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President's Message

A Deeper Investment in the Humanities



Though the humanities have long enjoyed a central place in American higher education, their core role in the life of the mind predates our first American university, Harvard, founded in 1636. As our 2017 Commencement speaker, Fareed Zakaria, notes in his book *In Defense of a Liberal Education*, the ancient Greeks and Romans devised a system of education that was much later codified within seven liberal arts. These were divided between those based within literature, including grammar, logic and rhetoric, and those based on mathematics, such as arithmetic and geometry. This division loosely corresponds to the humanities and the sciences of today.

The humanities are integral to Bucknell's broad educational offering. We need only look to our own graduates, such as last year's Commencement speaker, Spanish major **Leslie Moonves '71**, the chairman, president and CEO of CBS Corp., to see the value in teaching our students to use critical-thinking skills to evaluate information, to develop arguments and to clearly express themselves, verbally and in writing.

The central role the humanities play in Bucknell's web of learning will soon be expressed in a more tangible form as we progress with a plan we announced last summer to renovate and expand Demosthenean Hall, formerly the Delta Upsilon fraternity house. The closing of the chapter in 2015, due to lack of membership, presented an opportunity to ideally locate our Humanities Center in the heart of campus.

Support for such a facility is strong. In March, **Zareen Taj Mirza '79** and her mother, **Josephine "Dodie" Hildreth Detmer '52**, generously directed part of a significant gift to the project — a gift we will recognize by naming the building in their honor. In addition, a space within the new building will be named for Moonves, who also graciously contributed a seven-figure gift to the facility. Both of these wonderful commitments serve as further evidence of the lifelong impact the humanities have on Bucknellians. (For more on the renovation, please see Page 5.)

It's been nearly a year since we formally launched the Humanities Center, programming for which was funded in part by a \$600,000 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. With Professor James Mark Shields, comparative humanities and Asian thought, as the inaugural director, we've made great progress in further elevating the profile of the humanities on campus: from an affirmative evaluation of our developing program by scholars from Emory, Wesleyan and Wellesley; to a successful lecture series on *The Book: Past, Present, Future*; to the advent of a Tuesday afternoon Humanities Symposium; to the funding of projects that emphasize faculty and student research and collaborations. As Director Shields has said, keeping the center's emphasis on faculty scholarship and student research reflects the character of Bucknell.

We continue to nourish our student's intellectual abilities by upholding the humanities, aware that minds trained to be flexible, discerning and creative will yield powerful benefits as our graduates advance in their careers and their lives.

John Bravman
PRESIDENT

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FROM THE EDITOR

New Chapter for 'Bucknell Magazine'



We've entered an exciting phase in the life of *Bucknell Magazine* — a redesign of the print and online magazine. It's been nearly 10 years since the last redesign, in which the magazine name was changed from *Bucknell World* and the publication transitioned from a tabloid to a magazine format.

The redesigned magazine, which is set to launch in early 2018, will be largely reader driven. I embarked on the discovery phase of the redesign in fall 2015, shortly after arriving at Bucknell, by meeting with five groups of alumni coast to coast. I also sought the opinions of the Alumni Association board's communications committee. And in February 2016, a random sample of 14,000 readers received a comprehensive readership survey.

This January, three veteran and national-award-winning redesign firms met on campus with representatives from admissions, alumni relations and communications to present their case for winning the redesign contract. We selected Zehno Cross Media Communications, a New Orleans-based firm that has redesigned magazines for Swarthmore and Bryn Mawr colleges and Tulane and Texas Christian universities, among others.

In February, a second readership survey went to 14,000 readers, and in early March, Zehno's strategists visited campus for a full day of focus groups with students, faculty, the president, provost and leaders of the admissions and development & alumni relations divisions, as well as the communications staff, to hear their opinions on the magazine.

Zehno will sift through all of these findings and arrive at a set of recommendations for the redesign later this spring. In the meantime, I welcome your thoughts on what you like or don't like about *Bucknell Magazine* currently and the direction in which you would like the magazine to evolve.

Our core magazine team, which includes Matt Hughes, associate editor; Donna Glass, graphic designer; and Emily Paine, photographer; is poised for this fresh approach to magazine publishing and is eager to better serve your needs as readers.

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Letters

RESIDENTIAL COLLEGES PIONEER HAD IMPACT ON LIFE OUTCOME

The Winter 2017 issue of *Bucknell Magazine* made me aware of something that I did not know even existed at Bucknell, the Residential Colleges program. I would have loved that kind of experience. I was especially pleased to see John Peeler, professor emeritus of political science, recognized for the central role he had in establishing residential colleges at Bucknell. What a wonderful legacy. Professor Peeler made a difference in so many lives, and mine is one more of them.

I was his student nearly 50 years ago. I had spent the 1966–67 school year on a junior year-abroad program in Rome and returned that September to a political science department that was almost unrecognizable. Happily, however, it was progressive and lively. Professor Peeler was my adviser, and both he and fellow political scientist Chuck Longley became valued friends as they sympathized and tried to suggest possible ways that my future husband could avoid the draft. We had both been accepted into the Peace Corps, but his local draft board would not give him a deferment. He was offered a teaching position at Old Dominion, but again, no deferment. Canada seemed to be the only option. When I graduated in June, that would have been the last that Professor Peeler knew of me.

There is a happy ending to all of this. I married Gayle and, in August 1968, we fled to Canada. He earned a Ph.D. in English at the University of Alberta and worked at Dalhousie University in Halifax and the University of Toronto. I became a librarian and teacher. We have three sons and five grandsons, all in Toronto. Fifteen years ago we retired to Victoria, British Columbia, in such a beautiful part of the world. In hindsight, particularly in this trumped up world, choosing to live and stay in Canada was one of the best decisions of our lives. Perhaps the draft did us a favor. At the time it did not seem so.

Again, I congratulate Professor Peeler on his accomplishments during his teaching career. Bucknell was lucky to have him.

Barbara Helmcke Garlock '68
Victoria, British Columbia

Moore Avenue

News&Notes

A Season of Action

Rallies and teach-ins are a response to decisions made by the new presidential administration

By Sherri Kimmel

Spring semester is always an active time on Bucknell's campus, but this year "activist" is also an apt descriptor.

President Donald Trump's executive order on border security and immigration on Jan. 25 sparked a candlelight vigil in support of immigrants, quickly organized by the Chaplain's Office. With a snow-shrouded Rooke Chapel as a backdrop, about 100 faculty, staff, students and local residents gathered to hear members of the chaplain's staff speak out for unity and justice, holding hands and singing as darkness fell.

A larger, well-organized event with its own Facebook group, Walkout for

the Locked Out, occurred Jan. 31. On a snowy afternoon in front of Bertrand Library, rally leaders used a bullhorn to address a peaceful crowd of about 250 faculty, staff and students. With signs reading "No person is illegal" and "No ban, no wall, equality for all," participants stood and chanted, "This is what democracy looks like" and "No hate. No fear. Immigrants are welcome here."

The rally was followed by a series of well-attended faculty- and staff-led teach-ins with topics such as Fascism

101, What is Islam? Christianity in the Age of Trump and The History of Immigration and Exclusion.

A second event that drew many participants was the Day of Action, Feb. 17, held in conjunction with a nationwide strike coordinated by Strike4Democracy as a day to defend constitutional liberties. About 150 people gathered in front of Bertrand Library for a rally that emphasized that the University is a site of critical thinking about public issues at this point in the nation's history.

"This day is all about sharing your knowledge as part of the necessary resistance in this country," noted one speaker. A student whose parents are Mexican immigrants made the point that "immigrants keep the country running. ... People united will never be defeated. The fight never stops."

Following the rally, the first segment of about two-dozen hourlong faculty-led teach-in sessions were held in buildings throughout campus. Topics included What Happens When We Lose the Public in Public Schools? Is Our Future Sustainable? and Climate Change: Chinese Hoax or Reality? Many sessions drew 40 or more participants. The second set of teach-ins was followed by a rally on Malesardi Quad and an opportunity to call, write or fax U.S. Congress members. Rally speakers emphasized that conservatives were welcome to attend all activities.

Some of those organizing the large campus events were supporters of the student-led group Bucknell Alternative Delegation, which formed in mid-November in response to the election of Donald Trump.



Campus and community members gathered to express support for immigrants and refugees.

Some more modestly attended public actions have also taken place in front of the library this semester. Among them was a Feb. 9 reading of Coretta Scott King's 1986 letter opposing Jeff Sessions' appointment as a federal judge. Sessions was confirmed later that day as U.S. attorney general.

Since Feb. 15 three professors, three staff members and one student have gathered for about 20 minutes on weekday mornings, holding signs that address concerns about climate change. According to one participant, Sabrina Kirby, this is not part of a larger effort. The group "wants to personally acknowledge the urgency of the problem of climate change and make a locally 'invisible' problem more visible."

Though Bucknell is not known historically as a hotbed of student activism, there have been surges. The Vietnam War era was perhaps the most activist time in the University's history, but protests against apartheid in the 1980s, sweatshops in the 1990s and in support of Black Lives Matter in recent years have brought out students, faculty and staff supporters.

 *To read a Bucknellian article on the history of activism at Bucknell, letters by Barbara Helmcke '68 and photos regarding campus activism that echo this spring semester's events, download the Bucknell Magazine app or go to bucknell.edu/SeasonOfAction.*



A candlelight vigil (top) and a rally drew concerned students, faculty and staff.

Humanities Center Building Plan Moves Ahead

Construction crews will begin work in June transforming Demosthenean Hall, the former Delta Upsilon fraternity house, into a hub for the humanities at Bucknell. When it reopens next spring, the building will house the Humanities Center, an initiative launched in 2016 to enhance the visibility of the humanities and foster excellence in scholarship and teaching, as well as the Bucknell University Press and Griot Institute for Africana Studies.

Approved by the Board of Trustees in February, the project will add a new 7,000-square-foot wing opposite the Vaughan Literature Building, bringing the building's scale and appearance closer in line with its grander neighbors, Bertrand Library and Dana Engineering, and reorienting the main entrance to face Vaughan Lit.

Plans for the renovations were developed with extensive input from Bucknell's Humanities Council and reflect student demands for more informal meeting spaces through the addition of a new great room, large enough to accommodate 100 people, as well as several seminar rooms and informal meeting spaces.

"The students we polled were almost unanimous in saying that they wanted a space where they could do intellectual work that wasn't a classroom, dormitory or social space," says Professor James Mark Shields, director of the



Architectural renderings depict the new center.

Humanities Center. "We want to expand the humanities beyond the classroom with the grand vision of making the humanities a greater part of the identity of the University."

Preliminary blueprints also include an outdoor patio space and formal garden, central atrium with a climbing "green wall" of plants, green roof, digital humanities laboratory and library.

Currently home to the computing & technology affinity house, Demosthenean Hall was built in 1941 by the fraternity Delta Sigma, which later would become a chapter of Delta Upsilon, and expanded in 1966. In 2005 the University acquired the building and made significant improvements. Bucknell plans to preserve the building's historic character and display artifacts from Delta Upsilon inside. Should the chapter recolonize, the University will provide affinity housing.

— Matt Hughes

Speaking for Peace

Martin Luther King Jr. Week brought activist leaders to campus

By Paula Cogan Myers

Bucknell's Martin Luther King Jr. Week, Jan. 16–22, brought to campus social justice leaders, including Arun Gandhi, grandson of the leader of India's independence movement, to discuss King's legacy of peace and nonviolence.

This year's series, Charleston, Rwanda and the Possibilities for Peace, included a charitable gift drive and an array of events designed to raise awareness and empower participants to enact individual and community change.

"This year's theme addressed violent, tragic, human-rights violations and how they relate to peace," says Professor Carmen Gillespie, English, who coordinated the events along with Denelle Brown, associate dean of students for diversity & inclusion, as well as the Office of Civic Engagement and student staff.

"We wanted to think about these issues from domestic and international perspectives and ask how we can contextualize them in terms of activism, and the ways in which King thought

about social change," Gillespie continues.

Among the well-attended events was the student-facilitated Beloved Community Dinner, *A Movement Like Kaepernick: How One Individual Can Spark Possibilities for Peace*. More than 200 students, faculty and staff shared a meal and discussed football player Colin Kaepernick's decision not to stand during the national anthem as a silent protest in support of people of color who face oppression in the United States.

Other highlights were evening talks and lunch-hour book discussions led by the week's featured speakers. Sharon Washington Risher, whose mother, two cousins and a childhood friend were killed during the 2015 shooting at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, S.C., spoke

about faith, forgiveness and racial division in the United States.

Joseph Sebarenzi, president of Rwanda's parliament from 1997 to 2000, shared his painful memories of the Rwandan genocide of 1994, which took the lives of his parents, seven siblings and many other relatives. He said that while working to live in peace and moving toward reconciliation is difficult, he thinks it is the only way to ensure that a culture of violence is not perpetuated.

Arun Gandhi, founder of the M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence and the Gandhi Worldwide Education Institute, told the story of King's visit to India in 1959, just one year after King spoke at Bucknell. Gandhi emphasized the need to understand how all forms of violence break down society and urged individuals to practice daily nonviolence in order to live lives of peace.

A Sunday Interfaith Service for Peace and Justice, led by University Chaplain John Colatch, closed the week by bringing several faith traditions together. "In the spirit of Martin Luther King Jr., we attempted to express thanks for our common humanity and build bridges to encourage understanding between communities," says Colatch.



A service in Rooke Chapel drew many worshippers from the campus and community.

 To read Merrett Stierbeim '55's account of Martin Luther King Jr.'s visit to Bucknell in 1958, download the Bucknell Magazine app or go to bucknell.edu/MLKvisit58.

Q&A

By Sherri Kimmel



Makoto Fujimura '83

Makoto Fujimura '83 is renowned for his visual art, which combines traditional Japanese painting techniques with abstraction. Last year, he published *Silence and Beauty: Hidden Faith Born of Suffering*, which he describes as “comparative literature, memoir and theological reflection.” His book was inspired by *Silence*, the 1966 novel by Shusaku Endo that Martin Scorsese brought to life last year. Fujimura was an adviser for the Oscar-nominated film, which hauntingly depicts the persecution of Catholics in 17th-century Japan. Fujimura, a Bucknell trustee, is the director of Fuller Seminary’s Brehm Center for Worship, Theology and the Arts and is founder of the International Arts Movement.

Q: You and Martin Scorsese are both keenly visual artists who were captivated for decades by Endo’s book. What is it about *Silence* that grabs you and won’t let you go?

A: Marty knew right away that it was a life-changing work for him, but it took him a while to find an angle for a film treatment. I actually read Endo’s work at Bucknell, but I really didn’t understand it. Years later, I had an encounter with fumi-e stepping blocks in a side room of the Tokyo National Museum. It was a re-encounter with Endo’s book, and from that moment on, it haunted me. Until my friend introduced me to Martin Scorsese [in 2013], I never really expected to journey this deeply with Endo.

Q: What was the nature of your collaboration?

A: I was asked to read the early script, and he made several corrections after that. I was on the set twice and worked with the set designers. Then Marty invited a few of us to see the cut before the final cut and make comments.

Q: Did Scorsese’s vision for the story match the way you visualized *Silence*?

A: It was way beyond what I had envisioned. He is an amazing visual thinker. It is a remarkable work of art, from a visual artist’s perspective.

Q: Through your book and the movie, *Silence* has been shared with an audience that might never have encountered it. What do you hope the impact of that experience will be?

A: In today’s very divided, polarized reality, in the U.S. and the world, where religious persecution is on the rise, where we have established this way of excluding “the other,” this story serves as almost an antidote. We can extend ourselves in hospitality to the stranger, to outsiders, to marginal people, refugees, immigrants. I pursued Endo’s writings for the past three years, and I know that he wanted to write a universal story about trauma in order that people cannot only survive trauma but find deeper hope through it. So ultimately, it is a work of compassion, and I hope we can become more compassionate as a result of encountering Endo’s work.

Q: Fumi-e are images of the Virgin Mary and Jesus that Christians in Japan were asked to step upon to renounce their faith. What are some of the fumi-e we are now forced to step upon?

A: That’s easy: the last election. Whoever we voted for, we stepped on our own fumi-e ideologies — principles that we value the most. We did it for many good reasons, but many of us betrayed the very principles of liberalism and conservatism by voting for a candidate we didn’t really believe in.

Q: You’ll be delivering the Samek Distinguished Art Lecture on campus April 27. What message do you plan to bring here?

A: It’s really related to *Silence and Beauty*. How do you create in this very fragmented, anxiety-filled world? I think the integrated knowledge that a liberal arts education brings is exactly what we need.

 To see some of Makoto Fujimura’s art related to *Silence*, go to bucknell.edu/FujimuraSilence or download the Bucknell Magazine app.

Bucknell in the News

(See more at bucknell.edu/bitn)

A SOFT TOUCH FOR CHINA

Professor Zhiqun Zhu, political science, a member of the National Committee on United States-China Relations, offered President Donald Trump advice for handling China in a *U.S. News and World Report* column. Zhu implored the president to stand firm on key principles of democracy and freedom, but to avoid relying on hard power to uphold those ideals, focusing instead on "principled engagement through soft power."

THE RIGHT MOVES

Men's Health referred to a study by Professor T. Joel Wade, psychology, in a story about why women tend to find men who can dance more attractive. Wade's study found that women were more attracted to guys whose body language suggests emotional commitment and devotion to exclusivity. Maintaining eye contact during a dance, the article noted, is one way to indicate that commitment.

PATH TO COLD FUSION

Scientific American turned to Professor Peter Jansson, electrical engineering, for his assessment of research by the energy company Brilliant Light Power toward developing commercially viable cold-fusion power. Jansson has evaluated some of BLP's technology and said he found no errors in its scientific methods or approaches. The challenges BLP faces are primarily business issues, not scientific ones, Jansson said.

SECURITY OR SUPPRESSION

Professor Lindsay Nielson, political science, co-authored a *Washington Post* op-ed piece offering evidence that voter-ID laws suppress minority votes. Nielson and her collaborators examined voter data from the 2006 to 2016 elections and found lower minority participation when and where voter-ID laws were implemented. "By instituting strict voter-ID laws, states can alter the electorate and shift outcomes toward those on the right," the authors wrote.

Management Dean Chosen

Raquel Alexander to join Bucknell as head of the University's newest college

By Andy Hirsch

Raquel Alexander will join Bucknell as the first Kenneth W. Freeman Professor & Dean of the College of Management in July, the same month the University officially establishes its College of Management. The third college marks a historic milestone in the evolution of management and business education at the University, which dates back more than a century, and Alexander emerged as a clear choice to lead the new college.

Alexander, formerly the associate dean of the Williams School of Commerce, Economics and Politics at Washington & Lee University, began her career as a tax consultant at KPMG. She went on to earn her doctorate in accounting from the University of Texas at Austin and held faculty appointments at the University of North Carolina, Wilmington and the University of Kansas before joining the faculty at Washington and Lee in 2012.

"My passion lies with giving students a full understanding of the world, and

equipping them with the critical-thinking skills necessary to become contributing members of a global society," she says.

"Raquel demonstrated great energy and enthusiasm for engaging students with an innovative experiential undergraduate management education that is deeply integrated with the liberal arts," says Professor Tammy Hiller, management, who served on the 13-person search committee. "I'm thrilled to call her our new dean."

Alexander succeeds Interim Dean of Management Michael Johnson-Cramer, who was instrumental in management's transition to a college. He continues to teach courses in global strategy and ethics.

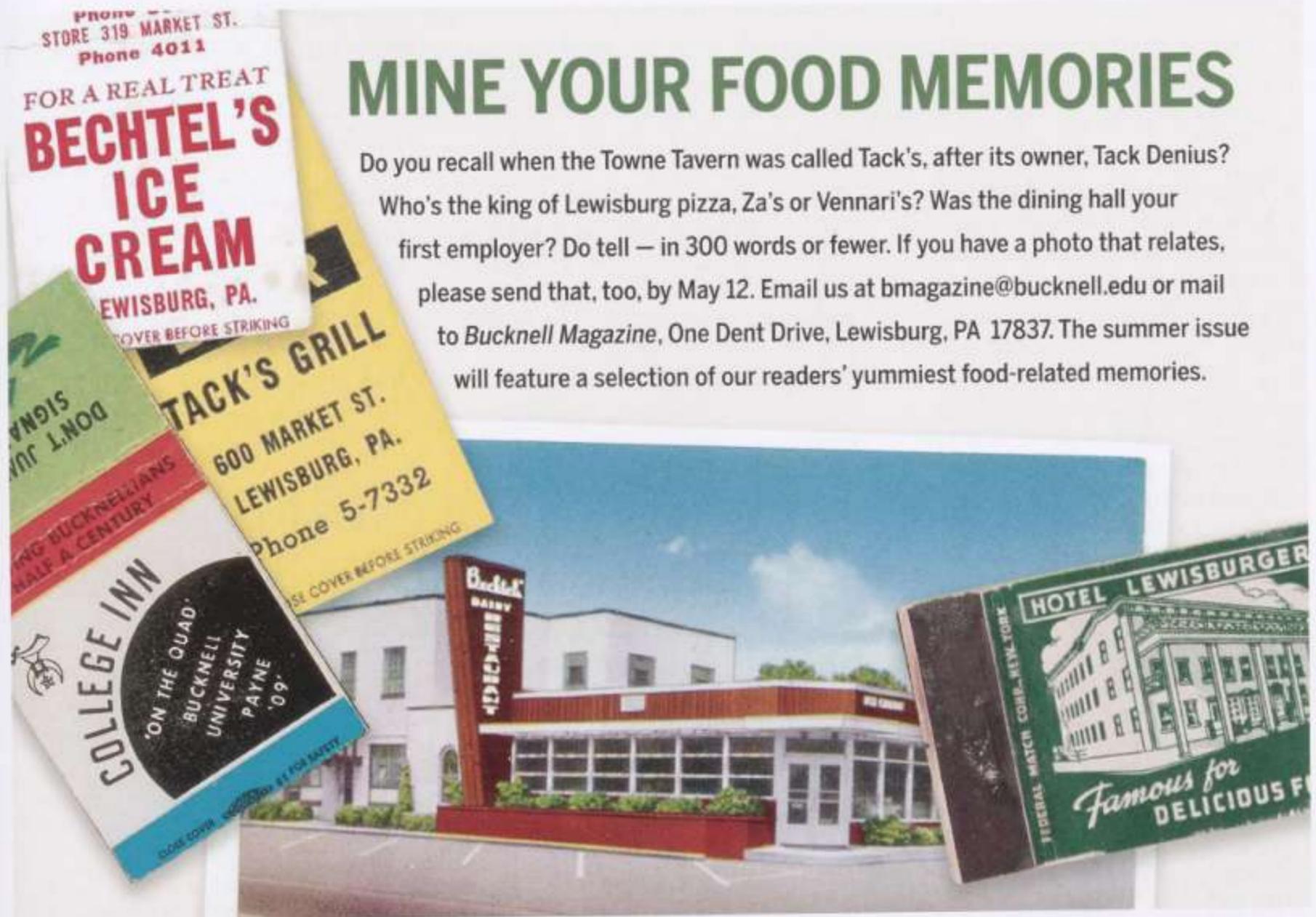
"This is a rare moment in the life of our University," President John Bravman says. "Through Raquel's temperament and vision, and her achievements as both a faculty member and administrator, I am confident in her ability to help lead us through this pivotal moment in Bucknell's history."



Raquel Alexander, Kenneth W. Freeman Professor & Dean of the College of Management.

MINE YOUR FOOD MEMORIES

Do you recall when the Towne Tavern was called Tack's, after its owner, Tack Denius? Who's the king of Lewisburg pizza, Za's or Vennari's? Was the dining hall your first employer? Do tell — in 300 words or fewer. If you have a photo that relates, please send that, too, by May 12. Email us at bmagazine@bucknell.edu or mail to *Bucknell Magazine*, One Dent Drive, Lewisburg, PA 17837. The summer issue will feature a selection of our readers' yummiest food-related memories.



SHORT STACK

Biology Professors DeeAnn Reeder and Ken Field will partner with Imran Ejotre M'16 to study disease in African fruit bats thanks to a **grant of \$350,000** from the National Institutes of Health. The research team, which will work partly in Uganda, hopes to understand the conditions that make diseases such as Ebola more likely to spill over into human populations.

Professor **Tulu Bayar**, art & art history, will travel to Turkey on a **Fulbright grant** to collect material for an interactive documentary that will examine the increasing population and identity of suburban Istanbul through the eyes of the city's residents. Her project, *The Suburbs of Istanbul*, will combine portraits, data visualizations, a live video feed and other media to create a nonlinear learning experience.

The Weis Center for the Performing Arts received a **\$10,000 grant** from the National Endowment for the Arts in support of its April 1 performance of the **Pulitzer Prize-winning oratorio** *Anthracite Fields*. The grant also benefits the year-long Coal Collections series, which celebrates the connections between Bucknell and Pennsylvania's anthracite coal region, of which *Anthracite Fields* was a central component.

Celebrating 'The Bucknellian'

Reunion has a newsy focus as the student paper of record marks its 120th year

By Samantha Nolle '20

First printed in 1896 as *The Orange and Blue*, *The Bucknellian* was among the first student-run organizations and publications at the University. This academic year marks the weekly newspaper's 120th anniversary, a milestone that includes a celebration for past staffers at Reunion Weekend, June 1-4.

Formerly lodged in the basement of Roberts Hall, *The Bucknellian* moved in September to 7th Street's renovated Stuck House, which also houses WVBU, the student radio station. Alumni attending this year's Reunion may tour the new accommodations and see how the newspaper operation has changed since the days of typewriters, scissors and paste.

"We wanted to give alumni the opportunity to see where student media is going here at Bucknell," says Brent Papon, director of Campus Activities & Student Media. He says the move is one of a number of

improvements that emphasize the value of student media at Bucknell.

"Although we do not know what the future of the media industry will look like, it is important to be flexible and adaptive," Papon says. "Over the past few years, *The Bucknellian* has developed a website that posts all articles. WVBU has also expanded beyond its radio frequency to offer online streaming."

Projecting into the future, *The Bucknellian* will need to continue to grow its online and social media presence, Papon says. "That includes developing real-time reporting, particularly on time-sensitive information,"

he adds. "Today's media is driven by timeliness as well as content. Living in a world with information at our fingertips, people want their news as it unfolds."

During Reunion, on June 3, former student journalists can attend a picnic lunch and Class Festival with live music

Left: Stuck House is now a sleek and well-appointed hub for student journalists.

Right: A snippet from an edition of *The Bucknellian* from the 1920s.



FROSH GIRLS OBEY RULES

CAUSE LITTLE OR NO TROUBLE
TO THOSE WHO SEER THE
RULES ARE OBSERVED

Great sighs of relief escaped the lips of the freshman girls as the first week of Freshman Rules ended. The week-end freedom from all of the rules was greatly enjoyed as they 'cut campus,' used the side doors and lingered about the reception halls.

The general rules are to be observed for the entire three weeks but the special rules in vogue for the second week were as follows:

All freshmen must pin their handkerchiefs to their belt by means of a safety pin.

All freshmen must congregate and sing the Alma Mater each night after dinner in the living room.

On Monday afternoon the bulletin board on which a copy of the Alma Mater was posted was surrounded by a worried group of the girls who carefully "tuned up." The "fussers" in the hall heard doeful strains of "oft thee we're thinking," thoughts of thee will never die," and "friends we love to greet." It must have sounded familiar to them for they all smiled in sympathy.

The majority of the freshman girls have co-operated with the upper-class girls in their observance of this college custom.

by Antigone Rising on Sojka Lawn, then venture across the street after the festival to tour Stuck House. Articles from *The Bucknellian's* vast archive, featuring Reunion classes, the years ending in two and seven, will be on display. Another feature of the anniversary celebration is a special edition of *The Bucknellian's* annual Reunion issue, with contributions from past staff members.

Reunion attendees will also learn about new opportunities to connect and network with current students. These include a proposed series of alumni-taught workshops that would begin fall semester. Papson says he hopes to gather the names of alumni at Reunion Weekend who work in media-related fields or who have experience in photography, writing and editing. "We want it to be an opportunity for students to learn, develop and grow," says Papson.

Visiting alumni will be able to sign up for yearly or semester-long subscriptions to *The Bucknellian* as well as reminisce with fellow former members of the newspaper staff. "*The Bucknellian* staff is a pretty close-knit group while they're students here, and I'm sure they'd like to see each other again," Papson says. "It's always good to take a trip down memory lane."

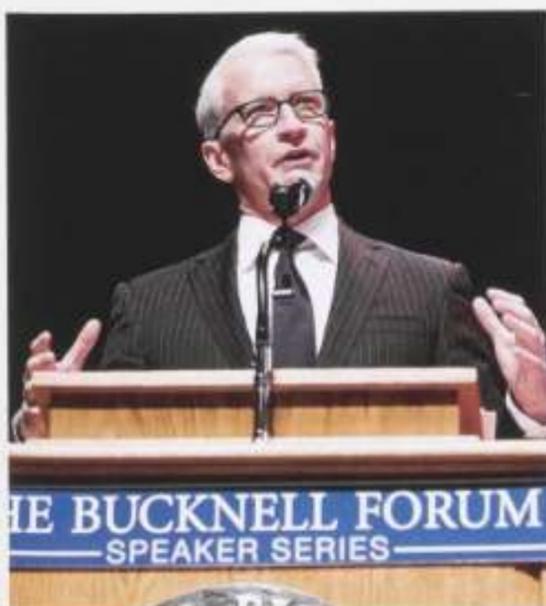
For more information about Reunion Weekend, go to bucknell.edu/reunion.

 To see some examples of stories from days gone by, go to the Bucknell Magazine app or bucknell.edu/bucknellian120.



A Social Success

This photo array, which compares sunny and warm February 2017 with the campus' more-customary February aspect, touched a chord with Bucknellians on social media. It was one of @BucknellU's most popular tweets with 29 retweets and nearly 100 loves. It also received more than 1,400 likes on Instagram and nearly 1,000 likes and 100 shares on Facebook. — Heather Peavey Johns



Anderson Cooper explains his journey to the heights of journalism.

Just the Facts from Anderson Cooper

Journalist Anderson Cooper shared anecdotes from his formative years as a war correspondent and insights from the 2016 presidential campaign trail during the latest Bucknell Forum event on Jan. 31. The CNN anchor and CBS News correspondent fielded questions from among the more than 1,200 audience members watching at the Weis Center for the Performing Arts and in three overflow rooms. While many sought his thoughts on the early actions of President Donald Trump, Cooper kept his opinions close to his vest — his job is to provide viewers with accurate information that empowers them to make up their own minds, he said. "I think you should not be doing any reporting based on your own personal politics or your own personal beliefs," Cooper said. "I think you should be rigorous in combating bias." — Matt Hughes

 To read more about Cooper's visit to campus, go to bucknell.edu/AndersonCooper.

The Weight of the Past

Life under a dictatorship shaped professor's approach to research and teaching

By Patrick Broadwater

Professor Fernando Blanco, Spanish, grew up in Chile during the authoritarian regime of Augusto Pinochet, and by age 9 had come to realize that there were more ways of seeing the past than the official state-sanctioned version of events.

"I grew up under a dictatorship, 17 years of it," he says. "So for me, working toward the common good, toward the protection of democracy or to understand the real value of democracy, and thinking about the weight the past has on your present and future decisions, was something

that was always on my horizon.

"I couldn't believe that there was only one way to see things, that there was only one truth," he continues to say. "That shaped my approach to the classroom. I understand the power of academic freedom. The most powerful and political choice you can make is what book you're going to teach, what author you're going to share with your students. That is the moment when you either perpetuate a system or challenge the status quo."

Blanco's past also strongly influences his research into memory and sexuality, specifically how traumatic events

influence narratives of our past.

Blanco encourages students to express their personal narratives to help shape their own learning processes as well as those of their classmates.

"You need to learn to share and honestly trust everyone who's sitting with you for 50 minutes," he says. "This is human interaction — this is life, not just school. You cannot disconnect school from all your other selves. Bring all of them here. If we don't know ourselves, we're not going to be able to actually have a meaningful interaction. I don't want students to be robots. I want them to be humans."

FACULTY PROFILE

Jessica Newlin '98

Jessica Newlin '98's father, brother and grandfathers are all engineers, so the field was a natural fit. Her graduate school advisers and the natural setting around her hometown near Reading, Pa., influenced her to study water and its interaction with the natural habitat and manmade structures.

"Unless you appreciate the big picture and know how everything we do affects the overall hydrologic cycle, you won't understand the importance of storm-water management design," says Newlin, who teaches civil and environmental engineering.

This is her challenge with students, who might be lured by visions of shining skyscrapers without realizing that even the greatest building affects the aquatic environment. She emphasizes the importance of the water-resources discipline, especially as global freshwater availability becomes an increasingly complex concern.

"In terms of water resources, a lot of it is hidden in a design," Newlin says. "Students think about roads and



buildings and the physical infrastructures they can see, but there's always a water-runoff plan that goes with every building or road. Getting them to see that hidden thing is my first step. If it's done well, it can blend into the environment."

