasper Rodbart**, along with their son, Ben, 2, welcomed Theodore George Oct. 3. They reside in Swarthmore, Pa. In 2013, Mel co-founded J&M Preservation Studio, an architecture/engineering firm that specializes in existing building renovations and historic preservation. J&M is a certified Women's Business Enterprise. — H.P.A.

## 2002

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**William Roark** of Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell & Lupin presented two continuing legal education (CLE) classes for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute regarding the state's proposed Medical Cannabis Act. The CLE included a discussion of the impact of the medical cannabis industry on legal practices. — P.N.G.

## 2004

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This past fall, **Amanda Tapscott** was named a director of her law firm, and she continues to enjoy her career as a litigator. Not to be outdone when it comes to partnership announcements, she was also advanced to fiancée by her boyfriend. They anticipate a fall 2016 wedding.

**Matt and Tricia Elseroad Anderson** write, "Caroline Patricia was born Aug. 21. Big sister Lily and big brother Noah have fun singing to her and poking her in the eyes."

**Jasmine James Darden's** second daughter was born Dec. 8. Her name is Aalya Jade Darden. Jasmine is enjoying her time at home with the new addition. — J.B.W.



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## EMPOWERING YOUNG WOMEN

When **Antoinette Klatzky '08** helped found the Eileen Fisher Leadership Institute in 2010, she led a seven-day program for a dozen teenage girls in Westchester County, N.Y. Six years later, about 120 participants learned leadership skills over seven weeks. Programs in Washington, D.C., and Seattle will launch this year.

Now Klatzky is moving beyond the United States to empower young women. In January, she spent three weeks in India and Japan expanding her work. In India, she helped strengthen leadership capacity among handloom weavers in a program developed by the Eileen Fisher Community Foundation, named for the CEO of the women's clothing company.

In Japan, she laid the foundation for expansion of her work with young women and leadership, in an initiative funded by the U.S.-Japan Foundation and the Eileen Fisher program.

"We want girls to own their experiences, understand their purpose, so when they get up in the morning, they can be leaders in their own lives," says Klatzky, of Tarrytown, N.Y. "They need to express themselves and find their own leadership voices."

Heading the institute is the latest stop in Klatzky's career in community leadership. Her efforts began in high school with the YWCA, then gained traction at Bucknell, where she worked with other students to develop a series of forums about diversity on campus. After graduating with a degree in geography, she organized a nonprofit organization for the White Plains YWCA, then worked at Sarah Lawrence College's office of community partnerships, helping to develop service-learning programs for undergraduates.

She also joined the board of the Westchester Women's Agenda, a coalition of suburban nonprofits that focuses on raising public funds for organizations that serve women and children.

"Those women on the board with me have become role models," she says. "It's helped me recognize the importance of community — that no one person can do it alone."

— David McKay Wilson



### Curry '09 and Clare Hou Herd '09.

Lots of little boys are being born to Class of 2008 alumnae. **Dave Allen '06** and I are thrilled to announce that our son, Everett Whitmore, was born Jan. 24, during a blizzard in Philadelphia.

A few days earlier, on Jan. 21, his future best friend Charlie Kane Morgan was born to **Kinberly Kane** and Mac Morgan. **Elizabeth Cavallari** and **Austin Ziltz** had son Jonah Jan. 2.

Dan and **Amanda Rifkin Chandler** were joined by Owen Lucas Dec. 3. Owen loves play dates with Justin and **Amy Backstrom Miloszewski's** son, Bradley David, who was born Nov. 11.

**Austin '07** and **Summer Rozzi Kathol** had son Hatcher Everett Oct. 16. Summer writes, "He is an absolute sweetheart. We are loving parenthood and watching our little guy begin to explore the world. We are still living in Washington, D.C., as I enter the final year of my Ph.D. in neuroscience at Georgetown." — L.C.A.

## 2005

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## 2006

### REUNION 2016

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**Adam Cohen** married **Rebecca Schofield '05** at the Carnegie Institution for Science in Washington, D.C., Oct. 18. Bucknellians in attendance were: **Rich '03** and **Diana Scheerbaum Beblo '05**, **Emily Chang '05**, **Margaret Fairfield**

**'05** and **Justin Kwong '05**. Adam and Rebecca live in Capitol Hill. Adam, who received his doctorate in physics from the University of Maryland, is a scientist at two startup companies in sustainable transportation and clean energy. Rebecca, who received her master's in economics from Johns Hopkins University, is a director at a D.C.-based economic consulting firm. Adam and Rebecca honeymooned in Yasuni National Park in Ecuador. — J.S.

## 2007

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**Monica Grinage Harrison** left her job at UBS to switch careers and coach college softball. She was hired at Arcadia University as the first full-time assistant in the program's history. — J.C.

## 2008

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**Lauren Bolcar** married **Matt Lembright** Oct. 24 in Middleburg, Va. Bucknellians in attendance were: **Amy Voluckas**, **Vickie Hau**, **Kristen Skroski**, **Gillian Young Bruno**, **Katie Metzler**, **Jamie '07** and **Debbie Sandler Haseltine**, **Erin Price Wolff**, **Lindsay Alexander**

## 2009

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**Alexandra Campbell-Ferrari** co-founded a nonprofit organization, based in Washington, D.C., called The Center for Water Security and Cooperation (CWSC). The center works to advance water security and cultivate cooperation by building a body of laws, policies, practices and standards that ensure the availability of water for current and future generations, as well as a peaceful, stable and vibrant global society. Learn more at ourwatersecurity.org and facebook.com/TheCWSC.

**Stephen Dewey** published his first game book called *Ten Candles*. It is available at cavalrygames.com.

Note: For more about Stephen's game, see *Alumni*

Entrepreneur on Page 41.

**Devin Gilhuly** will graduate from Georgetown University School of Medicine and pursue an internal-medicine residency at Georgetown University Hospital. This marks five years at Georgetown, where Devin completed a master's in physiology and biophysics and the M.D. program. Devin will focus his research efforts on cardiology and palliative care.

**Maggie Haines** completed her Ph.D. in zoology at the University of Melbourne and recently returned to the U.S. to start a postdoctoral research position at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

**Tara Hankinson** graduated with an MBA from New York University's Stern School of Business in May 2015. She spent summer 2015 working at Wölffer Estate Vineyard in the Hamptons. In September, she started full time as a management consultant in PricewaterhouseCooper's customer-impact group, based in NYC. She is celebrating five years of living in Greenpoint, Brooklyn.

After five years working for a Food Network host, **Kelli Lipson** went off on her own to create a line of boozy party treats called Spoonable Spirits. The company launched in January.

**Jerec Ricci** will graduate from the University of New Mexico School of Medicine in May and will start a residency in general surgery shortly after. He anticipated finding out where his residency will be on Match Day in mid-March.

**Jessica Shui** will graduate from her residency program at Connecticut Children's Medical Center and start her neonatal-perinatal fellowship at New York Presbyterian-Columbia in July.

**Samantha Soller** is the new associate general counsel for the Virginia Commonwealth University Health System in Richmond, Va.

**Stacey Allen Yarborough** is a captain in the Army, assigned to Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri. She is a company

commander for a basic combat training company and is responsible for transforming civilian volunteers into well-trained soldiers. By the end of the year, Stacey will complete her master's in environmental management. She has been married for five years and has a son, Sean, 2.

**Kenneth Black** and **Emma Matthy** got engaged July 25. Planning to attend the wedding this summer are several Bucknellians, including **Brian Poe**, best man, and **Wesley Trowbridge**, groomsman. Emma's bridesmaids include **Nicole Farese Cillessen**, **Erin Fikentscher**, **Sherri Liang** and **Alice Rie**.

**Jordan Franklin** married Shari Grunspan in October in Miami, where they live. A number of Bucknellians attended. Jordan left Greenberg Traurig to join Platform Specialty Products as associate director of global integration.

