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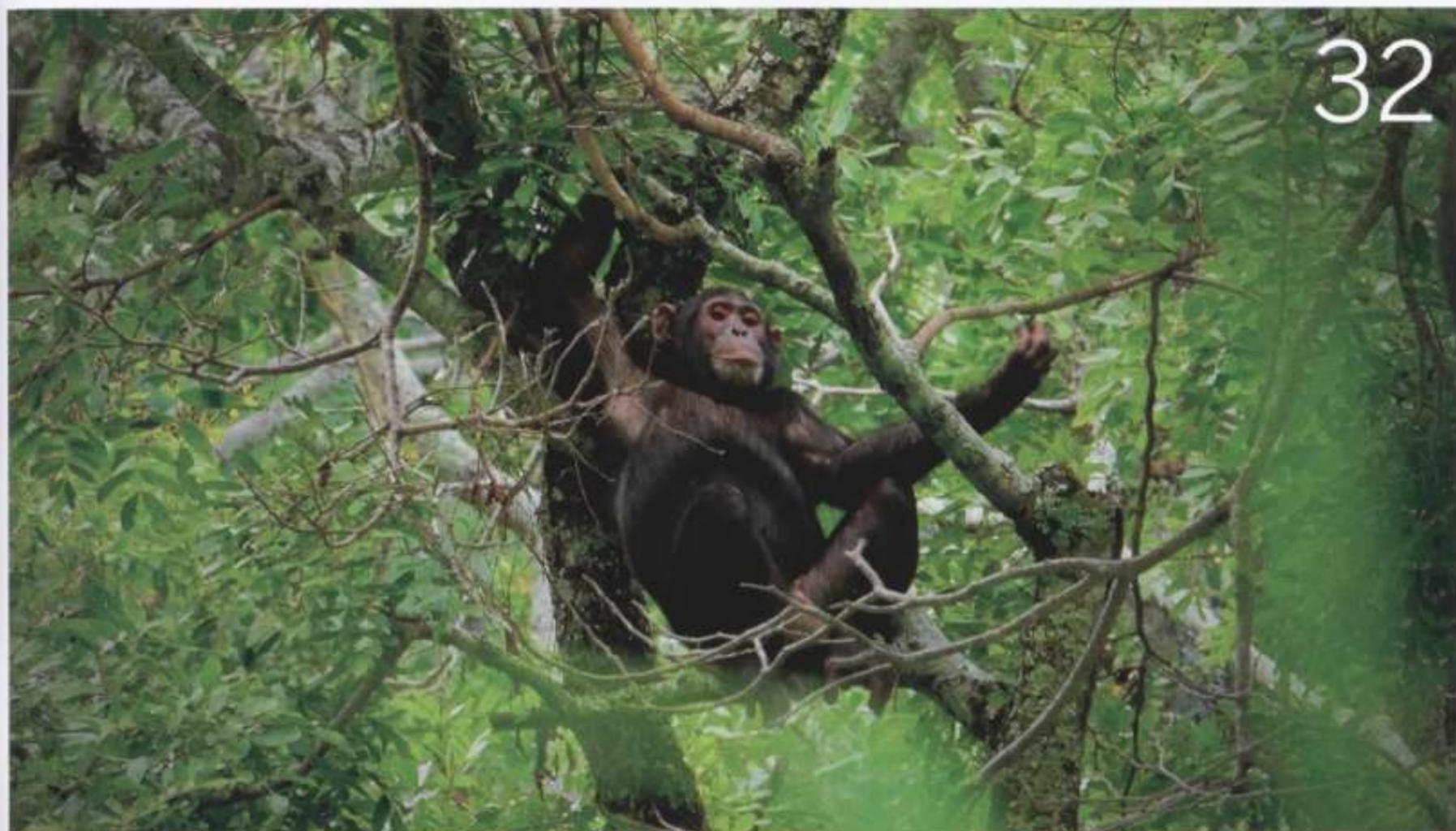


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President's Message

Reading in 2 Worlds



Popular opinion has it that engineers don't read much beyond C++ code. As I glance at the books lining the shelves in my office, with topics ranging from World War I history to photography to Shakespeare, I must beg to differ. In fact, when I moved into the President's House nearly eight years ago, my sole request was to add shelves to contain what is now a 5,000-volume library. I must confess that quite a few are still in boxes! Books on cooking share space with those on economics and political science — and with literary classics, many of which are beautifully bound and printed. I appreciate my books' aesthetic quality almost as much as I do their content.

But having an appreciation for the beauty of "analogue" hard-copy books doesn't mean I shun digital technology. For 35 years, first as an undergraduate, then as a professor and vice provost, I watched, firsthand, the growth of Silicon Valley. Some might say I became a digital geek, as I was not a digital native the way our current students are. (My first digital device was a Texas Instruments calculator, which my dad bought for me during my senior year in high school.) Although I have embraced today's digital innovations, they are, in my eyes, no substitute for good "old-fashioned" books.

That's not to say I spent my early years with my nose in a book. In fact, I was a late bloomer in that regard. It wasn't until my first year in my doctoral program, when I read Freeman Dyson's *Disturbing the Universe*, that I really caught the book bug. All of a sudden, my interest in reading exploded, and for the rest of my life I have sought to expand my reach, widely reading books of many sorts, from Jane Austen to John le Carré, Isaac Asimov to Edmund Wilson. I also subscribe to some 50 periodicals; I've been telling students for 30 years that they must spend at least 30 minutes per week with *The Economist*.

I tell you this because I sincerely believe that life is most enriched when we dwell in both worlds, the digital and the analogue. I know this has been true for me in my career and personal life, as it was for Steve Jobs, who in his iconic 2008 commencement speech at my alma mater talked about taking a calligraphy course at Reed College. This ancient ink-on-paper art greatly informed the aesthetic sensibility he brought to the beautiful typography designed for the Macintosh computer. Jobs illustrated how important it was to have a foot in both the analogue and digital worlds.

Jobs' example is one I frequently invoke, especially when talking with our students, who often prefer their sleek and lightweight devices to the older and bulkier deliverers of content. I hope they will, as I did during my college days, learn to toggle between both worlds.

For decades I have urged students to read broadly beyond what is required in class to build their best possible futures. I hope that they will discover the pleasures — aesthetic, intellectual and emotional — of an artfully produced book, much as I did so many years ago.

John Bravman
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Letters



WE DO GIVE THANKS

On behalf of the Bucknell University Alumni Association, I wish to thank alumni, parents and friends for their generous commitments and contributions to the WE DO Campaign. It moves me to realize the scope and depth of love for Bucknell reflected in the number of donors and the totality of donations. The Development & Alumni Relations (DAR) team deserves tremendous credit for nurturing Bucknell community relationships with the utmost sincerity.

When asked to contribute, Bucknell's community responded with trust and faith in the future of this institution. Heartfelt thanks go out to President John Bravman and Scott Rosevear, vice president of DAR, as well as the entire DAR team. Bucknell continues to evolve and strengthen as evidenced by all of the WE DO stories that have been published in *Bucknell Magazine* in recent years. Thank you for ensuring that our University continues to thrive in the future.

Tara Garrity Lebda '94,
Bucknell University
Alumni Association President
Charlotte, N.C.

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I just finished reading the Summer 2017 food issue of *Bucknell Magazine*. I am always amazed at the involvement and leadership of Bucknell graduates in evolving areas of our society, and your article on environmentally sustainable food production practices left me similarly impressed.

But I believe there was a significant gap in the issue. While an entire two pages was (properly) dedicated to the wine industry, there was no mention of Bucknell alumni involvement in the

CORRECTION

The surname of Ali, Afaf and Amal Kabalan was misspelled in "Lewisburg with a Lebanese Garnish," an article that appeared in the Summer 2017 *Bucknell Magazine*. We regret the error.

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exploding craft beer industry. The independent craft beer movement fervently embraces sustainability practices and the development of "the community" social concept, including local sourcing and the "drink local" mentality. Over the past decade, this movement has changed the perspective on beer from an "Animal House" mentality to a wine-like appreciation, and Bucknell graduates have been a significant part of this movement.

While I do not have a comprehensive list, I personally know several Bucknellians who have been involved in encouraging the shift from mass-produced American adjunct lager (Budweiser, Miller, Coors) to smaller, independent brews (like Pennsylvania's Yards Brewing Co., Sly Fox Brewing Co. and New Jersey-based River Horse Brewing), as head brewers, brewery owners and in many other aspects of the industry. In fact, although not my primary career, for the past four years I have been a freelance beer journalist, with articles in *Philly Beer Scene Magazine*, *Mid-Atlantic Brewing News* and other publications. I'm sure there are more Bucknell alums in the industry, especially in the marketing and, of course, engineering aspects.

I would love to see an article in *Bucknell Magazine* spotlighting the efforts of Bucknell graduates to help the independent craft beer industry attain its goal of "20 percent market share of all U.S. beer sales by 2020."

Matt Brasch '96
Ambler, Pa.

Moore Avenue

News&Notes

Cause for Celebration

Record-breaking fundraising campaign concludes, reaching \$513 million

By Christina Masciere Wallace

Aspiration. It's a foundational element of Bucknell President John Bravman's vision for the University's future. It was aspiration that drove Bravman to increase the goal for WE DO, The Campaign for Bucknell University, from \$400 million to half-a-billion dollars before its launch in October 2012.

Now, less than five years later, the hope of achieving such an ambitious goal has been transformed into a reality — the University has surpassed WE DO's \$500 million milestone, with campaign contributions standing at \$513 million this fall.

"This is an extraordinary achievement, one only made possible through the commitment of tens of thousands of donors who not only believe in the power of a Bucknell education, but also aspire to make what is already an excellent institu-

tion even stronger," Bravman says.

From \$10 to \$10 million and more, commitments of all sizes from a total of 44,995 donors brought WE DO to its successful conclusion — and in impressive fashion: The University raised more than \$100 million in the last 12 months alone, shattering the previous one-year record of \$53.5 million.

The culminating moment came with a phone call to Bravman in mid-June. On the other end of the line was **Ken Langone '57, P'83** with news that he and his wife, **Elaine P'83**, were pledging to make a future gift of \$30 million — the largest single commitment in Bucknell's history — to benefit financial aid, the campaign's top priority.

With the conclusion of the campaign, the Langones also revealed they were behind a 2013 anonymous pledge of \$10 million, also for future financial aid. Their WE DO gifts and pledges total more than \$42 million.

"Through their continued support, Ken and Elaine have transformed the lives of an untold number of future Bucknellians," Bravman says. "On behalf of the entire Bucknell community, I extend my deepest gratitude to Ken and Elaine for their generosity and leadership." (For more on the



From left: Bucknell students Mona Mohammed '16, Kortney Marshall '16, Helen Weston '16 and Meghan Byrd '16 attended the WE DO event in northern New Jersey in fall 2015.



Rob '82, P'16 and Liz Roberts Burney '82, P'16 with Pat Flannery '80 (right) at a WE DO event.

WE DO.

THE CAMPAIGN FOR
BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY

See the special campaign supplement to this issue of *Bucknell Magazine* for more comprehensive information about this record-setting fundraising effort, and look for more about **Ken Langone '57, P'83** and wife **Elaine P'83** and their longstanding generosity to the University on Page 16.

Langones, see Page 16.)

Campaign support will benefit Bucknell students, faculty and staff, and the campus now and in the future. More than \$180 million has been raised for financial aid endowment, more than \$100 million for academic programs and support, and more than \$63 million for facilities. Finally, thousands of alumni, parents and friends have collectively given more than \$130 million to the Bucknell Annual Fund.

"I am humbled to be part of such a devoted community of students, alumni, parents, faculty and staff, and friends," says Bravman, who is in his eighth year as Bucknell's 17th president. "It's difficult to express my deep gratitude for their belief in Bucknell. We pride ourselves on a tradition of great education and great outcomes, and the success of the WE DO Campaign positions Bucknell to evolve into an even stronger University for many decades to come — long after our time as stewards of this institution has passed."

The Langones' \$30 million commitment was the second record-breaking gift of the campaign. In February 2016, Doris and **Bob Malesardi '45, P'75, P'79, P'87** pledged \$20 million to endowed scholarships and created a matching-gift program to amplify the impact of their support. To date, the matching program has inspired more than 90 gifts totaling nearly \$26 million. In honor of their support and leadership, the University renamed the academic heart of campus the Malesardi Quadrangle.

"I am so grateful for the strong support of Bucknell alumni and parents from around the world, and I could not be more proud of our team," says Scott Rosevear, vice president for Development & Alumni Relations. "It was a tremendous collaborative effort by faculty, staff and volunteers, and it's gratifying to know that together with our supporters, we have positively impacted the Bucknell experience for current and future students."

One of the most important outcomes of WE DO is not measured in dollars, but in enthusiasm and support for the University on a scale never before seen among Bucknellians, Bravman noted. Over the course of the campaign, thousands of alumni, parents, volunteers and friends attended WE DO events both on campus and across the country.

This fall's Homecoming, Nov. 3–5, will feature a campaign celebration, as did Family Weekend, which occurred Sept. 22–24.

"We hope to see as many Bucknellians as possible come back to Lewisburg to join in the commemoration of this wonderful achievement, and to allow us to say 'thank you' in person," says Rosevear.

Read about more WE DO gifts and news from throughout the campaign at bucknell.edu/WE-DID.

Charting New Directions

Branding initiative centers on the distinctive Bucknell journey

By January 1888, Bucknell had already begun carving out a distinct identity for itself. It was then that the Board of Trustees voted, in response to a student initiative, to make orange and blue the University's official colors.

"In the adoption of a combination of colors peculiarly her own, Bucknell has added another of the bonds which help make the University family one in spirit as in name," the *University Mirror*, a monthly student publication, wrote at the time. "[...] We need not be ashamed to flaunt her 'orange and blue' in the face of any one."

This fall, Bucknell unveiled the next step in the evolutionary process that began with that decision: a branding initiative that captures the distinctive value Bucknell offers as a

national university where liberal arts and professional programs complement each other.

The initiative provides a cohesive look for publications as well as a more focused approach to sharing the Bucknell story. Weaving the threads together is the important and recurring role Bucknell plays in the journey of its students and alumni on the way to meaningful success — however they choose to define it.

The brand rollout follows an 18-month discovery and design process

undertaken by the University and Ologie, a Columbus, Ohio-based firm specializing in higher education communications. The firm defined its direction using input from more than 1,400 University stakeholders, including students, alumni, parents and faculty, and key decisions were made by representatives from all facets of the University and an advisory committee of trustees and alumni.

"We didn't ask Ologie to tell us who we should be, but rather to discover for themselves who we are, and to help us present an authentic vision of that identity in ways that resonate with all of our various audiences," says Andy Hirsch, Bucknell's chief communications officer.

The brand theme, *By Way of Bucknell*, highlights the assets that enable Bucknell to stand out among its peers, especially its diverse academic mix of professional and liberal arts programs offered within a residential, highly personalized environment, as well as the many opportunities for learning outside the classroom afforded by the University's location. Visual communications emphasize the branching and intersecting trails that Bucknellians traverse with lines, arrows, curves and other directional design cues.

Implementation of the new brand began with admissions communications and will continue throughout the year. It will also inform the redesigned magazine, which is set to launch this winter. As it has since adopting the orange and blue more than a century ago, the story of Bucknell will continue to evolve well into the future. — *Matt Hughes*

HOW
DID YOU
GET
HERE?



BY WAY *of* BUCKNELL

Bucknell's viewbook for prospective students illustrates the use of the directional theme of the new branding initiative.

Q&A

By Matt Zencey



Patrice Franko '80

Patrice Franko '80 is Grossman Professor of Economics and Global Studies at Colby College in Waterville, Maine, where she has taught since 1986. At Bucknell, she studied with Professor Emeritus Stephen Stamos, international relations, with whom she has co-authored the newly published textbook *The Puzzle of 21st Century Globalization: An Economics Primer*.

Q: You write in your book, "Globalization is a high stakes game creating winners and losers." Who wins and who loses and why?

A: Trade at its heart is about efficiency. We all trade in our lives. I get help from the person who cleans my house, tends the garden and keeps me sane. I have a trade deficit with her, but her work frees me up to do what I do best.

The pain from trade comes when jobs disappear. With globalization, linked by high technology, suddenly workers compete not just with those in their state or country, but globally. The global workforce has quadrupled. We can have radiologists reading X-rays over in India. In making steel, you combine robots and technology, and steel workers lose jobs.

Our real revolution right now is in robotization. So the fundamental question is, as a society how do we come together to deal with these cataclysmic changes? We are bad at it. What we really want to think about is efficient, reciprocal trade that gives us the gains to help those who get left behind by globalization and technological change.

Q: Some folks point to Germany as an example of how to do trade right — it has strong export industries, a trade surplus and a strong social safety net for workers who lose out.

A: I think the German example is an important one. Some of the solution is [aiding workers'] relocation, some of it is a strong social safety net, some of it is skills training. And that's all going to take a different kind of financing to pay for it. I don't see any magic bullet. But elites are beginning to see it is in their self-interest for us to work on recreating, reimagining, the American dream.