"I'm trying to figure out how natural stream systems work so that our impact on them through manmade infrastructure can be lessened through better design practices," she explains. — Susan Lindt



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Student Life & Sports

Lords and Ladies of the Dance

Women's and men's basketball teams relish historic season in NCAA play

By Matt Hughes

For the first time in the history of Bison basketball, the men's and women's teams both went "dancing" this March.

Both squads took home the Patriot League regular-season and tournament titles, clinching automatic NCAA Tournament bids. The men finished their season at an impressive 15-3 in league play and 26-9 overall, while the Bison women fared even better, going undefeated at home and 16-2 in the Patriot League, 27-6 overall.

The men punched their ticket to the big dance March 8 with an 81-65 victory over No. 3 seed Lehigh

in the Patriot League Tournament final — a game in which Tournament MVP Zach Thomas '18 dropped his 1,000th career point and finished the game with 17, and guard Kimball Mackenzie '19 contributed a team-high 18. League Player and Defensive Player of the Year Nana Foulland '18 added 17 points and three blocks.

Four days later, the women sealed their tournament bid with a 79-71 overtime win over No. 2 seed Navy in a tight game that featured

nine ties and seven lead changes. Forward Claire DeBoer '17, the Patriot League Player of the Year and tournament MVP, led the Bison to victory with a double-double, grabbing 10 rebounds and scoring 30 points, just one shy of the record for points in a championship game.

The men's tournament saw the 13-seeded Bison take on a four-seed West Virginia team that finished its season ranked 13th nationally in the AP Top 25 before a crowd of more than 17,000 in Buffalo, N.Y. While they never recovered an early lead, the Bison were able to break West Virginia's vaunted press defense and kept the game close through much of the second half. They trailed by as few as five points with less than a minute to go before losing 86-80.

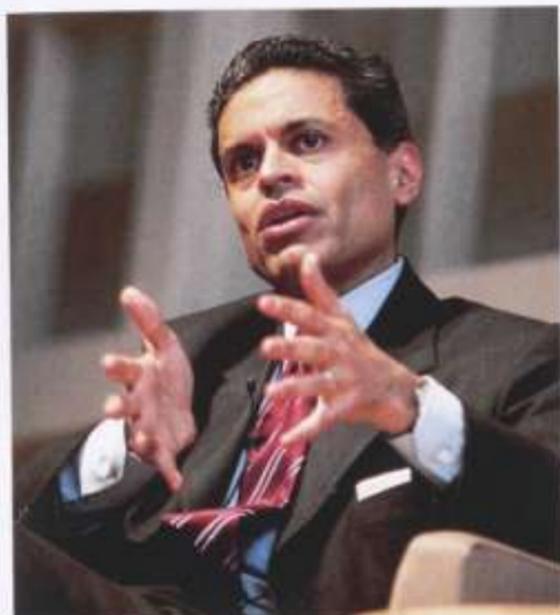
The women's team had more trouble on the home court of a fast and physical Maryland squad, a three-seed that finished its season ranked fourth in the AP Top 25. Four minutes into the first quarter the Bison tied the game at 7, but the Terrapins quickly pulled away, knocking out Bucknell 103-61.

It was a heartbreaking end to a standout season for both teams. But among the reasons Bison fans still have to brag: Multiple news outlets, including *TIME* and the education news website *Inside Higher Ed*, picked the Bison men to win the tournament, "if academics mattered most."



Kyi English '19 drives the ball against Maryland in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

Author/journalist to speak at Commencement



Fareed Zakaria

Journalist and author Fareed Zakaria will address the Class of 2017 at Bucknell University's 167th Commencement on May 21.

The host of CNN's flagship foreign-affairs program, *Fareed Zakaria GPS*, Zakaria is also a weekly columnist for *The Washington Post* and a *New York Times*-bestselling author. His latest book, *In Defense of a Liberal Education*, argues for the continued relevance of the liberal arts in the face of increasing political criticism and focus on job-readiness.

"Fareed Zakaria has traveled the path on which our graduates are about to set out: the search for personal and professional success built on the foundation of a liberal arts education," says Bucknell President John Bravman. "In addition to championing the liberal arts, Mr. Zakaria possesses a vast knowledge of public affairs, and I believe the members of the Class of 2017 will benefit greatly from his insights and perspective on the world around us."

Commencement will be held on the Malesardi Quadrangle Sunday, May 21, beginning at 10 a.m. For those unable to attend, the ceremony will be live streamed. The ceremony will also be shown in Trout Auditorium in the Vaughan Literature Building. For a complete schedule of Commencement events, registration and general information, visit bucknell.edu/Commencement. — *Matt Hughes*



Rade Joksimovic '20 helps the water polo team paddle to success.

STUDENT PROFILE

Rade Joksimovic '20

One of three Bison players from Serbia, Rade Joksimovic '20 is making a big splash on the intercollegiate water polo scene.

Joksimovic's awards from his first season would equal most players' career records. They include 16 weekly awards from the Mid-Atlantic Water Polo Conference, eight conference rookie of the week and four player of the week awards, as well as East Region Player and Rookie of the Year honors.

He also was named Bucknell's first All-American in water polo — a third-team selection — since Scott Schulte '81 in 1980. Joksimovic finished with 154 goals, second-highest in program history, and 30 assists for 184 points. Joksimovic also helped the team, which included fellow Serbs Marko Djordjevic '19 and Ratimir Babic '17, to excel in ways it hadn't in more than three decades.

"Individual awards are great, but I was more happy that we did something as a team we haven't done in a while," Joksimovic says. The Bison went 23-5, the most wins for the program since 1985, earning the conference's eastern region title and finishing seventh at the NCAA championships.

Joksimovic came to Bucknell from Novi Sad, about an hour from Belgrade in water-polo-crazed Serbia. He began playing at 7 and competed with the Serbian national team for six years, a remarkable feat in a nation where kids grow up wanting to play water polo for the international powerhouse that won gold at last summer's Rio Olympics.

"You have to be extremely talented to make the national team, but it's not everything," Joksimovic says. "You have to have the will to learn and develop into a world-class water polo player. You have to give up your entire childhood and spill blood, sweat and tears so you can possibly make a living as a water polo player."

Joksimovic called his first year playing water polo at Bucknell one of the greatest experiences of his life. It's exciting to speculate what the future holds for this first-year student who turned in one of the greatest seasons in program history. — *William Bowman*

Legacies

Gifts & Giving

Health services become more holistic

With a boost from supportive gifts, Bucknell is increasingly 'mindful' of student wellness needs

By Samantha Wallace

Colleges and universities have traditionally provided alcohol or drug counseling to students, but within the last decade, services that support student mental health and wellness have become increasingly in demand. In 2015, the Center for Collegiate Health reported that from 2009 to 2015, data from 139 colleges and universities showed a steady growth in the number of college students seeking counseling services on campus — and that the numbers will only continue to increase. Bucknell, however, has been especially proactive in providing services to its students.

"I consider Bucknell to be above average in what we provide, not only because we offer a variety of services, but also because of our staffing levels," says Kelly Kettlewell, a psychologist and director of the University's

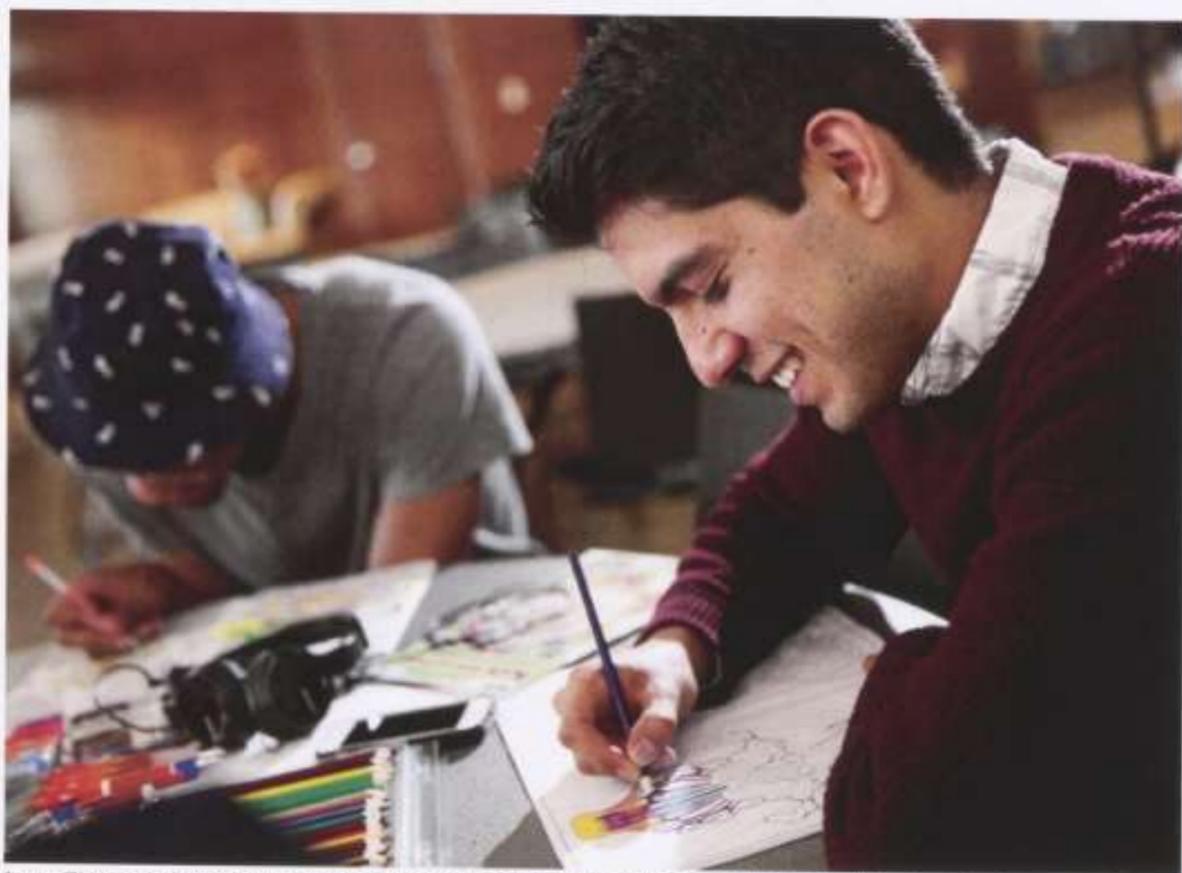
Counseling & Student Development Center. "We have eight full-time psychologists on staff, which is a ratio of about one for every 450 students. Nationwide, the norm is about one for every 1,500 students."

The counseling center's move in August from University Avenue to a more expansive and central campus space in the new Graham Building, adjacent to Sojka Pavillion, helped raise its profile.

The move highlighted the central importance of comprehensive student health and wellness and improved mental health support. Generous gifts from alumni and parents have funded new services and enhancements to existing ones.

One recent gift is the Dawson Family Fund, which supports the counseling center's suicide prevention program Question, Persuade, Refer, a well-regarded method embraced by many college campuses. More than 500 Bucknell students and staff — including resident assistants, trainers, coaches and public safety officers — have undergone the training.

The Dawson Family Fund also supports a new alcohol-abuse assessment tool, Brief Alcohol Screening and Intervention for



Ivan Flores '16, M'18 leads the mindful coloring hour for students looking to de-stress.



Therapy dogs were popular visitors to the Bucknell campus last spring.

College Students, or BASICS. Staff psychologists review the results of a student's online screening, and each student is provided a one-month follow-up appointment.

"Young people will struggle when they get to college," says **Christina Dawson P'12**, explaining the reason for the gift. "We wanted to make sure that the resources are there. You can't have a college campus without them."

Other Bucknellians have recognized how critical it is for college students to have access to treatment for addiction. Cathy and **Ted Gronlund '60** recently designated an estate gift to support the counseling center's addiction services.

The Gronlunds are well aware that substance abuse is prevalent on college campuses. "We have experienced within our families the genetically predisposed link to addictions that many young people

are not aware of yet," Ted Gronlund says. "Over the years we have seen how addiction can be misunderstood and the destruction it can bring to young lives. We wanted to have somewhere for the students to turn to if they needed help." The Theodore Gronlund Family Fund will fund substance-abuse prevention, education and recovery programs.

Assessments and online services benefit students, but so do meditation and other mindfulness activities that reduce stress and anxiety. A recent gift from an alumna and her husband enables the counseling center to offer Koru Mindfulness, a method that takes age-old practices, such as breathing exercises, visualization and guided meditation, and applies them to college-specific situations, such as the stress of final exams or applying for an internship.

A Mindfulness Menu presents options that align with the Koru philosophy, from interaction with therapy dogs to guided meditation to yoga for mental health to mindful coloring. **Ivan Flores '16, M'18**, a graduate assistant at the counseling center, leads the coloring hour. Coloring offers a chance to unwind and concentrate on something other than schoolwork or other responsibilities, says Flores, who is pursuing a master's in education.

"People come in thinking about their day, but just sitting there coloring takes their minds off some of their worries for an hour," he says. Flores can actually see students' shoulders relax as they become less stressed and more comfortable while coloring, he says.

The recent health and wellness gifts are already making an impact throughout campus. Dean of Students Amy Badal says she has spoken with students who have been "very appreciative" of the increases in programs and support from the counseling center, specifically group offerings that deviate from more traditional one-on-one counseling.

"Offerings like the yoga for mental health classes and the therapy dogs have been very well attended, and I think they're absolutely helping to destigmatize mental health," she says. "The more programs and services we provide to reduce that stigma, the better. It helps students realize that they are not alone."

The gifts also help to reinforce what Badal believes is a core principle of Bucknell: that the University offers a holistic approach to education, not only through the curriculum but through student support systems as well.

"It's the idea of mind, body and spirit," she says. "At Bucknell, we focus on the whole student."

To learn more about ways to support students, go to bucknell.edu/WeDo.

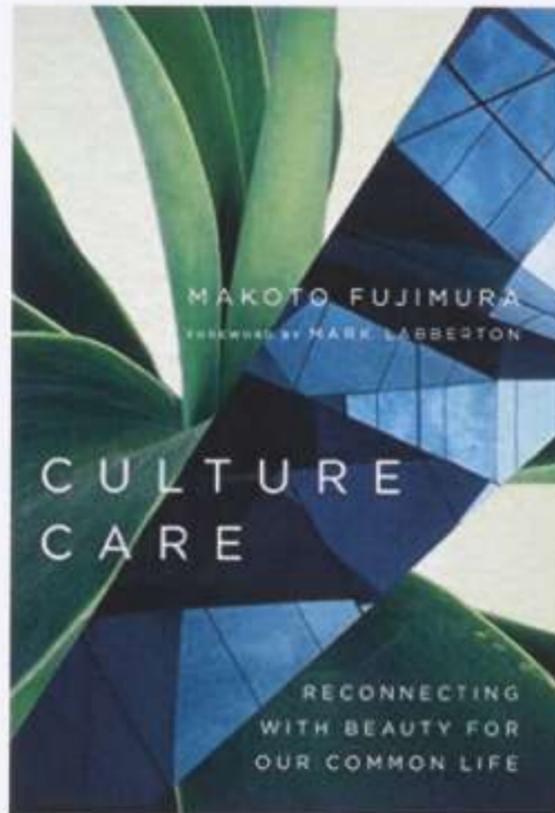
The Mind and the Muse

BOOKS

Makoto Fujimura '83

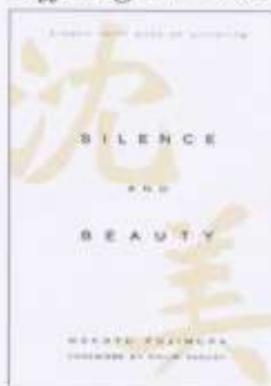
Culture Care: Reconnecting with Beauty for Our Common Life (IVP Books, 2017)

In *Culture Care*, artist and Bucknell Trustee **Makoto Fujimura** issues a call to a cultural stewardship, in which our culture's soul can be fed with beauty, creativity and generosity. For anyone with a calling to create — from visual artists, musicians, writers and actors to entrepreneurs, pastors and business professionals — his message will resonate. *Culture Care* speaks to “creative catalysts” who understand how much the culture we all share affects human thriving today and shapes the generations to come. It includes a study guide for individual reflection or group discussion.



Makoto Fujimura '83

Silence and Beauty: Hidden Faith Born of Suffering (IVP Books, 2016)

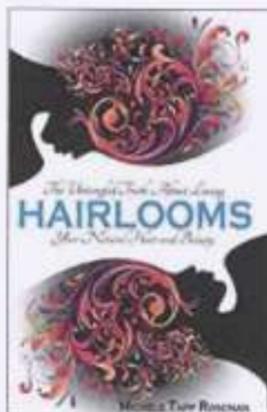


Inspired by the novel *Silence* by Shusaku Endo, this book, described as comparative literature, memoir and theological reflection, won the

2016 Aldersgate Prize from the John Wesley Honors College at Indiana Wesleyan University. Fujimura's artistic journey of faith overlaps with Endo's as he uncovers deep layers of meaning in Japanese history and literature, expressed in art, both past and present.

Michele Tapp Roseman '88

Hairlooms: The Untangled Truth About Loving Your Natural Hair and Beauty (HCI, 2017)

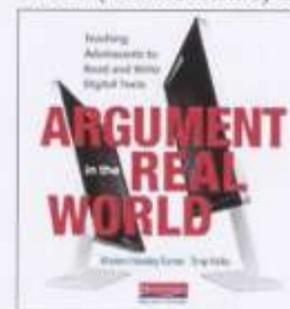


This book chronicles the author's journey to self-acceptance and empowers black women with the tools needed to love themselves from the inside out. *Hairlooms*

appeals to those who interact and seek deeper community with black women. *Hairlooms* contains interviews with Maya Angelou, A'Lelia Bundles, MC Lyte and more than 25 other notable people.

Kristen Hawley Turner '98 and Troy Hicks

Argument in the Real World: Teaching Adolescents to Read and Write Digital Texts (Heinemann, 2016)

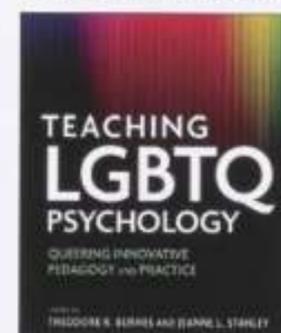


The authors draw from real-world texts and samples of student work to share a wealth of insights and

practical strategies that are helpful in teaching students the logic of argument. Whether arguments are streaming in through a Twitter feed, a Facebook wall, viral videos, internet memes or links to other blogs or websites, this book provides guidance on how to engage with and create digital arguments.

Theodore Burnes '00 and Jeanne Stanley, editors

Teaching LGBTQ Psychology — Queering Innovative Pedagogy and Practice (American Psychological Association, 2017)



Teaching LGBTQ Psychology is a theoretical and practical guide for individuals who teach and train about lesbian, gay,

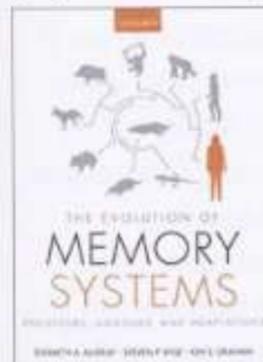
bisexual and transgender, queer and questioning (LGBTQ) psychology in diverse groups and settings. How instructors address LGBTQ identities is critical for the education of all learners, whether or not the primary subject matter is sexual orientation and/or gender diversity.

Lynda Barness, editor
The Man I Knew Was Once a Boy: The Letters of Herbert Barness, 1938–1948 (SkillBites LLC, 2015)



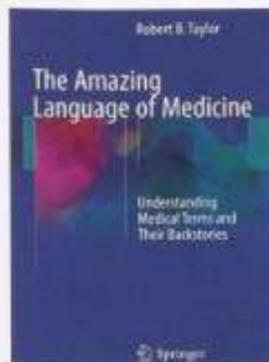
Lynda Barness has compiled the letters of her father, the late Bucknell trustee Herbert Barness '48. The letters are a poignant, reflective and deeply personal account of a young boy who becomes a man during the turbulent years of World War II. The letters he sent home, which were saved and stored by his mother, were ultimately handed down to daughter Lynda decades later.

Elisabeth Murray '74, Steven Wise and Kim Graham
The Evolution of Memory Systems: Ancestors, Anatomy, and Adaptations (Oxford University Press, 2017)



Elisabeth Murray and her co-authors identify several brain systems that contribute to human memory, all of which evolved in the distant past as a specific ancestral species adapted to life in its time and place.

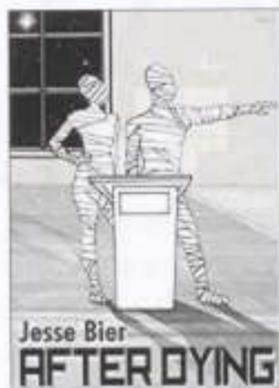
Robert Taylor '58
The Amazing Language of Medicine: Understanding Medical Terms and Their Backstories (Springer, 2017)



In the author's 35th book he tells the stories behind medical words, such as quarantine, malaria and vitamin, as well as the disease

named for an American space flight and the drug name determined by drawing chemists' notes out of a hat.

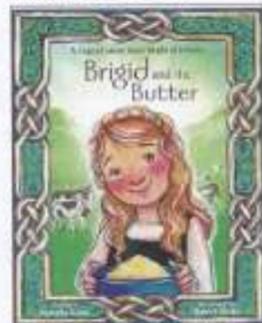
To have your book, film or music included in *The Mind and the Muse*, write to bmagazine@bucknell.edu.



Jesse Bier '49
After Dying (Milltowne Press, 2016)

This work of seriocomic science fiction is the latest book by the prolific and versatile nonagenarian Jesse Bier. In *After Dying*, five middle-aged characters, who had died prematurely, find themselves in a Cosmic Terminal.

Pamela Gibson Love '88
Brigid and the Butter: A Legend about St. Brigid of Ireland (Pauline Books & Media, 2017)



This story of the first miracle of St. Brigid of Ireland will encourage children ages 5 to 8 to learn about this generous saint. When a beggar woman asks for the only food Brigid has — a dish of butter — she learns how to open her heart in generosity and love.

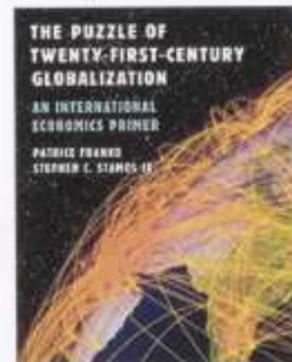
Don Cole '53 and John Levy
Float Among What Sails and Spirals (Dovadola Press, 2016)



Don Cole created 26 drawings that illustrate poems and meditations by John Levy. Although

Cole earned a bachelor's in civil engineering at Bucknell, he has spent most of his career as an artist.

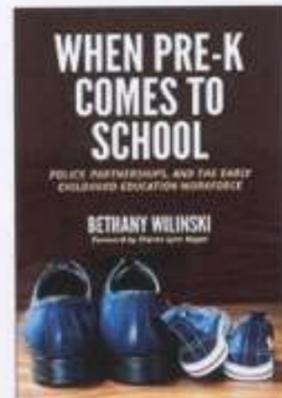
Patrice Franko '80 and Stephen Stamos
The Puzzle of Twenty-First-Century Globalization: An International Economics Primer (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2017)



The Puzzle of Twenty-First-Century Globalization explores the opportunities and challenges of our inter-

national economic system. Patrice Franko and her former Bucknell professor, Stephen Stamos, international relations emeritus, clearly trace how the ways we produce, finance and trade goods and services are profoundly shaped by technologies of communication, transportation and trade.

Bethany Hinsch Wilinski '04
When Pre-K Comes to School: Policy, Partnerships, and the Early Childhood Education Workforce (Teachers College Press, 2017)



When Pre-K Comes to School traces what happens — for institutions and teachers — when school district and community early childhood education centers

partner to provide public pre-K. Bethany Wilinski examines policy implementation across diverse sites — a private part-day preschool, a corporate child-care center and a public elementary school.

FACULTY BOOKS



Harold Schweizer (English)
Miriam's Book: A Poem (Fomite, 2017)

Miriam's Book is about a young Jewish woman's traumatic experiences in World War II and her child's exposure to her post-traumatic stress disorder. While much of this narrative poem or verse novella is based on historical events, the fictional parts and the dislocations of syntax and temporal sequence aim to convey the terrifying uncertainty and disorientation suffered by victims of war and flight.

Creative Collective

Arts & Culture

Seeing the Light

Technical theatre design students learn both cutting-edge technology and creative vision

By Paula Cogan Myers

Advanced Lighting Design students enter Harvey Powers Theatre through a door at the back of the stage. Action starts right away as they collaborate to carry out one another's lighting plans, centered around a collection of objects — a speaker, a large box, two cylinders and a mannequin wearing a cape. They are in this together, learning what works, what doesn't and why.

At the helm is Heath Hansum, lecturer, lighting and sound design/production manager and co-director of the theatre program. The students move the class forward as he walks across the stage answering questions and stepping away so they can

experience the creative process for themselves.

Hansum says that understanding all of the elements central to technical theater takes practice. "Students must learn to become a visual voice for the director of any production they work

on," he explains. "Being able to see it completely in your mind's eye is the goal." The class put its skills to the test by lighting the spring Choreographer's Showcase on April 7.

Students use the program Vectorworks to develop previsualization design skills and understand color, light and intensity. Before bringing them to the stage, they review their designs together in the classroom.

"What about the floor?" Hansum nudges one student who has forgotten to include one in his design. "Remember, the floor is a pretty large reflective surface."

Things have changed since technical theater employed more manual techniques. "It isn't just plugging a light in and turning a circuit on," says Hansum. "Now, you're dealing with networks and control cabling, and that can be difficult. It's important that students know how to use current industry tools, but those tools are always changing. At the same time, you don't want to forgo the history and foundation of technical design."



Advanced Lighting Design students experiment with different lighting techniques.

In the past, designers used gel filters to change light color, but now individual lights include multiple colors and textures.

"It's a great time to be a lighting and sound designer, because you have so much more control than you used to," says Hansum. "For the fall dance concert, we sat at the computer console and chose from a couple hundred lighting fixtures, half of which were color agile, which means we could remotely change the color and texture that they produce at any given time."

Hansum's entertainment technology assistant, Ray Ockenfels, agrees. "My favorite element of design

is lighting, and the equipment in our inventory is both robust and diverse, allowing us to create a myriad of different worlds for the productions we put on," Ockenfels says.

While the audience might not ponder the work of technical designers, it is a central part of the collaborative team that creates productions, a process that involves a lot of give and take. "We are all looking to tell the same story as we work with each other's design in mind," says Hansum.

While many technical design students major in theatre, engineers and others take Hansum's classes as well. "Some of our best students are

biologists or marketing students who stroll through the door, work on a show and find that it's really interesting and challenging," says Hansum. "It's fun to watch them go through that metamorphosis."

Students also learn there are jobs for technical designers. Graduates have gone on to careers in everything from technical theater to designing transport vehicles for the Army. "What we do is like the internal workings of a clock," says Hansum. "It's very precise and needs to be just so — elegant in its own right, but ultimately serving a purpose that most people don't end up noticing in the end."

Studio is setting for students stitching a career in costume design

The recently renovated costume studio in Coleman Hall has all of the resources technical theatre students need to do the work of design and garment making — everything from dress forms and sewing machines to space for drawing and works-in-progress. Professor Paula Davis, theatre & dance, says it's an inspiring space for students.

"Good design comes out of good process," says Davis. "Often, students want to solve a problem before they know what the process is, so they go directly to the end. Usually, they can do a much better design if they journey through the process."

In class, Davis illustrates this point with a music exercise that helps students understand how to analyze the feeling evoked by visual design. Students listen through earbuds to their own music while drawing shapes. Then Davis asks them to design a dance costume using the elements they drew.

Davis says it helps them experience the design process incrementally instead of anticipating what comes next. "How does a plaid feel in comparison to a stripe or denim?" she asks. "Or smooth silk in comparison to wool tweed? Those patterns and textures do symbolize things, but it's important to understand why they work on a fundamental design level."

One student who's been inspired by her design opportunities is **Yasameen Mohammadi '20**. As a young girl in Afghanistan, she used colored pencils and paper to draw and cut out doll clothes. As she got older, her mom taught her to sew so she could make them with fabric. Mohammadi took drawing classes in high school, then, at Bucknell, spied Davis' Costume and Fashion course. "I have a dream of opening a boutique," she says. "I'm studying management too and plan to pursue fashion design for my master's degree."

Another student who's often found in the costume studio is Arts Merit Scholar **Lena Madison '17**. She's gone from assisting Davis to designing her own costumes, concluding



Yasameen Mohammadi '20 tests out a design for the spring production of *The Comedy of Errors*.

during her senior year with an independent study in costume for *The Comedy of Errors*.

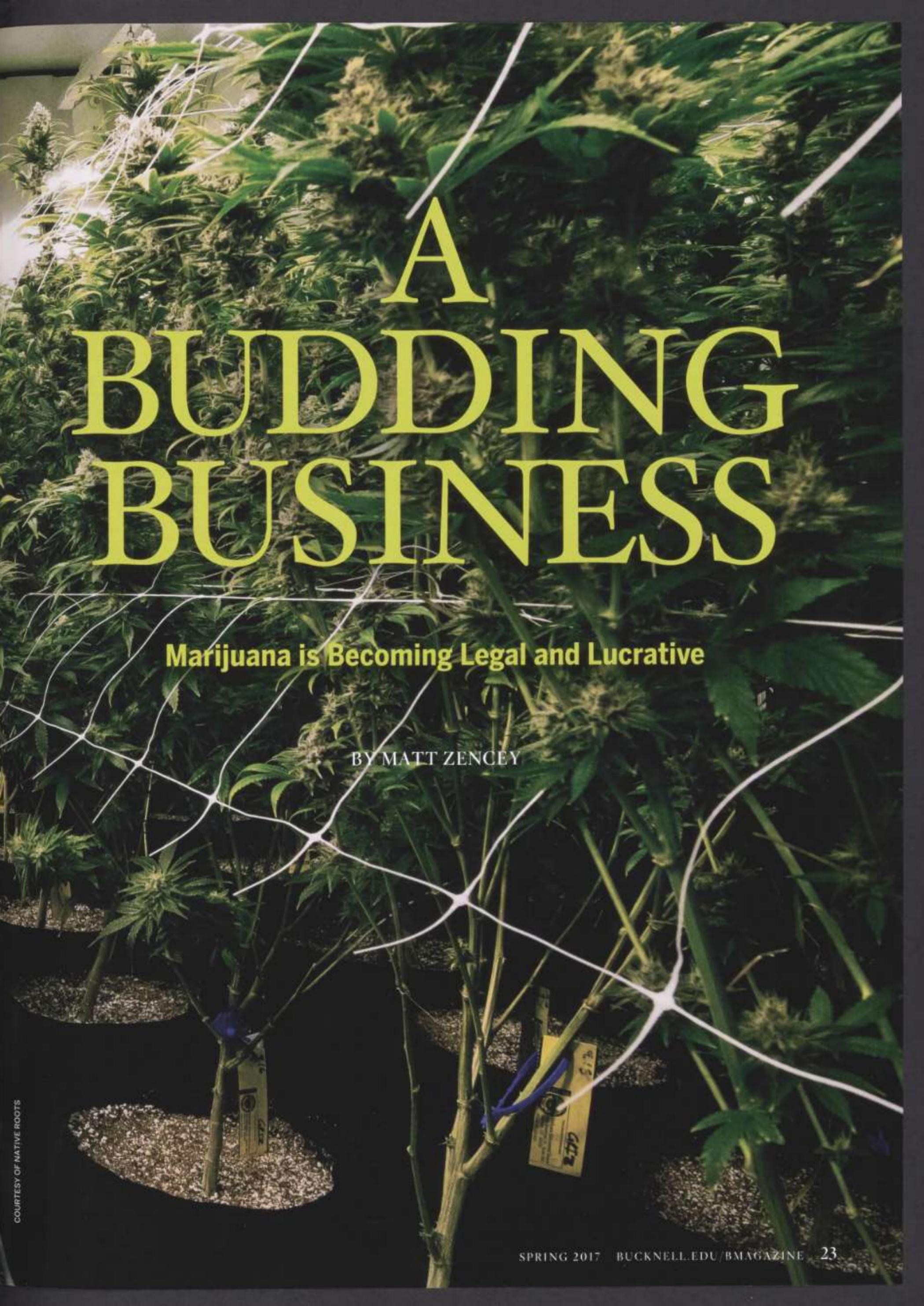
Next year, Madison will work in New York City in product development for Macy's, where she interned last summer.

"We always talk about the transferable skills of a theater degree," Davis says. "To do theater, you have to be deadline driven. There is an opening night, and an audience is coming. Time management, a progression of work, how the process leads to the end — all of these are valuable skills for life."

— Paula Cogan Myers



Josh Ginsberg '01 leads Denver-based Native Roots, which he calls "the largest legal cannabis company in the country."



A BUDDING BUSINESS

Marijuana is Becoming Legal and Lucrative

BY MATT ZENCEY

Bill Roark '03 remembers the most pivotal moment in his legal career as the day he could have gotten fired.

An attorney for 10 years at a traditional, mid-sized law firm in the Philadelphia suburbs, he'd been watching as state after state legalized medical marijuana, and he could see that it would be coming soon to Pennsylvania. Because marijuana was (and still is) illegal under federal law, "the industry was bringing unique legal challenges that stimulated my intellectual gene," he says.