**Christine Kassab** got married June 6 in Lafayette, Ind., to Sarah Houston and has two stepchildren. Other Bucknellians in attendance included **Eric Lynch '10** (part of the wedding party) and Christine's mother, **Janice Johnson '77**. Christine also spent November through January in a deep field camp in the Transantarctic Mountains of Antarctica working on her dissertation research.

**Meghan O'Neill** and John Miller got married Oct. 17. They celebrated at the Phoenixville (Pa.) Foundry with family and friends, including other Bucknell Class of '09 members: **Jeff Ayres**, **Casey Carr-Jones**, **Susan Horstmann**, **Mark Kawczenski**, **Michael** and **Kelly Morris Stromberg** and **Brendan Swift**.

**Brian '07** and **Lauren Lodigiani Gargan** had their first child, Connor James, Oct. 15. — M.L.L.

## 2010

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**Melissa Hodge** and **Billy Rittase** were married Sept. 6. Melissa writes, "Billy's parents (**Bob '81** and **Deb May Rittase '83**) also met at Bucknell, so we're following in a strong Bucknell couple's footsteps." Bucknellians in the wedding party were: **Katie Jones**, **Renee Alemi**, **Nicole Marchetto**, **Sarah Shulman Kappa**, **Emily Panik**, **Tommy Lyons** and **Max Friedlander**. Other Bucknellians attending were: **Casey Hubert**, **Toby Comer '11**, **Zaf Kamar '09**, **Eric Diamond '09**, **Steven Schmaltz '09**, **Drew Riley**, **Katrina Schmaltz**, **Derek Lombardi**, **Courtney McCarthy Gutierrez**, **Emily Lind**, **Sarah Biggar Kolansky**, **Kyle Barn-dollar**, **Vicki Sanchez** and **Chelsea Boyle '13**.

## 2011

### REUNION 2016

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**David D'Alessio** and **Allison Donaghy '12** tied the knot in November at On Sunny Slope Farm in Harrisonburg, Va. David and Allison were both avid runners throughout college, participating in Bucknell cross-country and track. The couple resides in the Washington, D.C., area where David works for Whiting Turner, and Allison is a freelance writer and editor

as well as a sales associate at Pacers Running. Congratulations to this wonderful orange-and-blue couple.

**Abby Peltier** got engaged to Chris Eckart in November. The self-proclaimed science nerds met while working at Discovery Place in Charlotte, N.C. Chris proposed on their three-year anniversary while visiting Treehouse Vineyards in Monroe, N.C. The couple anticipates a spring 2017 wedding. Abby received her master's in optical science and engineering from the University of North Carolina-Charlotte and is working towards her Ph.D. Congratulations, Abby, on your incredible achievements of this past year. We can't wait to hear about the wedding.

Already 2016 has brought significant achievement and happiness for the Class of 2011, as well as our five-year Reunion mark. I hope everyone plans on returning to campus this June; can't wait to see everyone there. — L.M.

 See a photo of a Bucknell reunion at Allison Donaghy '12 and David D'Alessio's wedding in the app and at bucknell.edu/bmagazine.

## 2012

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### SAY CHEESE!

We loving hearing, and seeing, what our Bucknell family is up to. Share your photos, past and present, with us and we'll post them in our new alumni photo gallery.

Submit your pictures to Bucknell Magazine Photo Gallery, Bucknell University, Judd House, Lewisburg, PA 17837 or email to bmagazine@bucknell.edu.

I'm glad to write to you in a new year and happier to see that 2016 has been bringing our classmates great things. Don't hesitate to contact me at [sb051@bucknell.edu](mailto:sb051@bucknell.edu) to tell me all that's new, because I feel so lucky to hear it.

There are many lovebirds this past year. **Christine Shepherd** married **Mike McPhee** in October in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., with **Anne Ellenberger** as her maid of honor. Mike's sister **Carolyn McPhee '15** was also a bridesmaid, and **Adam Meier '13** and **Rob Duffy** were groomsmen, with at least 15 other Bucknellians in attendance, including **Anna Baker '10**, **Joe Bonino '13**, **Natalie Chlus** and **Mike Milstein '11**.

I was lucky to attend **Michelle Havrilla's** wedding to **Byron Garoufalidis '10** in November at Rooke Chapel. A whole set of Byron's crew friends attended, including his former coach, Paul Bugenhagen, and many other Bucknellians: **Sarah Jane Abbott**, **Heather Brake '10**, **Brendan Smith** and **Tom Bernardi '11**. Tom, by the way, is now engaged to Catherine Venson, whom I got the pleasure to get to know while I still lived in Chicago and can report back to you is the most adorable human alive.

**Emily Seldin '11** is marrying **James O'Connor '11**, while **Mike "HoJo" Howard-Johnson** is marrying his Bucknell sweetheart, **Heather Wilson '13**.

**Allison Donaghy** married **David D'Alessio '11** in November, and **Kristen Allen** married **Jake Bellucci** in September. The Bellucci-Allen bridal party

included maid of honor **Laura Calderwood**, **Kirstin van der Gracht**, **Theresa Narus Stonesifer** and **Billy Raska**.

They were even married by a Bucknellian: **Brian Shoener '13**. Kristen and Jake live in Lawrence, Kan. Kristen is a hospitalist physician assistant at Lawrence Memorial Hospital, and Jake is a project engineer with Mars Chocolate. Another beautiful Bucknell wedding occurred when **Sean Gritters** tied the knot with **Jenni Whalen** in January. While it was just starting to get cold outside, the two had a warm wedding in Rincon, Puerto Rico.

Two of our favorite soccer players are now getting married, to two of our favorite classmates. **Ross Liberati '11** popped the question to **Kristen Hinrichs '11**, while **Luke Joyner** plans to marry **Christina Smillie** in October in Leesburg, Va. And from the baseball team, our very own **Scott Reed** is engaged.

Weddings haven't been the only reason for Bucknellians to get together. It's been exciting to run into classmates left and right in New York. I'm entering my third year in this city, and it's as fast moving as ever. I ran into **Gillian Sheffy '13** and **Ben Rees '14** while I was walking home, and am very much looking forward to Gillian's move here from Chicago. **Doug Shribman '11**, **Lauren Fry '11**, **Greg Stewart '11** and **Steve Dorsey '11** all live right around the corner, while one of my roommates is **Kat Watson**, who's thriving at Ernst & Young, as is **Jeff Church** — who probably loves working in

accounting more than anyone I've ever met. I also have run into **Doug Gordon '10**, whose startup, *Foundation*, is exciting and expanding, and so is **Richie Hyden '11's** company, *IRIS.TV*. **Stephen Kaminsky** is also in New York, where he has completed several half-marathons and has been working at Goldman Sachs since graduating. He was promoted to associate of electronic trading for interest-rate products. He's a board member for *The Mission Possible Initiative*, a nonprofit that provides mentorship and exposure for underprivileged high-school students. **Charlie Kreidler** still at IBM, and **Odeke Ekirapa**, at Ralph Lauren, have also been working with **Molly Burke '10** and **Dick Muyambi** to help them fundraise for *Bicycles Against Poverty*. **Zaf Kamar '09**, **Matt Goll**, **Alyssa Haglund** and a cohort of classmates have been helping out. If you haven't donated yet, don't forget to do so.

From the nonprofits, to the startups, to new families — I'm so proud of all the things our classmates have built. Keep the good times coming. — S.B.

## 2013

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Happy spring, Class of 2013. I hope you are having a fantastic year and keeping those New Year's resolutions in check. I have a couple of updates to share — don't forget to send your own. As always, my email is [mz008@bucknell.edu](mailto:mz008@bucknell.edu).