Q: Some critics say we shouldn't be pursuing free trade; we should be pursuing fair trade — layering in environmental and labor concerns, and avoiding a race to the bottom.

A: Absolutely. The best way of promoting fair trade is to negotiate it. I believe the negotiation process can be more open, more inclusive. Trade involves complicated diplomacy. But is it better just to build a wall because it's hard to do more open trade negotiations? I don't think so.

Q: In my day, not too many economists talked about sustainability and "the carrying capacity of the earth." In doing so, are you an outlier in the field?

A: I don't think so anymore. [At Bucknell] Steve Stamos was one of the first teaching environmental economics. Now, many economic courses

will bring up the environmental consequences. And if they don't, our students get us on it. Because they care about the race to the bottom, the environment and labor issues.

Q: Care to share any thoughts about your Bucknell experience?

A: It's very clearly at the center of my life. It's why I do what I do. In my classroom, I very much model the kind of Bucknell education I got. In addition to Steve, people like John Murphy from the English department really, really pushed us to think critically and creatively. So that's the kind of professor I try to be with my students.

Q: Fill in the blank: "Maine winters are ..."

A: No worse than Bucknell winters! (laughs) I find them glorious. We live on Great Pond, where *On Golden Pond* was written, and it freezes over. I can cross-country ski into snowmobile tracks on the lake. Hard to beat.

A Vibrant Learning Community

The Bucknell Institute for Lifelong Learning challenges and connects local residents

By Paula Cogan Myers

There is a palpable feeling of excitement across campus when Bucknell classes start each semester. Since 2009, a similar energy has reverberated among another set of students in the area — members of the Bucknell Institute for Lifelong Learning (BILL).

When current program director Ruth Burnham volunteered to help develop BILL, she knew there would be interest but didn't anticipate the growth of such a strong community. Since its first year, BILL has offered 315 courses in subjects ranging from international relations to art history, and enrolled more than 1,200 members from across the region. Now, she and coordinator Anne Smith work to offer Tea & Talk and Lunch & Learn events in addition to three- to six-

week courses and periodic bus trips. At the request of members, they added summer courses for the first time this year.

"It's fascinating to watch the value of this program increase in ways that we really didn't expect," says Smith. She and Burnham have a trove of stories about how the BILL community has developed by embracing and challenging individuals and creating bridges between Bucknell and the region. Classes take place at venues

such as the public library, senior living communities, local businesses and government offices.

"The piece we did not anticipate at the start was the personal benefit to so many," says Burnham. From members who have found new meaning and connections after losing a spouse to those who form discussion groups to extend classroom learning, Burnham says BILL has brought together members and dedicated volunteers from ages 12 to over 90. Much of



Professor Roger Rothman, art & art history, leads a BILL tour of the Met in NYC.

"BILL students' intrinsic interest brings them to each course and keeps them engaged. They bring their own backgrounds and expertise into discussions and find material on their own to share with other students."

— GENIE GERDES

that commitment stems from motivation for learning, as members become instructors and subject choices emerge from community interests.

"Part of what is special about BILL courses is students' motivation," says retired Bucknell psychology professor Genie Gerdes. "BILL students' intrinsic interest brings them to each course and keeps them engaged. They bring their own backgrounds and expertise into discussions and find material on their own to share with other students. I've seen this in BILL courses where

I was a student as well as those I've taught. It is exciting to work with students who are so motivated."

Russ Wells, a retired St. Lawrence University biology professor who moved to the area to be near family, agrees. He takes courses, teaches them and helps with audio-visual equipment and transportation

coordination. This semester, he's teaching *What Do Biologists Do?* (or *Mucking About in Biology*). He takes participants to meet biologists working in local industry at places such as Spyglass Ridge Winery, Benner Springs Fish Hatchery and the Cherokee Pharmaceuticals plant.

"Teaching this course is a lot of fun

because I'm going and learning along with everyone else," Wells says. "The people are inquisitive, and they bring good questions. It's really quite a delight to have that interchange."

Learn more about BILL at bucknell.edu/Lifelong-Learning.

Talented 4 Join Board

NEW TRUSTEES REPRESENT AN ARRAY OF PROFESSIONS

Leaders in real estate, real-estate law, professional sports and private-equity investments are the newest members of Bucknell's Board of Trustees.

Lisa Detwiler P'18, a sales agent for the Brooklyn, N.Y., office of Corcoran Real Estate Group, earned a B.S. in biology from Trinity College and had a prior career in sales and marketing for pharmaceutical firms. A Bucknell Parents Board member, Detwiler also serves on the boards of the Brooklyn Historical Society and the Columbia University Medical Center Babies Heart Fund and maintains ties with many other Brooklyn charitable organizations.

A WE DO campaign volunteer for the Delaware Valley region, **Donald Isken '75, P'12, P'20** is a partner with Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP in Delaware. During the last 39 years he has represented prominent property owners and developers, financial institutions and governmental entities in all facets of transactional real-estate law and land-use regulation. Isken earned his B.A. in international relations and was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, the International Relations Club, the John Marshall Pre-Law Society and *L'Agenda* at Bucknell.

Sunil Gulati '81 has played an important role in the development of American soccer since the early 1980s and has helped the U.S. national teams rise to prominence as president of the U.S. Soccer Federation, the sports' national governing body, since 2006. A player and assistant coach at Bucknell who majored in economics and political science, Gulati is the Michael Dakolias Senior Lecturer in the economics department at Columbia University. He was Bucknell's 2013 Commencement speaker and a Walling Speaker in 2015.

Like Gulati, **John Reynolds '92** was an economics major and a recent University program speaker — at the 2015 Bucknell Investment Conference in New York City. Reynolds, who co-founded the creative private-equity investment firm Lime Rock Management in 1998, is based in Westport, Conn. As managing director at Lime Rock, he co-leads the team's investment activity in the global energy sector. He also is on the board of directors of Archer, Ener-Mech and Shelf Drilling. At Bucknell he belonged to Delta Upsilon fraternity. — *Sherri Kimmel*

SHORT STACK

Bucknell President **John Bravman** was chosen to lead the Council of Presidents, the highest governing body of the Patriot League. Bravman will serve a two-year term as **chair of the council** comprising the presidents and superintendents of the league's 10 member schools. He has served on the council, which oversees league policies, procedures and initiatives, since 2010.

Engineering students **Hemanta Timsina '18, Dikendra Karki '19, Nigesh Prajapati '18** and **Kanishka Suwal '18** were awarded a \$10,000 Projects for Peace grant to help their home country of Nepal recover from the devastating 2015 earthquake. The group is studying the restoration and possible expansion of a hydroelectric power plant and installation of an agro-processing mill in Funchok, about eight hours from Kathmandu.

Bucknell's research computing network will become up to 10 times faster through a grant from the National Science Foundation. The nearly **\$400,000 grant** will be used to create a "demilitarized zone" on the Bucknell network for **data-intensive research** projects that will shrink the transfer time of a 1 terabyte file from about 3 hours to less than 20 minutes.

Here Came the Sun

Bucknellians were caught up in the eclipse excitement in Lewisburg and points south

By Matt Hughes and Sherri Kimmel

Bucknell physics major **Payton Johnson '19** and her faculty research adviser, Ned Ladd, spent an entire summer preparing to collect astronomical data during the two and a half minutes of total solar eclipse on Aug. 21. Still, as they watched the moon pass completely in front of the sun, the sky go dark and a few bright stars appear in the early afternoon sky, the two stood in wonder for just a moment.

"There was a collective awe for about five seconds, until we remembered, 'Oh yeah, we've got to check our equipment; we've got to collect our data,'" Ladd recalls.

Ladd, Johnson and six other students had traveled to Cumberland Mountain State Park in eastern Tennessee for a chance to see and collect data about the eclipse from within the path of totality.

Ladd and Johnson were able to record high-resolution video of the sun's corona at four frames per second, pro-



Students donned special glasses passed out for free to ensure a safe glimpse of the eclipse.

viding data that may offer significant evidence for why this halo of roiling plasma is many thousands of degrees hotter than the surface of the mother star. The team is now analyzing the data and expects the project will continue for several months.

While the Bucknell crew was down south at one of the best vantage points in the nation, there was excitement back in Lewisburg, where the moon gobbled a 75 percent chunk out of the sun by the eclipse's peak time, 2:40 p.m.

Along the Susquehanna River bank on South Front Street members of the Lewisburg Photo Club, led by Dan Hyde, a retired computer science professor, gathered in anticipation. Several Bucknell faculty and staff viewed the eclipse through long-lensed cameras with special filters and even peered through large cardboard boxes to view a tiny black-and-white reflection of the eclipse.

Back uphill, physics & astronomy professors hosted an eclipse viewing next to Academic West attended by hundreds of students, faculty and staff. In addition to the now-famous black glasses, attendees could glimpse the eclipse through telescopes, binoculars and even a kitchen colander, which cast crescent-shaped beams of light on the ground as the moon moved over the sun.

The Rev. John Colatch, in his weekly email message to the campus community, described the "air of celebration" that accompanied the event. "[E]veryone seemed caught up in the moment. I think gatherings such as the one occasioned by the eclipse are important, because they help bring us together in a festive atmosphere to celebrate an event."

For more about the trip, check out the research team's blog and Instagram at bucknell.edu/2017eclipse.

Bucknell in the News *(See more at bucknell.edu/bitn)*

WWI 100 YEARS LATER

Several news outlets spotlighted an effort to uncover the lost history of Bucknellians who served in the Great War. The Fox News website published an op-ed about the trip by Professors David Del Testa, history, and Adrian Mulligan, geography, on Memorial Day, and *The Philadelphia Inquirer* published an essay about the trip by *Bucknell Magazine* Editor Sherri Kimmel on the Fourth of July.

INSIDE NORTH KOREA

Professor Zhiqun Zhu, political science and international relations, looked behind the rapidly unfolding North Korean crisis in two op-ed essays. In *U.S. News & World Report* he explained why it's a myth that China holds the key to the North Korean problem, while in *The Hill* he observed that festering disagreements could foreshadow conflict between two other powers in the region, China and Japan.

CELEBRATING WOMEN ENGINEERS

Bucknell undergraduate **Shyla Lintz '18** was quoted in an NBC News report about the first global celebration of International Women in Engineering Day. "It's really part of the process of seeing women professionally on the same level that men are perceived," Lintz, a civil engineering major, said of the holiday, June 23.

TOP 10 TOMATO

The Bush Tomato, a plant species first described by Professor Chris Martine, biology, was named to the Top Ten New Species of 2017 list published by the International Institute for Species Exploration. The discovery and its inclusion on the list was covered by *The Philadelphia Inquirer*. Martine collected the species during a field expedition to Mirima National Park in western Australia.

Advancing Inclusion

Veteran university diversity officer chosen to lead Bucknell's efforts

By Sherri Kimmel

Following an extensive national search, Georgina Dodge has been named the new associate provost for diversity, equity & inclusion. Dodge comes from the University of Iowa where, since 2010, she was chief diversity officer, associate vice president and Title IX coordinator. Dodge, who also holds the title of adjunct associate professor of English, joined Bucknell on Aug. 1.

Dodge played an important role in positively shaping the University of Iowa's culture and was a strong advocate for the rights of all members of the Iowa community, according to a statement from the university.

"Georgina's record demonstrates that she is a fearless, values-based advocate who understands how matters of diversity, equity and inclusion operate in a university setting," says Bucknell Provost Barbara Altmann. "Her academic background and her real gift for addressing and working with a broad range of audiences make her exactly the right person to step into this position at Bucknell."

Dodge found the opportunity attractive because of "the potential to work with colleagues who appreciate the challenge of inclusion but are ready to face those challenges through coordinated strategies and collaboration. By helping to further develop the skills that all members of our community need to succeed in an increasingly global society, I hope to make a positive impact that will inform interactions in the immediate community and beyond."

Before her work at Iowa, Dodge spent 14 years at Ohio State Univer-

sity, where she provided leadership supporting the success of under-represented students, faculty and staff through the Office of Minority Affairs and was assistant vice provost, among other positions, including assistant professor of English.

Dodge, who is a Navy veteran, earned an associate degree from Golden West Community College; a bachelor's degree from the University of California, Irvine; and a master's and doctorate from the University of California, Los Angeles. She speaks frequently around the country on diversity and leadership issues.

Reporting to the provost and serving on the Provost's Council, Dodge oversees four campus organizations, including the Office of Accessibility Resources; the Office of Civic Engagement; the Griot Institute for Africana Studies; and the Teaching & Learning Center. She also serves on the President's Diversity Council, which in 2014 embarked on a five-year Diversity Plan for Bucknell.

"I am impressed by the current diversity plan and look forward to advancing its objectives and building on them," says Dodge. "The focus on student success provides an opportu-



Georgina Dodge now leads Bucknell's diversity initiatives.

nity to advance the work of inclusion through a sense of shared purpose that will benefit all members of the campus and the community."

"Georgina will be a major force in realizing further progress on our Diversity Plan," Altmann says. The plan embraces the concept of diversity as necessary for achieving a vibrant, inclusive community that reflects the world beyond Bucknell, challenges and encourages the broadening of perspectives and worldviews, and helps prepare students to make valuable contributions as citizens of a diverse, globally integrated world.

Dodge succeeds Professor Atiya Stokes-Brown, political science, who served as interim associate provost for diversity after the departure of Bridget Newell in fall 2016. Newell was the first incumbent in the position that was established in 2012.

"With Georgina's hire, we changed the title of the position to include equity and inclusion along with diversity," says Altmann. "I know she will help broaden our definitions and understanding of all three of those imperatives."

Mapping Linguistic Landscapes

Bastian Heinsohn casts a critical eye on cinematic depictions of cities

By Betse Humphrey

According to Professor Bastian Heinsohn, German studies, the way directors in Germany portray Berlin in films offers compelling commentary on the impact of German unification and the dramatic changes, both good and bad, for Berliners and German society since the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989.

"Major cities are increasingly losing their distinctiveness," says Heinsohn. "Looking at Berlin, at how the architecture is changing and how it is depicted in films, you will see that directors are not only observers, but also critics."

The German capital is losing its personality with the massive urban transformation efforts that have been

underway since the fall of the Berlin Wall and the onset of globalization, Heinsohn says. This has led to demographic shifts and a changing landscape that is reflected in films.

Heinsohn studies the linguistic landscapes of world cities. A linguistic landscape incorporates all forms of language, including graffiti, as dialogues-in-progress. His current book project analyzes the cinematic representation of five major European cities in order to examine socioaesthetic and political trajectories in contemporary Europe.

"Graffiti makes comments about politics," he says. "The murals, stencils and specific slogans address key officials in the city who make decisions on urban development. It gives those who

have no voice a voice in the urban-development process."

On new and newly renovated buildings, he notes, one can see graffiti that says, "It's very nice here." Translated, that means the artist is actually bemoaning the lack of character in the architecture.

To offer an opportunity to learn outside of the classroom, Heinsohn previously led students in a summer internship program in London, where they studied film and visual media.

But experiential learning opportunities also are readily available for students in Lewisburg, he notes. "Bucknell uses the Campus Theatre as a classroom. It provides full immersion into the cinematic experience."

FACULTY PROFILE

Moria Chambers

Professor Moria Chambers, biology, was an avid swimmer and water polo player growing up and competed in college for the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Then she contracted mononucleosis and was told she had to knock off the exercise for a couple of months.

"I went to my professor and asked him how it was that the Epstein-Barr virus was keeping me out of swimming for two whole months," Chambers recalls. "His response was to put a stack of research papers in front of me. I spent a lot of those two months out of the pool and instead reading about mono. The bug bit me, so to speak, and I have been interested in infectious-disease research ever since."

Chambers loves making sure that science is not just memorizing facts, but rather learning processes and relating science to students' day-to-day lives. Her main research emphasis examines how infection, and thus the work of the immune system, affects the physiology of those infected.