Knowing that "anyone who wants to get in the business needs a good lawyer," he went to his firm's managing partner with a most unconventional, entrepreneurial pitch: He wanted to make himself the firm's specialist in this still illegal, but rapidly growing field.

"It was a scary day," he says, but he'd done his homework, talking to attorneys in other states. And it

Roark says — and "I got the green light to go full bore." Two years later, Pennsylvania has approved limited medical marijuana use, and Roark's new specialty is "keeping me busier than I ever could have imagined," accounting for some 80 percent of his workload. Besides advising newly forming businesses, he helps educate local government officials and other lawyers about how Pennsylvania's new medical-marijuana law works.

Pete Kadens '00 is one of those marijuana entrepreneurs who needs lawyers to help navigate this complex, uncertain but rapidly growing field of business.

He's CEO of GTI, one of the country's leading legal marijuana operations, with licenses to grow or sell it in Illinois, Nevada, Massachusetts and Maryland.

Before joining GTI, Kadens was already a successful businessman. He'd helped build a solar energy company into a \$100 million operation, which

was a young child, when his parents took him on a round-the-world trip, and he saw children his own age living in "utter squalor."

When Kadens was approached by a friend in the medical-marijuana business, he saw it as an opportunity to do well by doing good. He could help patients who weren't being effectively treated by traditional medical care, while helping break what Kadens sees as the stigma surrounding marijuana use. He even hopes to create jobs for those victimized by the war on drugs. Being a marijuana entrepreneur and legalization advocate, he says, "is my new purpose in life."

THE STARBUCKS OF WEED

When visiting a Native Roots store in Colorado, where both recreational and medical marijuana is legal, shoppers may do a double take and wonder if they mistakenly stepped into an expensive jewelry shop.

The store is bright and spacious, with the wares displayed in glass cases and elegantly staged in tall shelves behind the counters. It's high class all the way.

Native Roots CEO **Josh Ginsberg '01** wants to banish the image of the marijuana shop as some dingy stoner hangout.

"We're kinda trying to create an Apple/Starbucks type model," Ginsberg says. The vibe they're after is "clean cut," but also "really cool, really hip."

Shoppers will know it's a Native Roots store when they see its signature feature — white walls covered chock-a-block with typographically varied, bold, black

"I did a five-minute sell and held my breath. I could have been told to pee in a bottle and clean out my desk."

— *Bill Roark '03*

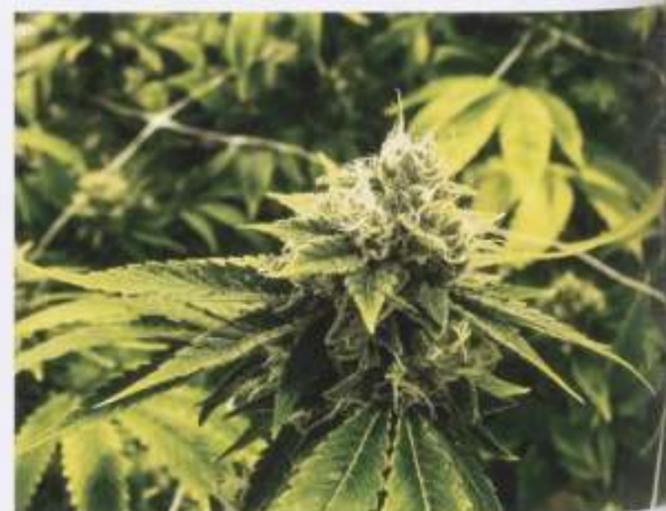
wasn't as if his idea would strike his colleagues as totally out of character — Roark has a bobble head of Jerry Garcia on his desk, and his ringtone is a Grateful Dead tune.

"I did a five-minute sell and held my breath," Roark says. "I could have been told to pee in a bottle and clean out my desk."

Instead, the managing partner was open-minded — "all credit to him,"

he eventually sold, leaving him to look for a new challenge. As he explained in a TEDx talk at Bucknell last May, he has long been outraged at the way the war on drugs has targeted minorities and the poor.

"Their criminal history plagues them the rest of their lives," he says, often forcing them into homelessness, a cause that Kadens has been passionate about since he



Inside the growery and the stores of the distinctively branded Native Roots operation.

names of favorite marijuana strains. "There's something for everybody in that wallpaper," Ginsberg says.

Native Roots is "the largest legal cannabis company in the country," he says. In early 2017, the company that he and two other partners own had 17 stores, a 200,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art indoor growing warehouse, and nearly 700 employees, with three more stores due to open this spring.

He dove headfirst into the business after seeing the 2009 U.S. Department of Justice memo basically saying the feds would not crack down on state-legalized medical-marijuana operations. "It was a no brainer to put all my eggs in this basket," he says. "You get to sell weed legally. How can that not make sense?"

Ginsberg and his wife scrounged every scrap of money they could from their existing small business ventures, their personal lines of credit, and even their parents. "It was a battle for about the first two years," he says, as he struggled to find a reliable grower who'd supply high-quality product. He was near bankruptcy and driving a borrowed truck because he didn't have money to buy a car. "But things turned around, and it's just been blazing toward the moon since then," he says.

Roark, the Pennsylvania medical marijuana attorney, says of Ginsberg, "He's boss hog. He's one of the top entrepreneurs in one of the busiest states."

RISKY BUSINESS

Legal marijuana is a big and growing business — but it's not an easy business to be in.

Total sales of legal product were \$6.9 billion in 2016, up 34 percent, according to a study by Arcview Market Research and reported in January by *Inc.com*, a business publication. And there is plenty of room to grow as more states loosen their laws. Arcview estimates that 87 percent of the marijuana business — another \$46.4 billion — takes place in the black market.

However, "legal" marijuana is "at best quasi-legal," says **Mike Cindrich '02**, a San Diego criminal-defense attorney who initially defended many medical-marijuana clients and has branched out to advise would-be marijuana entrepreneurs. "According to black-letter law, it's illegal federally."

That makes it hard to find a bank that will handle marijuana money. The Obama Administration issued a written enforcement policy allowing banks to serve marijuana businesses, provided they file detailed reports showing that the money comes from state-legalized operations — a directive the Trump Administration could easily reverse. Kadens says that only 3 percent of banks in the country will even agree to open accounts for marijuana businesses.

Bank loans simply aren't available, so to get into the business, entrepreneurs rely on private financiers. "The financing can be very creative," says **Brian Kozel '98**, a Colorado CPA who works with businesses in the marijuana industry.

Competition for a license to sell legal marijuana is fierce, as Kadens well knows. He led an intensive effort to build strong community support for a proposed medical-marijuana

grow house near Hagerstown, Md. His firm was awarded the necessary state license, but then Kadens watched helplessly as it was revoked, supposedly because too many had been awarded in that county.

His firm did win a coveted retail-dispensing license for medical cannabis in the Washington, D.C., suburbs, and he hopes to open that location in the second half of 2017.

All in all, the legal marijuana business is "two times harder than you think and three times more expensive if you want to do it right," Kadens adds. "You have to have a lot of internal fortitude."

And just because medical marijuana is legal doesn't mean it's easy to stay on the right side of the law. California legalized medical uses in 1996, but Cindrich says, "many local governments do not respect the California medical-marijuana laws." Admittedly, he says the laws are "vague and confusing," but "a lot of people were still being arrested." (California voters in November agreed to legalize recreational use, which should reduce the legal risks for most marijuana users.)

Since 2014, Congress has imposed a ban on spending federal money to interfere with the implementation of state medical-marijuana laws. However, some medical dispensaries are still in court, fighting federal charges that they've allowed nonmedical sales. The funding ban does not protect those selling marijuana for recreational use in states where that is legal.

Accountant Kozel notes another challenge: An antidrug provision of the U.S. tax code says if you're involved in illegal activity, you cannot



deduct certain costs of that activity in calculating what you owe the IRS. “That produces much larger tax burdens” for state-licensed marijuana businesses, he says. “It can be cost-prohibitive.”

“People are making money,” Kozel says, but “the price out here [in Colorado] is actually plummeting.” The advertised price of an ounce of flower product at retail shops, he says, has dropped to less than \$100.

Hanging over everything in the business is the change that took place in the White House. While President Trump has supported medical marijuana and says he respects state’s rights, according to **Anthony Georgiadis '00**, a partner with classmate Pete Kadens at GTI, “There’s some concern because of his attorney general [Jeff Sessions].”

Cindrich notes that “Sessions is notoriously anti-marijuana.” In late February, Trump’s press secretary jolted the industry by suggesting the Justice Department would no longer take a hands-off approach to enforcing federal law in states that have legalized recreational marijuana.

Still, says Cindrich, “I’m optimistic. Trump is a businessman, and there’s an economic opportunity here,” with 28 states allowing medical use and full legalization in eight, and probably more on the horizon. “It’s going to be really hard to turn back what has been done,” he says.

DOES MARIJUANA WORK AS MEDICINE?

Federal law treats marijuana as a Schedule I controlled substance, meaning it has “no currently accepted medical use and a high potential for abuse,” according to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. That puts marijuana in the same fully outlawed class as heroin, treated as more dangerous than cocaine, opiates and even methamphetamine, all of which have some federally accepted medical use.

By contrast, 28 states have heeded pleas from those who insist marijuana can help them. Cancer patients fighting nausea or loss of appetite want it. People in chronic pain, fearful of getting addicted to opioids, want it. Parents of children



One of Native Roots' nearly 700 employees displays the product.

seizures insist that a key medically active ingredient in marijuana — cannabidiol, or CBD — is the only thing that helps their kids.

Ronald Aung-Din '70, one of two neurologists in Florida authorized to prescribe medical marijuana, treats a growing number of patients — 130 and counting — on the state’s medical-marijuana registry. Thanks to marijuana’s more-benign pain-relieving properties, he says, “I have patients who are getting off narcotics and are getting their lives back.”

He also treats patients for a wide range of conditions using a patented technique he has pioneered — applying a topical cream form of cannabidiol that’s derived from hemp rather than the cannabis plant, so the product is fully legal. “CBD is not psychoactive and relieves convulsion, inflammation, anxiety and nausea,” he wrote in an article for the June 2016 issue of *Drug Development and Delivery*.

A new federal study validates some of what patients and physicians such as Aung-Din are saying. In a comprehensive review of existing research, the U.S. National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine found strong evidence that marijuana is helpful for chronic pain in adults, nausea in cancer patients and muscle spasms in multiple sclerosis patients. Marijuana may be helpful for several other conditions, the federal review found, but the evidence is weaker.

The National Academies’ review,

to wider marijuana use. Rates of accidental ingestion in children are higher in states where it’s legal. When people are under the influence of cannabis, it’s riskier to drive, and memory is impaired. Smoking marijuana can cause bouts of bronchitis (but does not appear to cause lung cancer). Those who use a lot of marijuana are more likely to abuse it or other harmful substances, among other potential harms cited in the federal study.

Food and Drug Administration Deputy Director Douglas Throckmorton told a congressional subcommittee last summer, “The [FDA] drug approval process remains the best way to identify new treatments that are safe and effective for patients,” including those involving marijuana.

Medical-marijuana entrepreneur Kadens scoffs at that notion: “165,000 people have died from legally prescribed opiates since 1999. If science matters and research matters, where was science, and where was the research, with [the opiate painkillers] Vicodin and OxyContin?”

Critics claim “that clinical research really matters and protects people,” Kadens says. While you can do stupid things that hurt yourself while under the influence, he says, “You cannot overdose on marijuana.”

Supporters of medical marijuana say its health benefits would be better documented if strict federal

drug law restrictions didn't make it so difficult to do needed studies. It's a view that gets some support in the National Academies' report. "Regulatory barriers," it says, "including the classification of cannabis as a Schedule I substance, impede the advancement of research."

Kadens and other supporters say that Canada and Israel are much farther ahead of the U.S. in researching the medical uses of cannabis. "Maybe the research doesn't exist in *The New England Journal of Medicine*, because we're

and purely beneficial," Wolaver says. "There does seem to be some positive impacts for some patients. The question is how to get them access and minimize potential harms."

Scott Gerhardt '94 believes Aung-Din's hemp-based CBD treatment is a potentially revolutionary way to deliver many of marijuana's benefits, with fewer of the harms. Applied as a topical cream, CBD bypasses the lungs, bloodstream and digestive tract, where many troublesome side effects can arise. Under a licensing arrangement with Aung-Din,

power of CBD led him to start investing in marijuana businesses, and by 2016, he'd moved into full-time cannabis work. Joining classmate Pete Kadens as a partner at GTI, Georgiadis oversees the firm's Nevada operations and helps plot the company's overall business and financial strategy.

Friends since they lived on the same residence hall as first-year students, Georgiadis and Kadens also share a passion for changing the nation's drug laws. "We have big problems with the war on drugs and the harm that prohibition has caused in this country," Georgiadis says. "It just hasn't worked."

Cindrich, the San Diego attorney, agrees. In his spare time, he helps two groups working to end punitive marijuana laws, NORML and Law Enforcement Agents Against Prohibition.

The three Bucknell graduates have something else in common: All were in Kappa Delta Rho fraternity. So was Josh Ginsberg, the marijuana CEO in Colorado.

"Now we have four of us [KDR brothers] very involved in the industry. Don't ask me why," Georgiadis says. "It's probably not what folks at Bucknell expected of us."

"We all believe in what we're doing," he says, "not just from a business perspective but from a social perspective."

Explaining his shift into medical-marijuana law, attorney Bill Roark says attending Bucknell gave him the open mind, skill set and confidence to question the status quo and to work on "fixing things we didn't think were right." It's one of the reasons he — and other Bucknellians working in the legal marijuana field — see opportunity where others see a wall.

Sure, there's money to be made in the business, Georgiadis says, but that's only part of the appeal. "When you hear from patients about the medical benefits they're experiencing," he says, "it just makes it all worth it. What we do is very fulfilling." 



Check out the TEDx talk Pete Kadens gave at Bucknell in the Bucknell Magazine app or at tedxbucknelluniversity.com.

"We all believe in what we're doing, not just from a business perspective but from a social perspective."

— Anthony Georgiadis '00

not allowed to study it here," Kadens says. "There is productive research out there from reputable institutions," such as Israel's Weizmann Institute of Science.

An important question in this debate is what counts as evidence. A new federal law, The 21st Century Cures Act, passed late last year with broad, bipartisan support, revises the drug approval process and gives more weight to the experience patients have outside of traditional clinical research trials. Politically, passage of the law was an unusual case where large pharmaceutical companies and patient advocates worked on the same side, while drug industry watchdogs warned that the law will make it easier for harmful drugs to hit the market.

The National Academies' review gave ammunition to both sides of the medical-marijuana debate. While documenting some clear benefits, the review warned, "the growing acceptance, accessibility and use of cannabis raise important public health concerns."

Amy Wolaver, director of the Bucknell Institute for Public Policy, points out that in states where it is legal, there's evidence showing more adolescents use marijuana, while the rate of opioid overdoses goes down.

"No substance is perfectly safe

Gerhardt and some partners have launched a business to market Cannidex, a product that delivers a high dose of CBD in cream form.

Gerhardt, a former Marine, is especially happy to provide the product to his fellow veterans who are dealing with chronic pain or post-traumatic stress disorder.

"It feels very good to know we can help people in states where they might not have the same access as they do in Colorado and California," Gerhardt says.

FROM HOME DÉCOR TO CANNABIS

Anthony Georgiadis got into the legal marijuana business because of his Swiss Mountain dog. Around his first birthday, the family pet began having uncontrollable seizures. "A 130-pound animal who loses control of himself in the middle of the night — it's pretty scary stuff," he says. Conventional veterinary treatments offered no relief. In desperation, Georgiadis obtained some CBD. "We gave it to our boy, and it worked," he says.

At the time, Georgiadis had been busy running one of the nation's largest home décor businesses, one he co-founded and that now produces thousands of mirrors and framed artworks a day. Seeing the

Nuggets players, from left, Danilo Gallinari, Kenneth Faried and Jusuf Nurikić count on team dentist Alison Hoover '07.



MOUTH GUARD

Alison Hoover '07 keeps the Denver Nuggets' smiles in good working order

BY BENJAMIN GLEISSER

It's two hours before game time at the Pepsi Center, the arena home of the NBA's Denver Nuggets, and Alison Hoover '07, one of the Nuggets' team dentists, is visiting the locker room to check on the players' dental health.

As Hoover chats with a few players, especially the ones who have stopped by the office for prior appointments, she glances at their mouths. Everything seems fine. She'll check back again during halftime, then pay one more visit to the locker room after the game. Unless a player chips a tooth while taking an elbow to the face, or a loose ball accidentally bounces off his jaw, she'll sit on the sidelines with other medical professionals employed by the Nuggets and enjoy the game like any other spectator.

"During play, it's sometimes hard to tell if I'll need to check someone's mouth," she says. "After a foul or a player goes down on the court, I start watching to see how the player is reacting. Sometimes after the adrenaline of playing wears off, a player will realize something's not right with his mouth. Luckily, I've never seen a doctor need to run out onto the court during a game, but we're there if needed."

Hoover is one of the five dentists with Southbridge Dentistry in Littleton, Colo., the practice that has served the Nuggets since 2010. They're the team watching over the Nuggets' dental health.

"The biggest difficulty we encounter is players who are too tall for the dentist chairs."

— Alison Hoover '07

One dentist attends each Nuggets home game, and tonight is Hoover's turn. This is her second basketball season with Southbridge Dentistry.

"It was a little intimidating when I first started," Hoover says with a laugh. "There I was walking into an NBA medical training room to practice dentistry. It was a new environment with some pretty famous faces. Now I'm regularly there, and a lot more comfortable working with the players."

On off days, the players visit Southbridge Dentistry's office for the

usual reasons: six-month checkups, tooth whitening, crowns, wisdom-tooth extraction and fillings. Southbridge Dentistry also makes custom mouth guards for the players.

"Overall, the players are great," she says. Though some athletes are hesitant to visit the dentist, she says no one fidgets, cries or tightly grips the armrests during procedures.

"Nitrous oxide, commonly called laughing gas, is available if anyone wants it," Hoover says. "The biggest difficulty we encounter is players who are too tall for the dentist chairs."

As a little girl, Hoover loved studying science as much as she loved playing team sports. Hoover decided in high school that she wanted to be a dentist because she liked the idea of working with patients on a regular basis.

She chose Bucknell, where she majored in biology, because it had a strong lab program and offered intimate classes where it was easy to participate and get one-on-one attention from the professors.

Hoover earned her dentistry degree in 2011 at the University of Maryland School of Dentistry. She then went on to complete a yearlong general-practice residency in Seattle. After working in a different private practice, she joined Southbridge Dentistry in 2015. There, besides NBA stars and other professional athletes, she works with patients from all walks of life. She is particularly honored to serve another group of patients.

"We provide free dentistry to veterans on Veterans Day," she says. "That's my favorite day to work. I appreciate what they do for us, and it's very rewarding to be able to give something back to them. I listen to their stories, and I've had some tears working with them." ❀

Tips to keep sports fans smiling pretty

Alison Hoover '07, team dentist for the Denver Nuggets, has this advice for fans attending basketball games:

- Avoid drinking soda. When you sip it throughout a game, you're constantly coating your teeth with acidic, carbonated, sugary liquid.
- If you do drink alcohol or soda, make sure you also are consuming water. Alcohol makes your mouth dry. If you're drinking soda, it's good to drink water to rinse out the sugar/acid from the soda and restore the pH of the mouth.
- Try to floss after eating popcorn. You don't want kernel husks getting stuck in your gums.
- If you're sitting close to the action, watch out for bouncing balls.
- Get regular checkups so you can be kiss-cam ready for your loved one!

EXCAVATING A LEGACY

With unearthed relics chosen for a permanent museum collection, the work of the first joint Greek-American archaeological dig in Thebes, Greece, continues

BY PAULA COGAN MYERS

Part lion and part human, the sphinx is a mythological figure that was said to guard the Greek city of Thebes by asking travelers to solve a riddle before continuing on their journey. Images of the sphinx are often found in ancient artwork, and they adorn a beautiful red figure vase that was unearthed by a group of Bucknell faculty and students, a legacy of the first joint

Greek-American archaeological dig in Thebes.

The vase, which dates back to the fourth century B.C., along with Byzantine glass jewelry excavated by the team, is now on permanent display in the Archaeological Museum of Thebes. Professor Stephanie Larson, classics & ancient Mediterranean studies, says that the relics represent an important

and inspiring outcome. "Bucknell is responsible for those objects existing in that space. I don't think anything as good as that will happen to me for the rest of my life in my work, because it represents everyone's blood, sweat and effort."

Larson and husband Professor Kevin Daly, classics & ancient Mediterranean studies, embarked on the dig six years ago, after receiving



a \$350,000 grant from the Stavros Niarchos Foundation, one of the world's leading international philanthropic organizations. Although Thebes has been an important Greek city throughout history, the site of the sanctuary of Ismenian Apollo offered a rare opportunity because parts of the site remained unexplored and are not located beneath modern buildings. Daly explains that there have been only two limited excavations within its boundaries — the Greek archaeologist Antonios Keramopoulos' on the sanctuary hill from 1910 to 1917, and Nikolas Pharaklas' few additional trenches in 1967. Neither archaeologist conducted a full exploration.

When Larson and Daly moved to Greece in 2011, they created their base from the ground up — from buying basic tools to renting and securing a storeroom to finding a place for students to live in Thebes. It was a daunting task but one that allowed

them to develop strong relationships with their Greek colleagues, carry out important academic work and provide rare experience for undergraduates.

During the last six years, more than 75 Bucknell students have spent eight summer weeks learning the physical and intellectual aspects of archaeology. Students say the experience has challenged them to grow, whether by opening their minds to a new culture or translating the intense work experience to a biology lab back on campus.

Jon Hunsberger '16, a classics & ancient Mediterranean studies major, spent four summers in Greece with the team. Learning about ancient Greek material culture in contrast with today's Greece gave him a keen understanding of how history and modern culture intersect. "As I was digging, I was learning history, archaeological technique, teamwork, modern Greek language, modern

Greek culture and more," he says. "My time in Greece strengthened my work ethic, connections and world experience, which I will carry into my future career."

Tyler Strobel '19 spent last summer working on the dig team during the final active excavation season. He says that the experience was invaluable. "It exposed me to the grittier side of the field. Archaeology on paper is far different from archaeology in person. As a classics major, going to Greece was priceless — from seeing the Acropolis to the Antikythera Mechanism to walking through Minoan ruins — it allowed me to integrate myself into another culture for a short time."

This connection between the past, present and future comes with great responsibility,

This etching of Thebes was published in 1819 in *A Classical and Topographical Tour through Greece, During the Years 1801, 1805, and 1806*, a book by the Irish painter and archaeologist Edward Dodwell. Courtesy of The Aikaterini Laskaridis Foundation.



Alumni Launched Classics Careers After Thebes Dig

Clare Brogan's '12's high school Latin classes in Bridgewater, N.J., are some 5,000 miles away from the ancient city of Thebes in Boeotia, Greece, where, for six summers, Brogan and other Bucknell scholars excavated an archaeological site dating back to 1,200 B.C.

Excavation work concluded last summer because the permit reached its maximum limit, according to Greek laws. But the excitement of toiling in the trenches is vivid for Brogan's students.

"I bring real-world archaeology into the classroom for them, and they get very excited about it," Brogan says. "I tell them about living in Greece, working with our Greek laborers and digging in the dirt.

"I try to play that up in my classroom and make sure they know there's more out there to being a Latin scholar. It doesn't have to be all sitting in the library reading Cicero."

Brogan, a classics major, worked all six summers at the dig, first as a novice excavator, then as manager of the dig's storehouse, devising a system to receive, wash, photograph, weigh, catalog and store the unearthed pottery, metal and bone fragments. Eventually, she supervised excavation teams, managing a diverse cast of English- and Greek-speaking workers.

She manages a classroom ("one of the hardest things in the world"), redirecting students' unruly behavior and engaging and

motivating them, and draws constantly on skills acquired at the dig.

The Thebes project catalyzed professional lives for other Bucknell scholars, too, among them classics major **Paul Brazinski '11**. He took Professor Kevin Daly's Greek Civilization course his first year and asked, "How do I do this forever?" when the term ended.

Catching the classics bug took him by surprise: "I grew up in a big sports family in Basking Ridge, N.J. I think everyone would have thought I would become a football coach and teacher." Brazinski says he's grateful for a liberal arts school that encouraged him to explore.

Daly and Professor Stephanie Larson, both members of Bucknell's Department of Classics & Ancient Mediterranean Studies, continue mentoring Brazinski as he writes a thesis for his Ph.D. in church history at Catholic University of America. Brazinski joined the Thebes dig in summer 2011, then earned an M.A. in archaeology at the University of Cambridge. He'd worked on other digs but it was the Thebes credential, and the autonomy and responsibility he experienced there, that helped him win admission to Cambridge, he believes.

One more Bucknellian transformed by his work at Thebes is **Michael Furman '11**. His love of classics began when he visited campus in 2007, his senior year at North Thurston High School in Lacey, Wash.

He wanted to be a chemical engineer or chemist. But after wandering into a lecture by Daly on Bucknell's archaeology and classics program, he envisioned a thrilling new direction. "I have to come to Bucknell and work with Kevin," he decided.

He earned a B.A. in classics from Bucknell, joined the Thebes dig in 2011 and, like Brogan, returned every season, eventually becoming a supervisor. He has just completed his Ph.D. in ancient history at the University of St. Andrews, Scotland.

The Thebes experience gave his scholarship a valuable edge, Furman says: "A lot of people who work on Thebes and Boeotia have never been to either. We were the first foreign excavation team to work within the city limits of Thebes, ever. There aren't many non-Greek people who [study] Thebes who can say they've excavated in Thebes."

Furman, Larson and Daly are in close touch. "I leaned on them heavily for advice on what [graduate] schools would be a good fit for me." They helped him select and apply for a Ph.D. program, too, and read and helped edit his thesis.

From Brogan's New Jersey Latin classes to Brazinski's and Furman's budding academic careers, the relationships and lessons from Thebes continue to reverberate and grow.

— Marilyn Lewis

something Larson and Daly think is important for students to learn. "You find something that's been buried for possibly thousands of years, and you're the first one to come across it," she says. "You have the responsibility to make sure that all of the details about it are recorded well. If you are not careful enough, no one will ever know the particulars of that find. It's up to you."

That's why the team has amassed more than 30,000 photographs with detailed metadata. Their workroom is filled with objects that they have unearthed, cleaned, weighed, catalogued, photographed and dated. While the eight-week excavation season is all about getting things out of the ground and recording them, study season — a time for more detailed examination — is equally important. During this

next stage of the project, architects, Byzantine pottery specialists and bone experts visit sites and storerooms to share their expertise, and professional illustrators capture aspects of objects that photography misses.

The team has found pottery, jewelry and coins, among other objects. They have also explored graves, which requires removing human bones.

"We try to put them back together," Larson explains. "We're going to do some facial reconstructions with the crania from some of the graves, and we're looking for pathological diseases as well." So far, they have found leprosy, blunt trauma death, cancer, infections and genetic abnormalities.

During this final phase, Larson and Daly are part of an international team of 15 scholars who plan to write a book "that has chapters on each

phase of the life of this site," she says. "It's like we're writing a biography of every decade of a life, only this place includes thousands of years as opposed to 70." 

1. Ivory spindle whorl, with incised decoration, Middle to Late Byzantine Periods, 7th-12th century. 2. Red-figure vase with sphinx decoration, 4th century B.C. 3. Early to Middle Byzantine lamp with bird design in center and burning marks, 6th-8th century. 4. Late Byzantine hemispherical bowl, 13th-14th century. 5. Early to Middle Byzantine Funerary Vessel, 6th-8th century. 6. Byzantine sgraffito duck on interior of large bowl, late Byzantine, likely 14th century. 7. Early to Middle Byzantine belt buckle from grave, complete, 6th-8th century. 8. Early to Middle Byzantine lamp, complete, 6th-8th century. 9. Late Byzantine die, six-sided, made from bone, with all numbers of dots painted on each side, likely 13th century. 10. Bowl from Ottoman pipe, 14th-15th century. 11. Middle Byzantine lamp with cross design, 7th-9th century.



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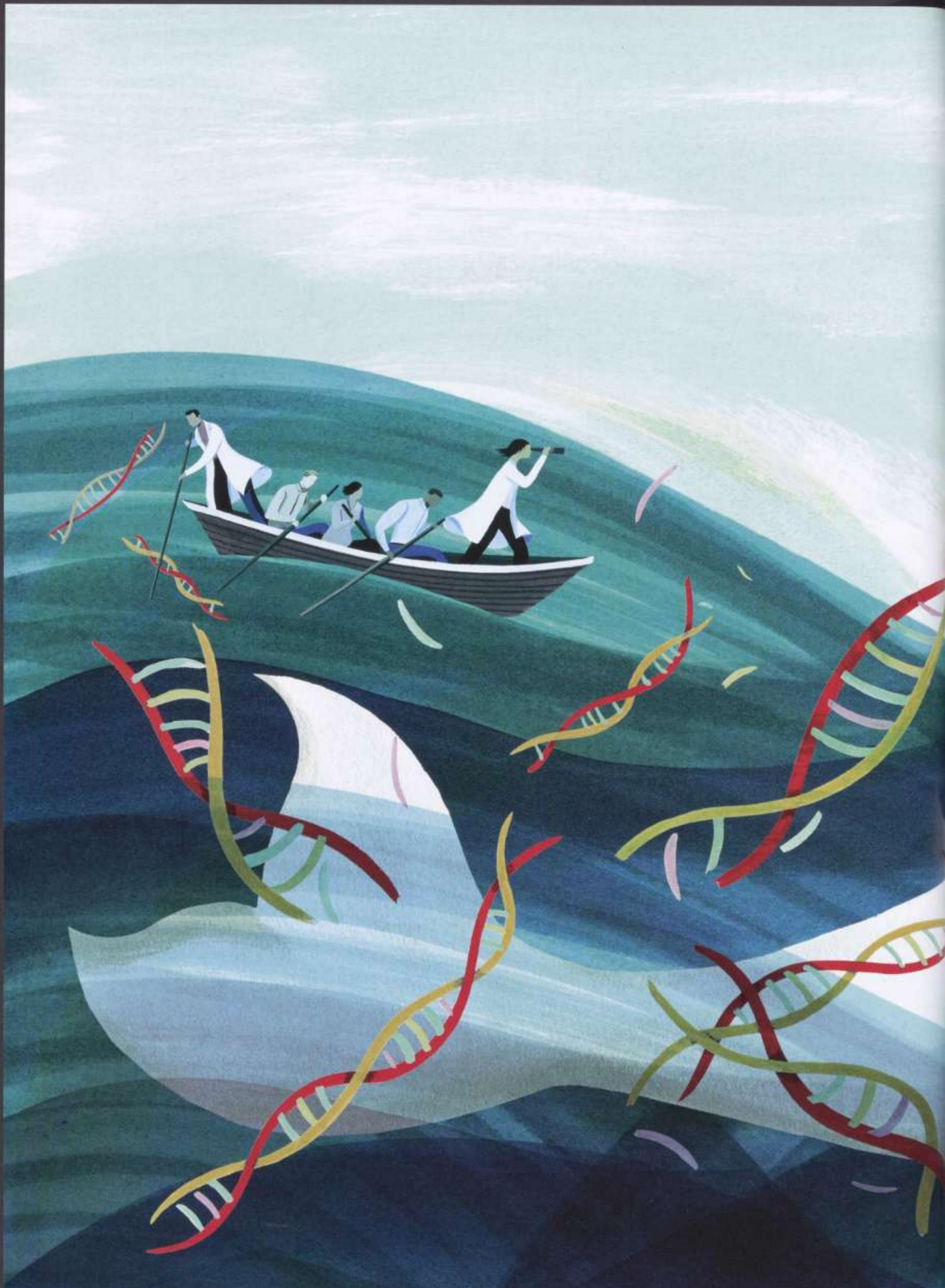
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A NEW AGE OF EXPLORATION

An explosive growth in knowledge and steep drop in computational costs speed Bucknell researchers' advances

BY MATT HUGHES



ILLUSTRATION BY SAVANNA WILKINS

In the 275 years between the first printing of Carl Linnaeus' *Systema Naturae*, the ur-text of biological taxonomy, and the 2005 publication of the third edition of *Mammal Species of the World*, the current authoritative text on the classification of mammals, biologists had catalogued some 5,416 members of class Mammalia. Bucknell biologist DeeAnn Reeder, the co-editor of *Mammal Species of the World*, is now compiling a new edition, which she estimates will include more than 7,500 distinct mammal species — a jump of nearly 30 percent in a little over a decade.

This same explosive growth in knowledge is happening throughout biology, a field that appears to have entered a new age of exploration. This time, however, researchers aren't, like Darwin in the Galápagos, traveling far afield in search of new life, but rather are peering in more closely than ever before, thanks to the increased availability of genomic data.