Speaking of resolutions, **Kyle Feeney** is the man behind the "year of pizza" Instagram campaign. He managed to eat a slice of pizza every day in 2015 for a good cause: raising money for Autism Speaks. With the help of a dedicated Go Fund Me page, Kyle was able to surpass his original goal of \$10,000. As a pledge for reaching the goal, Kyle even got a tattoo of a slice of pizza

shortly after finishing off 2015 with his final slice. If you are curious about Kyle's heavy-weight exploits, look up his story at [businessinsider.com](http://businessinsider.com) and check out his tattoo (and the hilarious "pizzagram" videos).

**Alexandra MacLean** left her job at Colonial Intermediate Unit 20, Easton, Pa., to run her business, *7 Deadly Spins Fastpitch*, that helps young pitchers discover ways to pitch much more smoothly, lengthen the stride, engage the legs more fully, and enjoy safe and healthy pitching mechanics. Alex has been instrumental in bringing remarkable improvements to her students' pitching techniques. — M.Z.

## 2014

*Bucknell Magazine* is searching for a reporter for the Class of '14. Please contact us if you are interested. Please direct your news for the next issue to [classnotes@bucknell.edu](mailto:classnotes@bucknell.edu) or *Class Notes*, *Bucknell Magazine*, Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA 17837.

## 2015

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**Cory Starkey** is spending the year in Galway, Ireland, as part of the Sport Changes Life program. In addition to studying for a master's in international finance, Cory is playing semi-professional basketball and coaching in the local community. — C.H.

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## 1927

**Anna Outwater Day**, Charlottesville, Va., Jan. 9. A member of Kappa Delta, she earned a master's from Columbia University and was an executive secretary at the long-lines division of AT&T. Survivors include her daughter, two grandsons and three great-grandchildren.

*Note: A story about Anna was featured in the winter issue of Bucknell Magazine. We feel privileged to have depicted her wit, wisdom and wonderful smile shortly before her passing, which occurred after the magazine was printed.*

## 1937

**Clyde Noll**, Amelia Island, Fla., Jan. 28. A member of Tau Kappa Epsilon, Student Government, *L'Agenda* and soccer, he received an MBA and a law degree from Columbia University and served in the Navy during WWII. He worked in the insurance industry and established a private law practice. He was predeceased by his first wife, **Florence Boyd Noll '40**. Survivors include his wife; three children, including **Robin Noll Bioletti '64** and **Jonathan Noll '66**; three stepchildren; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

## 1940

**Virginia Wilson Gault**, Harrisburg, Pa., Aug. 1. She was a volunteer for the American Red Cross and other organizations. Survivors include her son, two stepdaughters, three grandchildren and five step-grandchildren.

## 1942

**Betty Thomas Carson**, Naugatuck, Conn., Dec. 27. A member of Delta Delta Delta and Sigma Tau Delta honor society, she was a Realtor for Root and Boyd, William Raveis and Joyce S. Drakeley Real Estate. She was also president of the Women's Study Club of Naugatuck. She was predeceased by her husband, **F. William Carson '42**. Survivors include two sons, five grandsons and a great-granddaughter.

**W. Frederick Goodyear P'69, G'01**, Long Island, N.Y., Nov. 18. He was an engineer, working with radar during WWII and later in the computer industry. Surviving are two daughters, including **Donna Goodyear Roth '69**; four grandchildren, including **Jessica Jacobson Spencer '01**; and seven great-grandchildren.

**Elizabeth Riegner Stevens**, Wayne, Pa., Dec. 1. A member of Alpha Chi Omega, she earned master's degrees at Northwestern University and Villanova University. She served in the Navy during WWII and later taught piano and was a substitute teacher at Radnor High School. She also was a faculty member at Salem College in North Carolina and trained as a psychodramatist. Survivors include her daughter and three grandchildren.

**Frances Clark Webb**, Seneca Falls, N.Y., Jan. 19. A member of Band, Cap and Dagger, Chorale, the Christian Association and Phi Mu, she was a secretary at Sylvania Electric and president of the Seneca Falls School Board. Survivors include two children, seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

## 1943

**Marion Phillips Meyer P'77**, Charlottesville, Va., Nov. 7. She served in the WAVES during WWII and was a founding member, national president and executive secretary of the

National Organization of Mothers of Twins Club. She was also a Red Cross water-safety instructor. She was predeceased by her husband, **Thomas Meyer '41**. Survivors include five daughters, among them **Naomi Meyer Aitken '77** and **Ruth Meyer '77**; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

**Paul Sehnert**, Brooklyn, N.Y., Aug. 7. A member of Band, Concern and Action, Electrical and Electronics Engineers and Lambda Chi Alpha, he earned master's degrees from the University of New Hampshire and the University of Southern California. He served in the Navy during WWII and was an electrical engineer at Point Mugu Naval Air Station. He later was chief of the technical support development division and chief engineer at Edwards Air Force Base. Survivors include his son, three granddaughters and two great-grandchildren.

## 1944

**Elizabeth Simmons Bowman**, Gordonsville, Tenn., Oct. 18. A member of Phi Mu and Sigma Delta Pi Spanish honor society, she earned a degree from Drake College of Business. She was a substitute teacher and worked at Morris County Free Library in New Jersey and Dover Public Library in Delaware. Survivors include five daughters, 11 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

**Jean Troyer Bruehl**, Harrisburg, Pa., Nov. 10. A member of Delta Delta Delta, she was a secretary for the ships parts control center at the Navy depot in Mechanicsburg, Pa. Survivors include two children, a stepson and a granddaughter.

**Eugene Cowell**, Chatham, N.J., Oct. 28. A member of *The Bucknellian* and Lambda Chi Alpha, he was a traveling auditor and audit manager for Western Union and a purchasing agent for Prudential Asset Management. He also

performed magic under the name Blondgene the Magician and was president of Morris Assembly 168 of the Society of American Magicians and the International Brotherhood of Magicians. Survivors include his wife, two children and five grandchildren.

## 1946

**M. Woody Bates**, Kearny, N.J., Dec. 20. A member of Alpha Kappa Delta sociology honor society and Sigma Chi, he worked for the Grand Union grocery chain, for Lever Brothers, was national sales manager for Coca-Cola and vice president of trade relations for Coca-Cola Export Corp. He built the Yo-Shin-So house in Atlanta with his wife, sold books and was president of the Georgia Antiquarian Booksellers Association. Survivors include two sons, two stepchildren, nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

**Dorothy Huffman Cieslicki**, Palmer Township, Pa., Dec. 18. She earned master's degrees from Columbia University and Johns Hopkins University. She was the director of the Lafayette College Library and Dickinson College Library and a full-time volunteer at Northampton County Historical Society.

**Robert Lehet**, Orange, Conn. A member of Delta Mu Delta business honor society, he worked for SNET Co. and G. Fox Department stores. Survivors include his daughter.

## 1947

**Gloria Child Goelz**, Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., Nov. 19. She was a member of Alpha Lambda Delta honor society, Mortar Board and Pi Beta Phi. She was also a class reporter for *Bucknell Magazine*. Survivors include five children, 14 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

**Marjorie Grahame Stephens**, Brownsburg, Ind., Dec. 29. A

member of Alpha Chi Omega and Pi Delta Epsilon journalism honor society, she received a bachelor's from Butler University and a master's from Indiana University. She was an elementary-school principal for Brownsburg schools. Survivors include two children, two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

## 1948

**Charles Clifford**, McDonald, Ohio, Jan. 3. A member of Band, *Bucknell Engineer*, Navy V-12 Program and Sigma Alpha Epsilon, he served in the Navy and worked for State Farm Insurance. Survivors include three children, 10 grandchildren and two great-grandsons.

**Gloria Binkley Cox**, Carmichael, Calif., Oct. 23. A member of Phi Mu, she earned a master's from Stanford Graduate School of Education. She was a teacher in Alameda, a teacher and librarian in the Rio Linda School District and performed as a professional puppeteer. She was also active in many civic and professional societies. Survivors include her daughter and a granddaughter.