Chambers uses fruit flies in her research and finds that they are the perfect subject for students to study in her laboratory and the classroom. "They take only 10 days to develop from egg to adult, so students can get in a lot of different aspects of experimentation," she says. — Robert Strauss

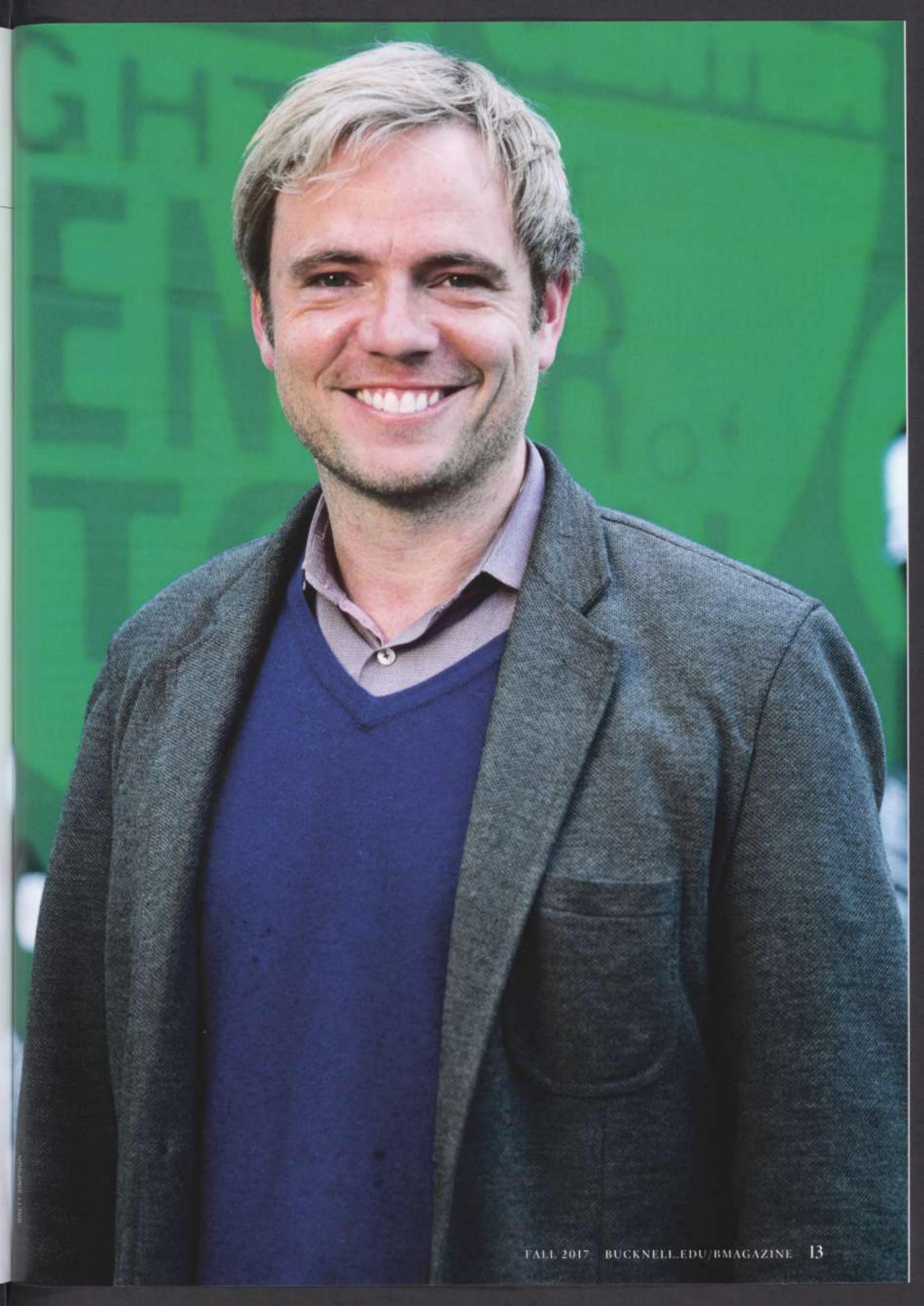


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Student Life & Sports

Racing Royalty

Men's crew caps a stellar season with world-class competition

By William Bowman

Two weeks in London, participating in a nearly 200-year-old competition that ranks among the most prestigious athletic events in the world, added to an already strong foundation for the Bucknell men's crew club-varsity team heading into the 2017-18 rowing season.

The University's national runner-up varsity 8 led a team of 16 rowers that Coach Dan Wolleben took to the Henley Royal Regatta in June. Bucknell lost by one-and-a-quarter lengths to second-place University of London's A team, yet the experience was memorable for the student-athletes and their coach.

"To be able to go and race in the Henley, on the Thames River where our sport started, is prestigious in itself," Wolleben says about the Royal Regatta, first held in 1839. "Add the fact there are Olympic gold medalists and some of the top crews in the world competing, and it's pretty special."

"For a rower, it is the biggest and most prestigious regatta in the world," says **Dillon LaFata '18**, a captain during the Bison's last season, which concluded with a second-place finish at the American Collegiate Rowing Association (ACRA) National Championship Regatta in Gainesville, Ga.

Wolleben says the team peaked at the perfect moment — at the ACRA finals during Memorial Day weekend — to earn an invitation to Henley. "I kept telling our guys, 'We're right where we need to be.' Each round they were still learning how to race better together." The Bison surged past ACRA national powers Michigan and Virginia in the final strokes to finish second. That result vaulted Bucknell into a prestigious group of 22 crews who were awarded automatic bids into the regatta, rather than having to fight it out for the 10 final spots.

"Competing at Henley changes the perspective of how we view our competition," says senior captain **Mike Pallotta '18**. "It is another level of competition, so this experience will change how we approach each day at Bucknell."



Bucknell's hard-charging men's crew team surges in the Henley Royal Regatta.

 To read a parent's and a Bison athlete's perspectives on the ACRA finals, go to bucknell.edu/17ACRA.

Bucknellian is New Admissions Dean



Kevin Mathes '07 made a return trip to Bucknell in September, but this time it wasn't just a nostalgic visit. He returned as the new dean of admissions.

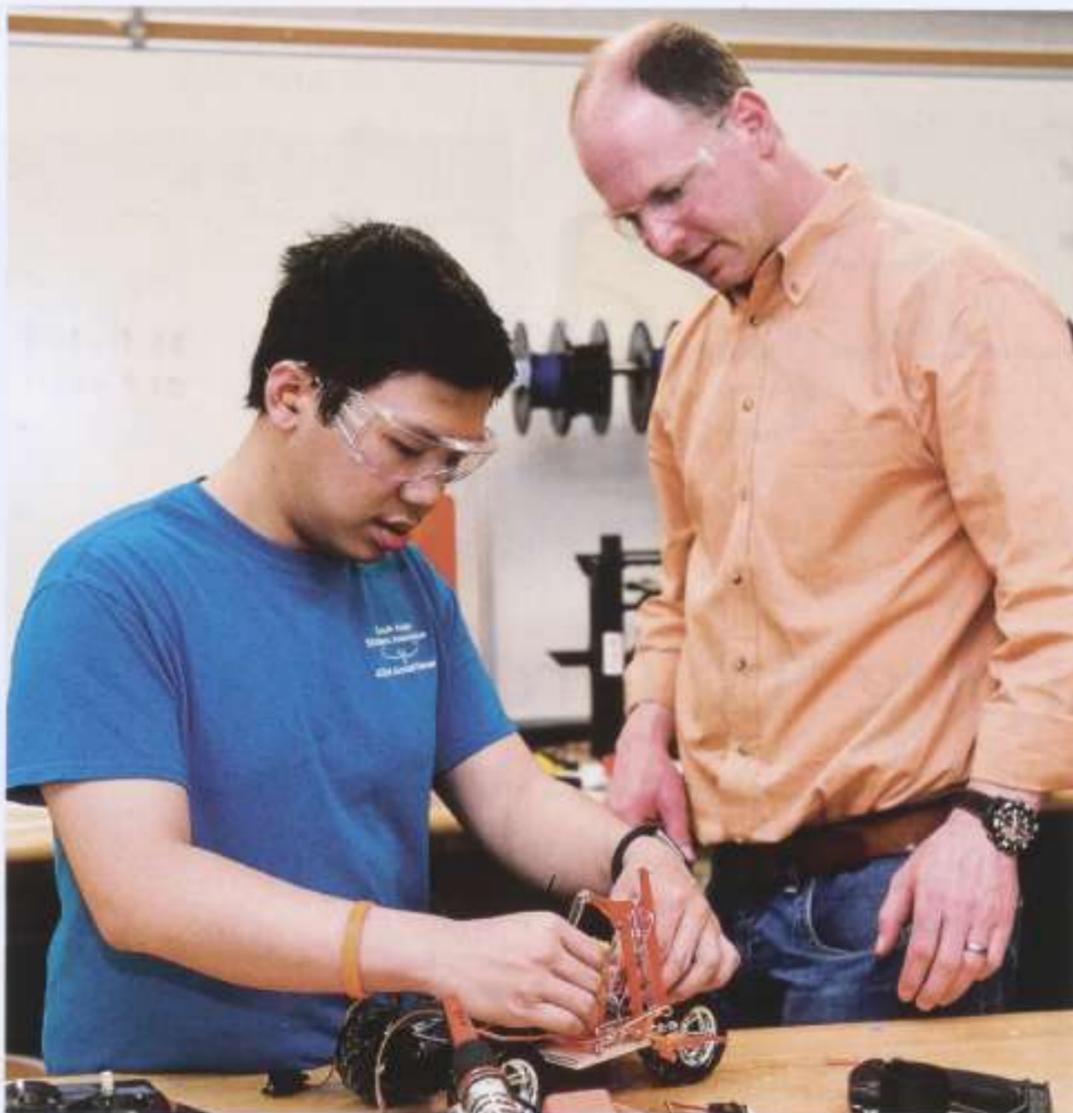
"Kevin brings a powerful blend of analytical and people skills that will serve his alma mater remarkably well as Bucknell builds on our positive momentum in enrolling ever-more diverse and talented classes," says Bill Conley, vice president for enrollment management.

"I look forward to sharing my story, as well as the stories of all Bucknellians, with prospective students from across the globe to help them understand the transformative education we provide," Mathes says. "I am excited to work with an excellent admissions team to enroll students who will have a lasting impact on the Bucknell community."

Mathes, who grew up 20 minutes from campus, in Danville, Pa., was an admissions intern and double major at Bucknell, earning degrees in mathematics and education. He earned a master's degree in college student personnel from Ohio University in 2009.

Mathes began his admissions career at St. Lawrence University, rising to senior assistant director of admissions in 2012. In 2013, he joined Dartmouth as a senior assistant director of admissions and quickly rose to become senior associate director of admissions, with responsibility for strategizing domestic recruitment.

Former dean Rob Springall accepted a position at Muhlenberg College as vice president for enrollment management. — *Mike Ferlazzo*



Win Kyaw '19 works on a remote-control rover vehicle for the Lewisburg Children's Museum with Professor Eric Kennedy, biomedical engineering.

STUDENT PROFILE

Win Kyaw '19

There might be a miniature Mars rover with a robotic claw arm in the new Lewisburg Children's Museum, thanks to Win Kyaw '19. An electrical engineering major, Kyaw joined the Bucknell Fabrication Workshop (B-Fab) this summer to learn how to use new engineering tools and to develop something for a real client.

In high school, Kyaw envisioned pursuing medicine, but during his time in the Pre-Collegiate Program in his home city of Yangon, Myanmar (Burma), he began to consider engineering. His teachers took him on field trips to rural areas, where he saw villages without electricity. "Students have to read by solar lamps, which don't always last very long," he says. "The villagers said they are so remote from the electrical grid that they cannot tap into it at all."

Kyaw came to Bucknell hoping to learn how to solve the energy problems he'd witnessed. Soon he joined a research team run by Professor Philip Asare, electrical & computer engineering. The team is developing a generic prototype of a closed-loop medical system that will allow some devices used in operating rooms to communicate with one another and automatically respond to changes in a patient's vital signs.

The team has taken an open-source approach, which excites Kyaw. "I think that technology shouldn't be controlled by only a few people," he says. "It's better if more can contribute so technology can advance further."

When he's not working as an admissions greeter, spending Thanksgiving in New Orleans with the Katrina Recovery Team or running a study group, Kyaw is probably at work designing yet another project — a submersible submarine — with the skills he developed during B-Fab.

During his next two years at Bucknell, Kyaw plans to learn more about alternative energy so he can explore what might work back home. "There are so many resources for students here," he says. "I can really try out my ideas."

— *Paula Cogan Myers*

Legacies Gifts & Giving

Living the Dream

Langones' commitment takes WE DO Campaign well past its half-billion-dollar goal

By Dick Anderson

The first semester at Bucknell for **Ken Langone '57, P'83** was very nearly his last. Midway through the semester, he was struggling in every course and in “an academic nosedive,” he recalls. It seemed as if the 18-year-old from Roslyn Heights, N.Y., was going to live up to the prophecy of his high-school principal. He'd told Ken's mother — on graduation night — that she was wasting her money sending Ken to college, that he'd be kicked out of Bucknell by Christmas.

The encouragement of economics professor Russell Headley, who was impressed with Ken's grasp of supply and demand — coupled with the intervention of **Fitz Walling '46**, who served as director of admissions for more than 20 years — set Ken on a course to not only prove his princi-

pal wrong, but also to graduate with a degree in economics and political science in three and a half years. (Without Walling — who remained, as Ken says, a “dear and close friend” until his death in 2014 — “I'd have been gone in 12 weeks.”)

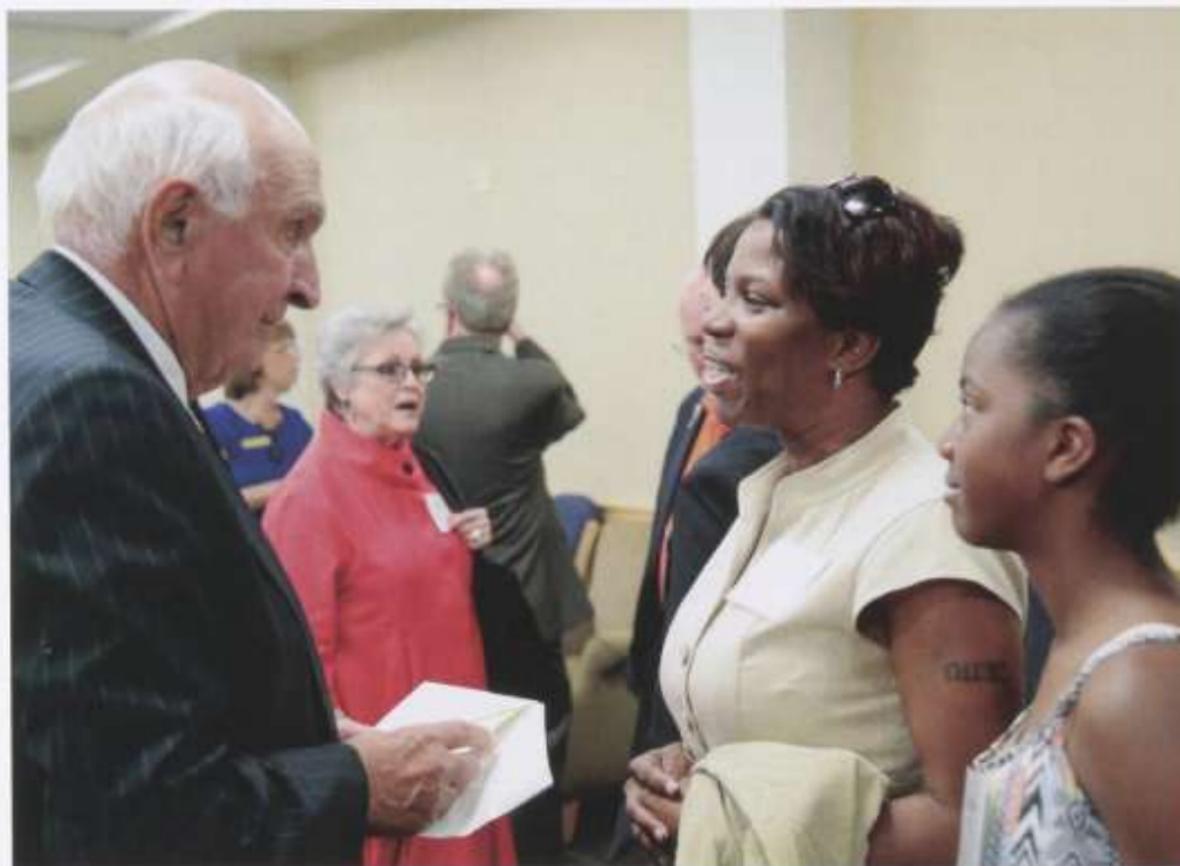
Nearly 60 years to the day after

picking up his diploma at Bucknell's June 1957 Commencement ceremony, Langone called President John Bravman with the news that he and his wife, **Elaine P'83**, were pledging \$30 million toward endowed financial aid for future Bucknellians. And, just like that, WE DO, The Campaign for Bucknell University, eclipsed its \$500 million goal.

What excites him most about the future of Bucknell? “The kids. The kids,” Langone says. “That's what we're betting on — that they will be even better than we are. The biggest problem that we face is income inequality, and the only way you're going to address that is through education.

“We live in the greatest country on Earth,” he adds. “The only tangible way I can express my gratitude is by sharing and giving back.”

The Langones' commitment — the largest in school history — is only the latest in a lifetime of philanthropy that has transformed the life of the University. During the seven-year Campaign for Bucknell (1983–90), the couple supported a National Endowment for the Humanities



Equilla Burns '17 and her daughter, Jadaiya, meet Ken Langone at the 2016 Langone Scholars Dinner.



Ken Langone '57, P'83, with wife Elaine P'83 when he received the Taylor Medal in 2007.

Challenge Grant and the Bertrand Library renovation project, as well as the Annual Fund. (In 1990, the University Center was formally named the Elaine Langone Center in recognition of their generosity.)

A \$5 million gift in 1994 for financial aid endowment created the Kenneth G. Langone Scholarship Fund. Their \$11 million pledge in 1999 was

“Giving the same opportunity to hard-working students is the most powerful way I know to make the world a better place.”

— KEN LANGONE '57, P'83

the catalyst to build the \$31 million Kenneth G. Langone Athletics & Recreation Center. And in 2013, the couple made what was then an anonymous pledge of \$10 million as part of the WE DO Campaign for future financial aid. Their WE DO gifts and pledges total more than \$42 million.