Though initially driven by medical research, genomics — the study of the structure, evolution and mapping of genes — has allowed biologists such as Reeder to frame their studies in ways that were previously impossible. Professor Ken Field, one of the first Bucknell biologists to incorporate genomics in his research, began using genetic sequencing to examine questions surrounding white-nose disease, the fungal infection that has devastated populations of many species of bats around the United States. It has advanced his quest to learn why some bats were more susceptible than others.

Although genomic sequencing has enhanced biologists' ability to find answers quickly and inexpensively, it comes with challenges, not the least of which is how to interpret the immense load of data it generates. "What happens when you have hundreds of millions of pieces of data — you can't graph it the same way as if you had a dozen. You'll break Excel if nothing else," Field says. "What big data means is that you have too much data to analyze or to visualize using ordinary tools."

This ever-rising growth curve in

data collection has been enabled by two factors: the development in the late 1990s of so-called "next-generation" sequencing technologies, which can scan genomic data much more quickly than older methods, and an equally dramatic decline in the cost of DNA sequencing. One of science's first and most important forays into whole-genome sequencing, the Human Genome Project, which sought to sequence the roughly 3 billion nucleotide pairs in a model human genome, concluded in 2003 at a cost of approximately \$2.7 billion. In 2015, the project's sponsor, the National Institutes of Health, estimated that sequencing the same amount of data typically costs between \$1,500 and \$4,000, with much of that reduction coming in just the last five years.

Reeder's own experience echoes that trend: Just five years ago, she sought grant funding for a small-scale genomic study of 10 animals, requesting a budget of \$400,000. Today, she says she could do the same study for \$5,000 or less.

COST REDUCTIONS SPEED ADVANCES

The dramatic drop in price not only comes from technological leaps, but from old-fashioned market forces. Around the country large universities and research hospitals have built labs dedicated to genomic sequencing, and the increased speed of next-gen sequencing has allowed those facilities

to do contract work for researchers at other institutions, with competition driving prices ever lower. While Bucknell doesn't have such a facility, its professors are able to access the same technology at the same rates as institutions that do. Students are able to reap the benefits as well, through close collaboration with their instructors on research projects.

The impact of the price drop has been felt throughout biology, including at Bucknell, where many professors have rushed to incorporate genomics in their work. It has enhanced scientific understanding of the tallest redwood down to the smallest virus. Virologist and Biology Professor Marie Pizzorno says that until recently, her field was only interested in the viruses that make humans and other animals sick. The advent of genomics has shed light on other viruses all around us, including some embedded in our DNA.

"Some of these viruses are ancient," Pizzorno says. "We picked them up millions of years ago when we were still evolving as humans. They left a little footprint of DNA, so we can tell where they inserted themselves into our genome. They are the remnants of retroviruses, which are distantly related to HIV."

Having so much data that it's difficult to properly process it is at the heart of another field that has arisen alongside genomics, that of bioinformatics, which deals with analysis of the complex data biologists now have the ability to collect. Brian King, a computer science professor, has consulted at the Geisinger Health System on several big-data projects, including the MyCode Community Health Initiative, a large-scale effort to correlate patient genomic data with electronic health records to improve individualized, proactive health care for all. He says that "the amount of genomic data available today is daunting. Identifying statistically significant, medically relevant variants in people is akin to finding a needle in a very large haystack."

THE WHITE WHALE OF GENETICS

One method of doing so, which King has used in his own work on genetic data, is to break a strand of DNA into segments of a fixed number of nucleotide base pairs, like words in a book, and search for patterns of repetition. Just as a literary scholar might extract meaning by examining each time Melville mentions the white whale in *Moby Dick*, biology researchers can learn something by examining repeated sequences in the code and the genetic information that surrounds them.

Examining longer sequences, however, requires computing power beyond what the average PC or MacBook can handle. Biology's Steve Jordan, for example, is preparing a study of Hawaiian damselflies that will examine 2 million base pairs for each of 200 individual insects, a data set he estimates will be larger than 80 gigabytes. Jordan and others have turned to the computing resources within the College of Engineering to help, but as more members of the biology department incorporate genomics in their work, the demand for computing power will only increase.

Jordan also contemplates an even more basic question: "Given the ever-increasing amount of data being generated, how do we help Bucknell students develop the skills they will need to use it?"

"We need to teach our students bioinformatics," Jordan continues. "My own daughters are biology majors in college right now, and I've suggested that they study computer science and learn to write and run scripts that can prepare for and manage analyses. It's a skill that is well within the ability of our students to learn if they choose to."

It's a need many students have recognized, says King, noting that enrollment in Computer Science 203, an introductory course, has more than doubled in the last decade.

Field, who is currently on a

yearlong sabbatical, is developing such a course, Advanced Data Analysis and Bioinformatics. The course will teach biology and cell biology/biochemistry majors how to work with big data.

"An essential aspect of the course is going to be applying statistics to biology," Field says. "Then we're going to make the jump to using the same tools, but working with big data."

ON THE PROWL FOR PHAGES

One course that already allows Bucknell students to engage directly with genomic techniques is the Phage Hunters class co-taught by Pizzorno and Professor Emily Stowe, biology. Since 2011, Bucknell has been involved in a national program supported and administered by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) and based on research led by Graham Hatfull, a University of Pittsburgh professor who studies bacteriophages — viruses that infect bacteria. In Phage Hunters, a two-semester course, students isolate and analyze phages for the HHMI program.

During the first half of Pizzorno and Stowe's class, students collect soil samples on and around campus, then "hunt" for bacteriophages in those samples by adding a host bacterium to the mix. "You look for these things called plaques, which are basically holes where the virus has landed and killed the bacteria," Pizzorno explains. "Then you pick that out and you purify it so you have a pure population of the phage."

The isolated samples are packed off to Pittsburgh for sequencing — next-generation techniques have made the process fast enough that last year's class was able to have five phages sequenced — then returned to Bucknell for the students to work with. Sequencing produces broken fragments of code, which a computer reassembles to form a complete genome. The students then compare the new phage DNA sequence to the

known DNA and protein sequences stored in GenBank, a genetic sequence databank operated by the National Institutes of Health for use in scientific research.

The typical result is for the class to be involved in the classification of several previously unknown viruses, which they add to the NIH database. It's an outcome that feels empowering for students such as Alyssa Benjamin '17, who took the course her sophomore year and represented her class at an annual conference hosted by HHMI.

"We were all excited by the possibility [of discovering] something that nobody had seen before," Benjamin says. "This excitement was contagious, and I looked forward to getting behind the lab bench every Tuesday and Thursday."

Bucknell biologists see the complementary fields of genomics

"What happens when you have hundreds of millions of pieces of data — you can't graph it the same way as if you had a dozen. You'll break Excel if nothing else,"

— Ken Field

and bioinformatics becoming increasingly critical for student education, so much so that the department now is seeking to hire a new tenure-track faculty member specializing in genomics research to replace a retiring professor.

"This is one place where a single technique is probably going to impact every area of biology from medicine to ecology to everything else," Pizzorno says. "It will be exciting to see what new ways of studying biology this new professor will teach our students." 



Full Frame

Flashes of Spring

The bold green of Lewisburg's iconic three-globe lamp posts adds a lovely counterpoint to the white lushness of the season.

Photograph by Gordon Wenzel



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Alumni House

Opportunities & Events

Getting Social

Alumni opportunities to connect online are plentiful

By Heidi Hormel

Need a daily dose of Bucknell? There's a hashtag for that — #Bucknell.

Thanks to social media there are not only opportunities for alumni to share their Bucknell campus experiences and life beyond, but there are ways to connect with one another, explains Jamie Donahue, associate director, Alumni Relations.

Alumni might start at the Social Media Hub, which aggregates and streamlines social media, making it easier to find information on a particular group.

Says Donahue, "We wanted to make it as easy as possible for Bucknellians to get the campus updates they are looking for — directly from the source."

At the web page bucknell.edu/socialmedia, 115 groups with active social media accounts are listed under the categories of academic, campus life, alumni groups and regional clubs and athletics.

Social media isn't just passive, though.

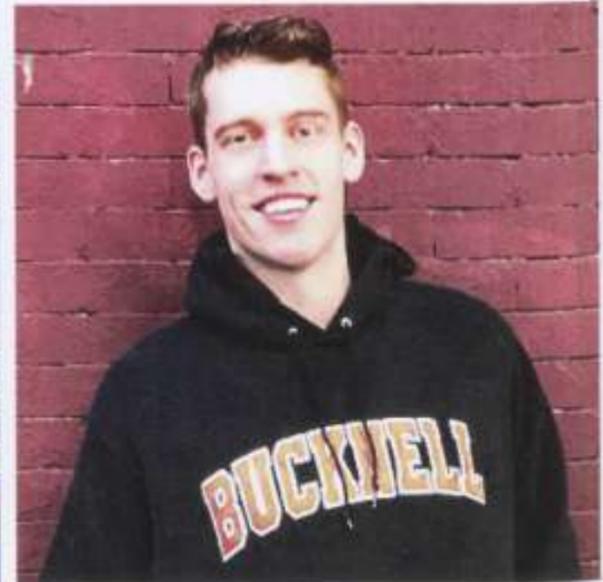
For example, to encourage all Bucknellians to be a part of the Homecoming fun, #BucknellNation was created. With about 200 uses of the hashtag, those who weren't able to return to campus still showed their pride in Bucknell.

In November alumni were invited to participate in running the Instagram account @iamraybucknell. Previously, only students had taken over the Instagram account, posting photos once or twice a day Monday through Sunday.

Now, each Monday a new alumnus or student takes over and shows the world what it's like to be a Bucknellian, through photos or videos. Among the alumni who've opted to "be" Ray Bucknell are **Grace Ragold '13** and **Laura Guertin '92**. Their participation highlights how Bucknell continues to be a major part of many graduates' lives, and it exemplifies how those connections see them through the next chapters in their lives, Donahue explains.

Using social media is just another way to keep those connections strong.

Sign up to be Ray Bucknell at bucknell.edu/iamraybucknell. Stay up to date with your favorite Bucknell social media accounts by going to bucknell.edu/socialmedia.



From left: Grace Ragold '13, Laura Guertin '92 and Eddie Guers '13 were Ray Bucknell.

Diagnosing the Problem

Pathologist's efforts address shortcomings in establishing a rapid and accurate diagnosis

By Michael Laposata '74

In my three decades as a pathologist, I have had a long look at health care in the United States. One of the most pressing problems I've observed, and one that I've been working to mitigate since my first year of residency, in 1983, is that Americans are subject to a delayed or missed diagnosis one out of every seven to 10 times they request an explanation for why they are sick. Part of the solution to resolving this shortcoming in establishing a correct and timely diagnosis lies in greater collaboration and communication among caregivers. This includes readily available consults to determine which diagnostic tests should be performed, coupled with clear explanations of the test results by experts in that field. My role in the creation of the concept of expert teams, known as diagnostic management teams

(DMT), across all clinical areas led to my recent recognition by *The Pathologist* magazine as the most influential pathologist in the United States.

I credit my Bucknell classmates with helping me to acquire the skills I needed to do this work and persist, over nearly three decades, to implement the DMT concept. My freshman hallmates on Larison 2 and my fellow premed students helped me, a small-town boy with modest goals, realize that by watching them I too could take on big challenges. They gave me instant and candid feedback and taught me how to listen to the smart people around me. In my last two years at Bucknell, I evolved into an unofficial student premed adviser. That experience helped me develop the mentoring skills that I later used with hundreds of trainees and faculty. During



Michael Laposata '74

my four years at Bucknell, I was surrounded by great students. These terrific people made possible virtually all of what has happened in my career.

Michael Laposata earned a biology degree from Bucknell, followed by an M.D.-Ph.D. at Johns Hopkins University. He is the chairman of the pathology department at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, after faculty stops at Penn, Harvard and Vanderbilt.

ALUMNI ENTREPRENEUR: SARAH BECKHAM HOOFF '11

The power of digital sound editing has a downside, says Sarah Beckham Hooff '11. Many musicians today have an obsession with correcting mistakes that borders on neurosis.

YouThere, the recording business Hooff founded two years ago with her husband, Aaron Latos, strips away the ability for musicians to edit their work by recording performances directly onto vinyl using antique equipment, allowing artists to focus in on their performances.

"Listen to a John Coltrane album or a Jimi Hendrix album — they're full of so-called mistakes," Hooff says. "We eliminate the possibility for that whole cerebral grind that performers go through."

Through a lucky break with an international collector, Hooff and Latos have amassed the largest collection in the United States of Presto 6N record lathes — machines from the 1940s that record sound directly onto a master disc — at their Newburgh, N.Y., studio. They make the equipment available both in-studio and throughout greater New York



Sarah Beckham Hooff '11

City in the form of a mobile recording booth, and Hooff also offers coaching to help musicians become more immersed in their performances.

She is also obtaining New York state certification as a woman-owned business. — Matt Hughes

Learn more at YouThere.com.

Class Notes

Alumni Near&Far



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Greetings, Class of '39. It's been nearly a year since I've received news from the class. To the extent that you are able, please send me a note or call, whether you'd like to share some memories or current happenings in your life. This issue will reach your hands with the arrival of spring. It's a

time of new beginnings and a perfect time to renew connections with classmates.

Please note that my email address has changed. I, too, have begun a new endeavor — pursuit of a degree in library and information science — and along with this new path, I've chosen a new email address. As always, I am eager for the opportunity to share your news. — A.M.P.

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Pat Parker, wife of **Michael Derman '71**, reported that **Alice Healey Wolpert** celebrated her 100th birthday in August. — N.C.T.

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I was delighted to receive a letter from **Alice Bee Corcoran**, who lives in Schenectady, N.Y. She remembered fondly her freshman dorm, 4th floor Hunt Hall, and her roommate, **Dottie Weston West**. They had not met before arriving at Bucknell, and it was Dottie who nicknamed Alice "Buzzie," which remained her nickname through her college years. Alice also wrote that during the summer she kept up her golf game, and off season she takes a daily 10-minute walk.

As for me, my boys are now 10 and 6. They are involved in taekwondo, baseball and Cub Scouts and keep my husband and me running. We're hoping for a sunny spring with plenty of time outside. Please do drop me a note. I so enjoy hearing from you, as do your classmates. — H.H.R.

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Happy New Year to all my dear classmates. Did any of you stay up 'til midnight on New Year's Eve? No, I did not either.

First, here are my last two round-robin letters from 2016.

A welcome, long letter from **Elly Zahn Mahler** said she is in her own apartment, but many of her family are close by with others scattered all over the states. They had a big reunion before Christmas and everyone came, including five great-grandchildren. Elly spends a great deal of her time with church activities, such as the food program. When the working poor run out of food, they come by for a bag. Keep it up, Elly. More of us should do that.

Ruth Williamson McKee wrote from her new address, which was reported incorrectly in the last issue. Her address is 8032 Spanish Oak Drive, Spring Hill, FL 34606. She moved to live with her daughter. Before this move, Ruth lived in New York, and until 1986, she taught in Mount Vernon, N.Y. Having been widowed in 1986, she brought up three girls and three boys. I imagine she will have many visitors in Florida. Happiness in your new home, Ruthie.

Now, for our Christmas card news:

As always, **Trudy Vogel Graham** has been busy between her home in Tempe, Ariz., and her cabin in Munds Park, Ariz., where she escapes the Phoenix-area heat. A highlight at Thanksgiving was her first Uber ride across town. She said it is a wonderful service. Don't forget, she loves company — and has plenty of room.

Lorraine "Troutie" Pertsch Corbin has certainly found her perfect home in Chattanooga, Tenn., with her whole family in the area. It looks just perfect. Thanks for the pictures, Troutie. See, some of us do

remember that good old nickname — the fun old times, too.

I talked to **Judy Shank Dawson**. She is back to work, with shorter hours, and said she wants to cut back even more. We know Judy, and that's a while off. Otherwise, she is getting along better health-wise.

A talk with **Marion "Mack" Wohlhieter** assured me that our round-robin letter is working its way around, and we should have it soon. Mack still keeps going. She volunteers for an organization of retired engineers — and still bowls. Great, Mack.

It's not too early to start planning a trip to our 70th Reunion. It's in May 2018. I'm willing; how about you? Until then, happy 2017. Love from your classmate of not so long ago. — J.G.B.

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Jack Bozarth was one of three guest speakers representing Seabury at Friendship Terrace senior living community at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. As an infantry survivor of WWII, Jack expressed thanks for the continuing support for all armed services. — H.H.R.

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A WRITER IN HIS 90S

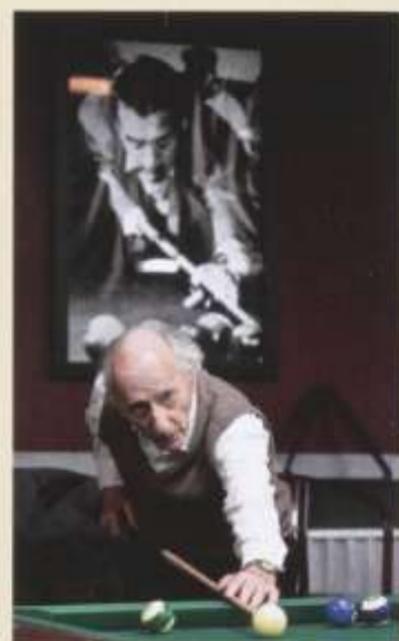
The next novel **Jesse Bier '49** writes might involve two bank robbers and a stranger with a gun. He's still working out the details, but the project continues a literary career 93-year-old Bier traces back to his time at Bucknell University after World War II.

As a high-school student, Bier received scholarship offers from Bucknell and a handful of other institutions, but his plans for college were put on hold by the draft. He served as an infantryman in Belgium, France and Germany. When he returned home, Bier was attracted to Bucknell's peaceful campus in the middle of Pennsylvania.

"The whole thing was such a corrective to my tumultuous war experience," says Bier. "Bucknell contributed greatly to my emotional recovery." It was also where he studied with Mildred Martin, professor emerita of English, who solidified his love for literature. Bier credits her with his decision to pursue graduate studies at Princeton University, where he received his M.A. and Ph.D. in literature. Bier went on to teach at various locations, including the University of Montana, where he is professor emeritus of English, and the University of Lausanne, Switzerland, where he held the chair of American literature.

In the 1960s Bier's novels *Trial at Bannock* and *Year of the Cougar* garnered reviews in *The New York Times*. One of his short stories was picked up by *Esquire*. After that, Bier admits, his creativity felt depleted, at least for a while. In retirement, and with the encouragement of his family, he's returned to writing. In the last five years he's self-published a children's book, *The Silly People's Orchestra* (2015), and five novels, *Transatlantic Lives* (2012), *The Cannibal* (2013), *Ocho Rios* (2014) and *After Dying* (2016), completed a poetry manuscript and penned a handful of plays. (See the Mind and the Muse, Page 18, for more information.) Writing a novel at any age is challenging, but Bier, still a pool aficionado as well, isn't dissuaded.

"It might take me a couple of years to finish," says Bier. "It's a long haul. We'll see what happens." — *Jolene Brink*



KURT WILSON

1952

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As I write this on Jan. 9, the wind is blowing 40 mph with gusts to 60 mph and anything that is not nailed down is going to blow to Arizona or New Mexico. However, the temperature is 60 degrees. My outside Christmas decorations will have to wait another day to be taken down, if they don't blow away in the meantime.

I received a wonderful picture from **Don and Molly Tompkins**

and they look the same as always. Don says he's moving in on 90, and Molly is as pretty as ever. They are remarkable.

Eli Childs Lewis wrote that all is going well. Eli still plays with the Nittany Valley Symphony as second-chair violin. She took a trip to Barcelona, Spain, then on to Italy, including Venice, Florence, Pisa (loved the leaning tower but was too chicken to climb it) and Naples, and finally Dubrovnik, Croatia. I'll bet she rubbed elbows with a couple in my choir that took the same trip around the same time. Dubrovnik takes you back in time with its narrow streets and is surrounded by a high wall. It has stood the test of time and revolutions.

Lynn Fetterolf Porter is busy tending to her husband

but reports that their son William flew in from Washington, D.C., to be a guest speaker on Veterans Day and showed them some pictures of *USS Nebraska*, the submarine he captained. William is retired and is involved in the maritime industry as a director of strategic development. Lynn's granddaughters are involved in team skating, which is new to me. Her children are close in Virginia and North Carolina, which is comforting.

Last summer my three daughters and I took a road trip to Butchart Gardens in British Columbia and stopped to see **Ted and Louise Fowle Simpson** for lunch one day. Louise is as pretty as ever, and Ted has not lost his sense of humor even though he uses a wheelchair. We stopped to see Mount St.

John "Jack" Wheatcroft '49

John "Jack" Wheatcroft '49, poet, author and professor of English at Bucknell from 1952 to 1996, died March 14 at age 91.

The son of a Baptist pastor, Wheatcroft discovered his love for letters at a young age and began composing Shakespearean sonnets around age 10. He enrolled at Temple University at age 15 thanks to a scholarship for children of clergy.

After two years of studies, he enlisted in the Navy and served on the *USS Wisconsin* in the Pacific Theater, where he survived kamikaze attacks during the Battle of Okinawa. He would later examine his complex emotions about the war in *Answering Fire*, a semi-autobiographical novella he published in 2006.

After the war, Wheatcroft enrolled at Bucknell through the GI Bill, majoring in English. He completed his third and final undergraduate year at the University and began teaching even before his graduation, taking over a world literature course after another professor abruptly left Bucknell. He then earned his master's and doctorate from Rutgers University, and officially joined the Bucknell faculty in 1952, choosing Bucknell over Ivy League schools because it would allow him greater freedom to produce his own creative work as well as teach.

Wheatcroft authored 26 books, including poetry, plays and novels, and wrote well into his 80s. His work included the novel *Catherine, Her Book*, which was chosen as a *New York Times* Editor's Choice and Notable Book of the Year 1984; the play *Ofoti*, which was twice adapted for television; and the poetry collections *Death of a Clown*, *The Stare on the Donkey's Face* and *The Fugitive Self*, among others. His work was published in *The New York Times*, *Harper's Bazaar* and the *New York Herald Tribune*, as well as many literary magazines and journals. He also served as a juror for the 1996 Pulitzer Prize for Poetry and was a resident fellow at Yaddo, the MacDowell Colony and the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts.

As a professor, "Jack had a transformative impact on five decades of Bucknell students," recalled former student and close friend **Peter Balakian '73**, a poet, author and Colgate University professor who won the 2016 Pulitzer Prize for Poetry. "He was a nurturing teacher who taught literature from a deep place in himself. He taught as only a poet and fiction writer could. His eloquence was always probing, always opening up large meanings. He taught students to read language with care and precision and to search for life's deepest meanings and questions in literature and the imagination. There was no one like him."

Wheatcroft received the Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching in 1964 and was named Presidential Professor at Bucknell in 1972 and Pennsylvania Professor of the Year in 1986.

His teaching frequently extended beyond the classroom. He often hosted students at his historic home overlooking the Susquehanna River in Lewisburg and maintained long connections with many former students.

"I was part of what I would call Jack's lifetime seminar (the

credits were priceless)," said former student and friend **Matthew Stevenson '76**, an essayist and travel writer.

"It included visits to the Gundy Farm overlooking

the Susquehanna, a stream of long, thoughtful letters from him, lunches at the Algonquin Hotel in New York, copies of his wonderful novels and poems, and conversations about his wartime service off Okinawa or his walk in September 1945 across war-torn Yokohama. It's how I want to remember Bucknell, where in my experience the professors never stop teaching."

Perhaps the most enduring of Wheatcroft's legacies at Bucknell is the Stadler Center for Poetry, which he co-founded in 1985 with **Jack Stadler '40**. As the center's first director, Wheatcroft combined several existing poetry programs, including a visiting poets series, the literary magazine *West Branch* and a Poet-in-Residence program he established in 1982. In 1985, he also founded the Bucknell Seminar for Younger Poets, which gathers 12 promising undergraduate poets from Bucknell and other schools for three weeks of intensive study each June.

He also played an instrumental role in founding the Bucknell University Press by introducing, in 1968, his publisher, Thomas Yoseloff, with then-president of Bucknell Charles Watts. The meeting resulted in a plan that enabled the press to become a founding member of Associated University Presses.

Together with Barnard Taylor, Wheatcroft also co-founded the Press of Apple Tree Alley, a boutique publishing house that produced more than 30 fine, hand-typeset and bound editions between 1981 and 2002, including collections of poems by Wheatcroft and others.

"Jack Wheatcroft's presence at Bucknell remains tangible both for senior faculty who knew him well and for newer faculty who live amid his legacy," said Alf Siewers, chair of the Department of English. "His passionate modeling of what it means to be a teacher-writer during his four decades at the English department helped set a standard for Bucknell's modern reputation as a leading liberal arts university."

Wheatcroft's legacy also lives on through the John S. Wheatcroft Scholarship, established by an anonymous donor in 2016 to honor his dedication to the craft of writing.

He was predeceased by his former wife, Joan. Survivors include his wife, **Katherine Whaley Wheatcroft M'75**, three children and two stepdaughters. — Matt Hughes



Jack Wheatcroft in 1973.



For more photos and articles related to Jack Wheatcroft, download the Bucknell Magazine app or go to bucknell.edu/Wheatcroft.

Helens in Washington, which has made a remarkable recovery after the eruption and is now all green. When Phil and I first visited it, all the trees were shorn of their leaves and lying in the same direction from the blast. Everything was gray, covered with ash. Now you would never know anything had happened.

Butchart Gardens were as beautiful as they were when I first saw them. They were created from an abandoned mine and developed into the most spectacular gardens, attracting people from all over the world. Don't forget your passport, because it's on the southern border of Canada.

Until next time. — C.K.E.

1953

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An email from **Dick Landis** in Texas informed me of the death of **Ron Reichman**. Dick learned of Ron's death from the memorial list in his Norristown, Pa., high school class notes. Ron, who died Aug. 5, lived in Sand Springs, Okla., a suburb of Tulsa. Those of us who lived in the Philadelphia area after college probably all remember and possibly attended the Valley Forge Music Fair that was on Ron's property next to his family's Tally Ho Motel in Valley Forge, Pa. Ron left that area when the motel closed and eventually settled in Oklahoma, where he had been for the past 32 years. Ron and his wife of 46 years, Jackie, enjoyed a quieter life on several rural acres. Ron is survived by his wife, five children and 10 grandchildren, all born one year after the other within a 10-year period. Ron especially enjoyed being a dad and grandfather.

October is the perfect month to spend time in France. Last fall, **Jane Brown Maas** rented a house in the little town of St. Remy in Provence. Her sister and her brother-in-law and a best friend from London joined her. Jane says, "It's the season for wild mushrooms, the tastiest mushrooms in the

world. Delicious morels; delicate orange chanterelles; meaty porcini; the big, shaggy variety known as 'sheep's foot'; and my favorite, the black ones that the French call trompettes de la mort — trumpets of death. They look scary, but they're perfectly safe and so good they're addictive. We planned our itinerary by starting off each day in whatever town in the area was having its open-air market, then saw the sights in the area, including the famous ruins at Glanum, a perfectly preserved Roman settlement; the 12th-century Sénanque Abbey, where you can still hear the monks chanting the daily offices; little L'isle-sur-la-Sorgue, a town on the river Sorgue known as the Venice of France, full of canals, windmills and waterwheels; and Avignon."

Jack Waldron notified me that our classmate **Martin Bowers** died Oct. 23 in Frederick, Md. Marty was a triplet; his brother and sister predeceased him. After graduation, Marty was a Navy engineering officer, and then joined the family lumber business in Maryland for 13 years. After that, he became a lumber broker in Pennsylvania where he was also president of the Eastern Lumber Salesmen's Association and ran the golf outings of the Philadelphia Lumbermans Group. He retired in 1999 as the marketing vice president of the company. Marty was a faithful Lutheran who was president of his church. He was a Rotarian for 50 years and was a Rotary Club president, and a member of the board of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Red Cross. Marty was a musician. As a teenager he had a band and played the double bass in the Navy. He loved classical music. He maintained a large and bountiful garden plot. Marty is survived by his wife of 62 years, Natalie, his son and daughter, and five grandchildren.

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

Our Class of 1953 Lectureship Fund provided the major financial support for the *Proserpina* project, a restoration of a 1777 opera *Proserpina*, the text written by Johann Wolfgang von Goethe with

music by Karl Seckendorff. The culmination of the project was a performance at the Weis Center for the Performing Arts in October. Professor Annie Randall, music, conceived the project and served as its artistic director. In the 1990s, while in Germany, she found the original score of Goethe and Seckendorff's *Proserpina*, which was thought to be lost. Randall transcribed the 18th-century score into modern notation and prepared the instrumental and vocal parts in collaboration with her former student, **Christian Humcke '15**. Two other professors, Beth Willer and Paul Botelho, and many students were involved in the project. The 30-member Bucknell Camerata, under Willer's direction, and the New York Baroque Inc. orchestra performed the opera. A second, modern opera, based on the same Goethe text (for solo voice and electroacoustic fixed media) was composed by Botelho, an esteemed electroacoustic composer and a renowned specialist in avant-garde vocal technique. This modern version was performed

with cutting-edge video art and surround-sound acoustics. In addition to the student choir, the project involved other students in various arts and humanities courses who studied the *Proserpina* story (originating from classical Greek and Roman mythology) in their classes. Professor Randall is grateful to our class for the support our class fund provided to make this cross-disciplinary project possible and will acknowledge the Class of 1953's generosity in any further productions or publications of the *Proserpina* operas.

Bill Wolfe is a very active retiree. He enjoyed a month-long fishing trip last summer traveling on several streams and rivers, with friends and family joining him for several days at a time. He renewed his membership in the 20/20 club — he caught a 22-inch fish on a size 24 hook. He is writing a book on architectural lighting, which was inspired by several classes he taught on the subject at a school of architecture in San Diego. He will go to Osher Lifelong Learning Institute this year to talk about optics and



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RV camping.

A calendar note for those of you in the greater Philadelphia area: The date for the spring luncheon is Wednesday, May 10 at the Paramour in Wayne, Pa. Please contact me at 215-247-7441 with any questions or last-minute changes in your plans. I hope to see you. — C.H.K.

1954

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Syd Sherwin Mellinger '52 sadly reported the passing of **Jim Mellinger '52**, after a five-month illness. Jim's major was engineering. Both always praised Bucknell for introducing them to each other and for preparing them for their wonderful life together. They were married for nearly 64 years.

Note: Jim's obituary appeared in the winter issue of Bucknell Magazine.

Don Manning reported the sad news of the passing of **Dick Slaughenhoupt**. He was the husband of the late **Betty Krebs Slaughenhoupt**. He leaves two children, four grandchildren and a brother.

Don also reported the death of **Bill Toal**, who was a judge on the Delaware Supreme Court. Bill leaves wife **Lolita Bunnell Toal '57**, three sons, five grandchildren and a brother.

Note: Bill's obituary appeared in the winter issue of Bucknell Magazine.

Diane Slifer Scott and **Pat Forlifer Robbins** both wrote about the passing of **Louise Austin Remmey**. Louise lived a long, amazing, wonderful life, against many odds. She had no close family, but her passing will leave an empty place in the hearts of her many friends and associates.

Note: Louise's obituary appeared in the winter issue of Bucknell Magazine.

Barbara "Bobbie" Hodgkins Smith wrote that she had been down this way, cheering on her granddaughter who is attending Florida Gulf Coast University.

Ben and Jan Shreck McKeel reported a good year with no hospitalizations and a

wonderful cruise from Miami to San Francisco via the Panama Canal.

To all of you who kindly contacted me by phone and email, I sincerely apologize for the brief report and all omissions. I inadvertently deleted all my drafts. If you would like to try again, I will be very happy to chat with you, read your letters, etc., and do a better job on my second try. — B.M.A.

1955

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Thank you for the warm welcome as the Class of '55 reporter.

My predecessor, **Gail Rothenberger Shand**, emails, "This past Columbus Day weekend **Dick** and I had a fantastic (and overdue) grand family reunion. Sixteen of us spent three days at Sebasco Estates in Phippsburg, Maine. **Mark '89** and **Barbara Shand Neff '90** and their three boys attended along with **David Shand '87**, his wife, and children **Kathy** and **Dawson**, and **Richard Shand '91**, his wife **Tracy** and children **Hailey**, **Maddy**, **Lyndsay '12** and **Cass**." She continues, "As our family has expanded and grown older, it has become more and more difficult to organize a grand reunion, and we really appreciated seeing our three children, spouses and grandchildren at one time. The setting on the coast of Maine was ideal and some real bonding took place. Our oldest grandchild, **Lyndsay**, has been working on her Ph.D. [in statistics] at the University of Illinois for the past four years, and we enjoyed talking to her about her graduation this spring and future plans."

Margaret "Peggy" Wallace LeCates also sent an email in which she spoke about her son who swam at Bucknell (like my daughter) and her daughter who attended Bucknell and met her husband on the cross-country team. **Peggy** and husband **Byron LeCates** met at Bucknell as well and were

back for their "60th Reunion — all 12 of us from our class." Her "tidbit" of news was that in October, she and **Byron** "attended my 65th high school reunion in Westfield, N.J. We related to many classmates, but the three we seemed to spend the most time with were **Margaret Barbara Dixon Michelsen**, **Ellen Diefenbach Jackson** and **Harry Bowser**. The fact that our histories included knowing each other from grade school on through college seemed miraculous. All three, I am happy to report, seem to be healthy."