**Betty Moore McKernan P'70**, Hamden, Conn., Dec. 5. She earned a bachelor's degree from Drew University and worked for Bell Laboratories. She was also a copywriter for local radio stations and a researcher, scriptwriter and television personality for New Haven's WHNC-TV. She was predeceased by her former husband, **Robert McKernan '48**. Survivors include three sons, including **Robert McKernan '70**; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

**Donald Tracy**, Waynesburg, Pa., Nov. 10. A member of American Society of Civil Engineers, Kappa Sigma and Phi Eta Sigma first-year honor society, he served in the Army Air Corps during WWII and the Air Force during the Korean War. He later worked for space-shuttle contractors. Survivors include his daughter, two

grandsons and three great-grandchildren.

## 1949

**Jean Heller**, Williamsport, Pa., Feb. 11. She earned an associate's degree from Lycoming College, a master's from Penn State University and attended Syracuse University. She was a teacher at George A. Farrell School, Jefferson Elementary School and Williamsport Area High School. She was also supervisor of English for the Williamsport Area School District and served on several boards in the Williamsport area. Survivors include her sister.

**Kenneth Oxenrider**, Boulder City, Nev., Feb. 8. A member of Delta Upsilon and Phi Eta Sigma first-year honor society, he served in the Army during WWII and also attended Virginia Military Institute. He worked for Hercules Inc. Survivors include three daughters and seven grandchildren.

**Martha Chance Walgran**, Lewisburg, Pa., Nov. 4. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta. She was predeceased by her husband, **Robert Walgran '49**. She is survived by two grandsons.

## 1950

**Matthew Galbraith**, Darien, Conn., Jan. 25. A member of *The Bucknellian*, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and WVBU, he served in the Army during WWII. He was senior vice president of Metropolitan Life Insurance, president of the Providence Chamber of Commerce, chairman of the board of AAA of New England and chair of the United Way of Rhode Island. Survivors include his wife, three children and five grandchildren.

## 1951

**Joseph Fife**, Hewlett, N.Y., Sept. 30. He was a member of Delta Mu Delta business honor society, Hillel, Interfraternity Council and Sigma Alpha Mu. Survivors include his wife, three children, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Eleanor Raup**, Rockford, Ill., Jan. 30. A member of Cap and Dagger, Kappa Kappa Gamma, *L'Agenda* and WVBU, she earned a master's from Dominican University. She worked for Pan American-Grace Airways, held several secretarial positions, principally with LaSalle National Bank, and was a reference librarian at Ohio State University and at Price Waterhouse. Survivors include several cousins.

## 1953

**John Shultis**, Manahawkin, N.J., Dec. 14. A member of *The Bucknellian*, Phi Eta Sigma first-year honor society, Sigma Chi, Sigma Pi Sigma physics honor society and soccer, he served in the Army Signal Corps. He had a career in television and sound engineering at NBC, MGM Studios, EUE/Screen Gems, Prudential Property Co. and Nexus. He also edited many television shows and won an Emmy for outstanding achievement in videotape editing for his work on *Kraft Music Hall: Sound of Burt Bacharach*. Survivors include his wife, two sons, six grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

**David Wagner**, Springfield, Va., Dec. 1. A member of *L'Agenda*, Phi Sigma Tau philosophy honor society and Student Government, he earned master's degrees from American University and from George Washington University and attended the U.S. Army War College. Col. Wagner served in the Marines for 26 years, was a faculty member of the U.S. Naval Academy, chief of the academic department at the USMC Command and Staff

College and worked in the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon. He later served in executive roles at Computer Science Corp., Mantech and Planning Research Corp. Survivors include his wife, four children and eight grandchildren.

## 1954

**Nancy Walker Burns**, Rye Beach, N.H., Dec. 11. A member of Cap and Dagger, Delta Zeta, *L'Agenda*, Psi Chi psychology honor society and WVBU, she was a history teacher in New Jersey and a substitute teacher in Rye Beach. She was also a museum teacher for the Strawberry Banke Museum and a guide at the Warner House and the John Paul Jones House. Survivors include her husband, two children and three grandchildren.

**Virginia Martin Kelly**, Mendham, N.J., May 28, 2015. A member of Concern and Action, Delta Zeta, *L'Agenda* and WVBU, she worked for J. Walter Thompson. She later was a homemaker and an executive assistant at Chase Bank and Bank of New York. Survivors include her husband, **Marvin Kelly '54**, three children and five grandchildren.

## 1955

**Leard Altemus**, Latrobe, Pa., Jan. 18. A member of Chorale, Debating Club, *L'Agenda* and Phi Gamma Delta, he earned a medical degree from Thomas Jefferson University Medical College and did a medical residency at Ohio State University. He worked in neuroradiology and had several articles published in medical journals. Survivors include his wife, three children and a grandson.

**Michael Goodrich**, Charleston, S.C., Nov. 22. A member of Chorale, *L'Agenda*, Phi Sigma biology honor society and Sigma Phi Epsilon, he earned a master's and a doctorate from

Penn State University. He was a professor at Eastern Illinois University. Survivors include his wife, three children and three grandchildren.

**C. Wayne Griffith**, Weston, Mass., Feb. 1. A member of Chorale, the Christian Association, Kappa Sigma and Chapel Choir, he also attended Wilkes University and Northwestern University. He served in the Army during the Korean War. He was an executive for several global corporations and CEO of several startups. Survivors include his wife, four children, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

**Donald McCully**, Mays Landing, N.J., Dec. 10. A member of Phi Kappa Psi, he served in the Air Force and later worked for Prudential Insurance, Bell Telephone, Spencer Gifts, Wheaton Glass, Alexander Proudfoot and Scheduling Corp. of America. He was also the owner of Interstate Tank Testing. Survivors include his wife, three sons, nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

**Steve Smith**, Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 26. A member of basketball, Intramurals and Phi Kappa Psi, he served in the Army during the Korean War. He worked for Naval Surface Warfare Center at Dahlgren, Va. Survivors include three children, two stepsons and eight grandchildren.

## 1956

**H. Judson Carr P'80, P'82, P'84**, Naples, Fla., Dec. 8. A member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, intramurals, *L'Agenda* and Phi Gamma Delta, he earned a juris doctor from Penn State University-Dickinson Law and served in the Navy. He worked for Gould, Sivin, Larson, Reardon, Carr and Stanley and later established his own law firm. He owned Dauntless Shipyard in Essex, Conn., and was founder and chairman of Maritime Bank. Survivors include his wife, **Shirley Hall**

**Carr '57**; three children, **Timothy Carr '80, Charles Carr '82** and **Miriam Carr Cline '84**; and six grandchildren.

**Gaspere Gioia**, Cocoa, Fla., Nov. 10. A member of Cap and Dagger, Delta Upsilon, intramurals, the Pre-Medical Society and WVBU, he received a medical degree from Albert Einstein College of Medicine. He was a gynecologist for 50 years. Survivors include his wife, four children and six grandchildren.

**Stanley Hubbard**, St. Johns, Fla. Sept. 28. He did graduate studies at Seton Hall University and New York University and served in the Air Force. He worked for Empire Trust, Esther Williams Swimming Pool Co. and Ford Motor Co. Survivors include his wife, two children, three stepdaughters, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Elizabeth Rufe Jackson P'80, P'83**, Gladwyne, Pa., Dec. 27. A member of *The Bucknellian*, Cap and Dagger, Dance Company, Christian Fellowship, intramurals, Kappa Kappa Gamma, *L'Agenda*, NAACP, Politics Club and Chapel Choir, she attended the Walter E. Baum School of Art and was an elementary-school teacher in the Lower Merion School District. She was predeceased by her husband, **Samuel Jackson P'80, P'83**, and daughter **Jennifer Jackson Hunt '80**. Survivors include her daughter, **Jill Jackson '83**, and three grandchildren.

**Lynda Nicholson**, Laguna Beach, Calif., Jan. 22. A member of Delta Zeta, *L'Agenda*, Psi Chi psychology honor society, Symphony Orchestra and WVBU, she was an artist. Survivors include three children and three grandchildren.