Were it not for a chance encounter in the spring of 1953, Langone may never have attended Bucknell. While he was a high-school senior visiting

some buddies already attending the University, Langone paid a visit to the Carnegie Building. There, an impromptu conversation with University Registrar George R. Faint led to a letter of acceptance five days later. (“I think the standards of admission were a bit lower back then,” Langone says with a laugh.)

Langone met Elaine Abbe at a

party in June 1954, right after finishing his first year at Bucknell, and she paid her first visit to campus for a football game that fall. “She loved it,” Ken recalls. “She’s always loved it.” They were married Sept. 15, 1956, before his senior year, and with a \$300 loan from the University, he completed a full year’s studies in a single semester.

Over the last six decades, Langone has lived the American Dream, build-

ing one company (The Home Depot) that changed an industry, investing and innovating in many others, and — with the love and support of his bride of nearly 61 years — sharing his good fortune with others so that future generations of students can have the same opportunities that his parents and alma mater gave him.

“My late, dear father suggested to me a yardstick by which I should judge all of my actions, and I recommend it to you,” Ken said in a Commencement address to the Class of 2002. “He urged that before I did anything I should ask myself the question: If what I did today was on the front page of tomorrow’s newspaper, would I feel good about it? Would I be proud of it? If you think of this simple rule, it applies to virtually everything we do, and the odds are that by using it you will usually come to the right decision.”

In 2007, 50 years after his own graduation from Bucknell, Ken returned with Elaine to campus for Reunion Weekend to receive the highest honor bestowed by the University — the Stephen W. Taylor Medal.

“How wonderful it is in this country that you can be whatever you want to be if you want it bad enough,” he said then. “I can’t tell you how grateful I am that I got accepted into this institution and that I came here. Every single day of my life I think about how lucky I was and am to say I was a Bucknellian. Every single day.”

For more on the Langones’ and others’ generous gifts to the WE DO Campaign, see Page 4 and the campaign supplement to this issue or go to bucknell.edu/WE-DID.

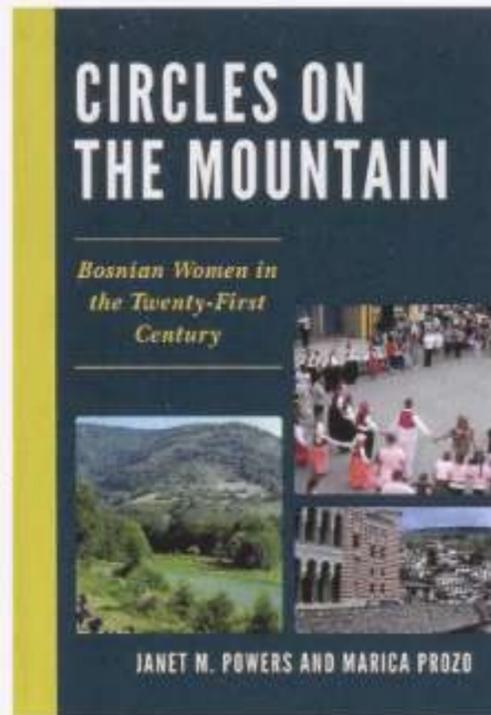
The Mind and the Muse

BOOKS

Janet Powers '61
and Marica Prozo

Circles on the Mountain: Bosnian Women in the Twenty-First Century (Lexington Books, 2016)

This book is a collaboration between **Janet Powers '61**, professor emerita of women's studies at Gettysburg College, and Marica Prozo, a Bosnian refugee and Gettysburg resident who wanted to return home to an area where feelings are still strong 20 years after the Balkan War. They combine scholarly research with first-person interviews to examine the current state of women in Bosnia — their emotional recovery, their economic situation and their prospects for the future. The book describes two of the worst issues affecting Bosnian women today: domestic violence and trafficking. Bosnian women's organizations address these issues by applying skills developed earlier in helping survivors cope with rape and war trauma. The authors argue that where ethnic hostility persists in rural areas, successful peace-building should include traditional song and dance as well as dialogue groups. Designed to be both readable and suitable for academic research, the book focuses on various women's issues as well as peace-building.



Nicole Luongo '95

The New English Language Arts Classroom: Teaching in a Digital World (Cognella Publishing, 2017)

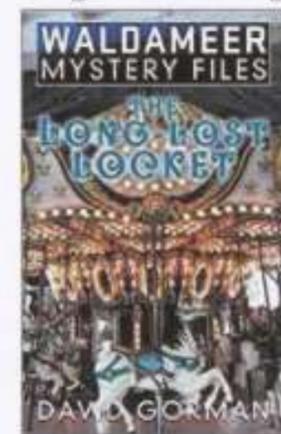


Nicole Luongo '95, director of distance learning at St. Peter's University in Jersey City, N.J., explores the new English language arts classroom, a

place where digital literacy is the focus of learning. Her book discusses topics such as podcasting, screencasting, digital storytelling, blogging and using Twitter, Tumblr and other forms of social media. Luongo explains how teachers can integrate technology into any classroom.

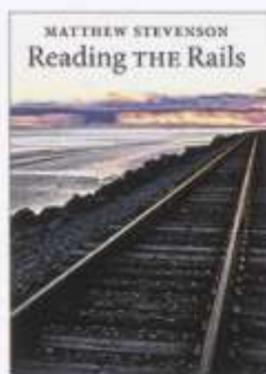
David Gorman '13

Waldameer Mystery Files No. 1 and No. 2 (Dog Ear Publishing, 2016 and 2017)



In *The Long-Lost Locket*, the first book in his series, **David Gorman '13** depicts Seth and Julia Ambrose practically living at Waldameer, the local amusement park. While showing their

friends Tyren and Anh around, they find an old locket near the carousel. Where did it come from? How long has it been lost? Most important: Whose is it? Gorman's second book, *The Sneaky Sabotage*, finds Seth and Julia scared after a masked figure appears at the Whacky Shack ride. Strange things continue to happen. Some say the ride is haunted by an angry ghost. Who is causing all the trouble? Is it related to the award ceremony happening in a few days?



Matthew Stevenson '76
Reading the Rails (Odysseus Books, 2016)

The latest book by travel writer and essayist **Matthew Stevenson '76** is

his account of rail journeys across Russia, China, Eastern Europe, Malaysia, prewar Syria and the United States. *Reading the Rails* captures not just the romance of trains but also the politics, history, books and tragedies that went along these great lines.



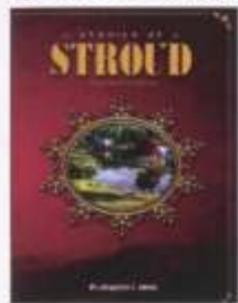
Pim Epler '79
Mango (self-published, 2017)

This Carl Hiaasen-style book with a conservative twist by **Palmer "Pim" Epler '79** depicts a money-

hungry, sex-crazed environmentalist who stumbles upon a scam to make himself rich, causing havoc for Emily, a young businesswoman. With the help of a crafty dominatrix, Emily hopes to trap the saboteur and make his life miserable.

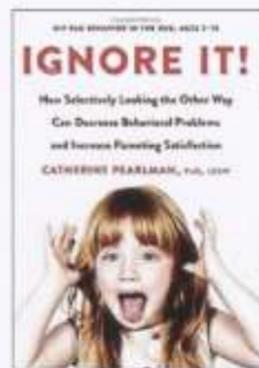
Jacquelyn James '57

Stories of Stroud: The Evolution of Stroud Township (self-published, 2017)



Jacquelyn James '57 wrote this book about the heritage of Stroud Township, Pa., to commemorate the township's 200th anniversary. She spent many years reading historical articles, delving into the Monroe County and *Pocono Record* archives, consulting various family records at the Monroe County Historical Association and poring over her mother's collection of historic articles and photographs. Proceeds are donated to Stroud Township Bicentennial Historical Association.

of Boy Scouting. The year 1957 also marked the 50th anniversary of the birth of scouting. An Eagle Scout, **Leo Kanawada '63** served as a scoutmaster from 1958 to 1963 for his county's Junior Leader Training Camp.



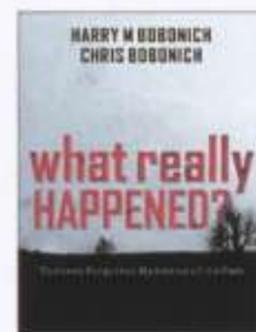
Catherine Pearlman '93

IGNORE IT! How Selectively Looking the Other Way Can Decrease Behavioral Problems and Increase Parenting Satisfaction

(TarcherPerigee, 2017)

Drawing on her experience with her children and the success stories of her clients, **Catherine Guggenheimer Pearlman '93**, a licensed clinical social worker, demonstrates how selectively ignoring kids' irritating behavior not only relieves parents from nagging, but also allows kids to actually learn from their mistakes. An essential toolkit for frustrated, stressed-out parents, *IGNORE IT!* offers actionable, proven techniques that will help readers improve their kids' behavior and put the joy back in parenting.

Never Long Enough is intended to encourage end-of-life reflection and support those dealing with the loss of a loved one. The book's powerful words and images enter readers' souls and heal their hearts, thereby creating a means for comfort and consolation. Rabbi **Joseph Krakoff '92** and Michelle Sider combined their compassion and knowledge in the fields of counseling, theology, psychology, teaching and art to create this book.



Harry Bobonich M'58 and Chris Bobonich

What Really Happened? Thirteen Forgotten Mysteries of the Past (CreateSpace, 2017)

In this collection of forgotten mysteries of the past that involve real people and events, the authors try to tell readers what really happened. While some of these cases may be known, others will be new to readers. For instance, a flamboyant adventurer goes searching for the City of Gold with his son, and both vanish into the dark and deadly Amazon. What happened to them?

Perturbations Of The Reality Field



Dr. A. R. Davis

Alan Davis '68
Perturbations of The Reality Field (CreateSpace, 2017)

In his latest book, **Alan Davis '68** suggests that when the spiritual and the physical universes collide, a

cosmic mystery places humanity into a stellar prison where other inmates are dangerously nearby. Will mankind succumb to the same distractions as its alien predecessors: the struggle for survival, the quest for power, the fanaticism of faith and the random ravages of nature? A telepathic border collie gathers a young cab driver, a teenage physics prodigy and a washed-up diplomat into a cell in the Resistance. Why were they chosen? What can they do? Will humanity be destroyed by barbarians or absorbed by an alien empire?

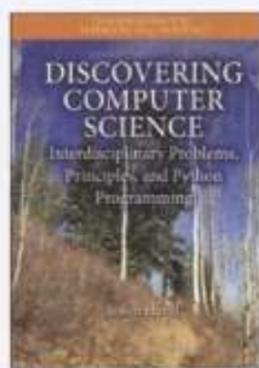
Leo Kanawada '63

The Jubilee Jamboree (AuthorHouse, 2017)



The Jubilee Jamboree provides a panoramic view of the activities of the 35,000 Boy Scouts from the United States and 90 other nations who gathered in Sutton Park, England,

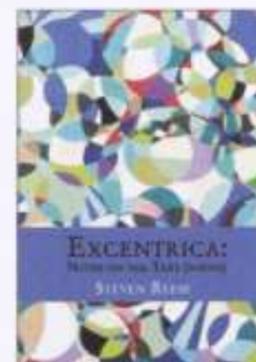
during summer 1957. The United States sent 1,700 of its top scouts as representatives to this gathering, which marked the 100th anniversary of the birth of British nobleman Sir Robert Baden-Powell, the founder



Jessen Havill '92

Discovering Computer Science: Interdisciplinary Problems, Principles, and Python Programming (Chapman & Hall/CRC, 2016)

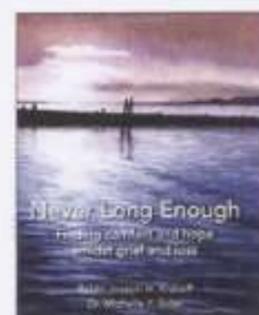
This textbook introduces computational problem-solving as a vehicle of discovery in a wide variety of disciplines. With a principles-oriented introduction to computational thinking, the text provides a broader and deeper introduction to computer science than typical introductory programming books.



Steven Reese '81
Excentrica: Notes on the Text (BlazeVOX Books, 2017)

Excentrica, the third book of poems by **Steven Reese '81**, is many things at once:

a verse-essay, a poem-fiction, lyrical criticism, a love poem to literature and reading, a parody of academic writing, a dialogue made of voices from ancient Greece to the present day, an exploration in aesthetics and a romance between two margins of text. It advances, sometimes comically, ideas about reading, interpretation, meaning and growth that emphasize our outward-boundness — our unremitting drive to expand the circles of being.



Joseph Krakoff '92 and Michelle Sider

Never Long Enough: Finding Comfort and Hope Amidst Grief and Loss

(Skywardjems LLC and Front Edge Publishing, 2017)

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STOKING HOPE

IN A COAL TOWN

Bucknellians help rejuvenate an economically depressed community 40 miles from campus

By Susan Lindt • Photos by Emily Paine





Community leader Cathy Besser chats with local artist Mark Sassani P'15 on the main street of Mount Carmel.

The Rev. Martin Moran and Jake Betz of the Mother Maria Kaupas Center catch up with officers of Mt. Carmel Downtown Inc., Edward Hirsch (far left), Cathy Besser and Lynn Kuffa (far right).



Mayor Philip “Bing” Cimino is the consummate small-town mayor: filling roles in Mount Carmel when others won’t, staying on in those roles longer than he really wants, figuratively cheerleading a town that hasn’t managed to be “in the game” for years, living life around emergencies — because he’s also a longtime linchpin of the volunteer fire company.

And yet he hasn’t had luck turning around his once-booming town, which has carried a whiff of decay since the coal industry began dying in the 1950s. It isn’t for lack of good ideas. Even something as universally appealing as a recreation committee stalled before Cimino could get it going.

“I tried for three years and got nowhere with it,” Cimino says. “I couldn’t get interest sparked. I get very frustrated. The majority of people have lost faith in town government.”

So that was the backdrop for May’s borough council meeting, when, against the odds, the Citizens Recreation Committee was formed — a seemingly minor event, yet eagerly anticipated 40 miles away at Bucknell University. Only weeks earlier, three Bucknell students had presented their report to council recommending the formation of the recreation commission. The report was the culminating project for a Managing for Sustainability class. “That’s striking,” says Professor Neil Boyd, management, of the borough’s quick response to the students’ recommendation. “That’s not just a report — that’s action. They were just in that class in the spring semester, and council already voted to put that committee in place. That doesn’t normally happen in college classes.”

Council’s vote was a resounding show of faith in the project completed by **Jacob Israel Hannah ’17**, his brother, **Josiah ’17**, and **Ben Schumacher ’17**, who used organizational-development concepts to find ways to improve sustainability and life in a town without hope.

It was familiar territory for the Hannahs, who hail from Wilsondale, W.Va. — pop. 87 — where life boomed when coal was king and waned in its wake.

“Coming out of the coal regions of West Virginia, I’ve lived in the vacuum of hope,” Jacob says. “Hope can create hope where it hasn’t been before. That surprised some people in Mount Carmel because they’ve been living in this place without abundant hope. But everyone was willing to give us their time to produce this project. That’s where I see the hope.”

BUILDING BLOCKS OF A PARTNERSHIP

Bucknell’s community partnership with the coal region, including the towns of Shamokin and Mahanoy City as well as Mount Carmel, is an unwieldy thing. Enjoying a growth spurt just two years after it was formally created, the partnership flourishes even in summer. Three first-year projects multiplied in the second year, with more projects reaching into schools, libraries, social services and civic organizations. Projects targeted cultural and historic preservation, potential tourism, blighted properties and curb appeal.

Stakeholders refer to the partnership by a host of names, each bringing their own inspiration and angle. Its origin stemmed from different interests with a common goal: making a difference in coal communities. At Bucknell, Boyd was among several professors practicing socially engaged teaching and scholarship. Early efforts became the 40 Mile Project, a 2014 white paper announcing projects within a 40-mile radius of campus to which other professors and students could “chain” new phases to advance research and impact.

Meanwhile, Bucknell’s former Catholic chaplain, the Rev. Martin Moran III, had just relocated to Mount Carmel’s Divine Redeemer Church after seven years directing the

nationwide Catholic Campus Ministry Association, based in Cincinnati. Although he knew his new post was in a community weathering tough times, Moran was stouthearted. Fueled by what he witnessed students achieving across 4,000 campus ministries, he thought service learning might help turn things around in Mount Carmel.

Many people at Bucknell understood that Moran's intimate knowledge of the University and the coal region could bring the two together so well that his name would become as synonymous with the partnership as coal itself. Moran quietly pitched the partnership idea to Mount Carmel movers and shakers: the school district and public library; Downtown Inc., a nonprofit revitalization group; Cimino and borough council; and the Mount Carmel Area Ministerium.

The partners cut a deal for Bucknell to rent space for the Coal Region Field Station in a former convent in Mount Carmel, which reopened in April 2015 as the Mother Maria Kaupas Center, honoring a Lithuanian nun whose charitable work there was anchored by her words, "Always more, always better, always with love." Moran assembled a team to form the center's board.