I look forward to hearing more updates for the next issue. — S.M.G.

 **Merrett Stierheim '55**, who graduated in 1958 after serving in the Air Force, recalls seeing **Rev. Martin Luther King** speak at a campus chapel service in 1958. Read his memories of this historic campus event at bucknell.edu/bmagazine or in the Bucknell Magazine app.

1956

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Rita and **John McKee** have sent their Christmas letter every year. This year is no exception. With medical uncertainties, their longest trip was to Bucknell in June for a reunion with friends from engineering. They were going to go to their cottage, but the weather was stormy, so they went home to Rockville, Md. During the holidays, visiting family was a happy time. **Rita** has been knitting, quilting and crocheting necklaces this year. **John** had tough gardening experiences but did get five nice pumpkins and four o'clocks, cleome and cockscomb.

A note from **Herb** and **Margaret "Peggy" Maddock Kopp** announced that they are great-grandparents for a second time. This time it is a girl, **Violet**, born Thanksgiving Day. She joins her cousin, **Isaiah**, 8. **Peggy** and **Herb** go to the gym three times a week

and like to walk or ride bikes in the neighborhood. They now live across the street from one son and his family and around the corner from their other son's family. How great is that?

A note from **Kenneth Gans** told of the death of his Bucknell roommate, **Neil Francis "Mickey" Karkus**. Neil met the love of his life, **Ramona Dorothy Stein**, on a blind date setup by their good friends **Kenny** and **Vivian Gans**. They were married for 58 years and lived an unconventional life, leaving the safety of suburbia to live in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, and Mexico. He is survived by his wife, son, daughter and four grandchildren. — P.G.H.

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

1957

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Billie Jane Boyer Maul and **Pat Wenk Strachan** have agreed to co-chair our 60th Reunion in June. **Billie Jane** works closely with **Steven Ball** at Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City, N.J. **Ball** is staff organist at the hall, which houses the largest pipe organ on planet Earth — seven manuals, 33,000-plus pipes. (See the Fall 2015 *Bucknell Magazine* for details.) Arrangements have been made for him to give a recital, sponsored by our class, on the **Rooke Chapel** organ on June 2 during Reunion. Show your support by entering "other" on the pledge card in your Reunion package. — P.T.

1958

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Don and **Jane Vetter King** sent several pieces of news.

"We've had a good year

connecting with Bucknell friends. Early in June, we met **Georgie Ann MacKay Fedako** and **Pat McKee Swindler** and husbands in Venice, Fla., for a lovely visit over dinner. In early August, while in Pennsylvania for the King family reunion, we enjoyed a lovely visit with **Ginny Vollmer Swaile**. A few days later in Florida, we played 'catch up' with Sue and **Nelson Smith** in Naples.

"In September six Theta Chis rented a house in Bethany Beach, Del., near **Barb Bergmann '57**, and we got to visit with her quite often. It's always like time has stood still when these close fraternity brothers gather for lots of reminiscing and many laughs. Staying at the house with us were Jack and **Nannette Transue Allen '60**, Jean and **Marv Fisher, Ed and Jan Smith Staiano, Dave Weber and John Kyles '59**. Judy and **Tom Cassidy** also came up from their Maryland home a few times that week. From there, eight of us spent five days in Williamsburg, Va., soaking up as much history as we were able. One night while there, **Anita and Bob Taylor**, who live in Virginia, met us for a lovely dinner at the Williamsburg Winery's Café Provencal.

"Back in Florida from our summer in Colorado, we again connected with Nelson and Sue Smith over dinner in Fort Myers. While in NYC, the week of Oct. 29, **Marie Mastorakis** came into the city from New Jersey to have a lovely visit over a long, late lunch. Now we're anticipating the Bucknell alumni group meeting in Naples Nov. 17. We wish more from our class in the area would take advantage of the great times we have at these events."

On Jan. 18, Jane Vetter King wrote in again.

"New news is that Marv and Jean Fisher were here for a few days this past weekend en route from their home in Spencer, N.Y., to Key West, Fla., where they stay until April. They were due to get the Auto Train from Virginia to Florida but that was canceled as the train coming north in the Carolinas was detained by the snowstorm. We had a mini-Bucknell reunion when **Rogers and Jane Scheifele Frassenei**

joined us the afternoon the Fishers arrived, enjoying a leisurely dinner on the lanai. Nelson and Sue Smith were to join us, but they were sick.

"Judy and Tom Cassidy have arrived in the area, and we look forward to meeting them for lunch. Then we hope to organize another mini-Bucknell reunion when Jan and Ed Staiano are here for a few days in late January."

Another mini Kappa Kappa Gamma reunion is scheduled for September at **Elaine Longenecker Wilson's** home in Ocean City, N.J. Hopefuls are **Merle Holden Winstead, Marcia Samuel, Dorothy Ann Slifkin Altwarg, Wilma Rilling Stahura '59, Charlotte Gentry Sisler '59** and me.

Your class reporter has a request. Most of us have reached 80. (I am a young one and did not reach the momentous date until April 8.) I would love to hear how you all celebrated this benchmark, so please email me with "how you did 80." Thank you, classmates. — R.B.S.

1959

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It was 60 years (Oct. 19, 1956, to be exact) since the Freas-Rooke Swimming Pool opened and 15 men were chosen by Coach Bob Latour to be the members of the first Bucknell swimming and diving team: **Gilbert Angermann, William Barrett, Stuart Berelson, Robert Buys, Leon Diodoardo, William Eaton '60, Bruce Hutchinson, Louis Jones '57, Oliver Maypole '58, Eugene Meenan '58, William Meister '58, Kenneth Myrback '58, William Schreiber, William Sharkey and Richard White '58**. Bill Meister returned to Bucknell several times, and one trip he was fortunate enough to see the late Coach Latour, who was literally cleaning out his desk as he had retired as athletics director. He had not laid eyes on Bill in 20 years but he said, "Wait a minute ... Bill, Bill Meister, great to see you!" Bill

was quite impressed that he was remembered. A few years ago, Bill came up with the idea of getting the original team together for an anniversary celebration. He worked with Coach Dan Schinnerer, the Alumni Association and Bucknell Athletics to make it happen. The weekend of Oct. 15 became the 60th Anniversary of Bucknell Swimming and Diving Celebration.

Bill Barrett attended the 60th reunion of the men's swimming team. Also in attendance were: Stu Berelson, Bill Schreiber, Bill and **Mona O'Neill Sharkey**, Bill Meister and Bob Buys. Friday night Schreiber and Barrett got to toss down a few with Coach Schinnerer and various swim-team alumni. Most notable, however, were the female team members dating back to 1972. The party was held at the Towne Tavern, a location we once knew as Tack's. On Saturday during the Boston University swim meet, members of the first team were called out to the pool and presented with certificates. That afternoon

the attendees (something like 300 alumni) were invited to a reception and dinner at the Elaine Langone Center. Founding Coach Latour was well represented by his son and daughter. Lots of honoraria, a great meal and a good time was had by all.

Joan Perego Thayer says, "I am finally recovering from a five-week battle with bronchitis that began on the fourth day of a 12-day western Caribbean cruise. I did get lots of rest and enjoyed the wonderful library on the *Queen Mary 2*. My husband, Ted, did four tours. The best one was being a crew member on *Stars and Stripes*, the 12-meter yacht that won the America's Cup under Dennis Conner in 1987. They raced another 12-meter yacht, *Canada II*, and won.

"The ship had lovely Christmas trees, red-bowed pine garlands and large gingerbread houses. Cool Caribbean turquoise waters were an amazing contrast. Room-service breakfasts and superb dinners with two other couples helped me enjoy what I could do and not dwell on what I



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couldn't.

"I am finally walking without a cane and very carefully on the snow crystals. Wishes to all for health and happiness in 2017!"

Richie Sacks emails, "I'm in a pretty good holding pattern as I just retired from George Washington University Medical Center as a professor of radiology. Working with those highly intelligent and appreciative medical students and doctors was a gift. My three children and six grandchildren are, so far, in good shape with health and financial stability. All are heavily into various facets of engineering (I steered them away from medicine). I think mixing the genetics from England and the United States had benefits, as they are supersmart (grandpa brag). I'm enjoying my new freedom here in my condo in Bethesda, Md., near the National Institutes of Health and Walter Reed Army Medical Center, where I did research as well as an internship. Regards to all classmates who may, or may not, remember me."

Alan Reubel writes, "Last summer a number of Sammies, including **Jay Citron '58**, **Hal Richmond**, **Rick Albrecht**, **Larry Shapiro** and I got together at the New Jersey home of **Joel Bickell '57**. We all enjoyed Joel's gracious hospitality.

"In addition, Hal, Jay, Rick, Stu Berelson and I saw the Bison Basketball team beat Fairfield on their home court in Connecticut. Remember when Bison ball was a 'must see' at Davis Gymnasium?"

Sylvia Beauregard Van Cleave says, "Richard and I enjoyed a wonderful cruise from New York, down the Atlantic coastline to the British Virgin Islands and back to NYC. We were treated royally on the *Queen Mary 2*, visited five beautiful islands and the best is that we never had to go through the hassle of flying. I was unable to join my Kappa sisters at their reunion in Texas this fall; however, I did spend a wonderful day with **Willi Rilling Stahura** at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, catching up on all the news and enjoying the exhibition *Jerusalem 1000-1400: Every People Under Heaven*."

Donna Jeanne Gay Kaplan emails, "Life is good, and it is wonderful to live in this paradise called Mt. Gretna, Pa. We have slowed down a bit so that there has been no travel. But we do enjoy each other, this area and our families who are (mostly) close by." — T.E.D.

1960

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The following is an update to a previous article from **Lori Wassermann**.

"We Bucknell-Boston transplants continue to enormously enjoy being able to get together, although we keenly miss **Elizabeth Bryan Godrick**, who is now in Dallas. In September, **Sandra Hjortsberg Pappas**, **Fay Carrington Barden**, **Nancy Dean Nowak** and their husbands and I spent a marvelous weekend with **Susan Koch Kessler** and her husband, Bob, in their home in Eastman, an absolutely beautiful, forested community in northern New Hampshire. Our time was not only relaxing, but it was awesome to enjoy such extended time sharing and getting caught up in ways otherwise not doable in our shorter local jaunts to museums. And having husbands with us was such a plus. On Saturday we enjoyed exploring the area and spending a delightful afternoon poking around Woodstock, N.H., making it truly feel like a minivacation as well as a walk back in time.

"And, more recently, Susan, Nancy, Fay and I met in Manchester, N.H., and visited the Currier Museum of Art and its special exhibit on Mount Washington, which, of course, is in Susan and Faye's home state. As usual, the highlight was lunch when we had a chance to catch up."

Also, I received an email from Nancy Dean Nowak along the same lines. "We Boston/New Hampshire Bucknellians have had a great time sharing our lives together as we explore art museums. When we get together we feel about 55 years younger — as memories fond

come trooping by. I lived in Atlanta for 28 years before retiring and moving to Duxbury, Mass., in 2002. Getting together with orange-and-blue classmates has been a substantial gift in my life. The 1960 Reunion will be coming up in 2020 — 60 years, wow!"

I want to thank both Lori and Nancy for their news. I appreciate their taking the time to write. For those of you who have never sent in any news, why don't you start now? At least if we hear from you, we will know that you're still with us. — J.S.H.

1961

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It's mid-winter here in the Northeast, bitter cold with our first snowstorm. I know many of my classmates and other readers are laughing as they read this, but, hey, how can we appreciate summer if we don't know winter pleasure/pain, etc. Was that a course we took back in the day?

Some of the news we share comes from classes other than '61, but I know we all are friends with many Bucknellians from years before and after ours.

So, it is with great sadness that I mention the passing of **Robert Kidd '63**. His obituary was posted in the last *Bucknell Magazine*, but those statements do not do justice to the person some of us knew as a loyal and true Lambda Chi brother and a credit to the University.

Bob was married to **Sharon Warne '64** for a time, and they had a wonderful relationship until the end. Though divorced, they were always very close friends and spoke every week. Bob was very supportive of Sharon as she moved to California with her partner. Sharon received her master's in clinical psychology and worked in social welfare and private practice. She mourned Bob's death deeply as a dear friend and helper.

Bob had two sons, Bob Jr. and Thomas, who both work in education. Dad Bob was a chemist all his career and

worked with large companies such as DuPont.

Dick "Hawk" Wiesner '63 remembered Bob as one of his closest friends at Bucknell. Being pledged at Lambda Chi, they were recruited to run some intramural track events. Bob had some track experience and showed Hawks the ropes as they ran a few miles every night. They ran respectable five- to six-minute miles but in the main event, a Sigma Chi, **Bob DeCamp '62**, spiked the Hawk (who was wearing sneakers). Hawk still wears the scars. They shared some real high jinks and hilarious adventures (think **Ned '62** and **Janet Wall Dietz '63's** wedding).

On a funny note, Hawk also was friends with **Carol Persons Scarborough '64** and noted that she also became a mental-health counselor. Makes one wonder, right Hawk?

Hawk was in contact with **Richard "Pudgy Bear" Stewart '65**, who was commiserating with Hawk about almost losing his house to the Houston floods. Pudgy Bear shared memories of the classes of '64-'66, and how they mirrored those of our previous years at Lambda Chi, such as the great boat race vs. DU. He and **Cliff Shea '66** took a year off and worked in Boston before coming back to Bucknell, then the draft board came calling. They enlisted in the Air Force and went to officer training school at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas.

Pudgy Bear and a few '66ers went back for their 50th Reunion. He said that things are changing on campus. The days of old Lambda Chi and the frat system as a whole seem to be dwindling due to "circumstances." Well, congrats you guys, on becoming emeriti.

Pudgy Bear suggested that Hawk get a Bucknell engineer to build him an ark if he can't find the one on Ararat. Pudgy Bear and his wife, **Grace P'93**, were spending April to May at their condo on Captiva, Fla. He must be sorry now.

As for yours truly, I enjoyed Christmas with the family. Especially with my grandson Zachary, who is fast becoming a great skier and tennis player at 9 (handsome guy, too, as his many girlfriends will attest).

He got a bike that must have

20 gears (I had two pedals and foot brakes), and, amazingly, a Logitech G29 game steering wheel that hooks up to my PC. In addition to a wheel, it also has a pad with accelerator, brake, clutch and paddle shifters. He can run all his car games like a real pro. He will drive before he is 10.

A CT scan, where my kidney was removed two years ago, shows some soft tissue stuff. I will have it checked out and hope it's nothing. Wishing you all well and please send me some happy news from the holidays, family and classmates, but please no politics.

My warmest regards to you all. — B.B.

1962

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Al Hackel writes, "Still driving a taxi in my retirement years — it's better than doing nothing. I continue to attend Patriots football games as well as rooting for all other home teams. Boston is a great sports town. Of course, it doesn't hurt to have winning teams.

"Muriel and I still travel. She just returned from trekking after gorillas in Uganda. A company called Deeper Africa arranged the trip. She found the experience very exciting — they got up close (12 inches) and personal. We are in the process of selecting our next trip, to Morocco, South America or Charleston, S.C. Regards to all."

Bob and Margie McLean Smink write, "In July Margie attended Toronto Pursuits, an academic week at the University of Toronto. In October we celebrated Bob's 50th medical-school reunion. Where did all those years go?

"Our sons and wives continue with full and successful careers. Perhaps their greatest success has been the raising of nine grandchildren who never cease to amaze us with their academic and athletic prowess. Most important, they are all

truly 'good kids.'

"We are all looking forward to a Smink family vacation in the Rockies."

Betty Kordes Samuels writes, "Unfortunately, I was visited by a nasty upper-respiratory 'thing' (not an infection because antibiotics didn't touch it) that lasted for well over a month, causing me to miss singing five out of the six Westminster Christmas concerts, which broke my heart. I'm feeling better now.

"Then in June, I was informed that the job I loved at Osher Lifelong Learning Institute was eliminated due to widespread cuts at Widener University, our administrating university. I still miss our members and instructors, but as of Dec. 6, I started a new position as an instructional aide to a 3rd-grade student in the West Chester Area School District. Wish me luck."

Always remember that your update is just a "click" away. — C.W.C. and S.S.

1963

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Manny Stauch sent the following update: "On Nov. 1, Joan and **Ron Giordano** came to Seattle to visit with wife Ginny and me for four days. It was their first trip to Washington. We showed them some of the places of interest. On the night they arrived, we spent several hours catching up.

"The next morning we all drove to Seattle and had lunch at the Space Needle, which features a 360-degree panoramic view. The SkyCity restaurant atop the building rotates continuously. After lunch, we visited the Chihuly Garden and Glass museum where many of Dale Chihuly's world-renowned glass designs are on display. That evening we stayed in and watched Game 7 of the World Series.

"We drove to Snoqualmie the next day to see the Snoqualmie Falls, which has a vertical drop of 270 feet and is

higher than Niagara Falls. We went to Salish Lodge for lunch. Then we drove to the small town of North Bend where the television series *Twin Peaks* was filmed and had coffee and pie at the Twin Peaks Cafe, a local institution that was featured in the show. The *Twin Peaks* TV series is being revived and due to air in 2017. On the way back home, we stopped at Sammamish to meet our son Chris, daughter-in-law Samantha and grandson Greyson.

"Maintaining the momentum, we drove the next day to Seattle to see the Pike Place Market, a large tourist attraction that sells everything from fresh fish to jewelry. For lunch, we decided to live large and went to the Four Seasons Hotel. We dropped off the Giordanos at the airport that afternoon, as they were picking up their daughter Kit and granddaughter Lena to see a relative in Olympia. Their visit was a busy and fun time. We have made it a point to see the Giordanos and **Paul Gangemi** two to three times a year. It has been a many-year tradition. As I mentioned in our Class of 1963 50th Bucknell Reunion Yearbook, Bucknell has provided us with many lifelong friendships." — W.S.B.

1964

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I have been in touch with a few from the Class of '64, but even fewer have sent me any news or notes to pass on to you, so this column will be brief.

Very, very sadly, we lost **Sigrid Christensen Novak** in the last few months. And also, my KKG big sister, **Barbara Post Walton '63** died in October. I guess it is our time in life to be grateful for the 70-plus years we have had, say good-bye graciously and embrace whatever the future holds. Losing friends is really, really hard.

Note: Sigrid and Barbara's obituaries appear in this issue's In Memoriam section.

Bob Adolph writes, "It's sad to see Bucknell becoming so secular. When one considers

that the DNA of one human cell is far more complicated than our most sophisticated microchip, how can anyone say there is no God, much less teach about it? Bucknell was and still is a beautiful campus. Go, Bisons!" — B.W.S.

1965

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Perhaps the best benefit of attending reunions is the strengthening of enduring friendships and the making of new ones. One of the nicest perks from working on our 50th Reunion was getting to know **Toby Decker** (who lives in Walpole, Mass., with wife Judy). Another plus was reconnecting with **Scott and Peggy Osborn Luttmann '64**, who call Louisville, Ky., home. Peggy has also put me back in touch with **Janet Zakryk Congdon '64**, who recently moved to Clayton, Mo., with husband Arthur. Attending the 2016 Reunion as an emerita afforded me time to renew my friendships with **Roberta Myles King '66** (who lives with husband Paul in Colleyville, Texas) and **Mary Kay Daniels Ganning '66** (who lives in Crofton, Md.). This May several of my DZ sisters (**Mary Brecht McGready, Jean Hammond Zimmerman, Lynn Merkle Meehan and Barb Stell Hatheway**) and I are planning to gather at the home of **Sue Johnson Zellman** in Bluffton, S.C., an event we planned at Bucknell's 2016 Reunion. So make your plans to get together with longtime friends either on campus or any other place. You all will have fun because these friendships are priceless. — L.H.T.

1966

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Happy spring, dear classmates. Of course, in real time, I am writing this in the gloom of winter. Although we often have spring here in North Carolina in the middle of winter, I still love to escape to warmer places.

Wayne Gibbs '74 and I planned to visit Naples, Fla., to spend a few days with **Flossie Graber Watt** and her partner at their new condo overlooking the Gulf of Mexico, while on our way to a cruise in the Caribbean leaving from the east coast of Florida. We anticipated getting together with friends and enjoying lots of indulgent activities in the sun.

I know from past visits that there are many Bucknellians in Naples. **Jan Atlas** contacted me after the winter Class Notes had already been written, so I am including his news update here. He and wife Barbara live in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., where he still practices law at his office, a block from his home. Jan and Barbara have been married for 50-plus years. They have two sons who unfortunately both chose to move elsewhere after college. Son Jeff and his wife live in Charlotte, N.C., and Jordon and his wife live in Los Angeles. The count is three grandchildren in Charlotte and two in L.A. Jan and Barbara spend most of their time traveling between the two locations. Jan mentioned that, like all of us, it is hard for him to believe that more than 50 years have elapsed since our graduation. He closed his message with "Although I have only been back a few times, I have the greatest memories of the years in Lewisburg." I think many of us feel the same way.

Bruce Carson sent New Year's greetings from California. He and wife Karen live in Mission Viejo. Their three grown children and nine grandchildren all live close by. Bruce still works at The Dot Corp., his printing and distribution business. He stays in touch with my high-school friend and SAE, **Jim Omsberg**, who lives in

Scripps Ranch near San Diego. Bruce reported that he and Jim make an annual trip to Del Mar racetrack "to help support the state of California and to fabricate stories about their Bucknell days." Bruce mentioned that he connected with **Dave Marr '83** at a Links Players International event. Dave is a commentator on the Golf Channel and a Sigma Chi. Yes, Bruce, you are right, getting 70-plus-year-olds to cough up some news is a challenge.

My dear friend **Ben Elliott** sends best wishes and thanks to all our classmates who made our 50th Reunion unforgettable. As usual, Ben, you are one of the main players who made it all happen. We thank you. Ben and his long-time Bucknell friends, **Roland "Cappy" Capone**, **Clare and Edward "Bub" Morgan**, and **Linda and Steve Patterson**, joined **Dick Pace** and wife Mary in Greenwich, Conn., at the Children of Fallen Patriots (CFP) gala dinner. Dick is a board member of CFP. Bub and Steve traveled from New Hampshire and California to be at this minireunion.

Ben is the proud dad to five children and grandpa to six grandchildren. Three of the children are Bucknellians: **Meredith Elliot Rowley '00** lives in Columbia, S.C., with husband Drew. She directs client management at the Ricciardo Group and is a "full-time rock star mom" for James, Reagan and Eamon. **Tom '03** and **Caroline Forbes Elliott '03** are hopscotching the globe with their boys Alden and Niall — Ottawa, Canada; Seoul, South Korea; and now Madrid, Spain. Caroline is a rising executive for Airbus Group, and Tom founded Grabien.com, a rapidly growing multimedia marketplace — Ben proudly urges us to "check it out."

Grace Elliot '16 currently leads the Wilton Congregational Church Youth Group. She will begin teaching next fall at the Kipp Arts and Technology Academy, a charter school in Washington, D.C. Ben closes with "Nowadays, nothing beats hearing, 'Hi, Grandpa.'"

Thanks to all for your contributions. Let's keep our classmate bond strong with some news. I hope to hear from more of you next time.

Remember, our job is to be healthy and happy. Every day is a new opportunity. — K.M.

1967

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Ella Weeks Alexander left Bucknell after her junior year to get married, finished her degree at Cal State, and lived in the Bay and Baltimore areas where her husband played professional football. They had four children, some of whom have continued the contact with Bucknell. Ella has remarried, and now has six children. She lives in Delaware in the summer, Florida in the winter and was looking out at a beautiful sunshine-filled day when we talked in mid-January. Her daughter, **Christina '90**,

married **Greg Schiano '88**. **Tom Jr. '04** also went to Bucknell, and Ella's grandson **Joe Schiano '20** is a student now. She stays in contact with **Linda Pecheur '67**, among others, and anticipated meeting her and other Tri-Delts at our Reunion. Ella is at ellalexander@hotmail.com.

Nancy Adcook Bigsby returned to the Syracuse, N.Y., area after Bucknell, where she lived and worked in real estate for many years. Sixteen years ago, when she got tired of the winters there, she and her husband moved to Vail, Colo., and they've loved every minute of it. She has worked in real estate there, too, mostly rentals, and volunteers for things related to Vail. She has two boys, one in Colorado and the other in North Carolina. She hadn't really considered coming back to our Reunion but may reconsider. Nancy is at nbigsby1006@yahoo.com.

Dick Freemann came to Bucknell after having been in the Navy so was a little older than most of us. He left for law school at Villanova after three



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years and was a trial lawyer in Philadelphia for 40 years. After retiring, he wrote a book on World War II (which was mentioned in an earlier edition of *Bucknell Magazine*). It is interesting to me that so many people's interest turns to history in our later years, no matter what our majors may have been. Dick's son is an accomplished fly fisherman. He keeps up with a few of his fraternity brothers, many of them in earlier classes. Dick is at rzf@freemannah.com.

Phil Hassrick has lived an interesting and somewhat nomadic life, having moved 25 times on four continents. He attributed this to a "short attention span." At the time of our conversation, he was preparing to move from Petaluma, Calif., to Nambe, N.M. He has worked with street gangs in Philly, been in the Peace Corps in East Africa, worked for UNICEF in Indonesia and is very interested in providing clean water in developing countries. He has written a paper on the difficulties of being an ex-pat, which he is sending to me to give to my own nomadic daughter. He has two children and three grandchildren. He recently talked to **Bob Puff**. I encouraged him to contact some of his Phi Gams to meet at the 50th.

Bonnie Hawkins Hyldahl lives in Howell, Miss., and is retired from real estate, which she did mostly in Chicago. She married and left Bucknell early (which seems to be a theme in this group). She enjoyed her life in real estate and in general. She remarried a few years ago. She has three children and seven grandchildren, one of whom she accompanied to an interview at Bucknell. Her son **Christian Hyldahl '92** graduated from the University. She has been in contact with **Pam Scholl**, **Paula Buckholdt** and **Katharine "Kit" Hopkins**. Bonnie is at bonniehyldahl@gmail.com.

Wilma Light sent an update of her activities since graduation. "After leaving Bucknell, I went to Jefferson Medical College. From there, I did my postgraduation training, internship, residency and fellowship at Women and Children's Hospital of Buffalo, N.Y., with a fellowship in allergy

and immunology. I then was in private practice in Latrobe, Pa., for 39 years, retiring in August 2015. Now, I enjoy gardening, family visits and church activities. I keep in touch with **Sally DeMott**, **Roberta Richards Owens**, **Ellen Houseal Tollefsen**, **Amos '66** and **Janet Duyckinck Smith** and several other classmates. I hope to see friends at our upcoming Reunion."

Walt Conard continued his education after graduation by getting his master's in engineering at Syracuse University. He worked for IBM in Owego, N.Y., for many years, before moving to Chicago with Bell and Howell. Like many of us, he is retired but is a part-time consultant at his home in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. His specialty is intellectual properties. He is married and has three children, one of whom, **Joanna '96**, is a physician's assistant. His hobbies include scuba diving and traveling in his RV. He has been in touch with Tom Sturges and Bill Meyers and plans to return for our 50th. Walt is at waltconard@sbcglobal.net. — C.G.

1968

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It was great to catch up with **Bill Jackson**, especially since we're on similar career and transition paths. Bill practices law in Quincy, Mass. His firm was in the family for years and included his father and brother. Now, like many of us, he's winding it down. As it also is with our generation, our health becomes a familiar topic of conversation. Bill has benefited from his not-so-recent surgery (as have I). He predicts retirement and hopes that wife Patricia chooses the same. She still teaches at a local Montessori school. They have a houseful, including their daughter and grandson, 8. Bill is at wj@jandspc.com. We still owe Jacks a big thank you for volunteering to drive his Jeep to New Orleans when several of us decided on the spot that going to Mardi Gras would be a good idea.

Bob Rovegno (not Ralph) is living the dream in Flagler Beach, Fla. We see him and partner Judy quite often as their place is just a couple of miles from ours in Palm Coast. Bob is an avid tennis player, plays golf and is on the short list for the local "Best Tan" award. Bob and Judy manage to escape the Florida summer heat by skipping up the road to Banner Elk, N.C. He maintains that the North Carolina mountains are "just like Vermont." Of course, he's never been to Vermont. Bob is at bobrovegno@yahoo.com. Folks will need to work on him to get him to the 50th. Bob and Judy hosted us and Anne and **Bob Haas '67** last winter during the Haases' Florida swing.

On the other hand, **Shelley Weisberg** is a definite for the Reunion. Shelley and wife Dawn live just outside of Hackberry, Ariz. With the recent rains and transition of dry creek beds into rivers, Shelley and Dawn were stranded on their mountaintop for several days while waiting for the water to recede. Their son Reed is following in Dad's footsteps (including study habits or lack thereof). He has passed the Arizona bar and is waiting to be admitted. Daughter Claire (more like her mother) is studying in Israel. Dawn and Shelley planned a February visit to see her. Shelley is at shweisberg@gmail.com.

Much to my surprise, **Jim Morgan** finally retired. It seemed as if Jim always had an interesting trip and/or project in the hopper with another one on deck. As fate would have it, I caught him on his 70th birthday as this column was going to press. His wife, Sharon, has also retired, which gives them the flexibility to do more things together. The Morgans winter just outside of Hanover, N.H. (Jim worked at the Dartmouth hospital).

We lost one of our Theta Chi brothers, **Bob Mullett '69**, in the fall. Included in the remembrances was an update from **Bob Martuza '69**: "Jill and I are doing well, have three children and six grandchildren. I will be stepping down as chairman of neurosurgery at Massachusetts General Hospital Feb. 1. I plan to wind down my clinical practice, offload the administrative

duties and focus on the creative aspects of my life. I will continue research on oncolytic viruses for cancer therapy and continue my sculpture (if interested see my work at twelvelanterns.com)."

It's always a treat to chat with **Stephen Yeatman**, who was celebrating what many West Coasters hoped would be the end of the drought. Steve is officially retired from his career as an investment manager and living in the Berkeley Hills with wife Janet. He, like the others, is embracing retirement and his newfound freedom.

Bison sighting: I promised to report on **Robert Rock '76**, who I bumped in to while in the Florida Keys last year. He's an interesting guy who went to Cornell for his MBA after Bucknell. He married a gal from Susquehanna University (how many folks did that?) and worked for New York Life for 32 years. He retired to become a consultant for nonprofits. They had three kids, who each chose Jesuit schools, and there wasn't a Bison in the bunch. Robert and his wife recently walked the Way of St. James from southern France to Spain. As you have probably figured out, I'm on the lookout for Bucknell colors and won't hesitate to inquire. Robert is at rock@giftplanningstewardship.com.

It may seem like a long way off, but you know how time accelerates at this age. Our 50th Reunion will be upon us in one short, fleeting year. I'd like to see a show of hands from those who plan to attend. I'll report about the expected attendees in future editions. Let's hear from some of the rest of you. — G.V.

1969

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John and Fabia Harris Mahoney spent Christmas week in Antarctica viewing wildlife. John still teaches mathematics at Benjamin Banneker Academic High School, a Washington, D.C., public school. His student,

Rahel Gebre '21, will be a Posse Scholar at Bucknell this fall. Fabia retired from Bloomberg BNA in 2015 and, since then, has been an active volunteer at social-service agencies in Montgomery County, Md. They have four children, including a set of triplets, and three grandchildren.

Barry Hoffman, president and chief engineer of BEH Consulting Inc., officially closed the doors of the corporation Dec. 31. During the company's 15 years, Barry was involved with greenfield and brownfield oil and gas projects off Newfoundland, Canada. Barry provided plant design, interface coordination, project support, troubleshooting and unit operating expertise.

Barry and wife Linda have moved back to their permanent residence in their hometown of Northumberland, Pa. They greatly enjoy the area and have been reconnecting with nearby family and friends as well as with high-school classmates, and attending local historical events. Barry is the vice president of the Northumberland High School graduating class and helped organize the recent 50th class reunion.

While his corporation has been closed and he is semi-retired, Barry, with 45 years of engineering experience, anticipates providing support, assistance and project guidance to U.S. businesses, schools, etc., part time. — P.E.D.

1970

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Rich Schmenner was prompted to send an update after he read of the passing of his old friend **Pete Macky**. Rich served in the Army after graduation and then was a talent agent for more than 40 years for the Paradigm Talent Agency in NYC. He attended many opening nights, Tony Award ceremonies and the Emmys. He lived in Battery Park City for decades but in March moved to 22659 Grebe Lane, Ocean View, DE 19970, close to the Delaware beaches and family.

He'll also be snowbirding in Marco Island, Fla. He invites anyone near Ocean View to stop by and say " 'ray Bucknell."

Although Pete Macky's obituary was reported in the last issue, I'd like to add a few highlights. Pete, in his 42 years as manager of North Penn Legal Services in Sunbury, Pa., was credited for helping to educate the court on the rights of low-income litigants and creating paperwork for those who represented themselves. He also produced several self-help legal videos aimed at making the litigation process easier to understand. He received many awards for his commitment and advocacy on behalf of low-income people. A great outdoorsman, Pete served on the boards of several local recreation organizations.