## 1957

**Richard Kellagher**, Bridgeville, Del., Nov. 19. A member of the Christian Association, Delta Upsilon, Intramurals and ROTC, he served in the Army. He worked in sales for Atlantic

Refining Co. in Philadelphia and later worked for Hallmark Cards. He was also district manager of a sales force that covered northern California and northern Nevada. Survivors include his wife, three children, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**Lenwood Vanorsdale**, Clarks Summit, Pa., Jan. 27. A member of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, NAACP and WVBU, he was a senior systems analyst for Thompson Consumer Electronics. Survivors include his wife, three stepchildren and two granddaughters.

## 1958

**George Lyon P'92**, Houston, Texas, Jan. 3. A member of Chorale, Delta Upsilon and ROTC, he served in the Army. He worked for Harbison-Walker and later started Refractories Inc. Survivors are his wife; two sons, including **Eric Lyon '92**; four grandchildren; and two stepgrandchildren.

**Allan Smith P'85**, Irondequoit, N.Y., Dec. 24. He earned a bachelor's from the University of Rochester and worked for Eastman Kodak. He was also director of Salem Nutrition Center, worked at the Genesee Country Village and Museum and was a pastor. Survivors include his wife; three daughters, including **Karen Smith-Gulaskey '85**; and five grandchildren.

**Robert Zinn M'59**, Arizona, Dec. 1. He earned a J.D. from George Washington University Law School, was a corporate attorney for Honeywell and later opened a private practice. He was predeceased by his former wife, **Jacqueline Nitz Zinn '57**. Survivors include his wife, four children, 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

**George Meyers**, Clearwater, Fla., Jan. 24. A member of Phi Kappa Psi and ROTC, he worked for NCR, North American Financial Systems, Sunshine State Systems, NSS Corp., FiServ and ClearData. He also had a partnership with his

son in Leasing 2, a commercial finance company. Survivors include his wife, two children and seven grandchildren.

## 1959

**James Carlson P'94**, Bonita Springs, Fla., Jan. 1. A member of ROTC, Student Government and Phi Kappa Psi, he served in the Army. He worked in human resources for General Electric and for John Wood Realtors. Survivors include his daughter, **Kymm Carlson '94**.

## 1960

**G. Michael Shannon**, Dunedin, Fla., Jan. 10. A member of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, Lambda Chi Alpha, ROTC and Tau Beta Pi engineering honor society, he served in the Army. He worked for General Electric and Waste Management. He helped form two waste-disposal companies, Resources Unlimited and Greenfield Environmental Management. Survivors include two former wives, five children, 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

## 1961

**Victor Bellace P'89**, Cherry Hill, N.J., Jan. 10. A member of baseball, Interfraternity Council, intramurals, *L'Agenda*, Phi Kappa Psi, Psychology Club, ROTC and Student Government, he earned a master's from West Virginia University. He was an Army lieutenant at Fort Dix, worked for Scott Paper and later worked in sales and management. He was governor of the National Office Product Association. Surviving are two children, including **John Bellace '89**, and a granddaughter.

**Charlotte Warren Dziadosz**, Haverford, Pa., April 24, 2015. A member of Alpha Sigma Alpha, the Christian Association, Delta

Phi Alpha, intramurals and Symphony Orchestra, she was a mathematics teacher in the Abington, Pa., public school system and professor at Pierce College. She is survived by two children.

## 1962

**Joseph Carter**, Providence, R.I., Dec. 10. He was a member of the Christian Association, Economics Society, Christian Fellowship, Ski Club and track and field.

**Erik Mason**, Santa Fe, N.M., Jan. 5. A member of Cap and Dagger, Chorale and Christian Fellowship, he earned a master's from New Mexico State University. He served in the Army and received the Soldier's Medal. He was honored as a Santa Fe Living Treasure in 2014 for his work with many homelessness, immigrant-rights, peace, social-justice and food-security nonprofits. He was reportedly the first person from New Mexico to attend Bucknell. Survivors include nieces and nephews.

## 1963

**Peter Abeles**, Long Valley, N.J., Jan. 12. A member of Christian Fellowship, intramurals, *L'Agenda* and Student Government, he worked for his family real-estate firm in Manhattan, N.Y., and joined the Peace Corps, where he helped establish the first library in the southern Philippines. He taught English and coached at The School of

Kings, Switzerland, was a teacher and coach in Roxbury, N.J., and was a painter. Survivors include three children.

**Daniel Etenger**, Kenmore, N.Y., Jan. 6. A member of swimming and diving, he attended the University at Buffalo. He owned Norman L. Etenger Inc. Survivors include four cousins.

**Judith Siegel Folkmanis**, Berkeley, Calif., Jan. 9. She earned a bachelor's from Antioch College and served in the Peace Corps. She also sold puppets and later founded the Furry Folk Puppets with her husband. Survivors include her husband, two sons and four grandchildren.

## 1964

**Thomas Boyd**, Mentor, Ohio, Nov. 4. A member of baseball, football and Phi Gamma Delta, he was a steel salesman for Sheffield Steel Co. Survivors include his wife, stepson and two grandchildren.

**George Dirkes**, Mill Valley, Calif., Dec. 6. A member of baseball, the Christian Association, Christian Fellowship, ROTC, Student Government and Theta Chi, he earned a law degree from St. John's University School of Law and a master's from New York University. He served in the Army and was a tax attorney and partner of Bancroft and McAlister. He was admitted to the bar in New York State and California and practiced before the U.S. Tax Court. He co-authored *California Trust Practice*, was a member of the American College of Trust Estate Counsel and was chair

of the Bar Association of the San Francisco Probate and Trust Law Section. He was also the former mayor of Ross, Calif., and was chair of the board of directors of the Marin Agricultural Land Trust. Survivors include his wife, three children, a stepson and two grandchildren.

**Charles McDonald**, Bloomfield Hills, Mich., May 5, 2014. A member of Debating Club, Kappa Sigma, *L'Agenda* and Student Government, he earned a law degree from Georgetown University. He worked at the firm of Kykema and Gossett, was general counsel at Kenmar Corp. and was president of the American Heart Association of Michigan. Survivors include two children and three grandchildren.

**Jeanne Melis Mills**, Dorset, Vt., Feb. 2. A member of Christian Fellowship, Kappa Kappa Gamma, *L'Agenda*, Psi Chi psychology honor society and Student Government, she earned master's degrees from Columbia University and Simmons College and attended Harvard Divinity School. She taught English in South America while serving in the Peace Corps and later worked for the American West Center at the University of Utah. She also helped launch Scituate Environmental Effort, was archivist at the Pilgrim Hall Museum in Plymouth, Mass., was ordained as a Unitarian Universalist minister and was an interim minister for nine churches. Survivors include two daughters and a grandson.

## 1965

**Graham Blanton**, Ocean Pines, Md., Jan. 7. A member of the Christian Association and Phi Gamma Delta, he earned a master's from Baldwin Wallace University. He worked for Campbell Soup Co., Foseco Inc. and Asbury Graphite Mills. Survivors include his wife, a son and three grandchildren.

## 1966

**John Bowers**, Carlisle, Pa., Jan. 20. A member of Sigma Chi, he served in the Army during the Vietnam War. He was a banker for Financial Trust Corp. and Orrstown Bank. Survivors include his wife, two children and five grandsons.

**Douglas Budde**, Cape Canaveral, Nov. 2. A member of band, he received a bachelor's from Adelphi University, a master's from the University of New Hampshire and a medical degree from the SUNY Health Science Center at Brooklyn. He was a psychiatrist. Survivors include his wife, two sons and four grandchildren.