"When Father Marty put the concept together, it did sound a bit out there, but I just said 'Yes,'" says Kaupas advisory board president **Herman Weimer '02**, who knew Moran from his Bucknell days. "I was a first-generation college student. Rural America is where I grew up, so I know what it is up against. This was classic Father Marty. It's his gift to pull together divergent people with different backgrounds to do good work."

On campus, the partnership landed at the Bucknell Center for Sustainability & the Environment under Shaunna Barnhart's direction.

"Because the community partners come up with the proj-

ects themselves, we thought our students could have a real impact, particularly when there's so much synergy working in a town," Barnhart says.

ACHIEVING MAXIMUM IMPACT

The notion that university-community engagement teaches students more and better is not a fresh one. Neither is the idea that universities have a responsibility to address needs of nearby communities.

Bucknell's three-pronged approach to the partnership — student/faculty research opportunities, volunteer projects and classwork — was designed with interconnections in mind and clear goals. Professors of management, the humanities and social sciences especially brought the partnership into their classrooms, with students piggybacking internships onto earlier class work. Thanks to Bucknell-funded, one-time research grants, success and national attention came quickly, especially via two early projects: a forthcoming book, *Pain and Politics in Small-Town America*, by Professor Jennifer Silva, sociology; and The Kubek Project, a website by then-visiting professor **Nick Kupensky '07**, comparative humanities, devoted to research and translations of writings by the Rev. Emil Kubek, a noted Mahanoy City priest, journalist and poet.

The partnership has shown incredible reach, blossoming into summer sports camps led by Bucknell students and coaches for coal-region kids, plans for community gardens, and another class project by Jacob Hannah and a team of students who researched the feasibility of protected status for Centralia, the ghost town turned urban-explorer mecca.

If Moran laid the partnership groundwork in Mount Carmel, Kaupas Center Director Jake Betz oversees the connections that make things happen. Betz also volunteers at



Chloe Poltonavage '20 of Shamokin (right) teaches field-hockey skills to 7th-grader Delaney Slodysko in a clinic that Bucknell's coach and players offered this summer in Mt. Carmel.



Benjamin Aladejebi '19 (left) and John Morcos '19 help organize the produce station before low-income residents arrive at the Mount Carmel Food Pantry.

Mount Carmel Food Pantry, where he saw pantry volunteers working longer and harder to overcome disorganization.

"I knew about a Management 101 course at Bucknell where students form a company and work with a select community partner to improve the organization," Betz says. "Our major need was a robust storage system and efficient distribution for our abundant food supply. Early in the semester, I actively promoted the project to the class because they only could choose one project, and they all had to agree on which it would be. The food pantry won out over four or five others."

Management Professor Jamie Hendry's students examined all aspects of the pantry, interviewed volunteers, worked the food lines to identify inefficiencies and sold T-shirts to raise capital for improvements.

"They were here almost weekly, and they were painstaking and professional," Betz says. "They [organized] where all our food should be so it was efficient and we'd know what we have. There were bottlenecks that made food-line distribution cumbersome and lengthy. They figured out how to streamline it and cut distribution time by half an hour. They came up with ideas about how we could market ourselves. They left no stone unturned."

This is where Suzanne Domzalski, Bucknell's assistant Catholic campus minister, stepped in with her student volunteers, who make regular trips to the region to lend a hand.

"I knew about the class project, so I asked Jake if there was any way we could help during our upcoming trip," Domzalski says. "Our students went through all the food,

threw out expired things, scrubbed shelves and reorganized them. It looked amazing. It was almost a miracle."

Academics and volunteerism don't have crisp boundaries, but the blur is intended. Diversity has long been on Bucknell's agenda, and the coal region partnership adds an unexpected dimension: That a mere 40 miles away is a mostly white, rural community in which nearly one in four people live below the poverty divide is not lost on Bucknell students.

Chris Esernio '19 was working the food pantry produce station for Hendry's class when a man in his 30s came in, saw the massive stack of produce and gingerly asked how much he could have. Esernio told him he could take as much as he liked.

"Tentatively, maybe a little in disbelief, he asked for a head of lettuce, which we gave him," Esernio says. "He stuttered for a second, looked me in the eyes and said, 'God bless you.' It hit us in that moment that what we were doing was right. In the car ride home, we talked about that interaction and how humbling and gratifying the project was."

To Moran, Bucknell students have replaced the energy base lost when the homegrown 18- to 35-year-olds regularly leave the region for greener pastures.

"The shakers and movers in Mount Carmel are in their 60s, and we're missing the young people to get to that next level," Moran says. "Now our base is Bucknell students. In small towns, you have people who want to step up to leadership, but they don't have the end all to do it. Bucknell has given us professional development."

'A DIVERSITY EXPERIENCE'

Professor Carl Milofsky, sociology, was an early field-station proponent with Professor Ben Marsh, geography and environmental studies. Tucked away in Milofsky's files is a 1992 proposal for setting up field stations to take students from the classroom to the midst of real-world problems they could learn to solve.

"It's a diversity experience, and it's fantastic for students to get to know the working class of these towns," Milofsky says. "I haven't met a student yet who doesn't love it. I'm pleased my colleagues like working there. This program is being embraced. It sells itself."

Projects tend to uncover more projects, so Milofsky is flush with ideas, and people with problems know where to find him — an inmate at Coal Township's maximum-security prison wrote asking for help developing college classes. Milofsky is eyeing connections with Geisinger Shamokin Area Community Hospital.

Highlighting early local research, as well as international projects, Coal Collections, Bucknell's yearlong series on the importance of the coal-mining culture to central Pennsylvania, exposed campus and community alike to music, art and history, all born of coal's legacy. Barnhart hoped bookend events highlighting student/faculty research would encourage more faculty to use the partnership in their courses.

"Trying to draw a bridge between Bucknell and the community was part of our intent," Barnhart says. "The field station was already in existence, so we were hoping from the place-studies side that awareness and engagement might be spurred."

A May faculty partnership workshop was well attended with first-time representation from art, art history and political science faculty. That could mean more options to collaborate for Professor Eric Martin, management, who emphasizes interdisciplinary problem-solving. Martin even sees a place in his students' work for Kupensky's research on Father Kubek.

"Students could learn about tackling problems from different perspectives: political, managerial or organizational," Martin says. "Some folks are looking at history, literature and culture — I want students to exchange projects over time and across disciplines, but there's also great room to exchange projects with other universities."

Boyd says Bucknell's emergent university-community partnership could become one of the nation's best with stakeholder commitment and the right resources.

"This is probably one of the greatest returns on investment the University ever had," Boyd says. "It's an awesome way to learn. Students love the experiential stuff — especially millennials. They're bringing consultancy skills to play. Even from the beginning, students have been invested and hopeful."

RESTORING COMMUNITY PRIDE

If anyone knows that hope can waft into a desperate community and dissipate just as quickly, it's a newspaper reporter. *The News-Item* has been the Shamokin/Mount Carmel newspaper for 49 years, and before directing the Kaupas Center, Betz worked there for 40 of them,



Tyler Candelora '19 passes by one of several Shamokin monuments depicted in an interactive map he worked on this summer.

'There's Something Meaningful Here'

Tyler Candelora '19 started shoveling coal from his dad's delivery truck when he was 14. He was never ashamed of his Shamokin roots the way some of his friends were. Still, it was strange when he learned Bucknell had a scholarly interest in his hometown.

"Bucknell has a lot of wealthy students, and when I saw the disparity, where I'm from really hit me. You start thinking about your past, and it was radically different than a lot of other people's," Candelora says. "But to have people researching the area is an acknowledgement that even though it's underprivileged, there's something meaningful here."

In 2016, Candelora conducted summer research on the cultural significance of Shamokin monuments for an interactive map. A 1938 dedication of a Spanish American War monument drew crowd estimates of 50,000 to 90,000 people, including ambassadors from Cuba and the Philippines. "Can you even imagine 50,000 people in Shamokin in 1938?" he asks.

Professor Katherine Faull, German studies and comparative humanities, oversaw Candelora's project. She doesn't doubt its impact for Candelora and others from the region, who will see their hometown with new eyes.

"[Research] adds layers of history to the environment," Faull says. "The end product of this? To add a fourth critical dimension to our perception of place: that of history." — Susan Lindt



James Hamm '18 spent this summer developing a plan to improve a nonprofit addictions center in Mount Carmel.

Student Examines the Dire Effects of Economic Distress

Psychology and sociology major **James Hamm '18** set out to understand life in the coal region and why it is so hard. Through his oral history research with the sociology and anthropology departments, he began to realize that the standard line, "There aren't any good jobs here," is really about a lack of public transportation to get to good jobs. His interviews with Mount Carmel residents illustrate how economic distress generates community tension: There's a perception that lowered property values have brought outside welfare recipients to the region, putting these folks on a cultural collision course with longtime residents still steeped in a hardscrabble, up-by-your-bootstraps mindset.

Hamm, who plans to earn a doctorate in public health, also learned the national scourge of addiction devastates this region too.

One day while conducting research in Mount Carmel, Professor Carl Milofsky, sociology, wandered into a ramshackle Alpine-themed building along state Route 61. Once a popular nightspot, it's now a nonprofit addictions center, but even with no shortage of clients, it struggles. Milofsky engaged the center's director, Rick Catino, then made some calls.

"It's a one-man operation," Milofsky says. "He set up this little nonprofit. Since then, we've had a few teams of students who worked at the center to reorganize it. We can help them find solutions."

Hamm's summer internship focused on securing grants to improve the center. He interviewed addicts to implement a means of measuring treatment efficacy. And while Hamm could not eradicate the illness, now he knows he wants to be part of the cure.

"Those interviews made me a very skilled researcher and gave me a setting where I can apply what I learned in the classroom," he says. "I'm interested in poverty studies, so I'm on a nuanced path. But now that I've worked in a community, I know what I want to pursue." — *Susan Lindt*

witnessing a lot of hope in the form of grants, business deals and plans that never quite gelled.

"They were well-meaning, positive things, but we didn't have any systemic change that renewed hope of something better happening someday," Betz says. "This partnership has renewed my hope, because it's different; it's people-centered. It's not tax breaks to provide jobs. It's not a plant relocating here and creating 500 jobs. It's addressing how our community can be better inch by inch."

At age 12, Cathy Besser began washing dishes in the family business, Academy Sports Center, where you could buy a new rifle, shoot pool and down an egg sandwich in a single stop.

Sixty-five years after opening, Academy thrives and Besser is still surrounded by family co-workers, but the luncheonette and pool tables are gone, and so is Cathy's mother, Catherine Welker. Hailed as "Mother of the Downtown," Welker founded Downtown Inc. in 2009, an effort to keep hope afloat in her dying town.

"We've lived in the Mount Carmel bubble for so long, that when the bubble broke and the real world came in, we weren't equipped to handle those problems," Besser says, listing among them slumlords and property blight, addiction, lack of pride and people's unwillingness to work hard and save for what they want.

Besser has taken her mother's place as president of Downtown Inc. and, like her mother, she's an optimist. She backed Moran's idea from the start, so when some old-timers rolled their eyes at a plan to leverage Bucknell students in the sustainability fight, Besser bristled.

"You always have those few negative Nellies who say something's not going to work," she says. "But most people realized we had a great opportunity in front of us and wanted to take advantage of it."

Now Besser is enjoying a small victory. Because of the Hannah brothers' work with Ben Schumacher, there's a rec committee with "a good nucleus of people" attending meetings.

And something else is happening: Mount Carmel folks are talking — to one another. Most everyone in Mount Carmel hunts, so naturally, archery came up. Someone mentioned a nationally ranked archer who travels all the way to Lancaster to access an indoor range. That got people thinking about developing their own indoor range. A businessman offered space in his building — once home to the now-vanished JCPenney.

"The more they talked, the more it snowballed," Besser says. "We could do tournaments there, get the schools involved — there's a multitude of things that could come out of this."

Perhaps without even realizing, she says, "The Bucknell kids gave us the OK to try these things. We're not afraid to try things anymore," Besser says. "Those students, they might not think they made an impact, but they gave us our second wind. This is progress," she insists. "This town is not a lost cause. This town is worth fighting for." **B**

Opposite page: Scenes from the streets and storefronts of downtown Mount Carmel.



'A Priest of Literature'

Novelist Philip Roth '54 recalls John "Jack" Wheatcroft '49, 'the best of teachers'



Philip Roth '54's graduation photo.

By Philip Roth '54

I may not have the facts exactly right — this all happened oh-so-long-ago — but I believe I met Jack in my junior year at Bucknell, in 1952, when I was 19 and he was 26. He was an instructor in the English department and under what circumstances we met I don't recall, since I wasn't in any of his classes. As a consequence of not being his student, we hit it off as friends virtually from the start, and frequently I dropped in at his house to talk, alone or with my wonderful girlfriend Betty Powell, and once in a while, Betty and I would babysit for the Wheatcrofts when they went out for the evening.

Jack enjoyed my theatrics when he asked me to tell him about the Jewish neighborhood in Newark where I'd grown up during the Depression and the war. He got a special kick out of hearing about some of the more vivid characters who populated a tiny enclave wholly foreign to him, family friends and neighbors whose idiosyncratic styles of self-presentation he encouraged me to mimic while we sat over a cup of coffee in the Wheatcrofts' kitchen in the late afternoon or evening. With no other faculty

According to the Philip Roth Society, the first published work by Philip Roth '54 appeared in *et cetera*, a Bucknell humor magazine that Roth turned into a *New Yorker*-style literary periodical when he became its editor in 1952. Fittingly, another Bucknell publication — this magazine — is honored to publish one of Roth's few recent works.

Since announcing his retirement from writing in 2012, Roth, the Pulitzer Prize- and National Book Award-winning author of *Goodbye Columbus*, *The Plot Against America*, *The Human Stain* and other works, has not written any fiction. This essay, which Roth shared with *Bucknell Magazine* shortly after the March 14 death of his mentor, John "Jack" Wheatcroft '49, will also appear in a book of writings that will pay tribute to Wheatcroft and is being edited by Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Peter Balakian '73, P'10. A memorial service for Wheatcroft was held at the Stadler Center for Poetry in Bucknell Hall on Sept. 16. — Sherri Kimmel

To learn more about Roth's Bucknell years, read the magazine's previously published essay by Jane Brown Maas '53 at bucknell.edu/the-philip-roth-few-people-know and read about the memorial service at bucknell.edu/RememberingWheatcroft.

member did I ever feel such freedom as I did with Jack, so liberated in my behavior on what was then a typically straitlaced college campus of the 1950s, where (outside of the drama department) no student would dream of calling a teacher by his given name and students were addressed formally, as a matter of course, as Mr. and Miss. What made Jack and me intimates were those very qualities that made him the best of teachers: His sympathies were so extensive and his curiosity so deep that he unlocked in the young talents and aptitudes previously, at best, only half-known to them.

Less than a decade earlier, Jack had been serving in the U.S. Navy, stationed in the Pacific theater during World War II, though he never spoke back then about those

years of service and the fierce battles he'd lived through as a sailor in a war zone. Otherwise he was open and accessible, and being an intimate of his when he was starting out as a young teacher was sometimes like being on a seesaw — gravity and darkness one moment, levity and lightness the next.



Jack Wheatcroft '49 in the 1950s.

The gravity, I remember, impressed me greatly — the grim fortitude of the man of conscience. Jack, the unillusioned humanist, was serious in the most serious way. He came at you armed with means of focusing attention that dispelled all banality and superfluosity so as to zero in on the most important concerns. He could laugh, he loved to laugh, susceptible as he was to the comical side of living,

but when talking about what truly counted — ethical issues, mortality, loneliness, the burden of suffering, flawed humanity, and above all, above everything, the unsurpassable absorption, literature — he was suffused with the severity of a cleric.

Literature was not merely a subject. I learned from Jack's example that literature was not one's field of interest but one's calling,

no less so than religious work, and that faithfully scrutinizing a revered literary text was a secular act of worship that could make the spirit soar. Jack was not just an avid student, an eager teacher, and a dedicated maker of literature — he was a priest of literature, and so I choose to remember this friend of my youth.

Mining the Gift of Time

Nana Nkweti first encountered the works of **Philip Roth '54** in the vast library owned by her father, a professor and cultural anthropologist from Cameroon. In her search of the shelves one day, the young teen spied a "flea-bitten paperback copy of *Portnoy's Complaint*," and read it eagerly, "even though it was a tad risqué," she says with a laugh. This early introduction led to further explorations of Roth's myriad works, including the novella *Goodbye, Columbus*, which she studied while working toward her MFA at the Iowa Writers Workshop.

Now an accomplished fiction writer herself, Nkweti is in the midst of a four-month stay in Bucknell's Poet's Cottage as the Philip Roth Resident in Creative Writing. As the program, conceived by Roth and his mentor, Bucknell English professor **John "Jack" Wheatcroft '49**, enters its 25th year, Nkweti serves as the 29th resident.

Learning that she had been selected, she says, "was highly gratifying, since of course, I was familiar with Philip Roth's work. Coming to Bucknell and being part of a vibrant campus community is exciting as well."