My old senior year hall group buddies and I had a four-day minireunion in Cape May, N.J., in late September. Attending were **Charlott Burns Bramwell**, **Janet Lloyd Simon**, **Laura Bunt Messner**, **Carol Enquist**, **Kathy Cook Luke**, I and **Pat Moore**, who managed to attend even with a fractured shoulder. We had great fun reminiscing and, in our minds, were college girls again (even if our bodies said otherwise). We hope to have another reunion without waiting for our Bucknell 50th. — L.H.D.

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Ira Levee was appointed to the board of directors of the Multiple Sclerosis Association of America in January. Ira is an accomplished attorney with extensive experience in bankruptcy law as well as commercial and bankruptcy litigation, and is a senior legal editor at Thomson Reuters' Practical Law. He lives in West Orange, N.J. — M.J.K.

1972

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For the 11th straight year, **Larry Nespoli**, **Mark Ramage**, **Rick Andrews '73** and **Ron Sterniak** got together for a golf trip. In 2016, they enjoyed the beautiful northern Michigan courses (not quite as exotic as last year's trip to Ireland). Competition is spirited, as are discussions about families, politics and religion. Ron has retired after 42 years with Alcoa and moved with Nancy to Michigan to be near sons and grandchildren, while the others are starting to ask questions about staying busy in retirement.

In recent years, they have also played in the Yohey Invitational in Berwick, Pa. They played in this tournament while still attending Bucknell and for a few years after. Mark and Ron are now partners; Rick plays with his son Damon, and Larry plays with his older brother, Joe. The group cherishes both their education at Bucknell and the lasting friendships nurtured during their college years. — A.S.B.

1973

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George Pain joined the firm of Jenner & Block as a partner in its Chicago office on March 1. Previously, George was with Olin Corp., serving as senior vice president, general counsel and secretary. After receiving a B.A. in economics and a B.S. in

civil engineering from Bucknell, he earned his J.D. from the University of Connecticut law school and an L.L.M. in corporate law from New York University.

Donna McNeal Sannicandro is still working (counting the days until she can retire) as a technology risk management consultant in Boston. She and husband Tony had a busy summer traveling to Greenville and Charleston, S.C., to visit friends and attend a family wedding. They also took several day trips to Maine and explored other parts of New England. They live in Northborough, Mass., but plan to retire to the Portland, Maine, area within the next year or so. Donna enjoyed a reunion with classmates at a beach house in Southwest Harbor, Mass., to celebrate that milestone birthday that we are all having. Along with plenty of food, drink and games, they discussed retirement, caring for older relatives and the challenges of aging gracefully. Here are their updates.

Patty Armstrong Morgan enjoys retirement (and the weather) in Savannah, Ga., where she and husband Jim spend time playing lots of golf, gardening, traveling, keeping up with their grandchildren and being involved in various community endeavors.

Jeanne Azarik Bedrosian continues her involvement in music as a volunteer accompanist for Germantown Academy. She and husband Donald live in beautiful Bucks County, Pa., and enjoy traveling to all parts of the world. The overwhelming love and joy of their four grandchildren are the icing on the cake.

Mary "Barney" Barnett retired in June 2015 after 30 years as a school counselor. She lives on 10 acres in Vermont, and enjoys taking care of her property and gardens, and being active outdoors as well as traveling to some amazing

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places, singing, reading, sewing and spending time with family and friends.

Mary Matthews Garrett retired from her choral-directing job at the First United Methodist Church in Newport News, Va., after 20 years there. Mary continues to teach voice lessons in her home to more than 30 students. She and husband John have also been traveling a lot.

Peggy Mood Burt and husband Monta continue to enjoy their lives as innkeepers at The Laurel Oak Inn in Gainesville, Fla. Peggy retired from teaching math and science last year and anticipates more time spent traveling, volunteering and living life in this great college town.

Barbara Pfeiffer Campbell retired from George Mason University in June. She and husband Dan have relocated to Terrell, N.C., where they have fun playing in Lake Norman.

Budd and Renee Ronyecs Libby still enjoy the Atlanta area and moved this summer to a cluster home in Alpharetta, Ga., to have more time for biking, hiking, golfing and traveling.

Trisha Torrey Kritsberg continues her work in patient advocacy and patient empowerment with no plans (or desire) to retire any time soon. She loves her work. She and husband Butch moved to Leesburg, Fla., in search of warmer winters and more golf.

Libby Haak Krochalis couldn't make it to the reunion since she was visiting national parks, beaches and wineries in Oregon and California with husband **Rick P'07**.

Bob "Chris" Christianson forwarded a link to an article he received from **Keith Anderson '74**. It's about the many Bucknellians from the classes of '72 to '75 who moved west to Telluride, Colo., shortly after graduation. Most still live there, and Chris, having made several visits, reports that you can still have lots of chuckles there. To find it, search for "Telluride's Big Chill" at telluridenews.com. — S.L.C.

1974

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I received this note from children's musician **Jon Sprout**.

"Life's been good for me. I had dinner with **Leanne "Dee" Trout Ledgerwood** in Park Ridge, N.J., after performing concerts there. She and husband **Bill** have enough grandchildren to keep them busy traveling. Perhaps you heard they're building a retirement home in Lewisburg.

"Three years ago, I moved to an 'intentional community' called Bryn Gweled about 10 miles north of Philadelphia. Each of the 75 homesteads has two acres. We share the care of 240 acres of mostly forested land and several miles of roads with volunteer committees. This is the way people should live — watching out for one another, basically being good neighbors and stewards of the Earth. After having solar panels installed on my roof, I'll be living virtually off the grid. Actually, Bryn Gweled (it means 'hill of vision' in Welsh) reminds me of my days at Bucknell, our own 'hill of vision.' **Carol Wengert '76** (and husband **Bill Dockhorn**) have a home here, as does **Anna Carr '84**. Come visit."

I hope to see my old pal **Jon** in Rowayton, Conn., when he performs at the elementary school there. There is back-story to **Jon's** invitation. About 20 years ago, I took my older son (who was around 7 at the time) to see **Jon** perform at an elementary school in East Longmeadow, Mass. It was such a wonderful experience for both of us. And, **Jon**, no grandchildren yet, but wouldn't it be cool to someday take my son and grandchild to see you perform again?

Janet Yeisley married Peter Anderson in Ellicott City, Md., Oct. 13. **Patricia Drobnek '73** was in attendance. — N.C.

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My friendship with **Barbara Morison Gomez '77** goes back to her freshman year (my junior year) and our Fourth Harris Hall group. Over the past 43 years we have shared in each other's marriages, children's adventures, grandchildren's arrivals, minireunions and vacations to Arizona. So I was thrilled when her husband, **Ray**, shared with me her latest professional achievement. **Barb** was promoted to senior vice president of human resources for Arizona Public Service (APS), the state's largest electric company. **Barb** began her career with APS in 1978, just after her graduation, and has held a variety of leadership positions in regulatory, budgeting, long-range planning, forecasting and treasury departments before becoming an officer in 1999. Congratulations, **Barb**.

What great memories I have of my year as a resident assistant on Fourth Harris. Another of my Fourth Harris gang has surfaced — **Kathie Mitchell Rhyne '77** was in touch to say that she and her husband moved to the Sunshine State in April 2016 after they fell in love with the Sarasota area, where they attended a wedding. She and **Bill** now reside at 3603 N. Point Road, Osprey, FL, and they welcome visitors to their "paradise."

I would love to hear from more of my Fourth Harris gals in the Class of 1977. — N.Q.B.

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Janet Walsh wrote that she received her doctoral degree in business administration on the

very current subject of foreign direct investment in Cuba. She will present her research at the Global Conference on Business and Finance in Costa Rica in May. She leads the firm Birchtree Global, which works with companies establishing overseas businesses. **Janet** said she has worked in 78 countries. She also is a professor of global business at New York Institute of Technology in the MBA program. She lived in Atlanta for several years but has moved back to New York and lives in Bedford. In her spare time, she is a competitive equestrienne, breeds and shows English cocker spaniels and participates in field research with the Explorers Club. She's delighted to be back in New York where there are more Bucknellians and is happy to be able to host annual meetings of potential Bucknellians and their parents.

Kathy Mulligan wrote that Alpha Mu held its third biannual reunion. **Amy Roberts Lacy** again sent her husband, **Jim**, to Chicago, while the ladies descended upon her lovely home in Melbourne, Fla. In addition to **Amy** and **Kathy**, **Kathy Radzai Ostrom** and **Kathy Martin Harbilas** were there from our class. Also joining them were **Carole Nielander Orr '77**, **Andi Cohen Singer '77**, **Pam Martindell Rank '75**, **Sharon Marsh Roberts '74**, **Pam Arnold Vail M'75** and **Cindy Minton Langworthy '78**. A good time was had by all. **Kathy Mulligan** reported that most of the talk was about grandchildren, retirement and travel. They anticipate an even bigger reunion in 2019 as more classmates retire.

After Bucknell graduation, **Stan Mills** moved to Montgomery County, Md., where he owned a sign, exhibit and woodworking company and later a house-remodeling company. In 1998, **Stan** and his wife, **Marcia**, moved to Rehoboth Beach, Del., where they live two blocks from the ocean with four cats and two dogs and operate Tidewatch Accommodations, a rental-accommodations business. **Stan** is in his fourth three-year term as an elected commissioner for Rehoboth Beach, a one-square-mile city known as the Nation's Summer

Capital. Stan has received a Jefferson Award for his volunteer work with the American Red Cross, both for his local service in Rehoboth and for his two deployments to New Orleans during the Hurricane Katrina aftermath. Stan and Marcia love the beach, sunrises over the ocean, strolling the milelong wooden boardwalk, birding and the smell of salt air. Stan can be reached at millstan2@aol.com.

One of your Class Reporters, **Mary Lou Kupfer**, also has a place in Rehoboth Beach and can attest to both the beautiful sunrises over the ocean and Stan's dedicated service to the City of Rehoboth Beach.
— G.W.F. and M.L.K.

1977

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I hope 2017 thus far has been good to you. Hopefully, by the time this is published, I will have a well-behaved cocker spaniel living in our home. As I write this, I have a 5-month-old puppy who has decided his goal in life is to ignore my commands and destroy as much of our home as possible ... but he is so darn cute.

Shortly after my last deadline, I received news from **Jason** and **Laurie Bruckner Bastis**. Their son Matthew graduated from high school last June and entered Tulane University. Although he opted not to follow in mom and dad's footsteps at Bucknell, Jason wrote that it was a great decision on his part. Jason and Laurie are enjoying trips to New Orleans and are undoubtedly also enjoying the local cuisine.

INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

Lisa Babin '78 felt lost. Forced into an early retirement after a freak accident left her with debilitating migraines and chronic back and neck pain, Babin wrestled with the abrupt halt to a 35-year career dedicated to educating school-age children.

But as a volunteer and sponsor for Generation Hope, a Washington, D.C.-area nonprofit mentorship program for teen parents pursuing a college education, Babin discovered a new purpose.

As a sponsor, Babin provides mentoring, guidance and financial support for her assigned scholar, Ana Villanueva, who was a teenage single mother of two when she and Babin first connected in 2014. Ana is now married and a dean's list student majoring in elementary education at Montgomery College. Recognizing the role she has played in Ana's successes, Generation Hope recently honored Babin with its Sponsor of the Year award.

"Next to giving birth to my daughter, that was absolutely the most proud moment of my life," Babin says. "I've been so invested in young people. I needed something to do with my life to reconnect with young people."

Babin's new role carries on a passion dating back to the mid-1970s, when she abandoned the idea of majoring in biology at Bucknell in favor of elementary education. She spent the bulk of her career as an elementary school teacher before serving as assistant principal for Prince George's County Public Schools. But her tenure was cut short in 2011, when she slipped coming out of the teachers' lounge and hit her head on the marble threshold. After a lengthy medical absence, she returned to the school for 16 months, but stepped away for good in 2014 due to her injuries. Within a few months, she had discovered Generation Hope and was matched with Ana, whom she now considers a second daughter.

"I'm just so proud of her," Babin said. "She is an inspiration to me."

— Patrick Broadwater



PILAR HAMILTON

Can you say jambalaya? They spent Thanksgiving in Chappaqua, N.Y., visiting with Leila and **Phil Cuthbertson** and their son **Ian '13**.

Jason also noted he is in close contact with **Richard Rothschild** and recently saw **Peter Howard-Johnson '81**.

Please send me news. I know a lot is happening in your lives — so share it. — K.M.A.

1979

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It's January and even in the Middle East, it feels like winter. Israel is like California in terms

of the rains being seasonal. I understand California received a huge amount of rainfall recently. I hope it was evenly distributed. We had a great rainfall in December, but January was dry and cold. Now to your fellow classmates:

David Stoddard wrote that his daughter Amy recently married a fellow volunteer in Tanzania. Dave and wife Marj live in southeastern Pennsylvania, and he occasionally drops by Bucknell.

Eileen Landy Lundquist was inspired to write a very nice, informative letter bringing us from Bucknell graduation to the present. Eileen married Mark Lundquist while at Dickinson School of Law in June 1982. She passed the Pennsylvania bar exam after giving birth to their first child one month earlier. She and

Mark have four sons, ages 34 to 27: Tom, a Penn State graduate who played on the varsity football team, is a police officer in southeastern Pennsylvania; Kevin, a Georgetown graduate who played varsity baseball, is a personal wealth manager with Merrill Lynch in Denver and married to Clare; Patrick, graduate of the University of Virginia, is a singer-songwriter based in Los Angeles; and Ryan, a graduate of Georgetown, teaches Latin and finance at a private school in New Canaan, Conn. Patrick debuted a show in Hollywood with the Hollywood Chamber Orchestra. He and a friend wrote a musical based on *Swan Lake*, parts of which can be seen at swanlakemusical.com.

Well, Eileen, your kids are scattered from coast to coast as they say. You must accumu-

late a lot of frequent-flier miles.

Eileen has spent most of her post-Bucknell years raising her boys and volunteering for her local schools, church, hospital, United Way and juvenile probation office. She wrote that raising four boys has been joyful, exhausting, educational and rewarding. Having raised six of our own (with wife Tamar) I can relate. Eileen's husband, Mark, spent the bulk of 2009 battling colon cancer followed three years later by quintuple-bypass heart surgery, but he is doing well now. Eileen strongly recommended taking a proactive attitude to your own health. Finally, Eileen, like many of us in the sandwich generation, also helps to care for her parents.

Are there any others of you who want to write a short 35-plus year synopsis of your post-Bucknell days? You have my address. — A.S.

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Neil Warar was inspired to write, "I will be celebrating my 30th anniversary this January with Donna, who I met a few years after graduating from Bucknell. We have two daughters. Melissa is 27 and engaged. She graduated from NYU nursing school and lives in Miami. Our younger daughter, Jessica, 24, works for Horizon Blue Cross of New Jersey and lives in Long Branch, N.J. I still keep in touch with old modmate **Peter Tobasco**. I still own my family business, United Cleaning Contractors, in Asbury Park, N.J. We are celebrating our 91st year in business. I hope any Bucknellians visiting the Jersey Shore will reach out and say hello." As an aside, Neil's company was started in 1925 by his grandfather. What a great legacy. Neil's email is neilwarer@aol.com.

And the "Grateful Award" goes to **Pam Price Cooper** who had to be evacuated for a week back in October when Hurricane Matthew tore through her community on Hilton Head Island, S.C. After being allowed

to return, she wrote about a group of Mormons who came to help with the cleanup. Her yard was littered with fallen trees, one of which fell through her roof when the crane lifting a large trunk lost its grip. But no one was hurt and in Pam's words, "It's just a house. It's just stuff. We can get the house fixed. People are wonderful. All's well. Amen." Good advice, Pam. Hope your repairs are coming along.

Keep in touch, classmates.
— D.L.H.

1981

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I got lots of great updates to share after I posted on our class Facebook page that I needed news. If you haven't joined our group (Bucknell Class of '81), please do.

Bob Pollokoff shared the very fun news that his first grandchild, Spencer, was born in late May 2016 and has quickly become the star of Bob's life. He shared an adorable picture of Spencer in a Bucknell outfit. Congrats, Bob.

Lisa Day Roberts sent news that she and husband Tony live about 100 miles north of London in the Vale of Belvoir in the East Midlands. Tony retired in April. The Roberts lived in Toronto for three years and before that were in Brussels, Belgium, for 14 years. They have three daughters. The oldest, Hannah, is married to an Englishman and lives north of London. She is a primary-school teacher. Rachel, their second daughter, works for Quicken Loans in Detroit. Their youngest daughter, Philippa, will graduate from Muhlenberg College in May. Lisa anticipates her new life in England, but when she wrote to me, she had been six weeks without internet or phone service in their new house. Yikes.

Another Lisa — **Lisa Hoff Bartlett** — sent a fun update about her family. She and husband Dan still live in Grand Rapids, Mich., but manage to travel a fair amount to Phoenix and Charleston/Hilton Head,

S.C. Lisa works for CDW as a resource manager and really enjoys her job. She is also training to be a yoga teacher and hopes to do outreach yoga teaching with children or older people. Dan still works for Perigo (34 years), but retirement and getting out of Michigan in the winter is beginning to look attractive to the Bartletts.

Lisa's daughter, Lindsay, got engaged to Patrick, her boyfriend of five years. He asked her to marry him on the beach in Hilton Head while Lisa's family was there on vacation. The wedding is planned for November in Chicago, where the couple lives. Lisa's son Ross was married to his girlfriend from college, Erin, in March 2015 and moved back to Grand Rapids (from Phoenix) last January. Ross was offered a job as director of the rooms division for the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel.

I am also happy to share news from **Mark Mitchell** whose daughter **Lily '20** is now at Bucknell. He and his family are very excited to have another Bucknellian in the family. Lily started out strong and (unlike her dad) made Dean's List her first semester and earned a spot in the Two Past Midnight a capella group (the same group my son **David '17** and **Linda Todisco Dunne's** daughter **Caroline '11** were a part of).

Mark collaborated with the Bucknell Alumni Club of Baltimore to host a Real Estate Update Happy Hour for local alumni in January. His wife, **Amanda P'20**, and he are both agents with Monument Sotheby's International Realty in Baltimore. They invited mortgage lender **Brian Shannon '79** to join them for the presentation. Brian attended Bucknell for two years and played varsity basketball before transferring to Towson University.

I've saved the best for last, as I just love this Bucknell small-world story and am sure you all will too. It comes from my First East hallmate **Sue Cook Christakos**. She lives in the Washington, D.C., area and is a college counselor, helping students with learning challenges find colleges where they can be happy and successful. She has three kids, two sons who have graduated college and live on

their own and a daughter who is a junior at the University of Rochester. Officially an "empty nester," Sue lives with husband Nick in Rockville, Md., and reports that "life is good."

She told me the story that several years ago she was attending her daughter's cross-country meet and started a conversation with another mom. As they talked, **Kate Mitchel '87** revealed that she not only went to Bucknell but also was a member of Tri Delt. Although she was much younger than Sue, they discovered that they had a lot in common. Kate was new to their large public high school and wanted to get involved. Sue "recruited" her to join the high school's booster club and help with their largest fundraiser, the mulch sale. Fast forward a few years: Kate became the chair of the mulch sale and took it to the next level. Around that same time, on Back to School Night, Sue was working at the booster club table trying once again to recruit members and heard a familiar voice. She looked up and saw a face that she recognized. It was **Sue Owen**, another Tri Delt and Bucknellian. Sue immediately thought of Kate, who, by now, had become a dear friend, and they organized a dinner so they could all meet. A few years later, the three women have formed a wonderful friendship. Their dinners are monthly where they share not only wine (which they all love) but also have helped one another through some rough times and good times as well. And to think it all started with Bucknell.

Don't you just love that story? I do, in part because I think Sue Owen and Sue Cook Christakos probably had the brightest and widest smiles in our class and occupy special places in the hearts of many of us.

Enjoy all of the events of spring and summer. Be sure to send me all the fun news.
— C.C.R.

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Two issues ago I said that I'd like to see my freshman roommate, **Jean Huster Shapiro**, at Reunion. While she hasn't committed to returning yet, I did get a wonderful email from her. She ended 2016 on a high note on New Year's Eve eve with her fellow Leiser Housemates: **Deb Morgan Watkins**, **Martha Preston Powell** and **Jill Albertson Mindas**. She commented that their Bucknell friendships have grown even stronger over the years, as each of them knows how important it is to make the effort to stay connected.

She also said it helps that they live close enough to be able to meet every few months. Martha is always up for hosting ladies weekends, and she just became a grandmother. Jill has amazing gardens, and they spend a lot of time poolside at her place in the summer. Deb and husband Todd are party throwers extraordinaire, and Jean has seen some Bucknellians there over the years, including **Beth Cavanaugh**, **Todd '80** and **Ginny McMinn Whitaker '81**, **Elaine Marron '81**, **Richard Mold '81** and **Ginger Hutchinson Pohlman**, who is Deb's neighbor. This fall Jean and husband **Adam Shapiro '83** were invited to the second-annual gathering of friends from the Class of '83 at **Margo Kodroff '83's** home in the Poconos, which is the perfect setting for an October weekend. Lots of laughter, reminiscing, good food and drinks were shared with **Tina Segal Miller '83**, **Jeff Kaighn '83**, **Kirk Rudolph '83**, **Carol Cutillo Inglefield '83** and **Deb Morgan Watkins**. In November, Jean and Adam made it out to the Pacific Northwest for vacation. In Portland, Ore., they met up with **Wes** and **Kerry Lea Gavett '81** and son Josh, one of the highpoints of the trip.

Doug Rotatori recently joined New Jersey SEEDS' Board of Trustees. This is a nonprofit that works with

motivated, high-achieving students from low-income families. SEEDS offers free academic programming for students before assisting them with the application process to selective middle schools, high schools and universities across the country. Doug works at Odyssey Investment Partners.

Our 35th Reunion is June 2-4. Hope to see you all there. — B.G.K.

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From Vine to Wine was a hot listing in the fall 2016 course catalog and included one of our classmates. Enrollment was capped at 18 students, and to gain entry, each student had to complete a survey detailing their experience with wine.

"I wanted the students in the class to have a wide variety of experience," says Gary Grant, a theatre & dance professor who is certified by the Society of Wine Educators. He has held tastings for University students, faculty and staff for more than a decade. Some lectures featured guests such as local winemaker **Chuck Zaleski**. When he visited the classroom, Zaleski led students through a Riesling vertical, where they tasted every Riesling Fero Vineyards and Winery produced since its first year.

Sure wish we had classes like that back in the day. This popped up on Facebook a few months ago and mentioned our classmate. Check out the complete article on the Bucknell Facebook page.

Note: A story about the Vine to Wine course also appeared in the winter issue of Bucknell Magazine.

Phil Tulkoff, president of Tulkoff Food Products in Baltimore, sent an email that he and wife Jo and **Jeff** and **Nicki Bryan Ubinger** attended the wedding of **Scott Hinds'** daughter in Salt Lake City. He said it was great to see everyone and get a chance to hang out, catch up and enjoy a happy event among friends dating back to their first year at

Bucknell.

Speaking of weddings, the Eick family celebrated big time on a lovely late October day in Douglasville, Ga. Our daughter, Sarah, married her college sweetheart, **Brandyn Baker**, in front of family, friends, neighbors and an enthusiastic Bucknell contingent, including **Dennis** and **Sara Allen Lepkofker**, **Mark** and **Laurie Holben Fine**, **David** and **Caroline Dillon Marren**, **Brian** and **Karen Fracas Monaghan**, **Stacey Bernhard Smollen**, **Nancy Harvey Worrell** and **Eileen McCarthy Born** (we missed **Scott P'13** and **Meg Barron Born**, who were attending the Davidson College baseball team's parents weekend festivities). The Bucknellians arrived early for the weekend and enjoyed a spa day and just being together again. On Friday night, they gathered for dinner at the same venue as the rehearsal, so **Jim Eick '82** and I got to stop in and hug everyone before the big day. The wedding venue was a sporting club, so Saturday morning featured exploring and fun activities for

the group. We saw photos proving Karen and Nancy were pretty awesome at shooting clays. Jim and I were happy to host a party with so many fun people in attendance and are anticipating our son J.C.'s big day in May. — T.T.E.



See a photo of classmates at Sarah's wedding in the Bucknell

Magazine app and online at bucknell.edu/alumniphotos.

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Philip Eager is a first-time author of *Modern Machiavelli: 13 Laws of Power, Persuasion and Integrity* with colleague Troy Bruner. The book will be released in September.

Robbie Weaver Schuldt has organized raffles and silent auctions for several organizations and raised millions of

Join us!



Samek Distinguished Art Lecture: Makoto Fujimura '83

Thursday, April 27, 6:30 p.m.
Forum, 2nd floor, Elaine Langone Center

Bucknell Trustee Makoto Fujimura's artwork combines traditional Japanese painting techniques with abstraction to explore the role of faith in cross-cultural dialogue. Fujimura will discuss the role that entrepreneurship has played throughout his career. The annual Samek Distinguished Art Lecture invites world-renowned artists, scholars and notable thinkers to engage with students and the public.

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South Korean won (tens of thousands of U.S. dollars). She sang in several concerts with Camarata Music Co. this year including *Messiah*. Husband John retired from Ford Motor Co. after more than 30 years and became the president of the American Chamber of Commerce in Korea. Daughter Julie spent a semester studying in Korea and living with them. Daughter Allison has been active in sports. Robbie and John celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in Bali over New Year's Eve.

Lee Goldring is now director of the Rollins College Center for Lifelong Learning in Winter Park, Fla. — G.D.T.

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I received some information on the Class of 1986 Scholarship Fund, which was established in 1996 at our 10th Reunion. The estimated income for this academic year is more than \$5,000 — if you would like to make a donation to support this fund, please contact Bucknell's Development & Alumni Relations office.

Our scholarship recipient is **Jenna Walpole '19**, a member of the women's rowing team and an undeclared major. Her thank-you letter to us says, in part, "I have had the honor to be part of an extremely special community that has a perfect combination of rigorous academics and Division I athletics. Bucknell is truly the perfect school for me, and I would like to take time to thank all of you for enabling me to attend ... Sophomore year is definitely a step up, so I spend most of my time in the library and in the renovated Carnegie Building studying. Rowing has never

been more challenging, both in a physical and mental sense ... I have two older brothers, one of whom recently graduated and another who is a senior in college. Sending a third child to college was a stretch for my family. I just wanted you to know how much I appreciate receiving the Class of 1986 Scholarship. Thank you for making this all possible."

Here is a quick update from the left coast. After 16 years at Microsoft, **Wallace Simpson** left to work with a small health-care startup focused on business intelligence. He said that he needed to make a change again and started another new job with Amazon Web Services in Seattle six months ago. The cultural differences between Amazon and Microsoft are startling in so many ways, and he absolutely loves what he is doing. He would love to connect with anyone else at Amazon, in the tech industry or anyone working/living/visiting in Seattle. You can reach him at wallace.simpson@comcast.net.

Harold Meij joined Takara Tomy, the fourth largest toy company in the world, as CEO, becoming one of the first foreign CEOs of a Japanese-listed company in Japanese corporate history. Best known globally for its Transformers toys, Harold says he has the best job in the world seeing how consumers smile when buying his company's products. He lives in Tokyo, where he moved right after graduation.

Bonnie Corrie Estes has good news. She won the national Dorothy Ludwig Award for teachers of French at the secondary level. It was awarded by the American Association of Teachers of French at their annual conference in Austin, Texas. Bonnie said she was pretty pumped and that it was the highlight of her career.

Do any of you have a child who will be attending Bucknell this fall? Please let me know, or just reach out and send us an update. — J.D.C.

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My daughter told me she met **Todd Singleton** when he gave a presentation in one of her management classes. Todd has had the great fortune of visiting Bucknell every year and speaking to students. Todd sent me an email offering the following: he has worked for Accenture since graduation. He was originally hired by Arthur Andersen in Washington, D.C., and has stayed for 29 years — although the company name changed twice in that time to Andersen Consulting then Accenture. He met wife Lisa Mascolo at Accenture. She is now at IBM, a direct competitor. It makes for fun conversations and also forced silences at dinner. As the head of sales for Accenture's health and public service business, Todd's job is global. He's been blessed with a great career including the chance to travel and meet people and clients around the world. He has two stepsons, and enjoys retreating to Kiawah Island, S.C., when he can. Perhaps it will become a retirement venue in a few years.

What follows began with a text from my daughter, **Julia de la Parra '19**: "I met Mr. Blount at a FIJI party." Ironic on multiple levels. "Mr." Blount? And he's *still* at FIJI? Fast forward to Julia spending New Year's Eve with the Blounts and a bet I made with **Steve "Mel" Blount**: A Steelers win over his beloved Dolphins in the AFC playoffs, and Mel would write a column with updates on many classmates. Final score: Pittsburgh 30, Miami 12.

There is limited space here,

so I have broken his report into two parts. Part two will appear in the next issue. Here is the first:

"It's been over a decade since I last wrote in. I have been in touch with hundreds of Bucknellians (young and old; I'm now on the "old" side) over that stretch. Going to hit on a lot of names here and apologize to anybody that I leave out.

Karen Bailey Blount and I continue to live in Madison, N.J., where we have been for 15 years. We have two daughters at Bucknell, **Melissa '18** and **Samantha '20**, and we have Caroline (junior in high school) and Kathryn (in 7th grade and about to become a teenager). We have five Bucknellians when we stretch to the extended family, including Karen's sister, **Sue Bailey Thomson '86**. Sue lives in Westport, Conn., with her three kids. She loved her 30-year Reunion.

"Having two kids at Bucknell, we have crossed paths with an insane number of alumni over the past three Family and Homecoming Weekends.

Given the number of legacy kids at Bucknell, Family Weekend is an unofficial Reunion every year. I'm going to do my best to list all of the alumni we have been lucky to enjoy a Super Saturday beer or two with and/or take in a football or soccer game with: **Bobby LeBlanc** (four kids), **Dave and Ande Gabriel Fehnel** (three kids), **Steve and Diana DePietro Duryee '90** (three sons), **Greg and Christie Mitchell Schiano '90**, **Reid '86** and **Kristina Murphy Leslie '86** (four sons, **Michael Leslie '17** is a FIJI), **Jon '90** and **Kirsten Ruble Romm '89** (five kids all with names starting with "M"), **Mark '86** and **Jill Barlow Bloom '87** (**Kyle Bloom '18** is a FIJI), **Mike Cattano '89**, **Rick and Margot Metz Klingman**, **Eric Sutherland '85** (daughter is a Bison lacrosse player), **Susan Cestari Weeks '92** (with the multi-generation Cestari clan), **Ann Malesardi '87**, **Doug Klaber '86** (daughter also a Bison lacrosse player), **Andy '87** and **Katie Zuberbuhler Klaber**, **Johnny Braniff '86** (has invited me to golf many times, and I have had to

CONNECTING AT THE INTERSECTION

The power of imagery can change lives. That was certainly the case for **Arnaldo López '87**, who left Puerto Rico for Lewisburg, Pa., then moved on to New York City and the world of theater, all because of one arresting photo.

The longtime development officer at Pregones/Puerto Rican Traveling Theater says that he's only half-joking about ending up in Lewisburg because of an "idealized pastoral" scene of the University that he saw in his high school's career-planning office. A scholarship and the desire for something different from his home country also drew him to Bucknell.

Just 17 when he started classes, López majored in English, with a minor in studio art. He hosted "unpopular" music shows on WVBU, with a "polyglot" of genres from political hardcore punk to ambient instrumental, and fondly remembers a "Bucknell underground," where arts and humanities, international culture and student activism thrived in the Reagan-era 1980s.

It was through that network, and later as an apprentice to artist Barnard Taylor at The Press of Appletree Alley, that López fell in love with the town and the people of Lewisburg — and with printing and design.

He first connected with what is now called Bucknell's Office of Publications, Print & Mail to create a poster for a student theater production and later became its first in-house graphic designer.

He also earned a master's degree, translating works by Puerto Rican gay writer Manuel Ramos Otero into English. That work led him to a Ph.D. program at New York University. He then followed the buzz about a theater ensemble in the Bronx that had newly adapted one of Ramos Otero's stories.

It was Pregones, where he found "kindred spirits, champions of literature and performance with political bite."

Now on staff for 17 years, López handles fundraising and is Pregones' managing director.

He sees a clear through-line from Bucknell to Pregones. "People connect at the intersection of fun, intelligence and the greater good," he explains. "Development work is about telling that story. I've been doing it all along." — Heidi Hormel



Coach **Gene Depew '71** at this great event. Coach Depew passed away later in 2015. It was an awesome weekend, and thanks again to "Stud" for his excellent choreography of the entire weekend. Where was **John Donaldson '89**?

"Karen and I just went on a 50th birthday trip to Jamaica with Dave and Ande Fehnel, **Linda Fleming Zolper** (five kids), **Paul and Cindy Phillips Freud** (three kids), **Susan Orth Cleary** (three kids, all golfers!) and **Katie Simpson Caste** (four kids and lives two doors down from Karen's brother in Mount Lebanon, Pa.). It's always great getting together with this group of lifelong friends with more than a dozen full-family vacations over the years. The Bucknell wives get together every year for tennis and group therapy.