## 1967

**Richard Schroeder**, Dickinson, Texas, Feb. 11. A member of Alpha Chi Sigma chemistry honor society, the American Institute for Chemical Engineers and Sigma Chi, he was a chemical engineer and worked in sales for Schenectady International. Survivors include his former wife, wife, two children, three stepchildren, 10 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

## 1968

**Jeffrey Fincun**, Chagrin Falls, Ohio, Jan. 18. He earned a juris doctor from Case Western Reserve University School of Law. He was admitted to the Ohio bar and practiced with Burgess, Steck, Andrews and Stickney. He later worked for the law firm of Weston Hurd LLP. Survivors include his wife and two children.

**Jonathan Shoup**, Arnold, Md., Jan. 4. A member of *L'Agenda*, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and soccer, he earned a master's from Arizona State University and a law degree from the University of Baltimore School of Law. He served in the Army during the Vietnam and

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Gulf wars. He was an assistant state's attorney in Baltimore and later had a private practice. He was a legal panelist on television programs, went on a national speaking tour for the government, was an adjunct lecturer at the University of Maryland and University of Baltimore law schools and was president of the University of Baltimore Alumni Association and the Cawood Inn of Court. Survivors include half-siblings and a niece.

## 1969

**Robert Sigurdson**, Rochester, N.Y., Jan. 30. A member of Theta Delta Chi, he worked in the home-building business and formed Woodshire Homes LTD with his partner. Survivors include extended family members.

## 1975

**Peter Murtha**, Silver Spring, Md., Dec. 23. A member of Pi Sigma Alpha political science honor society and lacrosse, he earned a J.D. from George Washington University Law School and was a prosecutor of environmental crimes for the U.S. Justice Department and the Environmental Protection Agency. He worked on the Rocky Flats nuclear weapons production facility prosecution and wildlife trafficking and fisheries crimes for the Justice Department. He later became director of the Office of Criminal Enforcement for the EPA. In retirement he was active in 350.org's fossil-fuel divestment campaign, leading the effort in Montgomery County, Md., and providing advice to divestment campaigns at colleges and universities, including Bucknell. Survivors include his wife and two daughters.

**Stephen Wheeler**, Webster, N.Y., Nov. 19. A member of Intramurals, he earned a master's from the Rochester Institute of Technology and

worked for Webster Plastics and Parker Hannifin. Survivors include his wife and two daughters.

## 1976

**Dennis Damaschke P'06**, Flemington, N.J., Jan. 11. A member of football and Phi Gamma Delta, he worked for Mutual Benefit Life, The Hartford, TIAA-CREF and Metlife. Survivors include his wife, **Mary Lynn Lemmer Damaschke '76**; and three children, including **Susan Demaschke Bennett '06**.

## 1977

**Linda Christensen Appleby**, Evergreen, Pa., Aug. 3. She was a member of Alpha Lambda Delta honor society, Delta Zeta, International Relations Club, Omicron Delta Kappa leadership honor society, Pi Delta Phi French honor society, Senior Gift Drive, Student Government, swimming and diving and the Synchronettes. Survivors include her husband and two children.

## 1983

**Helen Allen**, Montclair, N.J., Dec. 10. She was a counselor at the Park Street YMCA in Montclair, a financial manager for Smith Barney and Dean Witter and senior vice president of KS Capital Management. Survivors include her father, siblings, nieces and nephews.

## 1985

**John Hammalian**, Montvale, N.J., Feb. 7. A member of Kappa Sigma, he earned a law degree from the University of Pittsburgh Law School. He was a lawyer with Dreyfus, BNY Mellon and worked for BenefitWallet. Survivors include his wife and

three children.

**David Pless**, Malvern, Pa., Oct. 27. A member of Delta Upsilon, he earned a law degree from Villanova University School of Law. He was an assistant district attorney for Chester County, Pa., worked for Unruh, Turner, Burke and Frees and founded his own private insurance firm. Survivors include his wife and two children.

## 1986

**Robin Bryant Kelly**, Trenton, N.J., Jan. 5. She served in the Army and later worked in accounting in the Trenton area. Survivors include two children and three grandchildren.

## 1988

**Michael Adams**, Annandale, Va., Jan. 10. A member of Club Varsity Crew, he earned a medical degree from Georgetown University. He later joined the faculty at Georgetown University where he was inducted into the MAGIS society, received many awards and was the associate program director, internal medicine clerkship director and vice chair for education in the department of medicine. He also published in scientific and clinical journals and was a public speaker. Survivors include his wife, **Pamela Provenzano Adams '87**; and two children.

## 1997

**Lisa Allen Hawken**, Athens, Pa., Dec. 29, 2015. A member of Kappa Delta Pi education honor society, Mortar Board and track and field, she earned a master's from SUNY College at Brockport. She was a teacher at Bath-Haverling Elementary School and principal of Campbell-Savona Junior-Senior High School. Survivors include her husband and two daughters.

## 2003

**Warren Long**, Fairfield, Conn., Jan. 23. A member of the Global Residential College and Sigma Phi Epsilon, he earned an MBA from the University of Connecticut. He taught English in Japan and worked for Kolmar America Petrochemicals in Zug, Switzerland, Wexford Capital and Northern Shipping Funds. Survivors include his wife, **Leslie Shevlin Long '04**, and a son.

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### MASTER'S

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**Bruce Dimmick M'51**, State College, Pa., Jan. 2. He attended Mansfield State Teachers College and earned a bachelor's degree from Mansfield University of Pennsylvania. He served in the Army Air Corps during WWII and was a teacher and counselor at Alfred-Almond Junior High School, Perry Joint High School, Marple-Newtown High School and Central Dauphin East High School. He was also director of the Educational Development Center at Mansfield University and a member of the Susquehanna Township, Pa., planning commission. Survivors include his wife, two children and three granddaughters.

**Herman Friedman M'64**, Elmira, N.Y., Nov. 15. He earned a bachelor's from Penn State University. He served in the Army and worked for the sports department of the Indiana, Pa., *Star-Gazette*. He was also a teacher at Waverly High School and the Mechanical Mining Institute. Survivors include two sons and four grandchildren.

**Joseph Haenn M'68**, Rougemont, N.C., March 22, 2015. He earned a bachelor's degree from East Stroudsburg University and a doctorate from the University of Chicago. He worked in educational research and evaluation for Durham, N.C., public schools, was educational policy adviser to North Carolina Gov. Jim

Hunt, worked in the state's Office of School Readiness and was co-founder of the Little River Community Complex. Survivors include his wife and a daughter.

**Richard Hivner M'60**, Hummelstown, Pa., Jan. 2. He earned a degree from Elizabethtown College and was a teacher and counselor in the Susquehanna Township School District. He was a basketball, football and track and field official; a coach and secretary-treasurer of the former Capital Area Athletic Conference; president of the former Harrisburg YMCA Co-ed Club; a driver for the Hummelstown Elder Express Van program; secretary for the Pennsylvania Association for College Admissions Counseling and president and chairman of the Dauphin County chapter of the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees. Survivors include his wife, three children, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**Anthony Marchakitus M'50**, Lehman Township, Pa., Nov. 26. He earned a bachelor's from East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania and served in the Navy during WWII. He was an assistant superintendent and teacher in the Lake-Lehman School District, Pa. The Lake-Lehman High School building is named in his honor. He was also chairman of District II in the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association and was inducted into the Luzerne County Sports Hall of Fame. Survivors include two children and three grandchildren.

**Robert Moore M'61**, Indiana, Pa., Nov. 22. He earned degrees from Clarion University of Pennsylvania and Penn State University. He served in the Navy during WWII and was a professor at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He also taught at Summerville High School and in the Clarion-Limestone School District. Survivors include his son, six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

## FRIENDS

**Leona Brouse**, Lewisburg, Pa., Dec. 6. She was a custodian for Bucknell and also worked at Fox Knapp, Lewisburg Woolen Mill and Evangelical Community Hospital. Surviving are four children, 11 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

**Sally Chandler P'78, P'86**, Skillman, N.J., Jan. 7, 2014. She was a homemaker. Surviving are four children, including **Elizabeth Chandler Bell '86** and **Nancy Chandler Koglmeier '78**; and 13 grandchildren.