The residency is designed for an emerging writer like Nkweti, according to **Andrew Ciotola M'06**, the Stadler Center for Poetry's program manager who administers the residency with the Stadler Center director.

"There are some programs like this around the country, but what's distinct about the Roth is it doesn't

require university service," he says. "You just get to be here and write. It's rare for a university to support someone like that, but this was one of Jack and Roth's stipulations. This was to be a gift of time and space to be a writer." Along with free lodging, residents receive a \$5,000 stipend.

Nkweti appreciates having time "to focus intentionally and finalize the first draft of my novel." The author of the short-story collection *Like Walking on Cowry Shells* often draws upon her cross-cultural heritage as an American whose Cameroonian parents moved back to their homeland when she was 14. Her novel-in-progress, *Make a Meal of Me*, "explores the idea of identity through the lens of food, family and folklore in Cameroon," she says.

The residency, Ciotola says, is competitive, with more than 100 applications per year for two residencies — one in the fall, one in the spring. (For the first 20 years, there was only one resident per year.) This spring's resident will be prose writer Meghan Lamb. Next academic year, two poets will be chosen by a faculty committee.

Some residents are now notable writers. Eduardo Corral, whose poem "Ceremonial" was featured on the cover of *The New York Times Book Review* in August, was here in 2008–09. "The Roth Residency gave me the time and the space to think deeply about my poems," he recalls. "I spent many hours revising at the kitchen table in the cottage lent to me. I taped my poems to the walls, I spread them



Nana Nkweti, the fall 2017 Roth resident.

across the floor — I lived with my work, which allowed me to engage with them in new ways. The practice of living with my poems is something I continue to do."

The resident in 2009–10, Mike Scalise, worked on his memoir *The Brand New Catastrophe* at Bucknell. It was named to several "best of 2017" lists. "The ample resources provided with the residency, coupled with the time and freedom to really burrow into a project, permitted me to turn an almost too-personal story of illness into something that had a much wider reach, context and resonance," says Scalise. "Many years on, I still rely upon — and benefit from — conversations I had with the faculty and staff during my time as a Roth resident. That residency and the people there mean the world to me." — Sherri Kimmel

Read a longer version of the story at bucknell.edu/Nana-Nkweti.

'Majoring in Patten'

Alumna recalls striking gold when entering a Bucknell classroom 60 years ago

With the April 16 passing of Karl Patten, "Bucknell lost two literary lions in a short span of time, as **Andrew Ciotola M'06**, program manager of the Stadler Center, puts it. (**John "Jack" Wheatcroft '49** passed away a month before Patten.) A widely published poet, Patten taught English at Bucknell for more than 40 years and co-founded the literary journal *West Branch*. Like Wheatcroft, he also had a strong cohort of former students, one of whom offered the following tribute for publication. — *Sherri Kimmel*

By Jackie Grill Rollfinke '61

I am an extremely lucky Bucknell alumna. On my very first day of classes in September 1957 I encountered my English instructor, Karl Patten. I knew I had struck gold. During the next four years, when people would ask me what my major was, I would reply, "I am majoring in Patten." I signed up for practically every course he taught, and he was my faculty adviser. I cannot believe my good fortune to have been able to stay in touch with my favorite professor for the next 60 years!

Karl W. Patten Jr., professor emeritus of English, died April 16, at 90. For 41 years he had taught at Bucknell — and did he ever! Karl Patten was a master teacher whose classes were full of dazzling insights. His enthusiasm for his profession and his subject matter were disarming. Instead of trudging into a classroom full of lethargic students on a dreary Monday morning, he bounded in, beaming with eagerness to get started; we would not have been surprised if he had tossed handfuls of confetti at us. Each class was a vibrant celebration of literature: the words, the poetry, the form, the content. I have used what he taught me every day of my life.

Excitement about literature (especially poetry) and writing was not the whole story. Karl Patten also was a role model for his students, living a life devoted to humane values. President John Bravman has said that Professor Patten contributed to "the betterment of the world community ... by living an intentionally frugal life." This became apparent to me during my first semester at Bucknell. Professor Patten

and his wife, Isabelle, invited a group of first-year students to a delightful gathering at their home. It was there that I observed what I would term "a nonacquisitive lifestyle," an approach very different from the mercenary striving found in the New York City suburbs where I'd grown up. Once I was taking a walk through the streets of Lewisburg on a fall evening and caught a glimpse of Karl Patten as he tossed a football to his two little boys, Kit and Tom. They looked so happy. "I want this life," I thought, and I have tried hard to achieve it. It is significant that he never promoted his own deeply held positions by means of proselytizing; he simply inspired by example.

Before the June 10 campus service for Professor Patten, I went for a nostalgic walk along Market Street and discovered a small secondhand bookshop with a sign that read "Karl Patten Memorial Book Sale." I entered the store, expecting to find them selling the collections of poetry Professor Patten had written and published. To my amazement, the volumes being sold were in fact my teacher's own copies of great literary works, a personal library being offered for sale by his family, with the proceeds going to charity. In the margins of the

books were his notes, written in the familiar hand that had conveyed his on-target criticisms of my compositions decades ago. As I pored through the collection, a small green paperback caught my eye: *Dubliners* by James Joyce. I had to have it.

Of all the Patten courses I took, my favorite was Creative Writing, in which I was enrolled during my junior year. My favorite class sessions in that course were the ones on the stories in *Dubliners*, especially the beautifully written "The Dead," as a touching, sad masterpiece that centers around a New Year's Eve dinner-dance.

In the years since, the story had lingered in my mind as a work dealing with the persistence of significant relationships beyond the grave. But when I opened the worn paperback in



Jackie Grill Rollfinke '61's graduation photo.



Karl Patten in the 1960s

the bookshop and saw Professor Patten's notes, I realized that, as always, he had said it better: The story, he stated, is about "the presence of the dead among the living." That is exactly what I experienced, holding that totally unexpected gift from my beloved teacher in my hands.

And so it is fitting to give the talented instructor of writing the

last word. There is a passage in "The Dead" in which protagonist Gabriel Conroy delivers his annual New Year's Eve speech. With great solemnity he remarks on "thoughts of the past, of youth, of changes, of absent faces that we miss here tonight." He bemoans the "skeptical" and "thought-tormented age" in which he lives, an era lacking "those qualities

of humanity, of hospitality, of kindly humour which belonged to an older day." Nevertheless, Gabriel continues, we "still cherish in our hearts the memory of those dead and gone great ones whose fame the world will not willingly let die."

In the margin Professor Karl Patten had noted his critique: "Too much rhetoric." 

Bucknell University Press Partners with Rutgers

Of the approximately 140 university presses across the United States, Bucknell University Press has one of the most distinguished reputations — a fact that's well-known among scholarly press circles. That stature got another recent endorsement when Rutgers University approached Bucknell about combining its operations with its own press, a partnership that will bring down costs as well as boost the profile of Bucknell's press offerings.

"The benefits are uniformly positive and very much to our advantage," says Professor Greg Clingham, English, director of the Bucknell University Press.

Under the agreement, Rutgers University Press will print the publications of the Bucknell University Press and assume the marketing and advertising functions, while Bucknell will retain complete editorial control in choosing and editing its books. Clingham notes that the process is not a merger but a partnership that benefits both parties equally.

"For Rutgers, this adds a dimension to their profile because of our own incredibly distinguished reputation in the fields we publish in," Clingham says. "For us, we remain autonomous — and in fact will have more control over our own process — while benefiting from lower prices for both buyers and the press."

List prices will decrease significantly, Clingham says. Hardcover books that now retail for up to \$110 will drop to between \$35 and \$45, and paperbacks that sell for \$55 will fall to about \$25.

Bucknell also will have more



A recent Bucknell University Press edition.

involvement with all stages of a publication, Clingham says, from acquisition to preprint preparation to sending files to the printer, which is desirable from an editorial perspective. Rutgers also will benefit from an increased economy of scale: Going from about 120 books per year to about 150 will enable it to command a greater presence in the market.

"Circumstances have become tighter over the last 20 years, and profit margins that commercial printing companies are expected to meet are becoming increasingly high," he adds. "With our Rutgers partnership, we won't have to meet sales goals just to sell books, and we'll be able to place more emphasis on the scholarly value of what we produce."

Rowman & Littlefield, which specializes in scholarly books and journals for the academic market, as well as trade books, was Bucknell's previous publisher.

Bucknell's books already are distributed in Europe and the United

Kingdom, as well as the United States, but they now will have a larger distribution channel. Rutgers' university press also attends several large-scale international book fairs, such as those in London and Frankfurt, and Bucknell's publications will be displayed there as well.

Clingham believes the partnership is a shrewd move for both universities — not only as a cost-savings measure, but because it safeguards the quality of academic publications.

"Scholarly publishing always has been and will continue to be an essential component of higher education," Clingham says. "The belief in peer review and the opinion of experts is vital to academic progress, and it's one of the reasons why Bucknell's press has survived for nearly half a century. We take that very seriously, and it's given us an excellent reputation in return. This partnership will allow that reputation to continue and become even stronger." — *Samantha Wallace*

A young chimpanzee is spotted getting up from her nest. Her mom is amidst the leaves just beneath her.



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Ape Ex



Chimpanzees are one of humans' closest living relatives and our link to our primate ancestors who emerged from the forest 13 million years ago to walk to the arid plains of Africa. Even though scientists have been studying chimpanzees for almost 100 years, however, "most of the time we study them in tropical forests," says **Alex Piel '01**. "But we know that humans evolved on these dry, open landscapes. So the question is, what does it mean to come out of the forest?"

Piel has been asking that question for the last six years through the Ugalla Primate Project, a research station in the Issa Valley of Tanzania, and one of the few places in the world where one can study the savanna chimpanzee — a cousin to the more common forest-dwelling apes that may hold clues to how humans evolved. There is a good reason this species has been studied so little: The apes live across vast swaths of hilly, wooded territory, with ranges 20 times that of forest chimps, and habituating them to human contact can take a decade. "It's a challenge as a researcher just to find and stay with them," Piel says.

Along with his wife, Fiona Stewart, Piel has been arduously pursuing the primates across the savanna, making new discoveries about how they communicate and survive. "If there is a way to sum up my academic life, it is 'high risk, high reward,'" he says. Recently, he's had help meeting the challenges from students in Bucknell's Animal Behavior Program, where Piel got his own start — exposing a new generation to the rigors and pleasures of fieldwork in Africa.

Expectations

By investigating the reclusive savanna chimpanzee, Alex Piel '01 hopes to unlock secrets of our own evolution

By Michael Blanding

Created in the 1960s, Bucknell's program is unique among universities for its size — it houses four species of primates: baboons, squirrel monkeys, capuchins and macaques, in large indoor/outdoor enclosures — and for offering unlimited access for research by undergraduates. Piel came to Bucknell to work in animal behavior, intending to become a veterinarian. Once he met the monkeys in a first-year seminar class, however, he was hooked. "It's hard to stare into the eyes of another primate and not see your own evolution and start asking bigger questions about what we have in common," Piel says.

By Piel's third year, his adviser and now psychology professor emeritus Doug Candland told him it was time to get some experience in the field — arranging for a post to study lemurs in Madagascar. The experience was life-changing for Piel, exposing him to sensory extremes and intense solitude of the back country. "You either love fieldwork or you hate it," Piel says. "I just thrived and wanted more and more of it."

He returned to Bucknell to complete a thesis on the University's baboons, then upon graduation returned to the field to study blue monkeys in western Kenya. As a master's student at Iowa State he journeyed to Senegal, West Af-

rica, where he was exposed to savanna chimps for the first time. There, he met his future wife, Fiona, who was also studying the species. When he began a doctoral program at the University of California, San Diego (UCSD), Piel coordinated his research with hers to study the chimpanzees in Tanzania, an opportunity to build and develop a new research project.

Because it's difficult to get close to naive chimpanzees, Piel and Stewart at first just examined the signs they leave behind — feces, nests in the trees and vocalizations in the air. Stewart learned tree-climbing in Oregon to examine nest architecture and function. Piel, meanwhile, worked with marine biologists studying whale sounds to develop a remote sensing system to track the calls of chimpanzees across the savanna.

He realized they weren't hollering randomly but calling and responding to one another, exchanging information over miles of rough territory. "Even though they can't see one another, it seems clear that they know 'he's there,' and 'she's there,' and here's what tomorrow is going to look like," he says. Piel hypothesized that the chimpanzees use the calls to help one another find scarce sources of food and avoid predators such as wild dogs. "Those adaptations can't be that different from what early

humans had to face," Piel says.

Stewart, meanwhile, sometimes slept in chimpanzee nests, demonstrating how they help the apes avoid predators and keep warm during cold nights. She surmises humans, too, must have lived in nests for protection until they could defend themselves with tools like fire. After completing their doctoral research, Piel and Stewart decided to stay on and, with colleagues and support from UCSD, establish the Issa station in 2012, building their own nests of canvas tents on bamboo structures, and beginning the long process of habituating the chimpanzees to tolerate close observation.

They discovered the difficulty of tracking the animals across the landscape, but also the challenge to secure funding. Gone is the heyday of primate research during the time of Jane Goodall and Dian Fossey. "Things come in and out of fashion, and foundations have turned their attention elsewhere," says Candland. While a researcher working on genetics might easily score seven figures, primate researchers struggle to come up with five.

To support their camp while waiting for the chimpanzees to habituate, Piel and Stewart began working on new investigations — examining genetic

Each year Alex Piel '01 leads graduate student groups from Liverpool John Moores University (pictured) and the University of California, San Diego to Issa.





Above: An Issa chimpanzee peeks out from the forest to observe researchers. Top right: Two Issa yellow baboons pause between a mutual grooming. Bottom right: Eden Wondra '15 worked this summer as an education associate at the Buffalo Zoo.



information in feces, which revealed that some in the population were infected with the Simian Immunodeficiency Virus (SIV), the precursor to human HIV and a primate version of AIDS, and extending their studies to other species including red-tailed monkeys and yellow baboons. To help defray costs, they also began welcoming volunteers — including several from Bucknell. After Piel and Stewart made a donation to Bucknell's Animal Behavior Program in 2012, **Alexander Vining '14** wrote to thank him. Piel invited him to come work in the field that summer, reciprocating the opportunity Candland once gave him. "My whole career started at Bucknell with the risk he took in sending me to Madagascar," says Piel. "Here it is 20 years later, and that is still so much a part of who I am."

Vining spent the summer following red-tailed monkeys, often walking 13 hours a day with just a Tanzanian field assistant through the dense landscape to collect data on their activities. He felt as inspired as Piel had been. "It helped that the field site was gorgeous," Vining says. One day when he and Piel hiked out into the field, they sat by a beautiful waterfall observing the monkeys, and Vining eagerly described what he'd learned. After

that experience, Vining decided that he too would devote his life to animal research. "A day like that is worth years of hard work," he says. Since then, he's spent two years at Duke studying lemurs and is now at the University of California, Davis, where he is investigating how primates move through the landscape.

The following year, Piel and Stewart again donated to Bucknell's program and received another letter of appreciation, this time from **Eden Wondra '15**. They invited her to Tanzania, where she helped with the chimpanzee habituation work, taking pictures to build a visual library of the animals. She observed some chimpanzees using sticks and tree bark to fish for ants in a fig tree, a rare activity, and wrote up her observations as first author on a paper, published in September 2016 in the journal *African Primates*. Wondra now is pursuing a master's in education at the University at Buffalo and working with children at the Buffalo Zoo. "Being in the field gives me stories to tell the children about what is really happening out there and hopefully inspires them to do this type of research."

Piel has recently reached out to faculty members in the Animal Behavior Program, hoping to connect

more closely with Bucknell and bring more students to work in the field and interpret the data being collected by Tanzanian field assistants. Professor Peter Judge, psychology, who directs the program, is excited about the opportunity and is seeking funding. He sees it as a complement to students' lab work and a way to inject a little reality into their fantasies about fieldwork. "I call it the Jane Goodall effect," Judge says. "They all want to go out and study chimpanzees in the wild, but it helps for students to learn what it is really like," far more challenging than *National Geographic* and Goodall typically depict it.

For his part, Piel is already living out the fantasy he set out for himself long ago, patiently awaiting the day when the savanna chimpanzees of western Tanzania are habituated enough to allow him to approach close enough for detailed observations. Even now, he is beginning to catch glimpses of what that future might hold. "Sometimes you can spend eight or nine hours with the chimpanzees from just 20 meters away, and I can't even begin to describe what that feels like," he says. "I am not a religious person, but it's the closest I can imagine to a divine experience." 

THE KEYS TO CREATIVITY

Brockett Parsons '89, keyboardist for Lady Gaga and inventor of the PianoArc, found his path to music at Bucknell

By Eveline Chao

Brockett Parsons '89 has been on MTV with Sean Combs (formerly P. Diddy), played on three world tours with pop star Lady Gaga and performed in 50 countries. But arguably, the most pivotal moment of his career happened at age 19, when he was an undergrad at Bucknell. He was playing trumpet with the Bucknell Jazz and Rock Ensemble and toying with the idea of switching his focus to piano and keyboard, which he had also learned to play as a kid.

"At the time, there was a lot of exciting stuff happening in music synthesis. I realized that with a keyboard, I could play in a band on MTV," says Parsons.