"I hosted a 50th-birthday golf outing at Morris County Golf Club (Morristown, N.J.) for old **Stu Frank** (three kids and still has an excellent golf game). Attendees for the big day included **Rob Ryan** (very impressive effort flying from Charlotte, N.C.), **Tom Collins '87**, **Michael Hutton '86** (two kids and married to **Noosheen Amiri '87**), **Andy Murray**, **HJ Willcox** (took an Uber to the outing from Connecticut and still had the same beautiful golf swing all these years later) and **Bob "Bush" Nesselbush '86**. Bush got the best-effort award for the outing driving eight hours from upstate New York. Bush has five daughters, all athletes; the oldest four attended Harvard or Northwestern and the youngest is heading to Dartmouth for lacrosse (Bush married up). Bush's daughters at Northwestern play lacrosse with **Mario Harpel's** two daughters.

"Bush has been a mainstay at one of my favorite Bucknell traditions for the past 15 years: the annual Bud Ranck-Tom Gadd Memorial Kickoff Classic golf outing to support Bucknell's football team. Our FIJI squad has been filled out with such luminaries as Bush (living legend), **John Sullivan '86** (married to **Deb Hull '86**), **Mark "Wiz" Wisniewski '86**, **Donny Dimitroff '87** (whereabouts unknown), **HJ Wilcox**, **Stu Frank** and **Jon Leef** (married to **Heather McBride**).

decline; then he runs into me playing at his home course, Trump National Golf Club in Bedminster, N.J. — very embarrassing), **Rob and Corinne Cole Ryan** (four kids; two at Bucknell by fall 2017), **Doug Besselman '85**, **Scott '87** and **Sue Blaschak Mironov '87**, **Darrell Hughes '87**, **Joe Carita '87**, **Mike Concordia '84**, **Arnie and Beth Adams Mascali '89**, **Bret '89** and **Sue Glidden Fischer '90**, **Chris Hackley '89** (four kids), **Trupe Ortlieb '86**, **Andy '87** and **Cali Williams Yost '87** (two daughters; one is a freshman), **Margaret Mistretta Dempsey '87**, **John '87** and **Karen Rappel Schrenker '87**, **Carl '89** and **Karen DeCamp**

Chambers '89, **Heidi Kaufman** and **Dave Wisotsky '91**.

"Speaking of reunions, FIJI had perhaps the biggest single Greek organization reunion Bucknell has ever seen in 2015 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the house. More than 300 brothers stretching back to the '40s descended on Lewisburg for the massive celebration all under the careful direction of **Ed "Stud" Robinson '86**. Ed's former nickname was Swampy, but a recent movement changed it to Stud — go with it when you next see him!

"I reconnected with several brothers whom I had not seen in a long time, including **Dave Stack Marren '83**, **Mark**

Bukovec '84, **Pat Cusick '84**, **Kevin Mullins '87**, **Pat Donohue '87**, **Don Simms '87**, **Tim Caldwell '87**, **Gary Scott '86**, **Craig Kelly '89**, **Lee Eberding '89**, **Brad Parker '89**, **Bobby Maute '86**, **Bobby Williams '86**, **Ted Christiansen '86** (still wearing his Cincinnati Reds batting helmet), **Rick Donaldson '87**, **William Bernarduci '89**, **Robert Bernarduci '89**, **Leo Drozdoff '87**, **Bob Marks '93**, **Tom Boals '89**, **Bob Cwalina '89**, **Brett Rosen '89**, **Pat Francis '87**, **William "Truck" Traver '87** and **HL Bishop '83**. **Dave Stack Marren's** speech was one of the most inspirational moments I have ever experienced. In retrospect, it was also wonderful to have



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 alumni

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

Other FIJs in attendance typically include the Col. **Ian Ferguson '85** (president of the Bison Club) and **Mike Benevento '93**. Silly Bob ripped my heart out at the 2016 outing by knocking a shot to six feet on 10 at Bucknell Golf Club. I took the high road and simply erased his name from the listing after the round and took the prize money. Mike Benevento is there most years. I have seen **Todd Hatajick '91** on occasion, and **Dan Scocca '91** was a perennial player — sadly, Dan was taken from us far too soon a few years back.

"FIJI plays the Dirty Rotten Sigs each year in a one-hole playoff (ninth hole with the water). Sig participants/attendees/witnesses have included over the years **Dave Henry '86** (married to **Kelly Kern**), **Brian Callahan '86**, **Will McFarland '86**, **Jay Cosgrove '86**, **Bobby Cosgrove '87**, **John Byren '87**, **Andy Henry '89**, **Leo Malsky '89**, **Walter Reese** and **Matt Mayock '89**. It's always a great event, and I highly recommend other football alumni fit it into their schedules. Best moment in competition history: Dave Henry hitting the 150-yard marker with a hybrid from 170 yards out, deflecting the shot 90 degrees under the pines. Second place: John Byren standing in the pond to hit his ball on the bank and promptly advancing his shot four feet into the pond."

Stay tuned for more news from Mel in the next issue. — S.V.P.

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Stephen Cottrell added Ava Madison Cottrell to the family April 25, 2016. — R.L.B.

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Spring is upon us, and warmer weather is finally here. College acceptance letters are rolling in, and the real fun has begun — decision time. Boy, it seems like yesterday when my letter came from Bucknell. Now on to updates.

Bucknell University Press has published a new book full of Bucknell professors and students. **Michael McGandy '91**, **Peter Fosl '85** and **Mark Moorman '83** are co-editors of *Commonplace Commitments: Thinking Through the Legacy of Joseph P. Fell* (emeritus of the Bucknell philosophy department). It is available from Amazon and Rowman and Littlefield. Congrats!

Scott Messing has been named president and CEO of Youth for Understanding USA, an intercultural exchange program. He has served as vice president and chief operating officer since 2014, overseeing the daily operations. Congratulations, Scott.

Karen Shelton was proud to participate in the Women's March on Washington, D.C., with fellow Bucknellian **Renie Sotiropoulos**. And **Christine**

Barry Sieficki wrote she had a girls weekend in Las Vegas with **Lisa Spickler Goodwin**. What terrific experiences, ladies.

That's all for now. Keep safe and be well. — L.M.O.

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Karen Lynch Ghaffari sent word that **Allison Engelhardt Popeo** had a daughter, Charlotte Kathryn, on May 20, 2016. Charlotte joins older brother Robert.

Last April, **Michelle Walborn Jones** married Robert "Kirk" Jones in Sarasota, Fla. **Sharon Bird** and **Sherry Bunten** joined the celebration, and it was a wonderful reunion for roommates who hadn't seen each other in many years. (Sharon and Sherry live near each other in North Carolina and had fun making the trip to Florida together for a quick weekend getaway.) Michelle and Kirk reside in Celebration, Fla., where Michelle works for The Walt Disney Co. and Kirk is a senior solutions architect for Convergys. Michelle recently completed a six-year project with extensive travel to and from China to help open the Shanghai Disney Resort. — L.B.B. and L.M.S.

1993

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Jennifer Kenee Still says, "I have a new job. After working part time for the last four years, I am a general pediatrician with Holy Spirit Pediatrics in Carlisle, Pa., where we have decided to put down permanent roots now that husband Jon has retired after 23 years as a Naval officer and pilot. We have two fantastic kids, Laurin, 12, and Jack, 15. Jack was kind enough to get mom back to her old stomping grounds while competing in the state diving championship last March." — C.Z.

1994

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Rich Polt lives near Baltimore with his wife, Jennifer, and two sons, Samuel and Ethan. He recently launched Acknowledge Media, a production company that creates custom life-story videos using interviews, photographs and mixed media, to help families preserve their legacies for future generations. You can see samples and more at acknowledgemedia.com.

Another entrepreneur, **Scott Gerhardt**, also launched a company, Cannidex, this fall (cannidex.com). Cannidex is a hemp-derived topical cannabidiol (CBD) cream. It is a licensee of Direct Effects, which is the patented intellectual property of **Ronald Aung-Din '70**. Scott lives in Colorado with his son, Jack.

I would love to hear from more of you. — S.A.S.

Note: For more about Scott's company, see "A Budding Business" on Page 22.

1995

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Happy spring, Class of '95. It's nice to have some news to report. Keep it coming.

Russell "Rusty" Lofgren self-published the novella *Being Friends With Billy Logan*, which can be found at amazon.com. Rusty's other self-publications include a novel, *Benevolent Change* (2016); a photography book, *Light: The Photography of Rusty Lofgren 1993-2015* (2016); and a collection of fly-fishing short stories and photographs, *Family Windings: Seasonal Fly Fishing in Pennsylvania* (2015). Rusty lives near Pittsburgh, where he hopes to produce a new feature motion picture beginning in fall 2017 through his company, Leafbranch Studios (vimeo.com/leafbranchstudios). His email is rustylofgren@yahoo.com.

Tracy LaPorte completed

her first Ironman triathlon in July in Lake Placid, N.Y. She enjoyed the support of friends, family, her triathlon team (Team Z) and **Tracy Bass Wilson '96**. When Tracy isn't training for triathlons, she's an infectious-disease epidemiologist at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md. Email her at tracylaporte@gmail.com.

Michelle McGasko Owens launched a podcast in June 2016 called *Nothing Off Limits*, and she was thrilled that it has had 100,000 downloads. Michelle is seeking advertisers for the podcast. Perhaps other Bucknellians have a business they think would be a good fit. To listen or for more information about the podcast, visit her at ladyfoxentertainment.com. Her email is michelle@ladyfoxentertainment.com.

I love hearing about our classmates. If you have something to share, please be in touch. 'ray Bucknell! — J.B.B.

1996

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No news from classmates, but I'd like to report the birth of my third child, Connor Thompson Wood, on Oct. 6. His sisters, Keira, 11, and Taryn, 9, love to spoil him. — A.H.W.

1997

REUNION 2017

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David Silver remains very active in the Bucknell community. He has led efforts at his firm, RSM, to hire 134 Bucknellians in the last five years. The company interacts on campus with professors, administrators, the Career Development Center and students, but runs its recruiting very differently, with

more of a social touch. For instance, last year they took several students and a professor to cook meals at a Ronald McDonald House. This fall, they came to campus as part of their social outreach to raise awareness and money for the Donald L. Heiter Community Center in Lewisburg. Dave also serves on the board of the Bucknell men's rowing program and helped raise \$180,000 from alumni and parents to support the program.

Jim '98 and Corinna Warhurst Taubner had their third child, Lucy Mary, Oct. 17. "She might be the best baby ever. Her older siblings, Mark, 12, and Annie, 10, are over the moon with her," they wrote. They are looking forward to bringing her to our Reunion this June.

Hopefully, many more of you plan to attend as well. I can't believe we are celebrating 20 years. — S.B.B.

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Christy and **John Venarchick** had their first child, Claire, April 17. They reside in northern New Jersey.

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

Mickey Sala writes, "**Dan Spink** married Holly Hindman June 18 in Malibu, Calif., alongside the Pacific Ocean and overlooking a perfect surf break at Surfrider Beach. Attending were groomsmen **Brian Spink '96** and me, as well as **JC Spink '94**, **James Rizzo** and **Theo Avgerinos**. Despite the beautiful bride and picturesque location, the night took an unfortunate turn when the groom took a nasty header attempting to join the invisible double Dutch dance circle. He stuck to the sidelines the rest of the night. The couple honeymooned in Thailand."

Tracy Honko Mauntler and husband **Jamie** had their third son, **Brooks Anthony**, Aug 5. Brooks joins big brothers **Jace**, 7, and **Trey**, 3. Tracy is entering her 14th season as head women's tennis coach at the University of Toledo. Her husband is a State Farm Insurance agent, and the couple has been married for 10 years. Tracy's email is tracy.honko@utoledo.edu.

Ann Bonner O'Brien and husband **K.C.** had their first child, **Charlotte Annie**, Jan. 23. — A.B.O.

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Colin '01 and **Sarah Chance Breivogel** had their second child, **Lainey Elizabeth**, March 30, 2016. Lainey joins older brother **Liam**. The family lives in Scotch Plains, N.J. Sarah is an executive publicist at Penguin Random House in NYC, and Colin is a teacher in Summit, N.J.

Eric and **Krista Reisdorf Berns** had their first child, **William Edward**, Aug. 1. Krista wrote that baby Will is a joy, and the family lives in Park Ridge, Ill. — M.P.

Eric Loi joined the law firm of **McLaughlin & Marcus** in Bridgewater, N.J., as an associate in the executive compensation and employee benefits group. Eric previously was a senior tax associate at the national tax department of a "big four" accounting firm. He earned a J.D. from the University at Buffalo School of Law and a tax L.L.M. from Georgetown Law.

2003

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Jarrad Gunther practices in the area of intellectual property law with a focus on patent litigation and U.S. Patent Trial and Appeals Board proceedings. He counsels clients on validity and

infringement issues and prosecutes and secures patents in many areas of technology. He also has experience in patent licensing and transactional matters.

Casey and **Jessica Shure** had **Samantha Hope** who joins loving big sisters **Alexa** and **Lillian**. The family resides in Malvern, Pa.

William Roark is an attorney at Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell & Lupin. He recently presented the continuing legal education program *Getting Started in the Medical Marijuana Business* in PA.

Note: See more on Bill's take on the marijuana industry in "A Budding Business" on Page 22.

David Cohen sent the following update about a group of classmates' plans to attend the Final Four basketball games.

"Rumor on the street was that the orchestration of an epic March Madness trip to Nashville, Tenn., had been in the works for the past six years, courtesy of **Brian Werner** and launched March 2017. Mr. Werner promised to subsidize the trip for the first 20 Bucknell alumni who proved they were never friends with him. **Danny Blankenship** was there and claims to have filled out the perfect bracket. **Boakai Lalugba** brought his clipboard and drew up plays at the bars. Meanwhile, Werner secretly had a plane ticket to Maui, Hawaii, instead to get his "lounge" on." — P.N.G.

2004

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Alyson Walker Lotman was promoted to partner at **Duane Morris LLP**. She is a trial attorney and focuses her practice on product liability and personal injury defense litigation. Alyson lives outside Philadelphia with husband **Gabe** and son, **Alex**. — J.B.W.

2005

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Christopher and **Cory Downes Renn** had **Cole James Renn** Sept. 14, joining big sister **Claire Harper** who will be 3 in April. — J.S.

2007

REUNION 2017

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2008

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Sebastian Xavier was born to **Hannah Bulle Steinhauer** and husband **Kevin** Dec. 20. Sebastian weighed 4 pounds, 14 ounces. They live on Long Island, N.Y., and are excited to bring Sebastian back to Bucknell to cheer on the Bison.

Michael Rakszawski married **Chelsea Natarian** Oct. 22 in Newtown, Pa. Attending were **Justin** and **Emily DeLong Greenly**, **Gregory '94** and **Ellen Amarante**, **Phil Amarante '18** and **Suzanne Domzalski** (assistant Catholic campus minister), along with other family members and friends. Michael and Chelsea traveled to Rome, Italy, for their honeymoon and had the opportunity to meet Pope Francis.

Matt and **Melissa Ravely D'Agostino** had their first child, **Benjamin Isaac**, Dec. 17.

Alex Ellis and **Steve Studnick** married Sept. 4 in Napa Valley, Calif., and were fortunate to be in great company with 26 other Bucknellians: **Amanda Sidman**, **Michelle Walker**, **Ann Gustafson**, **Kerry Powers**, **Mackenzie Duane**, **John '09**

THE WATER ADVOCATE

When **Alexandra Campbell-Ferrari '09** came to Bucknell, she planned to improve her golf game with the school's Division I team. But she soon found herself distracted by a role in student government, writing for *The Bucknellian* and a burgeoning interest in political science. She quit the golf team her first semester, but her passion for good government has proven much more durable, leading her through law school and into her current role as executive director of the Washington, D.C.-based Center for Water Security and Cooperation (CWSC). This recently launched nonprofit aims to be, in Campbell-Ferrari's words, "the go-to organization for water security" for governments — local, federal and international.

The CWSC's focus is on improving water law for all stakeholders. "We examine the role and impact of legal institutions and frameworks on the management of water to determine whether the laws are achieving their purpose and objectives. We work to make sure that the law is providing a long-term vision for water management that engages all stakeholders."

Since co-founding the CWSC in 2015, Campbell-Ferrari has led projects such as building a database of African water laws and creating a collaborative drought-resistance initiative between the United States and Spain (where she'd been a Fulbright scholar in 2014). She wrote a study on the legal feasibility of financing water infrastructure repair through customer utility bills. Campbell-Ferrari also works to raise awareness about water security. Last year, Campbell-Ferrari twice addressed the subject for a Bucknell audience, first for a talk in March, and later for a panel on Water Law and Security as part of the 11th Annual Susquehanna River Symposium in November.

"At the end of the day, Republicans and Democrats alike have to drink water," Campbell-Ferrari says. "The priorities they both have depend on accessible water. There's a significant need for impartial voices who aren't involved in advocating on a specific side of a dispute but can say, 'Here are the issues that are before you.' In politics there are winners and losers, but when it comes to water, there cannot be any losers." — *Michael Agresta*



GORDON WENZEL

and Erin Doyle Morrison, Brittany Neligan, Chris Turney, Zach Duloc, Meghan Brown Schaefer, Kalani Cowles, James Faraci, Peter Sherman, Chris and Alexandra Coleman Connelly, Jackson and Ali Mainka Noel '09, Carl Baird, George "Jake" Pratt, Ian Martin '07, Jess Brokaw Cahill, Andrew Goodhand, Todd '87 and Kathy Yates Gray '87 and Gail Sawczuk '79. Chad and Lauren Teschemacher Glasser had their second child, Anna Mari, Jan. 6. She joins big brother Brandon. The family lives in Pittsburgh. — L.C.A.

2009

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Casey Carr-Jones is expanding her resume review business while she circumnavigates the globe as a digital nomad. After eight years of human resources and recruiting experience, she launched Jump Start Resume with a behind-the-scenes look on what recruiters and hiring managers are looking for. For every resume she reviews for a fee, Casey reviews the resume of a military veteran for free. Check out jumpstartresume.com to learn more, and follow her travels on Instagram @ [apackedsuitcase_y](https://www.instagram.com/apackedsuitcase_y) or apackedsuitcase.com.

Note: To read more about Casey's globetrotting, see Last Word on Page 72.

Lucy Mensah received her Ph.D. in English from Vanderbilt University in June 2016 and began at the Detroit Institute of Arts Museum as an assistant curator of contemporary art in 2017.

Clint Orloski will move to Seattle in July to begin a two-year medical critical-care fellowship at the University of Washington.

Jessica Vooris finished her Ph.D. in women's studies at the University of Maryland (UMD) in August. Her dissertation, "Life Uncharted," explored the experiences of parents raising transgender, gender-creative and gay children, and she is now turning it into a book.

Jessica is still at UMD, where she has a postdoc and is teaching Introduction to LGBT Studies, The Queer Child and Birth to Death: LGBTQ Life-Trajectories. Her blog is at jvoor.wordpress.com.

Christine Yaged is chief product officer and co-founder of a digital marketing/tech startup studio called Launch Potato in Delray Beach, Fla. The company has open positions available, some of which are remote opportunities. Check out launchpotato.com/careers and contact Christine at christine@launchpotato.com.

Stacey Yarborough is an Army captain and company commander of a headquarters at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. She's in charge of all motor transport operator course instructors who train all Army enlisted truck drivers. She took over this position last June and recently graduated from Webster University with a master of science in environmental management.

Morgane Treanton married Alex Mattern Oct. 8 at the Scituate Harbor Yacht Club in Massachusetts. **Mikaela Mathern**, Jessica Vooris and **Sophie Krisch '10** were bridesmaids. **Marc Henry** and **Adrienne Jensen-Doray** also celebrated with them.

Jeff and Margaret Hartman Boehmer had their first child, Madeline Mae, Aug. 26. Margaret reported that it has been a wonderful few months with her.

Patrick and Madeline Yano McCrann had their second child, Hayes Christopher, in March 2016. Their first, Everett, is 2, and the family lives in The Woodlands, Texas. Patrick is in the energy business, and Madeline started a small business teaching cotillion.

Scott '08 and Sarah Surgala Wasilko had their second child, Reid Scott, Dec. 22. He joins big sister Amelia, and the family is thrilled to have another future Bucknellian.

Mike Cobetto joined the firm GBQ as a manager in the company's tax practice. Mike has more than seven years of tax and accounting experience and started his accounting career at KPMG. He also was in the federal tax group at Plante Moran. — M.L.L.

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2010

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Hi, Class of 2010. Hope your 2017 is off to a great start. Please stay in touch with any updates for future issues.

Cassie Andreychik Ellison writes, "I graduated from The Commonwealth Medical College with my M.D. in 2015 and started dermatology residency at Geisinger Medical Center. I also got married in July 2016 to Todd Ellison." Congrats to Cassie and Todd! — J.H.

Note: Joshua Mann sent this message to class reporter Jennifer Hirsch, which we're happy to print here.

"Dearest Jenny,

"In you I've found the love of my life and my closest, truest friend.

"I eagerly await many more years of 'ray Bucknell chants and bad jokes together with you.

"I want to be with you today,

tomorrow and for the rest of our lives.

"Will you marry me?
"Love, Josh"

2011

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Laura Van Schaack married Connor Greissing June 18, 2016, in Jackson Hole, Wyo. Bucknellians attending included **Rebecca Devine** and **Lauren Peyser**, who were both bridesmaids, and **John Scally '12**. Laura and Connor both work in commercial real estate and live in Austin, Texas. Congratulations, Laura, and welcome to the orange-and-blue family, Connor.

Sarah Block got engaged to Joseph Cohen in December. The couple both attended George Washington University Law School, having graduated in 2014 and 2015, respectively, and met on the metro in

Washington, D.C., in fall 2013. Congratulations to this D.C. power couple. We can't wait to hear about all of your future successes. — L.M.

2012

REUNION 2017

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Love has brought a lot of Bucknellians together in recent months — especially for the soccer team. **Jermaine Jarrett '13**, who's been living in London and working for Goldman Sachs, popped the question to **Dara Dwojewski '11** on Christmas Eve. **Will Byrne '10** proposed to **Natasha Abdulmassih** just before the holidays. They live in San Francisco and are surrounded by good friends including **Will O'Brien '10**, **Alex Meisel '10**, **Conor O'Brien '10**, **Randy Ang '10**, **Hartley Stahel** (who just started business school at Harvard) and **Beth O'Brien**. **Luke Joyner** and **Chris Smillie** were married in October, and there were Bucknellians at the wedding including **Andrew Powell** and **Marc Hartmann** as groomsmen, and **Remy deBrauwere**, **Brittany Rendell** and **Kristen Witte** as bridesmaids. There was also **Brendan Burgdorf '13**, **Josh Plump '13**, **Alex Zak**, **Michelle Doak**, **Brenna O'Neill**, **Izzy Catalano '13**, **Katie Bishop '13**, **Ryan Sappington**, **Jessica Macaluso** (my former roommate) and **Tommy Caso** at the ceremony. Coincidentally, Chris's dad, **Charles Smillie '80**, graduated from our alma mater, too. Also in October, **Heather Parmelee** married Brandon Altieri, and **Kelly Castafero** got engaged to Jonathan Woy, to be married in December in Philadelphia. The holiday season brought engagements for **Anjali Jotwani** and **Vishaal Hariprasad**. In July, **Erin Kircher** became Erin Swanson after marrying Alex Swanson. She finished her master's in education at Stanford and is teaching fifth grade in Novato, Calif. **JJ**

Parker and **Morgan Loughery**, who now live in Chicago, tied the knot around New Year's with friends including **Michael Sena**, **Jeff Church**, **Clark Bogle**, **Taylor Willis** and **Phil Kim** at the ceremony. Meanwhile, **Jennifer Lind** is engaged to Nicholas Angelus, who saved her life in a car accident in 2013; he proposed at sunset on the cliffs of Cape Sounion in Greece. **Doug Shribman '11** proposed to **Lauren Fry '11** in January while the two visited Puerto Rico, accompanied by **Meghan Fitzpatrick '13** and **Richie Hyden '11**. **Lauren Reitz '13** married **Charlie Morrison** Oct. 29. Other Bucknellians in the wedding party were **Michael Morrison '14**, **Lora Carpenter '13** and **Olivia Reed '14**, and there were a lot of other Bucknellians at the wedding, too. They were married in Nashville, Tenn., where they live.

There were big moves on the professional front, as well. **Sithanda Ntuka** began working at AllianceBernstein (AB) in New York after two years at KPMG, while **Alli Weinberger** left AB to work for Altair Advisers in Chicago. **Paul Bossidy** moved from Octagon Credit Investors to Frontier Communications, while **Matt Stevens '13** left Bloomberg (where I am now and where he worked for two years) and joined Lyrical Partners, an asset-management firm. **Wes Pyron** still lives in Washington, D.C., but started a new job at Corridor Partners. **Max Stiss** moved to New York and started working at FITECH Consultants. **Jason Foreit '11** is ditching New York for a new job at DoubleLine Capital in Los Angeles, and **Greg Stewart '11** is leaving us behind for a new gig in Boston, working for Great Hill Partners. He did have a great going-away party though, where there were good friends including **Teddy Mottola '13**, **Isaac Margulis '11**, **Matt Foley**, **Eric Ferson '11** and **Anton Kovic '11**, who's almost finished with his MBA at NYU Stern, the program that I just started.

New York has brought so many of us together. I'm still living with **Kat Watson**, who recently ran into her rowing teammate **Nicole "Colie" Pilling** for the first time in five years. Colie taught English in France and received her master's in

England before returning to the United States. She works with a nonprofit to benefit Haiti.

Don't forget to let me know when you're in NYC. It's been great to run into so many alumni and see how far we've come. For more notes, don't hesitate to contact me. Talk to you soon. — S.B.

2013

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I hope to be getting more of your notes and updates. Do you have something you would like to share with Bucknell but are not sure how? Know you can always drop me an email with the happenings in your lives and have it published here. Our first Reunion is just a year away, but I do hope to see some of you at this year's festivities as well. For now, here are a couple of updates.

Kirstin Clouser is working on her master's in archaeology at Oxford University.

Courtney Lambert was accepted into Thomas Jefferson University's accelerated nursing program in November and will start in May. After almost four years in NYC, Courtney will move to Philadelphia in April.

Cristiane Maia started her third year at Industrial Light & Magic, where she is a resource assistant on films such as *Deepwater Horizon* and *Rogue One: A Star Wars Story*. Recently, Cristiane and some of her co-workers launched a project called Women in Visual Effects, in which they highlight the talented women in the visual-effects field. For more information, check out www.womeninvfx.com. — M.Z.

2014

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Emily Purtill started at the University of Pennsylvania Law School in the fall and plans to graduate in 2019.

Justin Honigstein, having moved to Chicago to pursue a career in music, started a band six months ago. Honeystone

released its first single, "Bundle," in December. It can be found on Facebook, Spotify, YouTube and iTunes, among other platforms. Their debut album was set to be released in February.

Allie Valenti completed the Leadership Program at Stanley Black & Decker in October. She works on its corporate environmental affairs team at the world headquarters in Connecticut. — L.W.

2015

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In December, **Ian Wellington** proposed to girlfriend **Megan Smith '15** on the Malesardi Quad. Megan is a project coordinator at Lutron Electronics Inc. in the Lehigh Valley, and Ian is a second-year medical student at the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore. Megan and Ian started dating their first year at Bucknell, and follow in the footsteps of Megan's parents (**Mark '87** and **Beth Wormann Smith '89**) and grandparents (**Robert '62** and **Barbara Bruns Smith '63**) who also met at Bucknell.

2016

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In Memoriam

1935

Susan Hamblin Hackenberg, Hatboro, Pa., Nov. 6. She was a homemaker. Survivors include two children and two grandchildren.

1937

Charles Vogel P'65, G'94, G'95, GG'19, West Chester, Pa., Nov. 17. A member of Kappa Alpha Sigma and a class reporter for *Bucknell Magazine*, he was vice president of sales for Olin Aluminum and a manufacturer's representative for fabricating specialty metals. He was treasurer of West Chester Meals on Wheels and an interviewer for the Hershey's Mill Community television station. He was predeceased by his wife, **O. Virginia Fisher Vogel '40**. Surviving are two children, including **Lynne Vogel Cox '65**; five grandchildren, including **Colby Cox Miller '94** and **Collyn Bement Gilbert '95**; and nine great-grandchildren, including **Cole Bement '19**.

1938

June Grim Renville, Akron, Ohio, Nov. 26. A member of Pi Beta Phi, she was a homemaker and school volunteer. She was

predeceased by her husband, **Robert Renville '38**, and a daughter. Survivors include two children, four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

1939

Larnie Shaw, Haddonfield, N.J., Dec. 31. He earned a master's from Temple University. He was a tugboat captain, was chief of repair and maintenance and general manager of L.B. Shaw Marine Transportation, worked for Greenwich Oyster Co., and was a teacher at Collingswood and Triton high schools and a guidance counselor at Highland Regional High School. Survivors include three children, nine grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Dorothea Zerbola Kelchner, Merchantville, N.J., Jan. 31. She was a member of Alpha Chi Omega, Mortar Board academic honor society and Sigma Tau Delta English honor society. Survivors include one daughter, three grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

1941

Arthur Jacobson G'01, West Palm Beach, Fla., June 3. A member of Sigma Alpha Mu,



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The Bucknellian and Christian Association, he attended the Casey Jones School of Aeronautics and was a captain in the Army Air Corps during WWII. He was the owner of Jacobson's Ethan Allen furniture store in Staten Island, N.Y. He was also past president of a local chamber of commerce. Surviving are two sons; two grandchildren, including **Jessica Jacobson Spencer '01**; and three great-grandchildren.

Frances Gilson Reynolds, Erie, Pa., Oct. 21. A member of Pi Beta Phi, Mortar Board academic honor society, Phi Beta Kappa and Pi Delta Epsilon journalism honor society, she was a kindergarten teacher. Survivors include four sons, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

1943

Thomas Brislin P'81, Altamonte Springs, Fla., Jan. 4. He was in the Navy during WWII, and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

He was vice president and trust officer of PNC Bank in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and a member of the Luzerne County Bar Association. Surviving are his wife; two sons, including **Thomas Brislin '81**; and two grandsons.

Florence Dietrich Brewer, Rochester, N.Y., Jan. 10. She taught English courses, was a librarian and worked for the transportation department, all at Penn State University. Survivors include three daughters, eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

1944

Mary Frances Olsen Muncaster, Hockessin, Del., Nov. 13. A member of Kappa Delta, she was a substitute teacher and a piano and organ player. Survivors include three children, six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Sybil Kealey Persely, Lansdale, Pa., Nov. 18. She earned a master's from the University of Pennsylvania and was a professor of mathematics

at Drexel University and Temple University Ambler Campus. Survivors include two sons and five grandchildren.

1945

June Bunnell Richards, Webster, N.Y., Nov. 2. She was a member of Cap and Dagger, Kappa Delta, Christian Association, and Student Government. Survivors include five children, eight grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild and a sister, **Catherine Bunnell '43**.

Leroy Schellhardt, Naugatuck, Conn., Dec. 22. He was in the Marines during WWII, attended Yale University and Hartwick College, and earned a master's from New Jersey Institute of Technology. He worked for the Lackawanna Railroad and Western Electric. He was a Shriner's clown and district governor for Toastmasters International. Survivors include two children, two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

1947

Roland Herpst, West Columbia, S.C., Nov. 1. A member of Kappa Sigma, *L'Agenda* and Omicron Delta Kappa leadership honor society, he was in the Army Air Corps during WWII, and worked in the metals industry, including as an inside sales representative for Alcoa and product manager for Williams and Co. He was also a private pilot. He was predeceased by his wife, **Elma Zeigler Herpst '49**. Survivors include two children and three grandchildren.

Marilyn Miner Lawson P'75, P'92, P'03, G'92, Lewisburg, Pa., Nov. 9. A member of Phi Mu, she was the assistant to the superintendent and secretary to the school board of the Lewisburg Area School District. She was also a judge of elections in East Buffalo Township, Pa. She was predeceased by her husband, **Lawrence Lawson '48**. Surviving are three children, **Marcia Lawson Aikey '75, Lawrence Lawson M'92** and

Diane Lawson Hackenberg '03; 12 grandchildren, including **Kevin Kratzer '92**; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Stanley "Bucky" Strang, Elmer, N.J., Jan. 22. A member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and ROTC, he was in the Navy during WWII. He owned and operated Strang Transportation and was a real-estate broker. He was a member of the Elmer Hospital Board of Directors and the Elmer Board of Education. Survivors include four children, 10 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

William Williams, Jamesville, N.Y., Nov. 4. A member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and the Navy V-12 Program, he was in the Navy during WWII, and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. He was a professor and dean of the College of Medicine at the State University of New York Upstate Medical University, and editor-in-chief of *Williams Hematology*. Survivors include his wife, three children, six stepchildren and 18 grandchildren.

1948

Kathryn Crothers Frehafer, Newport News, Va., Nov. 9. A member of Delta Delta Delta, Alpha Lambda Delta scholastic honor society and Sigma Delta Pi Spanish honor society, she was a homemaker. Survivors include five children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Paul LaMont, Whitehall, Pa., Oct. 19. A member of the Navy V-12 Program, he was in the Navy during WWII. He worked for Liberty Mutual Insurance Co. and was a medical service representative for Ayerst Laboratories. He was secretary and executive director for the Lehigh Valley Pharmaceutical Association. Survivors include his daughter, stepson, two grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren, five great-grandchildren and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

Robert McClintock, Morganton, N.C., Sept. 3. He was a member of Kappa Sigma, the Navy V-12 Program, football and basketball teams.