**Jean Crossland P'82**, Lewisburg, Pa., Nov. 11. She earned a nursing degree at the former Philadelphia General Hospital and was co-founder of The Crossland Group. Survivors include her husband, **Richard Crossland P'82**; three sons, including **Jeffrey Crossland '82**; five grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

**Jeannette Cruse**, Lewisburg, Pa., Jan. 26. She earned a bachelor's from Lock Haven University and a master's and Ph.D. from Penn State University. She was a teacher at Woodward Elementary School and a professor, chair of the department of education and director of international student teaching at Lock Haven University. She also taught at the International School in Quito, Ecuador. Survivors include two children, seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

**Robert Dix P'69**, Milton, Pa., Dec. 13. He earned a degree from Franklin & Marshall College and from Thomas Jefferson University and served in the Army. He worked for Evangelical Community Hospital, was head of the Family Practice of Williamsport Hospital and was a member of many medical societies. Survivors include his wife; a daughter, **Virginia Dix Ghnassia '69**; five step-grandchildren; and six step-great-grandchildren.

**Allen Ertel**, Montoursville, Pa., Nov. 19. He earned degrees from Dartmouth College's

Thayer School of Engineering and Tuck School of Business and Yale Law School. He served in the Navy and clerked for the Federal District Court of Delaware. He was a lawyer, district attorney of Lycoming County, Pa., a Democratic member of the House of Representatives, a visiting professor at Bucknell and a superdelegate to the Democratic National Convention. He also ran unsuccessfully for governor and attorney general of Pennsylvania, and started RegScan Inc. and Firetree Place. Survivors include his wife, two children and five grandchildren.

**Elizabeth Hedrick P'86**, Ithaca, N.Y., Aug. 4. She graduated from Middlebury College and studied at Teachers College, Columbia University and Simmons College. She worked in food-related positions for Wellesley College, Springfield Federal Land Bank, Sky Chef Catering of American Airlines, Mohawk College, Standard Brands, Armour and Co., *McCall's*, General Foods and was later a homemaker. Survivors include her daughter, **Carol Hedrick Altomare '86**; two granddaughters; three step-children; 10 step-grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

**Karen Heeter**, Lewisburg, Pa., Dec. 3. She worked for Bucknell, Susquehanna University and Danville State Hospital. Survivors include sisters, nieces and nephews.

**Connie Herzog P'14**, Dingmans Ferry, Pa., Dec. 15, 2014. She was a Realtor for Wilkins and Associates Real Estate. Survivors include her former husband and two children, including **Nicolle Herzog '14**.

**Bruce Hetrich P'03**, Whitehall, Pa., March 12, 2014. He earned a degree from Penn State University and served in the Marines during the Vietnam War. He was an engineer for Mack Trucks. Surviving are his wife; two children, including **Jessica Hetrich Shure '03**; and two grandchildren.

**Wendy Hoffman P'05**, Honesdale, Pa., March 5, 2014. She earned a bachelor's from

Carleton College and was a teacher in Montessori schools, a yoga teacher and a massage therapist. Surviving are her husband, **Kevin Hoffman P'05**, and two children, including **Jason Hoffman '05**.

**Margaret Hustler**, Naples, Fla., Oct. 14. She attended the College of William & Mary and was a model for leading fashion magazines. She was predeceased by her husband, **John Hustler '41**. Survivors include five children, one grandchild and one great-grandchild.

**Spiros Jannides**, Sidney, Ohio, Dec. 25. He attended the University of Wisconsin and earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Penn State University. He was the assistant dean of men at Bucknell, the director of the department of human resources for Copeland Corp. and a substitute teacher in Fort Loramie, Ohio, schools. He was a trustee of Edison State College. Survivors include his wife, two daughters and four grandchildren.

**Janice Kellogg**, Rolling Hills, Calif., Oct. 4, 2015. Survivors include two children.

**Fred Madel**, Sturbridge, Mass., April 1, 2015. He was a technician for N.J. Bell Telephone and Verizon. Survivors include his wife, **Roberta Snell Madel '60**.

**James McManus P'16**, Charlestown, Mass., Nov. 23. Survivors include his former wife, **Robin Krawczyk P'16**; his wife Natalie; and three children, including **Allie McManus '16**.

**Richard Mertz**, Selinsgrove, Pa., Sept. 26. He attended the University at Buffalo and earned a degree from Penn State University. He worked for Archer Daniels Midland and owned Sunbury Motor Co. Survivors include his wife, three children and six grandchildren.

**Carleton Rosenburgh P'88**, Baltimore, Md., July 7, 2014. He earned a degree from Yale University and served in the Army. He worked at *The New York Daily News*, was vice president of *The Philadelphia Inquirer* and *Philadelphia Daily*

News and senior vice president of the newspaper division at Gannett. He was on the board of the Audit Bureau of Circulation. Surviving are his wife, **Louise Marshall Rosenburgh P'88**; three children, including **Laura Rosenburgh Shmerler '88**; and six grandchildren.

**Margaret Pavlin P'75**, Wilmington, Del., Nov. 9. She was a homemaker. Surviving are her husband, **Robert Pavlin P'75**; three children, including **Teresa Pavlin '75**; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

**Fredric Schluter**, Naples, Fla., Nov. 13. He graduated from Princeton University and served in the Navy during WWII. He worked in steel manufacturing at Garden State Forge and founded Keystone Forging Co. in Northumberland, Pa. Survivors include his wife, seven children and 17 grandchildren.

**George Smith P'88**, Turbotville, Pa., Nov. 27. He served in the Navy during WWII and worked for his family's business, Somers and Smith. He was later a nightshift supervisor at the Chef Boyardee factory in Milton, Pa., and worked at the Turbotville Post Office. He also ran a business, Mystic Candlecrafters. Surviving are his wife, **Janet Smith P'88**; three daughters, including **Georgia Smith Laudenslager '88**; five granddaughters; and one great-granddaughter.

**Lillian Smith**, Hughesville, Pa., July 3. She was a substitute teacher for the East Lycoming School District and a homemaker. Surviving are her husband, **Myron Smith M'61**; three children; six grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

**James Stephens G'18**, Plano, Texas, Nov. 21. He served in the Army, was the general manager of Frisina Enterprise and formed PCK Theatres. Survivors include three children and six grandchildren, including **Michael Stephens '18**.

**Arthur Taylor**, Salisbury, Conn., Dec. 3. He earned a master's from Brown University. He worked for Boston Co. and

was vice president of finance, executive vice president and director of International Paper Co. He later was president and director of CBS, established Arthur Taylor and Co., was the founding president of the New York City Partnership with David Rockefeller, was dean of the graduate school of business administration and dean of the faculty of business at Fordham University, and was president of Muhlenberg College. He served on many boards for international corporations and universities, including as a trustee of Bucknell. Survivors include his wife, three daughters and four grandchildren.

**Dick Wetzel**, Selinsgrove, Pa., Jan. 17. He earned a degree from Susquehanna University. He was vice president of finance for Weis Markets. Surviving are his wife, a daughter, two grandchildren and two great-granddaughters.

**Hugh Yarrington P'03, P'04**, Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 20. He earned a bachelor's from Randolph-Macon College and a law degree from George Washington University Law School. He served in the Army during the Vietnam War and was publisher and senior vice president of operations at the Bureau of National Affairs and president and chief executive of CCH. He was later an executive board member of Wolters Kluwer. Surviving are his former wife, **Kathleen P'03, P'04**; five children, including **Ashley Yarrington McKee '03** and **Jill Yarrington '04**; and two grandchildren.

## And the winners are...



The Class of '42's sartorial splendor inspired many clever responses to last issue's Caption Contest. Here are five of the best.