That's exactly what happened. He switched his major to piano, and began to practice seriously for the first time in his life. After Bucknell (including a stint as director of the ensemble), he spent another year studying at Berklee College of Music, then worked various music gigs. They included playing in the house band at the legendary Cafe Wha? in New York City, where artists such as Jimi Hendrix and Bob Dylan started out. And in 2009 — after standing in an audition line for seven hours in the middle of winter — Parsons made it onto MTV at last, as part of a P. Diddy reality show called *Making His Band*.

One year later, he landed a gig as a keyboardist for Lady Gaga. In the seven years since, he's played with her on three world tours and performed in the 2017 Super Bowl halftime show.

"It's been amazing," says Parsons. But despite all the places he's been, it was playing

close to home, in Madison Square Garden, that meant the most to him. "I'm from New Jersey, and being there, I felt like, 'Wow, this is the place where I saw Rangers games with my dad when I was 10. This is where Led Zeppelin did crazy stuff; it's where everybody's played.'"

Parsons credits his mother, still an accomplished piano player at age 86, as the source of his musical talent. "She's an improvisational genius," says Parsons. "Even now after traveling all over the world and playing with top musicians, I'll go home and listen to her playing and say, 'What was that you just played? How did you do that?'"

In 2012, Parsons took his creative energy in a new direction by teaming up with **Chuck Johnson '86** to create the PianoArc, a circular (and utterly wild-looking) keyboard that he and Johnson rent and sell through their company of the same name. Parsons first came up with the PianoArc during the leadup to a world tour with Lady Gaga. "Her vision, and the presentation of the show, was so exceptional that I felt obligated to make myself exceptional too," says Parsons. The band's guitar player offered up the idea of a circular keyboard, and Parsons set about making it happen — starting with a phone call to Johnson, a fellow member of the Bucknell Jazz and Rock Ensemble.

Now, more keyboardists are using the PianoArc, including Sir Foster, the in-stadium musician for the Atlanta Hawks, lending their acts just a little extra, Gaga-inspired pizzazz. You might say that with the PianoArc, Parsons' musical journey has come full circle. **B**

PianoArc



Brockett Parsons '89 plays the 1,000-pound, 292-key PianoArc that he developed with the help of Chuck Johnson '86.

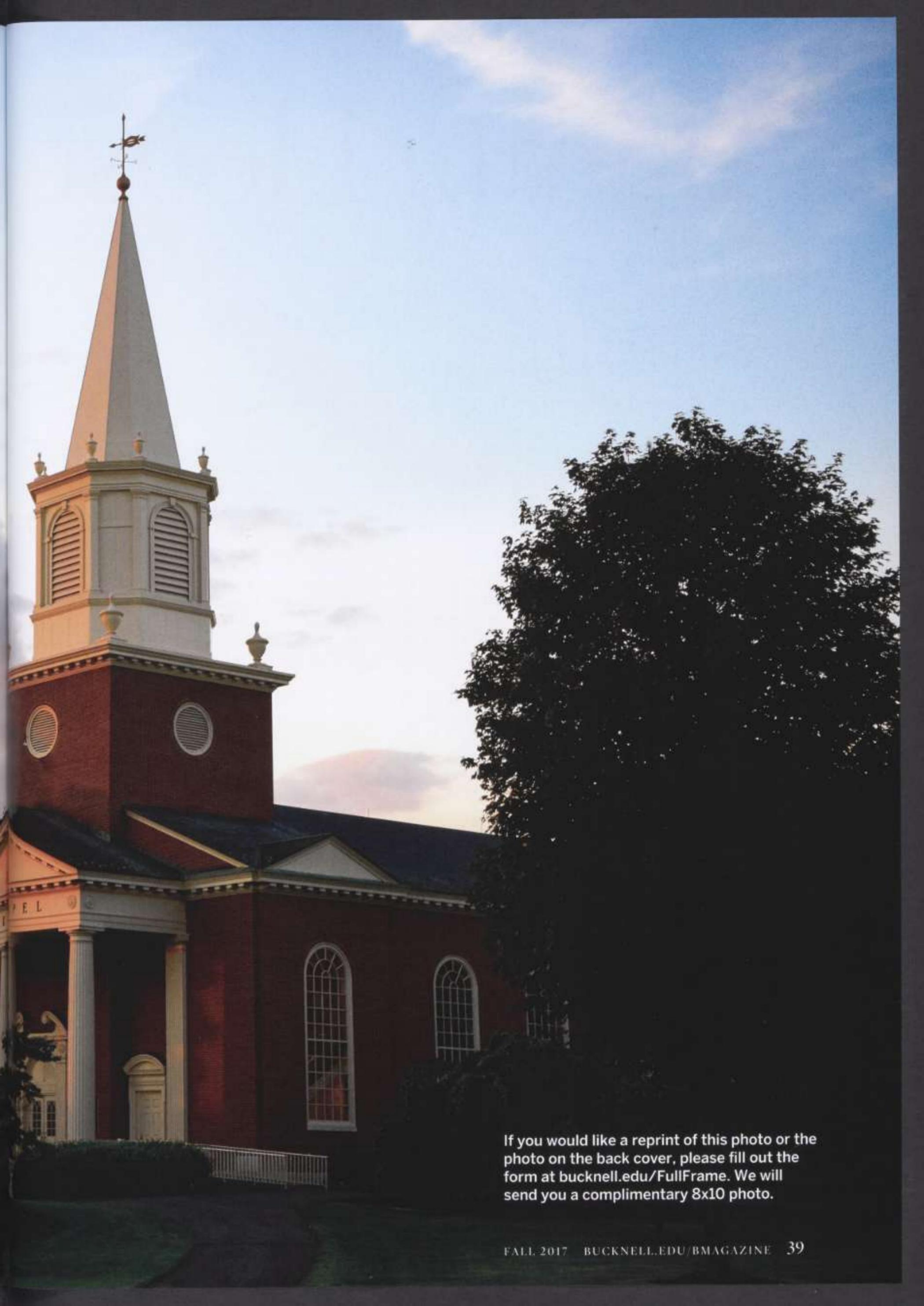


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This Little Light

A sunset that displays the glowing tones of a Maxfield Parrish painting lingers majestically behind Rooke Chapel.

Photograph by Emily Paine



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A Virtual Handshake

Alumni online networking platform fosters business linkups

In 10 minutes, a lot can change. That's what Bucknellians find out when they link up with fellow alumni from their phone, tablet or computer in virtual speed-networking sessions.

During the last year, the Bucknell Professional Network (BPN) has held more than a dozen online networking events through the Brazen platform, where attendees can link

up randomly with multiple alumni in 10-minute, one-on-one text chats.

Already 1,422 connections have been made among alumni from 17 countries and 43 states, according to **Jillian Fritze '08**, a senior account manager for Brazen's Customer Success Team in Washington, D.C. **Debra Zapotocky Rizzi '94** says that taking part in an online networking event "was time well spent, and I have found three legitimate

opportunities for business." Rizzi was also able to encourage three of her connections to return to campus for Reunion Weekend.

To Fritze, these chats are a virtual first handshake to be followed up with a phone call, LinkedIn connection or in-person meeting.

When alumni participate in an event, their chat is saved, so it's like a virtual business card holder — another way the technology enables online conversations to continue.

Online networking events, held year-round on the last Wednesday of each month, target the entire alumni audience, allowing connections to be made across multiple industries, generations and countries.

So far, there have been sessions focused on a particular state, including Georgia, Texas, Colorado and Washington, on marketing professionals, on the iconic Management 101 course and on young alumni.

The program is still growing and has become a way for more experienced alumni to mentor and coach younger Bucknellians.

"The Bucknell Professional Network adopted this platform so that all alumni from their home, office or anywhere can connect with other Bucknellians, with no geographic limitations," says Todd Leister, assistant director for off-campus programming in Alumni Relations. — *Heidi Hormel*



Go to bucknell.edu/BPN-OnlineEvents and under "In This Section," choose "Online Networking Events" for more information.

Finding Her Voice

Bucknell experiences led alumna to a career combatting the stigma and shame of mental illness

Hillary Billmyer Marotta '01

Depression and two service-learning trips to Nicaragua were seemingly unrelated experiences at Bucknell, but they sparked my lifelong passion for helping others, particularly through storytelling, to end the stigma surrounding mental health.

My time at Bucknell offered much more than an education. I learned the importance of diagnosis and treatment of my own mental-health challenges, which began with severe homesickness that gave way to depression. I was fortunate to find help at Psychological Services and developed a passion for helping others when I twice joined the Bucknell Brigade to Nicaragua.

Much like the depression I had suffered, those trips left indelible imprints on me, leading me to want to spend the rest of my life helping others. I was already service-minded, but witnessing poverty in the devel-

oping world and recognizing that I could *live* my life while others merely *survived* theirs, changed me forever. I knew that my purpose was to make others' lives better.

I've since worked in the nonprofit sector, teaching immigrants and teachers, managing community-health programs and writing grants, but nothing has inspired me more than sharing my mental-health story. Why? Because 1 in 5 American adults suffers from a diagnosable mental illness yearly, yet only 41 percent of them receive help, partially due to stigma and shame, according to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). Through the nonprofit This Is My Brave Inc., I found my voice in 2015 and shared my depression and anxiety experiences in front of a live audience. I now help to manage programs at This Is My Brave and advocate and speak to encourage others to share their stories to end the stigma.



Hillary Billmyer Marotta '01

Hillary Billmyer Marotta '01, a mother of two children in Hummelstown, Pa., serves multiple nonprofits, most recently by co-producing This Is My Brave's first Women's Mental Health Summit at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., featuring Elizabeth Vargas of ABC's 20/20. Marotta often speaks about her story and passion for ending the stigma of mental illness. If you or someone you know is suffering from a mental illness, please visit NAMI at nami.org or Mental Health America at mentalhealthamerica.net for resources or call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255 for immediate help.



ALUMNI ENTREPRENEUR: RANDY WELSCH '78

After selling his aerospace software company in 2010, **Randy Welsch '78** wanted his next venture to address one of the developing world's most pressing problems: access to clean water. Welsch's answer is Jibu, a network of storefront franchises in urban African neighborhoods selling purified water at an affordable price.

"There have got to be business solutions to poverty to solve these systemic issues," Welsch says. "When it's a matter of creating solutions that last, there has to be ownership on the ground."

The business he started in 2012 is a partnership with son Galen that builds on Welsch's work with World Vision International, the Christian humanitarian aid organization, and Galen's service in the Peace Corps.

New Jibu customers buy an easy-to-carry 20-liter container with a tap on the side. When empty, they can exchange a full container for a lesser fee, the same way propane tanks are refilled in the U.S. Water is purified and bottled at the store and sells for a fraction of the price of regular bottled water. When utility costs are considered, Jibu water is typically cheaper — and safer — than boiling water at home, Welsch says.

Jibu has more than 50 franchises and 150 microfranchises in three countries: Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda. Welsch hopes to be in three more African nations by the end of the year, and to eventually expand around the continent and into South America and Asia. — Matt Hughes

Class Notes

Alumni Near&Far



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Fall often brings memories of football games, Homecoming and the beauty of Bucknell in the autumn glow of central Pennsylvania. I hope this fall season will also bring me your news. Please call or write to share your life happenings and memories. — A.M.P.

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Less than 12 months from now, we will celebrate our 70th Reunion. Imagine all the orange and blue and all the conversations — memories to share. I know I'll love it. Do come.

Robert Guempel and I had a good chat about what is going on in his life. He and wife Jeanie planned a trip to Texas for a family wedding. But he says they are starting their Bucknell trips after that.

While in the Washington, D.C., area, my son **Jeff '79** and I had brunch with a relative of

mine and Bucknellians **William '55** and **Dorothy "Jean" Carnegie Golightly '55**. We had a great time talking over family and, of course, Bucknell memories.

I had a chat with **Arax Arosian Balakian**, a luncheon buddy of our group. She is going to celebrate her 90th with her family in Waterfield, N.Y. We send our congratulations to her.

Put Reunion on your summer schedule, please. Have a beautiful, warm few months. Write to me, please. — J.G.B.

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It was a terrific Reunion with all the things to make us feel pampered and welcome. Thirty-nine students, called ambassadors — some recent

graduates and some to-be seniors who were refreshing, knowledgeable and friendly — sat with us on every occasion: at a delicious luncheon at the Weis Center; at the new MacDonald Commons Building, where we had a delicious dinner and a visit with President John Bravman; and at informal lunches at the gym and the cafeteria in the Elaine Langone Center. We were treated to a tour of the campus with narration by two students while riding in a trolley on wheels. It was such fun.

Classmates who were there and with whom I caught up were: **Larry Bloom**; **Mary "Lou" Hind**, whose daughter and grandson were with her; **Eli Childs Lewis**; and **Jan Caul Aydelott**, who regaled us with tales of her plane ride to State College, Pa., with a verbose and chatty seatmate.

We laughed until we cried. We were about the oldest of the emeritus group, so Lou and I led the parade from the Weis Center to the gym for lunch. It was so good to see old friends.

The campus has grown so much since 1952 — you really needed a map to find your way around. My daughter Patti accompanied me on the trip and asked me about the different buildings. My response was usually, "I don't know anything about it because it was not here in my day." There are new residence halls and buildings for classrooms in what they call the South Campus.

We were not able to take the 10-person canoe trip down the Susquehanna because the tide was a little too swift due to excessive rains the week before. The river was muddy and over its banks in many places. But the weather was beautiful the week we were there, and everything was very green. Since I had left Colorado in a hail storm, this was a welcome change.

On Friday night, we were treated to an organ concert in Rooke Chapel featuring Steven Ball, the young man who plays the largest pipe organ in the world, which is in Atlantic City,

N.J. The organ was damaged in a 1944 hurricane and is undergoing extensive renovation. That organ has 33,000 pipes. We also learned about our organ, which has 3,500 pipes, most concealed behind a screen at the back of the altar. Some of the trumpet pipes are visible on the wall to the rear of the balcony. As Don Manning reminded us, we had to walk into town for our required 45 chapel services at the Methodist church, which was a source of confusion, since the University began as a Baptist seminary."

If you have a chance to visit Bucknell, you would be amazed at how it has changed. It's worth the trip. — C.K.E.

1953

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The Philadelphia-area luncheon in May brought together 10 classmates and one classmate spouse. **Mona Rogers Larrabee** shared her amazement with her pacemaker and how technology has improved our "quality of life." **Frank and Ann Lewis Meredith** picked up **Herb Why** on their two-hour trip from Delaware. Ann and Frank were leaving the next day for a vacation road trip to Canada. Herb shared more photos of his home that is a model of a Chesapeake Bay lighthouse. **Walt and Izzy Beers McConnell** stopped for me on their way from an overnight with their son in Allentown, Pa. **Dave Dreher** and wife Page came from New Jersey. **Sue Miller Strecker**, our bubbly cheerleader, was pleased to attend again after missing last year. **Joan Jenkinson Beiter** told of her recent trip to the Kentucky Derby. After the lunch, she hurried off to play golf. Two of our regular attendees, **Joan MacBain Stettler** and **Trudy Knutzen Powelson**, unhappily had to cancel at the last minute. Everyone seemed

pleased with the location, the ambiance and the menu. Perhaps more will come next time.

The macular degeneration of my eyes is making the writing of the class column a problem for me. When I asked for help, **John Manbeck** kindly answered the call. He is willing to carry on for our class. I will remain as a co-columnist for a while. Either of us will be able to respond to your news.

Here is an introduction to John in his own words: "For those who don't know or remember me, I was a liberal arts student, graduating with a major in English and a minor in history. My extracurricular activities primarily included *The Bucknellian* and WVBU. Fraternity-wise, I was in TKE. My home away from home was East College the first year and West College after that. My other home was (and is) Brooklyn, N.Y. Today, I realize how solid an education Bucknell provided. It prepared me for life in many ways and influenced my future. Most of my life has been spent in education at Kingsborough Community

College in Brooklyn. I retired in 1999 as professor emeritus. I have also worked in media and in government service as Brooklyn borough historian. I have written/edited more than nine books about Brooklyn. For two years, I taught at Helsinki University in Finland on a Fulbright grant. My wife, Virginia, is a Penn State graduate and a librarian. Our daughter lives in Maine and our son in California. We have three grandchildren. Chris has excelled as class reporter, and I hope to follow her model."

Shirley Kistler Herwig died Jan 30. She transferred to Bucknell her junior year, was immediately involved in athletics and was elected class secretary our senior year. She married Bruce and reared three sons in Radburn, N.J., where she lived for more than 60 years. She taught elementary school for a few years and later coordinated the first co-op nursery school in the country. She served as its director for 25 years and continued to serve on its board. Following that, she took on the challenge

of a real-estate career, at which she excelled and won recognition. She retired in 2014. Throughout her life, Shirley shared her knowledge of education on boards and in workshops. She enjoyed playing golf and tennis, especially with her husband. She was a swimmer, a gardener and a watercolor artist. She took advantage of many opportunities to visit NYC, gardens near and far, and the United Kingdom, where she and Bruce spent time on a Fulbright grant. Shirley's husband died in 2011. She is survived by her three sons and five grandchildren.