1949

William Marcoux, Phillipsburg, Pa., Nov. 4. A member of the Navy V-12 Program and Student Government, he was in the Navy during WWII and graduated from Wilkes College. Survivors include three children.

John "Jack" Wheatcroft, Lewisburg, Pa., March 14. He was a poet, author and longtime professor of English at Bucknell. See full obituary on Page 45.

Leslie Wilkinson, Plymouth, Mass., Nov. 29. A member of Sigma Chi and the Navy V-12 Program, he was a lieutenant colonel in the Air Force. He was predeceased by his first wife, **Mary Tonkens Wilkinson '48**, and by his second wife. Surviving are three children, including **Alice Wilkinson Conover '84**; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

1950

Robert Bucher, Wycombe, Pa., Dec. 28. A member of Kappa Sigma and football, he was in the Army during WWII. He earned a medical degree from Thomas Jefferson Medical College, was an intern at Mercer Hospital in Trenton, N.J., practiced family medicine in Wycombe and Penns Park, Pa., and was on staff at Doylestown Hospital. Survivors include two children, five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

David Grimm P'76, G'01, G'06, Sunbury, Pa., Nov. 3. A member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Chorale, and track and field and a class reporter for *Bucknell Magazine*, he was in the Army during WWII. He worked in sales for radio and television companies, including as vice president of sales for ABC. He was predeceased by his first wife and a son. Surviving are his wife; three children, including **Susan Grimm O'Brien '76**; three stepchildren; 15 grandchildren, including **Kevin O'Brien '01** and **Drew O'Brien '06**; and eight great-grandchildren.

George Miller, Olney, Md.,

Oct. 28. A member of Electrical and Electronics Engineers and Pi Sigma Alpha political science honor society, he was in the Navy during WWII. He was a systems engineer for IBM. Survivors include four children, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

John Mook, Delmont, Pa., Jan. 20. A member of Tau Kappa Epsilon, Band, Christian Association, WVBU and Symphony Orchestra, he was in the Navy during WWII and the Korean War. He owned and operated Delmont Hardware and was a member of the Franklin Regional School Board. Survivors include his daughter, two grandsons and five great-grandchildren.

Catherine Richardson Roberts, Keller, Texas, Dec. 26, 2015. She earned an associate's degree and was a dental hygienist. She was predeceased by her husband, **Ralph Roberts '49**. Survivors include three children; and five grandchildren.

Bruce Shoemaker, Sunbury, Pa., Dec. 1. A member of Pi Mu Epsilon mathematics honor society, he was in the cadet program of the Army Air Corps during WWII. He worked as a manager for Packard Motor Car Co. and Ford, and was a teacher and business manager in the Lewisburg Area School District. Survivors include four children, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

1951

Jane Gale Hiers, Gainesville, Fla., Dec. 1. A member of the Association of Sociology Students, NAACP, Student Government, Psi Chi psychology honor society, *L'Agenda*, Christian Association, Chorale and Christian Fellowship, she worked for the American Psychological Association and the Congress of Industrial Organizations and was a research assistant at Yale Divinity School and a social worker in public housing in New Haven, Conn. She was later a founding member of Gainesville Women for Equal Rights, chair of the Gainesville League of Women Voters'

criminal justice committee, president of 4Cs Child Care and a member of the Bell Nursery Board, a governor's Task Force on Sex Offenders and Victims, the Alachua County Commission's advisory committee on planning and staffing of the Alachua County Detention Center and the Gainesville police chief's citizens advisory committee. Survivors include her husband and two children.

George Jones, Ocean City, N.J., April 4, 2014. A member of Sigma Chi, he was in the Navy SeaBees during WWII and worked for Campbell Soup. He was predeceased by his first wife. Survivors include his wife, five children, three stepchildren, five grandchildren, six step-grandchildren and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

Thomas Riddell, Kilmarnock, Va., Dec. 7. He was a member of Kappa Sigma.

Nancy Tatnall Whipple, Newark, Del., Oct. 30. A member of Pi Mu, Chorale and Chapel Choir, she sang with several church choirs and other groups. Survivors include one son.

1952

Dorey Lum, Suffern, N.Y., Jan. 20. A member of Sigma Phi Epsilon and Intramurals, he was a research chemist and author. Survivors include his wife, two children and five grandchildren.

Earle Mead, Sidney, Ohio, Jan. 7. A member of Tau Kappa Epsilon, Intramurals, WVBU, Band and Electrical and Electronics Engineers, he was in the Army during the Korean War. He worked for Pennsylvania Power and Light and at several nuclear power plants in the Midwest. Survivors include three children and four grandchildren.

1953

Martin Bowers G'17, Frederick, Md., Oct. 23. A member of Band, basketball and Phi Kappa Psi, he was in the Navy during the Korean War. He

worked for a family lumber business and later was a lumber broker and marketing vice president for Lawrence R. McCoy & Co. He was also president of the Eastern Lumber Salesmen's Association and served on the board of the American Red Cross of Southeastern Pennsylvania. Surviving are his wife, two children and five grandchildren, including **Brittany Bowers '17**.

Frank Kutz, Rogers, Ohio, Jan. 14. A member of Band and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, he was in the military and was president of Kutz Engineering Inc., Kutz Industrial Park Inc. and Tate-Jones Inc. He was predeceased by a sister, **Lois Kutz Schlacks '46**; a daughter; and a granddaughter. Survivors include his wife and three children.

1954

Ann Sides Bishop, Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 21. A member of *The Bucknellian*, Delta Delta Delta, Delta Phi Alpha German honor society and *L'Agenda*, she produced water shows and community theater musicals. She was a founding member of Pro Musica community chorus and operated several businesses. Survivors include four children, eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

William Cook, Lexington, Ky., Dec. 28. A member of Cap and Dagger, Phi Lambda Theta, Omicron Delta Kappa leadership honor society and Chorale, he graduated from Tufts University School of Medicine and was a medical officer in the Army. He was a surgical resident at Tufts New England Medical Center and Memorial Hospital for Cancer and Allied Diseases, and chief of surgery at General Hospital and Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg, Ky. He was also a courtesy staff member at Our Lady of the Way Hospital and Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, held teaching appointments at Tufts New England Medical Center and the University of Kentucky School of Medicine, and was a preceptor at several colleges and universities. He was a

member of many professional and medical-education organizations, and in retirement created wood art. Survivors include his wife, two sons, five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

1956

Neil Karkus, Dallas, Texas, Sept. 16. A member of Sigma Alpha Mu, Student Government, Intramurals, *L'Agenda*, WVBU, Hillel and Christian Fellowship, he was in the Navy during the Vietnam War. Survivors include his wife, two children and four grandchildren.

1957

John Beatty, Erie, Pa., Oct. 30. A member of Phi Kappa Psi, Intramurals, ROTC, Christian Association, basketball and track and field, he was a second lieutenant in the Army. He earned a law degree from the University of Pennsylvania and was a lawyer specializing in civil litigation and a partner with the firm of Knox, Weber, Pearson and McLaughlin. He was also a solicitor for the Erie School District and the Millcreek Township School District and a special assistant attorney general for the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board. Survivors include his wife, **Barbara Nagle Beatty '59**; two children; five grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

Edward Fisher, Charlottesville, Va., Oct. 15. A member of Kappa Delta Rho and ROTC, he was in the Army during the Korean War and the Vietnam War, then the Pennsylvania National Guard and the Army Reserves. He was an intelligence analyst with the U.S. Army Foreign Science and Technology Center. Survivors include his wife, two children and five granddaughters.

David Fox, Scottsdale, Ariz., Oct. 20. A member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, he was in the Army. He worked in the financial and accounting division for Transamerica and Ticor. Survivors include his wife, three children

and a granddaughter.

Donald Hofstadter, Miami, Fla., Dec. 18. A member of Sigma Alpha Mu, Psychology Club, Intramurals, WVBU, American Society of Civil Engineers, ROTC and Christian Association, he was in the Army Reserves. He worked in the investment business, most recently with UBS. Survivors include his wife, a son, two stepsons and one grandson.

Ronald Porter, Blountville, Tenn., Nov. 14. A member of Cap and Dagger, Lambda Chi Alpha and ROTC, he was a major in the Army and earned a master's from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. He was director of research, a consultant and researcher for the Safe Surfin' Foundation. Survivors include his wife and two children.

1958

Sarah Bucher Tietzworth, Maryville, Tenn., July 1, 2015. She was a church organist and choir director. Survivors include two children and three grandchildren.

1959

William Cahn, Armonk, N.Y., Jan. 9. A member of Cap and Dagger, Sigma Alpha Mu, Student Government, Intramurals and ROTC, he worked on Wall Street before earning a master's from Manhattanville College and teaching 8th-grade history in the Bronxville Union Free School District. In retirement he worked with the Holocaust and Human Rights Education Center at Manhattanville College and served on boards for the Blythdale Children's Hospital, Mt. Pleasant-Blythdale Union Free School District and the Lower Hudson Valley Alzheimer's Association Board. He was also a lacrosse referee and member of the Hudson Valley Lacrosse Hall of Fame. Survivors include his wife, **Jane Roudabush Cahn '59**, three children, and eight grandchildren.

Donald Federroll, Pasadena,

Md., Jan. 21. A member of Phi Kappa Psi, he was in the Army and attended Lycoming College. He worked in sales for Scott Paper Co. Survivors include his wife, two sons and two grandchildren.

1960

David Murdock, Rapid City, S.D., Sept. 24. A member of Delta Upsilon, Omicron Delta Kappa leadership honor society, Premedical Society, Chapel Choir and wrestling, he attended Yale School of Medicine and performed his residency at Wayne State University. He served in the Air Force. He was a private-practice physician in Minneapolis and at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota, and a locum doctor in Maine, Alaska, Arizona and South Dakota. Survivors include four children and 10 grandchildren.

1961

S. Bruce Millon P'85, Naples, Fla., Nov. 9. A member of Cap and Dagger, Concern and Action, Phi Lambda Theta and *The Bucknellian*, he was a buyer for Sears, worked in children's merchandising for Stone Manufacturing, was vice president of Health-Tex Children's Wear, was vice president of Lee Jeans and owned Top Notch Heating, Cooling and Plumbing in Olathe, Kan. Surviving are his wife; two sons, including **S. John Millon '85**; one stepson; and five grandchildren.

Richard Wilderman, Nehalem, Ore., Oct. 13. A member of Kappa Delta Rho and Student Government, he attended Utica College and earned a master's from San Jose State University. He worked for chemical manufacturing companies including Barnes-Hind, Inc., Mt. Hood Chemical Corp. and Tek Chemical, where he was head chemist. He was also proprietor and chocolate maker at Ed Curry Candies in Portland, Ore., and a professional

photographer. Survivors include three children and five grandchildren.

Patricia Marsh Vanderveer, Iselin, N.J., Dec. 4. Survivors include a daughter, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

1962

Roger Braun, North Port, Fla., Dec. 2. A member of Theta Chi, Association of Sociology Students, Christian Association and ROTC, he was in the Army during the Vietnam War, and earned an MBA from Central Michigan University. He worked for the federal government and was community development director for the city of Key West and Monroe County, Fla., president of the Florida Association of Redevelopment and Housing Officials, president of the Key West Military Affairs Committee, host of *Political Pulse* on WPTV and executive director of the Florida Aqueduct Authority.

David Windes, Manhattan Beach, Calif., Dec. 18. A member of Theta Chi, *Engineer* magazine, WVBU, Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Omicron Delta Kappa leadership honor society, Phi Eta Sigma first-year honor society and Tau Beta Pi engineering honor society, he earned a master's from the University of Southern California. He worked for Hughes Aircraft on the Surveyor Spacecraft program, which produced the first U.S.-launched spacecraft to soft-land on the moon. He later worked for Hughes on government satellites and ground stations. Survivors include his wife, two daughters and two grandchildren.

1963

Barry Heaver, Tulsa, Okla., Jan. 10. A member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Student Government, Delta Mu Delta, *Fire and Ice* and WVBU, he was a lawyer. Survivors include his wife and a son.

Hilary Richard Missimer, Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 12. A

member of Tau Kappa Epsilon and Chapel Choir, he also attended West Chester University and was in the Army. Survivors include his sister.

Barbara Post Walton, Falls Church, Va., Oct. 11. A member of Delta Phi Alpha German honor society, Kappa Kappa Gamma, *L'Agenda* and Student Government, she worked for Walton & Adams law firm and later was a homemaker. Survivors include her husband, three children and three grandchildren.

J. Robin Harris, Bluffton, S.C., Jan. 19. A member of swimming and diving, Phi Gamma Delta and ROTC, he was a lieutenant in the Army. He was a marketing representative and account manager with IBM and worked for ADP. Survivors include his wife, two children, a stepdaughter and six grandchildren.

1964

Peter Canonico, Middletown, Md., Oct. 19. A member of *The Bucknellian*, *L'Agenda*, Phi Lambda Theta and ROTC, he was in the Army, and earned a master's from the University of South Carolina and a doctorate from Rutgers University. He was a research scientist at the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases, chief of the antiviral studies department for the Department of Defense and an adjunct professor at Hood College. He also helped design and develop the Frederick Research Center for the Southern Research Institute and ran Hallmark Gold Crown stores. Survivors include his wife, two sons and four grandchildren.

Sigrid Christensen Novak, South Orange, N.J., Oct. 25. A member of Pi Delta Epsilon journalism honor society, Sigma Tau Delta English honor society and *The Bucknellian*, she was a case worker for the New Jersey Division of Youth and Family Services, a founding member of the South Orange/Maplewood Educational Alliance, president and board member of Family Connection and a trustee of the Foundation

for Diabetes Research. Surviving are her husband, **Darryl Novak '63**, and three children.

1965

Thomas Hoffman, Chester, N.Y., June 26. He was a member of Intramurals, ROTC and track and field.

Theodore Ratkus, Williamsburg, Va., Nov. 21. A member of Phi Gamma Delta and football, he worked in sales and marketing in the printed consumer goods and packaging industry. Survivors include his wife, three daughters and eight grandchildren.

1967

Grant Atwell, Meyersdale, Pa., Dec. 7. A member of Tau Kappa Epsilon, he earned a doctorate from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. He was an intern at Brentwood Hospital in Warrensville Heights, Ohio, operated a family medical practice in Salisbury, Pa., and was on the medical staff at Meyersdale Community Hospital. He served on boards for the Meyersdale Area School District, Somerset County Hospital Authority, Meyersdale Area Union Cemetery, Meyersdale Public Library and Meyersdale Wind Energy Center. Survivors include a sister, niece **Ann Naragon '03** and a nephew.

1968

Peter Bream, Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 24. A member of Interfraternity Council, Phi Kappa Psi and Sailing Club, he earned a degree from the University of North Carolina School of Medicine and completed a residency and fellowship in radiology at Shands Hospital in Gainesville, Fla. He was a professor of cardiac radiology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He later worked for McCloy, Clark & Berk PA Radiology Services

at St. Vincent's Medical Center in Jacksonville. Survivors include his wife, two children, seven grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

1969

Margaret Boutwell Kolaya, Plainfield, N.J., Dec. 1. A member of Pi Beta Phi, she earned a master's from Rutgers University. She was the head of the library at the Wardlaw-Hartridge School, assistant director of the Rockwood Library in Livingston, N.J., director of the Clark Public Library and director of the Scotch Plains Public Library. She also helped develop the national Libraries and Autism: We're Connected movement for inclusion of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Survivors include her husband, **John Kolaya '70**, two children, two grandchildren, and her mother.

1970

Mark Simon, Dorchester, Mass., Oct. 25. A member of Athletic Trainers Club, football, Christian Fellowship, lacrosse and WVBU, he earned a master's from the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth and was a seventh-grade teacher in Wareham, Mass. Survivors include three children.

1971

William Mates, Lawrenceville, N.J., Jan. 11. A member of Cap and Dagger, Residence Hall Association, Phi Beta Kappa and Pi Sigma Alpha political science honor society, he earned a master's from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Sloan School of Management. He was an economist for the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. Survivors include his wife.

John Schetky, South

Thomaston, Maine, Sept. 29. He was a member of the Sports Car Club of America.

1972

Mary Sheriff, Chapel Hill, N.C., Oct. 19. She earned a master's and a doctorate from the University of Delaware. She was a professor and chair of the art department at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She was also editor of the journal *Eighteenth Century Studies*. Survivors include her husband.

1994

Daniel Shields, Jermyn, Pa., Jan. 25. He was a member of Theta Chi, Interfraternity Council, Christian Fellowship and wrestling and graduated from New York Chiropractic College. He worked at Scranton Counseling Center and Friendship House. Survivors include his sister and brother.

MASTER'S

Helen Garver Bratton M'48, Belleville, Pa., Dec. 17. She earned a bachelor's from Juniata College. She taught mathematics at Kishacoquillas High School, McVeytown-Oliver High School, Southern Seminary and Madison College, and was a librarian at Mifflin County Library Rothrock branch. Survivors include two children, three grandchildren and a great-grandson.

George Deffenbaugh M'50, Pennsdale, Pa., Nov. 2. He was in the Army Air Force during WWII. He earned a bachelor's from Penn State College and also attended Bloomsburg University and Carnegie Mellon University. He was a teacher and social studies supervisor in the Williamsport Area School District, past president of the Pennsylvania Council for Education by Television, and a fiddler with the Southern Tier Blue Grass Association of New York. Survivors include his wife,

two children and two grandchildren.

Charles Phillips M'53, P'78, Lewistown, Pa., Nov. 21. He was in the Navy during WWII and the Pennsylvania National Guard during the Korean War. He earned a bachelor's from Bloomsburg State Teachers College and studied at Temple University, Franklin & Marshall College, Western Maryland College and Lehigh University. He was a teacher at Susquehannock High School and principal and superintendent of the Delaware Valley Regional School District. Survivors are two children, including **Jeffrey Phillips '78**, and three grandchildren.

Charles Muchmore M'61, Carbondale, Ill., Nov. 22. He earned a bachelor's from Lehigh University and a Ph.D. from Southern Illinois University. He worked in research and development for Merck and was a professor, assistant dean of engineering and director of the Coal Research Center at Southern Illinois University. He was president of the Illinois Society of Professional Engineers and a fellow of the National Society of Professional Engineers. Survivors include his wife, two children and six grandchildren.

Allan Rose M'65, West Pittston, Pa., Jan. 15. He earned a bachelor's from East Stroudsburg University, was a teacher, principal and federal-funding coordinator in the Abington Heights School District, and was on the West Pittston Borough Council. He served on boards for United Methodist Homes, Irem Circus and the West Pittston Ambulance Association. Survivors include his wife, two sons and five grandchildren.

FACULTY/STAFF

Elizabeth Bouchard, Lewisburg, Pa., Dec. 5. She graduated from the State University of New York at Fredonia and Vanderbilt University. She worked for Rider University and came to Bucknell in 2010. She was the director of the First Year Experience and won the Faculty/Staff of the Year Award in 2016.

Survivors include her parents and a sister.

Stephen Hayes, Lewistown, Pa., Dec. 29. He earned a bachelor's from Millersville University of Pennsylvania. He was a football coach at Juniata College and Bucknell, and also coached at the high-school level. Survivors include his wife and a son.

Edward Mastascusa P'83, P'84, P'90, Lewisburg, Pa., Feb. 5. He earned a bachelor's, master's and doctorate from Carnegie Mellon University and was in the Army. He taught at the University of Wyoming for one year before joining the Bucknell faculty in the Department of Electrical Engineering, where he was a professor for 41 years. He served as department chair, was the author of a control systems textbook and co-author of *Effective Instruction for STEM Disciplines*, and received the Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching. He was also a founding member of the West Branch Barbershop Chorus and was active in the Williamsport Community Theatre. Surviving are his wife, **Mary Mastascusa P'83, P'84, P'90**; six children, including **Noreen Mastascusa '83, Edward Mastascusa '84** and **Maria Mastascusa Law '90**; and 11 grandchildren.

Michael Payne P'97, Lewisburg, Pa., Jan. 14. He graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, and Southern Oregon College, and earned a doctorate from the University of Oregon. He was a professor of English literature at Bucknell from 1969 until 2007, and was a Presidential Professor of English, the John P. Crozer Professor of English Literature, English department chair, director of the Bucknell University Press and associate editor of *The Bucknell Review*. He helped organize a series of lectures by well-known critical theorists at Bucknell and developed courses in children's literature and literary theory, as well as the Humanities Residential College. His publications included several books on critical and cultural theory. He also helped to found and taught courses for the Bucknell Institute of Lifelong Learning,

served on the Lewisburg Area School Board, and wrote a weekly book review column for the *Daily Item* newspaper, stopping after he reached 500 books. He received the Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching and the Bucknell Class of 1956 Lectureship for Inspirational Teaching as well as a National Endowment for the Humanities research fellowship, a research fellowship with the Folger Shakespeare Library, and a visiting scholar position with the Warburg Institute of the University of London. Surviving are four children, including **Jennifer Payne '97**, and two grandsons.

Linda Ramsey, Millmont, Pa., June 27, 2013. She worked in the cafeteria at Bucknell. Survivors include her husband, a son and four grandchildren.

Douglas Widenor, Lewisburg, Pa., Dec. 4. He graduated from Rider College and was in the Navy. He worked for G.C. Murphy Co., Murphy's Mart and Ames Department Stores, and in retirement worked part time at the Kenneth Langone Athletics & Recreation Center at Bucknell. Survivors include his wife, five children, nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Debra Wilson, Millmont, Pa., Dec. 28. She attended Bucknell and Susquehanna University, and was an administrative assistant in the Women's Resource Center and Office of International Education at Bucknell. Survivors include a daughter and a grandson.

FRIENDS

Elizabeth Amoroso P'91, Naples, Fla., April 15. Surviving are her husband; two daughters, including **Jane Amoroso Roybal '91**; and four grandchildren.

Kenneth Blob P'95, Punta Gorda, Fla., July 2. He was in the Marines, attended the U.S. Naval Academy and earned a bachelor's and master's from Johns Hopkins University. He worked for Black & Decker. Surviving are two children, including **Jennifer Blob Boner '95**, and seven grandchildren.

Rhonda Davis P'17, Baltimore, Md., Nov. 19. Survivors include her daughter, **Kimberly Davis '17**.

John Donofrio P'17, Mullica Hill, N.J., Dec. 17, 2015. He earned a bachelor's from Ohio State University and a master's from Cleveland State University. He worked in research and development for Mobil and was a senior engineering associate for ExxonMobil. Surviving are his wife and two daughters, including **Rae-Ellen Donofrio '17**.

Robert Flackman P'12, Montville, N.J., Oct. 24. He earned a bachelor's from Grove City College and an MBA from Fairleigh Dickinson University. He was a mortgage loan officer for Valley National Bank. Survivors include his wife, **Cynthia Griffin Flackman '76**; and two daughters, including **Abigail Flackman '12**.

Connie Heyman, Lewisburg, Pa., Dec. 19. She attended the Peabody Institute of Music, the University of Maryland and the Secretarial School of Baltimore. She sang professionally, worked for H.G. Roebuck and Son and Marlboro Shirt Co. and was the owner of Connie's Catering and the Hotel Milton. She also worked part time at Reliable Furniture Co., the Little Shop in Lewisburg and Weis Markets, made radio commercials and volunteered for the Democratic Party. Survivors include her husband, three children, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Holly Hill, Piscataway, N.J., Oct. 25, 2015. She is survived by her husband, **David Hill '71**.

Karen Koch P'95, West Milton, Pa., Jan. 20, 2015. She graduated from Maryland Medical Secretarial School, and worked for Pennsylvania House Furniture, in food service at Evangelical Community Hospital, for Champion Shoe and in housekeeping at the Country Cupboard. Surviving are her husband; two sons, including **Bryan Koch '95**; and four grandchildren.

Helena Long, Boulder, Colo., Dec. 5. She graduated from Bouvé College of Health Sciences. She was a fashion model, taught swimming and chaired committees at the

Petroleum Club, the University of Denver and Denver Art Museum, where she was also a docent. She founded the Rocky Mountain Pre-Columbian Society. She was predeceased by her husband, **Morris "Andy" Long '49**. Survivors include three sons, six grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Gary Lowe P'13, Old Chatham, N.Y., Aug. 7, 2014. He was a carpenter and owned J. Lowe Construction LLC. He is survived by his wife and two sons, including **Erich Lowe '13**.

Joan McKeegan P'81, P'83, P'84, P'86, G'10, Aurora, Ohio, Oct. 27. She earned a degree from Mount Mercy College and a master's from Bloomsburg University. She taught home economics in Pittsburgh and in the Milton School District. She was predeceased by husband Hugh McKeegan, professor of education emeritus. Surviving are six children, including **Annemarie McKeegan Debraggio '81, Mary McKeegan Norman '83, John McKeegan '84** and **Therese McKeegan McElwee '86**; 16 grandchildren, including **Joseph Debraggio '10**; and three great-grandchildren.

Calvin McGillis G'09, Palm Springs, Calif., Jan. 11, 2016. He served in the Army, studied at Texas A&M University, and earned a bachelor's from Stanford University. He co-owned several gas stations around San Jose, Calif., was an estate planner for the New York Life Insurance Co. and was the CEO of Sunset Sports Centers. Survivors include his wife; five children; 19 grandchildren, including **Rachel McGillis '09**; and seven great-grandchildren.

Marijane Mead, Sidney, Ohio, April 1, 2015. She graduated from Hope College, and was a flight attendant, teacher and homemaker. Survivors include three children and four grandchildren.

Alfred Purrington P'90, Raleigh, N.C., April 29, 2016. He graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Harvard Law School, and was in the Navy and Naval Reserves. He was a lawyer with firms including Purrington & Purrington, Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice and Purrington

Moody Weil LLP. He served on boards for the United Way of Wake County, N.C., and the United Way of North Carolina, as director of the Triangle Land Conservancy and the Raleigh City Museum, as a trustee of the North Carolina Literary and Historical Association Endowment Trust and as president of Wake County Phi Beta Kappa. Surviving are his wife; three children, including **John Purrington '90**; and seven grandchildren.

Joseph Sansaverino P'96, Danbury, Conn., Oct. 29, 2015. He was in the Army, studied at Westchester Community College and graduated from Pace University. He led the North American human resources division of Saatchi & Saatchi. Surviving are his wife; three children, including **Christine Sansaverino Llewellyn '96**, and six grandchildren.

Joanne Shannon, Lewisburg, Pa., June 7, 2015. She earned a bachelor's from Smith College and a master's from Marywood College. She worked at the Library of Congress, assisted her family's dairy business and was an elementary-school teacher and librarian at Stourbridge Primary School in Honesdale, Pa. Survivors include a brother, **Welles Lowry '53**; nieces; and nephews, including **Steven Lowry '82**.

Coleen Stephenson P'20, Palmyra, N.J., Dec. 10. She was a pharmacy technician for Care Kinesis. Surviving are her husband and two sons, including **Noah Stephenson '20**.

Louis Tessier P'90, Falmouth, Mass., Jan. 31. He was in the Army Air Corps during WWII, the Army during the Korean War and the Massachusetts Army Reserve. He graduated from Boston College and earned a master's from

Bridgewater State College. He operated a seasonal restaurant, was a draftsman at Kingman Marine, taught high school math and science in Wareham and Bourne, Mass., worked for Prudential Insurance, and owned and operated the Sippewissett Cabins and Campground. Surviving are nine children, including **Patricia Tessier Sipple '90**; 17 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Charles Vastbinder P'83, Freehold, N.J., June 17. He was in the Army, earned an associate's from Rochester Institute of Technology and a bachelor's from Northwestern University. He worked in the pharmaceutical and health-care consumer products industry, retiring as director of international sales for Carter-Wallace, Inc. He also mentored small-business owners for the Service Corps of Retired Executives and taught at Brookdale Community College. Surviving are his wife; three daughters, including **Gail Vastbinder Giacobbe '83**; and five grandchildren.

Suzanne Vosburg P'89, Bethany Beach, Del., Sept. 3. Surviving are her husband, **Charles Vosburg '58**; a daughter; two stepsons, including **Craig Vosburg '89**; and a granddaughter.

Jerry Zelinka P'91, Naples, Fla., Dec. 22. He served in the Air Force, earned a bachelor's from the University of Tulsa and attended Norwich University. He was a technical illustrator for American Airlines, a technical writer in the oil and aviation industries and an instructor at Tulsa Junior College. Surviving are his wife, **Suzanne Zelinka P'91**; three stepchildren, including **Eric Smith '91**; and three stepgrandchildren.

& THE WINNERS ARE...



The latest Caption Contest was a real grudge match, with readers wrestling for the funniest turn of phrase. Here are our five favorite captions:

"Shush! I think I hear a heart murmur!"

— Reed Malas '19

"Language experts have recently credited Bucknell University with the origin of the term 'hug it out.'"

— Nicole Connor Taylor '01

"Bill and John take a moment to wonder what a tree stump is doing on the football field."

— Matt Mayock '89

"Can somebody help me find my left leg? It was here just a minute ago!"

— Fred Strauss '72

"I think I pulled a hammy."

— Hank Pulizzi '60

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An Unlikely Digital Nomad

Alumna lost her desk and found work/life balance while sitting atop the globe

By Casey Carr-Jones '09

February 2016: I'd just dug my car out of another three feet of snow and was deep into researching the warmest places to use up my annual 10 vacation days when I saw it — an advertisement for Remote Year.

"Travel the world with a community of digital nomads for one year! Twelve cities, twelve months, 75 professionals!"

Immediately I was intrigued. Travel the world and work? Was that possible?

My first reaction was, "It'll never happen." I thought people who shared #wanderlust posts on social media had to take a sabbatical or quit their jobs to travel long term. I didn't want to step away from work, but I wanted to see the world.

Being a stubborn, scrappy 29-year-old from New Jersey, I couldn't take no for an answer and started asking myself, "Why can't I do both?" This might seem odd for someone who'd spent her post-Bucknell career in human resources, an industry historically known to provide face-to-face, in-house support. I started researching and spotted a trend toward more jobs offering the ability to be flexible and remote. I found consulting opportunities focused on policies, compliance and leadership coaching, and realized that I might pull this off.

Three months later, I stopped dreaming of that dual lifestyle and turned it into a reality. Just a year from that snowy day, I'd lived on four continents, ridden a camel in Morocco, spent Halloween in Transylvania, taken an overnight bus to Angkor Wat, shared a coconut with a Vietnamese local, snagged a \$40 flight to Greece and even connected with fellow Bucknellian Sofija Nikolic '09 in Serbia. Oh, did I mention I did this while maintaining my career?



After a camel ride into the Sahara outside of Marrakesh, Morocco, Casey Carr-Jones '09 takes a selfie before spending the night in a Bedouin tent.

In fact, just getting out from my "normal" life was enough to give me the space and energy to start my own business, in addition to consulting. I now run Jump Start Resumé, offering clients the inside scoop on what recruiters look for in a resumé and candidate. By spending time on Remote Year — living and working with an incredible cohort, meeting fascinating locals and enjoying an authentic living experience in each city — I designed a career around the kind of life I wanted to lead, rather than fitting my life around work.

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This year has taught me many things about life. I've learned that good work doesn't necessarily come from sitting in a cubicle, that authentic experiences are more valuable than possessions and that becoming a member of the global community will make you a better world citizen.

I write this now, sitting in a co-working space in Lima, Peru, shared by an Uber office and countless startups. I've already finished my daily Spanish class. I've held calls with new clients, and I'm now on my way to grab some ceviche and join friends at a local salsa night. If I were still the Casey from a year ago, my jaw would drop in shock.

Casey Carr-Jones, an English and psychology major at Bucknell, will conclude her Remote Year in late May and plans to travel more in South America before returning to the United States. For more information about Remote Year, visit remoteyear.com. For more on Carr-Jones' personal journey, go to [instagram.com/apackedsuitcase_y](https://www.instagram.com/apackedsuitcase_y) and [apackedsuitcase.com](https://www.apackedsuitcase.com).



THEIR LEGACY: A RESOURCE FOR HEALTH AND COMPASSION

Cathy and Ted Gronlund '60 believe all college students should have access to education about alcohol and drug addiction.

"Young men and women may not realize the power of addiction, and they can get caught off guard when they go to college," says Ted. "We think it's important for them to have someplace they can turn to if they think they need help."

Including Bucknell in their estate and financial planning let them achieve their goal of providing this resource to students. The Theodore Gronlund Family Fund to support alcohol and other drug abuse education, prevention and recovery programs at Bucknell will be enacted after the couple's passing. In the meantime, they have complete control and access to their assets — and the knowledge that their legacy will help future generations stay healthy.

"Addiction is a disease, not a moral issue," says Cathy. "We hope our gift will benefit students who feel in need and offer an environment without judgment — just help and education."

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Bison guard Avi Toomer '20 lays the ball up over West Virginia forward Sagaba Konate in the first round of the NCAA Tournament as center Nana Foulland '18 watches. Read more about the women's and men's paths to the tournament on Page 14.