"The Class of 1942 Stars in Stripes Forever"

— Megan Grossman '19

"I hope our vertical stripes don't get confused with the horizontal stripes they wear at that other Lewisburg institution."

— Jim Rowbotham '65

"What do we do now, Biff? The Sigs want their awning back!"

— Don Carss '49

"I'm so glad we didn't order the pants."

— Jan Pearson '02

"We first volunteered in 1942. It was a decades-long struggle, but we finally won the right to be male candy strippers at the hospital."

— Richard Mackie '71

Congratulations, winners!

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

- M** = master's degree from Bucknell University
- P** = parent of a Bucknell graduate
- G** = grandparent of a Bucknell graduate
- H** = honorary degree recipient

## From Bucknell to 'Breakfast Club'

Father and son parlayed their English majors into Hollywood success.

By Andrew Meyer '71 and Jake Meyer '08

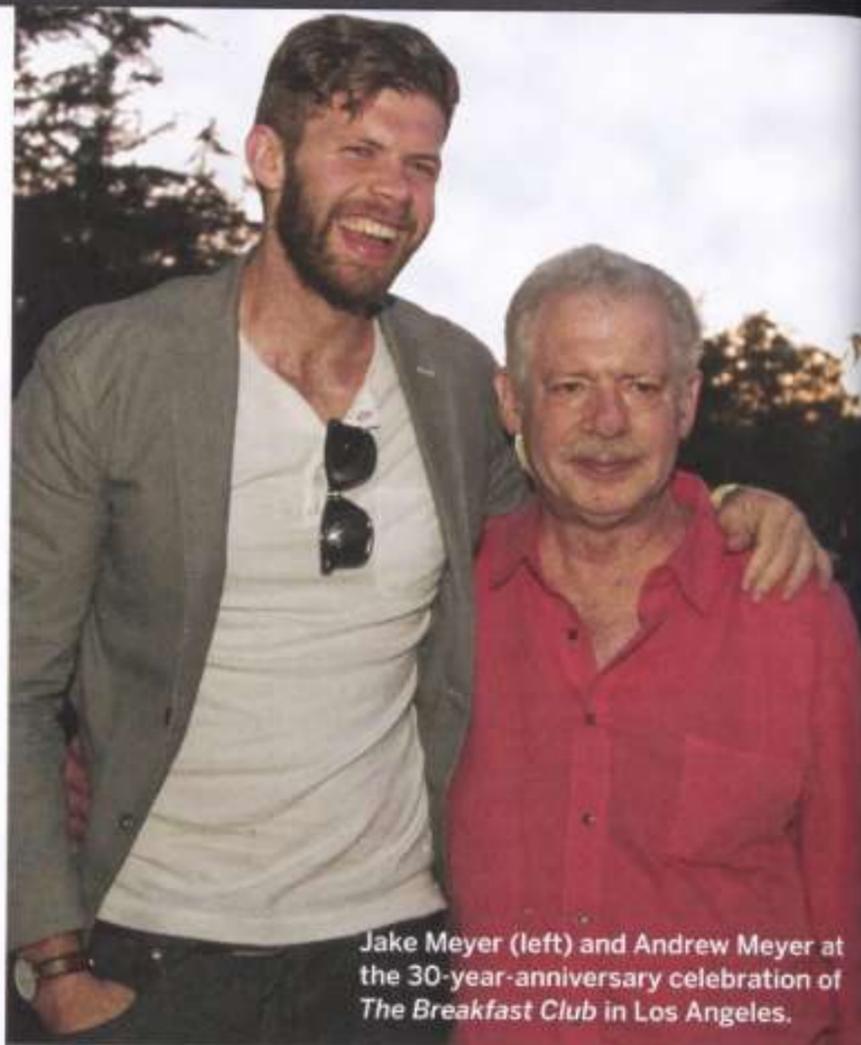
**F**ather-and-son combo Andrew Meyer '71 and Jake Meyer '08 couldn't be more different at first glance. The first thing you notice is the height (Jake is well over 6 feet, and his father, well, isn't). Andrew swam sprints for Bucknell, while Jake was a shot putter for the Bison. But they share the same gummy smile and a shockingly similar résumé.

Andrew was an overnight success at Bucknell. He was a key member of the concert committee and charmed the Grateful Dead, Jefferson Airplane and others into stopping by Lewisburg. Eventually, A&M Records called to figure out the identity of this 20-year-old who kept changing their tour schedules. Andrew graduated with a job awaiting him at A&M Records. There he started A&M Films and went on to produce movies such as *The Breakfast Club*, directed by a little-known talent named John Hughes — whom Andrew discovered — and *Fried Green Tomatoes*.

Like his father, Jake packed up his car and drove cross-country to LA after graduation. He landed in advertising, where he partnered with Paramount Studios, Relativity, Lionsgate, Open Road, A24 and Focus Features to launch their media-buying campaigns on digital. The Meyer boys just seem to do well with the studios.

Both think that this is more than just dumb luck. "As an English major at Bucknell I learned the importance of efficiency and clarity in writing," Andrew says. "My professors were always cutting back my indulgent prose, forcing me to focus on the core of the story and teaching me how to tell the story in a concise way so the reader would stay engaged. This is especially critical in writing a screenplay because every line costs money to shoot. My Bucknell English professors taught me those skills."

Jake offers a less technical explanation: "In Hollywood you can either build relationships or you can't. From the very beginning, I had professors like Shara McCallum and



Jake Meyer (left) and Andrew Meyer at the 30-year-anniversary celebration of *The Breakfast Club* in Los Angeles.

Tameka Cage, who would sit us in a room and challenge us to communicate. Whether in writing, discussion or face-to-face with a professor, we had to be capable of making a clear point. If you're someone who can walk into an executive's office and explain what you need without wasting 30 minutes of their time, then you're going to go far."

Bucknell represents a lot of good memories for the father/son team. Andrew reminisces about how he'd walk away from the concerts in the '60s with bags of money he had to keep

*Bucknell represents a lot of good memories for the father/son team.*

under his bed until the banks opened the next day. And both agree that one of the best days of their lives was when Andrew pulled Jake out of his high-school classroom to give him his acceptance letter to

Bucknell. Being able to share that excitement as a family tradition was an exhilarating feeling.

Ultimately, the duo says they never would have had their Hollywood success if it weren't for their years in the Carnegie and Vaughan Literature buildings, where their English classes met. The time they spent there prepared them for working in Hollywood. While they've never worked together on a movie (which seems strange), maybe their first tandem effort could be about Bucknell. The blue-and-orange sunsets look ready for their closeup.

*Andrew Meyer '71 is a professor at Savannah College of Art and Design. He is preparing a feature film to be shot this summer. Jake Meyer '08 has launched more than 20 national feature films, including Spotlight, Dirty Grandpa and Dope.*



Hear Andrew Meyer talk about producing *The Breakfast Club* at [bucknell.edu/bmagazine](http://bucknell.edu/bmagazine) or download the Bucknell Magazine app.

# “IT’S BEEN A FASCINATING LIFE, THANKS TO BUCKNELL.”

“What I learned in Bucknell’s engineering program was how to learn, and that has been priceless,” says Susan Suhr ’72, who’s excelled in a variety of pursuits, including professional theater, pharmaceutical engineering, financial consulting and senior management, with a stop along the way for an MBA. “There has been almost no challenge that I haven’t been able to meet,” she says. “My Bucknell education has been the foundation for my life and my career.”

Financial aid allowed Suhr to attend Bucknell at a time when women were rare in mechanical engineering. To help others enjoy the same transformational experience, she and her wife, Marina Viale, endowed a scholarship for female engineering majors. Later, they added a bequest gift to support the award, which will help students for generations to come.

“It all comes back to our basic belief in giving back and helping others,” Suhr says. “Financial issues should not be allowed to stand in the way of young women trying to get the same academic education as I did.”

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Susan Suhr '72 (left) and Marina Viale

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