W. Norwood Lowry of Wernersville, Pa., died Feb. 17. A native of Lewisburg and member of Delta Upsilon, he graduated from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. After his residency at Reading Hospital, he operated an orthopedic practice in West Reading. At Wernersville State Hospital, he was president of the medical staff until 1988. He also served 30 years as a member of the Wyomissing Hills Board of Health, the Berks County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania Medical Society and the American Medical Association. An enthusiastic licensed amateur radio operator, he communicated with other radio amateurs around the world by phone and Morse code. He enjoyed his summers spent at his cottage at Newton Lake, Pa. Surviving are his wife, two sons and five grandchildren.

Raymond F. Pettit of Cheshire, Conn., and Naples, Fla., died June 6. Ray came from Waterbury, Conn., to Bucknell on a football scholarship and majored in economics. At Cheshire Academy, he played football for a postgraduate year, according to **Jack Waldron**, a lifetime friend. As a Bison tight end, he helped Bucknell to an undefeated season our junior year. Both Ray and Jack worked on *The Bucknellian*, were fraternity brothers at SAE and members of the Newman Club. After college, Ray graduated from MIT's Sloan School of Management's Senior Executive Program, and in 2004, he received an honorary doctorate of business administration from Stonehill College in Massachusetts. Ray spent a lifetime in the world of business

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with executive positions in General Electric, Colgate-Palmolive and the Rockefeller Group as president of Rockefeller Center Properties. He served on several major corporate boards of directors. He and wife Peggy actively supported civic, community, medical and educational organizations and were enthusiastic philanthropists to many charitable organizations. Naples Community Health Services honored them as Lifetime Medical Diplomats. For relaxation, Ray turned to sailing and golf and had many golfing friends at courses in Connecticut, Florida and Ireland. He is survived by his wife, four daughters, eight grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, two brothers and a sister. His beloved son Stephen died in 2004.

To read the words of the beginning of a great Bucknell friendship written by Jack, go to the *Bucknell Magazine* website, bucknell.edu/RayPettit. — C.H.K. and J.M.

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A group of Bucknellians from our class who lived together their senior year have gathered every year for the past 30 years, with their husbands, for a three-day reunion. The group sent a picture of this year's get-together May 31–June 2 in South Hadley, Mass. While there, they visited the arboretum and museum at Smith College. Those who attended were Irv and **Dee Christopher McNair**, Wally and **Jill Kriebel Evans**, **Sandra Whipple Dietzen** and **Nancy Martin Brubaker**. — B.M.A.

Note: See a photo of the group at bucknell.edu/alumniphotos.

1955

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Ellie Mackie Pigman wrote to applaud the 56 years that **Bonnie Mackie Aspinwall '54** has given to Bucknell as a class reporter. This reporter is impressed. — S.M.G.

1956

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A note from **Evelyn Steelman Doane** said she has been happily living on Cape Cod, Mass., since 1986. Her late husband, **David Doane '57**, had ancestors who were the original settlers there in the mid-1600s, and it was his dream to retire to Chatham on the elbow of the Cape. "We bought our home, an old sea captain's house, in 1980, and after we bought it, we found it had been built for [David's] great-grandfather, Capt. Rufus Nickerson. David had a wonderful time here keeping busy with his boat and lobstering in Pleasant Bay, with his antique cars and playing golf at Eastward Ho." After David passed away, Evelyn became involved in real estate, got her broker's license and has loved it ever since. If anyone is interested in renting or buying on the Cape and wants to know more about this charming historic area, Evelyn would be delighted to help them. Her website is ChathamByTheSeawithEvelyn.com. She goes to Naples, Fla., in the winter for a few months. — P.G.H.

1957

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We celebrated 60 years since graduation with fantastic weather for about a dozen of us. Led by **Billie Jane Boyer Maul** and co-chair **Patricia Wenk Strachan**, about 280 Bucknellians filled Rooke Chapel Friday night for the beauty of the organ played by Steven Ball. He is staff organist at Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City, N.J., home of the largest pipe organ on this planet. He spoke on how each selection was related to the symbols on the reredos (organ screen) of the chapel. Thank you, classmates, for your donations to make this happen.

Thursday consisted of trolley-car rides to view the expanded campus, lectures and ample dining experiences throughout the day. The all-class lunch on Friday was enjoyed by classmates Pat Wenk Strachan and husband **Robert '58**, **Sally Botsai**, **Carol Wanamaker Lenker**, **Dorothy Hund Hayes**, **Jane Wherly Curtis**, **Dale Marshall**, **Billie Jane Boyer Maul** and husband **Lew**, **Gladys Freund McDonnell** and others. Friday night was a real picnic on the grass in tents with music and dinner buffet. Saturday morning, I enjoyed breakfast with **Bill Moyer**, **Art Saunders** and Pat in the Bostwick Dining Hall. Hope I have all the attendees listed for this enjoyable never-to-be-repeated event.

In other news, **Jacquelyn James** wrote and published *Stories of Stroud*. She wrote this history to commemorate the bicentennial of her township.

Note: For more about her book, see *The Mind and the Muse* on Page 18.

Archaeologist **Vic Fisher** continues to find great satisfaction in his teaching career at Towson University in Maryland. He has been a full-time member of its faculty since 1961. In the midst of this, Vic has done his professional fieldwork at sites in France, Peru, the Canadian Subarctic and

the American Southwest. **Dick and Wilma Nies Strine '59** wrote to thank me for some Reunion photos and said they were joining Dick's sister and her husband for Milton, Pa.'s (their hometown) bicentennial celebration. They will visit the Bucknell campus while there. **Hugh Browning** sent me three postcards for other class members; they were addressed by a fellow classmate and mailed to the individuals.

I heard from **Paul Reed**. He was scammed last winter; it takes a long time to reinvent all personal data. He and his wife live near Yosemite National Park. — P.T.

1958

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I always ask you for news, but the following news is always the dreaded kind. Please hold your hands together in prayer for **Ed** and **Jan Smith Staiano** and also for **Jane Vetter King**.

From Jan Smith Staiano: "Ed had a stroke Feb. 21 while we were in Arizona for the winter. I was able to get him to Mayo Clinic where he got incredible care. He is now able to walk and talk and has his driving privileges back. The most challenging thing is recovering his reading ability and word retrieval. Consequently, we will be making Arizona our primary home so he can see the doctors and therapists he needs. That means cleaning out the Pennsylvania house and putting it on the market. The address here is: 4638 E. Sanna St., Phoenix, AZ 85028; phone: 480-443-1131.

"Fortunately, our daughter, **Eva Staiano Tomashefski M'85**, moved to Scottsdale in January, so she and her husband are here to help out.

"Before all this happened, we visited Jane Vetter and **Don King** in Cape Coral, Fla. While there, we also got together with **Rogers** and **Jane Scheifele Frassenei** and Theta Chi buddies Sue and **Nelson Smith** and Judy and **Tom Cassidy**. Then we went on to Key West

to visit Jean and **Marv Fisher**."

And very sadly from Jane Vetter King: "It is with a heavy heart and much sadness that I tell you that Don died May 17, one day short of his 81st birthday after having been diagnosed 1-1/2 weeks earlier with an aggressive, rare form of multiple myeloma. To think he'd been cycling 18 miles just a month before is mind-boggling. Our family knows Don is now in a better place, and our faith gives us hope by knowing that we'll see him again some day."

I thank the ladies for their brave entries and hope all will be well with both families.

On a happier note, I have been in Lakeway, Texas, for a year now and feeling more and more settled. I have a wonderful significant other, Wes Jacobs, whom I have known and worked with for 25 years and who is also a widower. We just returned from an incredible trip to the Baltic Sea on a three-month-old Viking ship that included stops in Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Poland, Estonia, Germany and Russia. Highlights were a train trip from Oslo to Bergen, Norway, and the Hermitage and Russian ballet in St. Petersburg. It was a remarkable experience through cobblestoned cities. By the way, the trip was a celebration of our 80th birthdays.

On the home front, my three sons and families gave me an amazing 80th birthday celebration, step-stoning to three restaurants with a photo stop at the famous Pennybacker Bridge in Austin, Texas. The party started at 4 p.m. and ended after 9 p.m. It was a day I will never forget. I am so blessed. — R.B.S.

1959

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Jim Hall writes, "Our Hilton Head, S.C., winter home survived Hurricane Matthew, but we had many trees down and loads of debris to remove. It's always fun to see the considerable number of

Bucknellians in Hilton Head, including former sports information director Brad Tufts, **Joe Bellace '60**, **Pam Price Cooper '80**, **Richard Miller '66**, **Bob Gentzler '65** and many others. Back in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., we enjoyed the graduation of grandson James Koether (son of **Janet Hall-Koether '90**). Summer brings lots of gardening (otherwise called 'weeding'), enjoyment of the New York City Ballet and the Philadelphia Orchestra extended residencies at our performing arts center, and going to the oldest surviving racetrack in the United States."

Sylvia Beauregard Van Cleave writes, "In June, **Willi Rilling Stahura** visited Richard and me at our New Jersey home to tour a few of the local attractions. Our first stop was the famous Presby Memorial Iris Gardens in Upper Montclair to view our Kappa sorority flower. The beautiful gardens have 10,000 irises with 1,500 varieties on display. Then we were off to the Montclair Art Museum to visit the Matisse exhibit that also featured some famous American artists who were influenced by his works. The next day we toured the Grounds For Sculpture, just outside Princeton. It was conceived by Seward Johnson to promote an understanding and appreciation of contemporary sculpture in an outdoor setting. We dined at Rat's, a charming restaurant by the lily pond and footbridge inspired by the works of Monet.

"We capped off our fun visit with dinner on the terrace at Baltusrol Golf Club overlooking the storied fourth hole of the championship course. Visiting with Willi is always a special treat."

Jean Nardi Benning reports, "The first weekend in April my son **Mark '85** and I attended Bucknell's annual Scholarship Luncheon, where I enjoyed talking with classmates **Ron Bell**, **Roger Connors** and **Pat Reish Hemphill** and their spouses. At a breakfast for Bertrand Society members in the Weis Center Lobby, we heard a presentation by an engineering professor who worked with a group of students to produce and sell a backpack with a built-in solar cell. The backpack is designed to power

lights for students in developing countries to study at night. More than 400 scholarship donors and student recipients then gathered at tables of eight for the luncheon, which packed the Sojka Pavilion. I always come away from this day convinced that there could be no better investment than aiding one of these exceptional Bucknell students. I would love to see more of my '59 classmates there next year."

Joan Peregoy Thayer writes, "Spring in Virginia has been lovely. Peonies bloomed for a long time, and now day-lilies and clematis are flourishing. Our Encore Chorale presented a concert at the Daughters of the American Revolution Constitution Hall May 13; more than 15 chorales were represented. The concert celebrated the 10th anniversary of Encore Chorales. Happy summer and fall to all."

Bob Nielsen emailed that he didn't have much news. He and his partner sold their home of 30 years in Tampa, Fla., and live in their vacation home in Welaka, Fla., which is very rural with only 600 people. The couple do have a great spot there on the St. Johns River but are looking for a home in a 55-plus community in Tampa.

Barbara Dunning Du Puy and I took a very enjoyable nine-day road trip to see friends and family. We started from Williamsburg, Va., visiting a friend in North Myrtle Beach, N.C.; my cousin in St. Augustine, Fla.; Barbara's college roommate, **Susie Blasier Butler**, who is in good health and enjoying her lovely apartment in Naples, Fla.; and a couple in Bradenton, Fla. We also stopped in DeFuniak Springs, Fla., for dinner with our grandson, Atticus, who graduated from dental school and will be joining a group practice in Pensacola, Fla., and visited our oldest daughter in Mobile, Ala., and friends in Black Mountain, N.C.

In June, we had a very pleasant visit from **Edward '73** and **Amy Kingston McDevitt '74** and their daughter Molly. Ed retired from an orthopedic group in Annapolis, Md., where he'd practiced for 18 years. Before that, he was in the Navy, retiring in 1999 after serving his last 12 years as chief of

orthopedics at the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, where he was the team physician for the football, basketball and lacrosse teams. Ed related an interesting story about Congress, as he held orthopedic clinics on Capitol Hill once a month. He told me the first time he went to the Hill to hold a clinic, he had no idea where it was held, so he wandered around the rotunda in his uniform until a gentleman dressed as a civilian came up and asked, "What are you doing here?" Ed said he was there to hold an orthopedic clinic for the Congressmen and women. He was admonished by the gentleman, who stated he was an admiral, and told him he "was not to be in uniform, for the Congressmen did not want anyone to know that the Navy was taking care of their health needs." Ed promptly left for home and changed into civilian clothes and returned. I attended his retirement ceremony at the Naval Academy listening to the many kudos and awards, after which I was sure that he could walk on water. It was most elating, and I felt very proud to know such an officer and gentleman.

Annabel Smith Wullaert emails, "I got married last year to Richard Tanner. I knew him 35 years ago when he and his wife were neighbors of ours. He had a lot in common with my husband at the time. They were doctoral students at Stanford at the same time and in very similar studies. When his wife died, one of my bridge buddies asked him to substitute in my Monday bridge group. I hadn't seen him in 30 years. After two years of bridge playing, we started to date and four years later (last July), we got married. After being single for 25 years, I couldn't be happier. Life doesn't end at 80. I feel I have many good years ahead of me.

"If any of you Bucknellians ever come to Santa Barbara, Calif., please come to visit. I still live in the beautiful home I built on a hilltop with five acres and 360-degree views. I still play tennis twice a week and have lots of energy." — T.E.D.

1960

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I'm sure when you rushed to our class notes, you were surprised to see that there wasn't any news. Why was that? Because no one sent me any. The only report I have is a sad one: Our classmate **Tommy Thompson** passed away June 25. To read about Tommy, see "In Memoriam" at the back of this magazine.
— J.S.H.

1961

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I received a note from **Bob Schad**, advising me of the passing of a good friend and fellow Lambda Chi **Ken Rickett '60**. I have been in contact over the years with **Chuck Bryden '60**, **Pete Matz '60** and **Lou Russo '60**. Bob and the Lambda Chi Alpha trio met in Ana Maria Island, Fla., for an informal tribute to Kenny.

Bob has had some interesting vacations. He went to Iceland last year and is planning on hitting Newfoundland, Canada, this year (one way to escape the heat).

Dan '64 and **Georgia Gillis Goodman '64** went to watch grandson Jack, 8, play on his traveling baseball team in June. They played at a great facility called the Ripken Experience in Aberdeen, Md., where the team won two games, lost the third game but advanced to the semifinals. They ran into another Bucknellian, albeit one rooting for the other team, **Nick Mallis '72**. Most of Nick's family are Bucknellians. Nick played lacrosse at Bucknell, and Dan mentioned that our fellow Lambda Chi **Dick "Hawk" Wiesner '63** was instrumental in starting the University's lacrosse program.

Hawk's cousin is married to a gentleman who happens to meet **Dave "Bomber" Baird** weekly in Atlanta. Dave had an

emergency cardiac bypass operation while in Seattle visiting his newest grandson. Dave has recovered well and is enjoying life. He and wife Carolyn are back from several days in Israel, where Carolyn did a presentation for IBM. I hope his bypass can last as long as mine has — 22 years. Hawk sent along a picture of Dave, and he looks pretty good.

Speaking of pictures, my cub reporter **Dick "Turk" Carnesale** sent a pic of granddaughter Courtney, who graduated with honors from Dana Hills High in Dana Point, Calif. She was president of her senior class and did a nice job at the presentation of the class gift. She will attend California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo in the fall, after a graduation trip to NYC with her mom and grandmother. The last time I saw Courtney was about 15 years ago at lunch in Mission Viejo. She has grown into quite a beautiful lady, based on the picture Turk sent. Turk will be up this way in late July, and we

hope to get together here in Westchester. Though he loves living in California with his daughters and five grandkids, Turk is really a Westchester kid at heart.

It was also a sad day to hear of the passing of **Tommy Thompson '60**. It was such a pleasure to have the comradery of a team sport with great guys like Tommy and **Ellis Harley '59** on the Bucknell baseball team.

As for yours truly, I am awaiting results of a cryoablation to freeze my tumor. Hoping for an OK or else it will be plan B.

As usual, wishing for lots of news from my classmates (especially), or from anyone who takes the time to read my meager attempt at reporting. All my best. — B.B.

1962

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Connie Tressler writes, "We missed all of you who were not able to attend the 55th Reunion of the Class of 1962.

"As part of the emeritus class, many of the programmed activities, particularly on Thursday, included classes before ours. Thursday evening we shared dinner with the Class of 1967 and Provost Barbara Altmann. This was followed by a session called Then & Now, discussing the changes on campus over the years. Student ambassadors, who were a vital part of our weekend, provided the 'now.'

"There were several Bucknell 360 courses on a variety of topics hosted by professors or staff. Many courses were preceded by receptions where we could meet fellow classmates. **Sally Ortner Howell** from Florida attended with former roommate and *L'Agenda* member **Marge Amendola Bailey** from Reading, Pa. **Bob** and **Marjorie McLean Smink** were seen throughout the weekend, often accompanied by **Dick** and **Camilla Schwieger Humphreys**. **Rue Rothermel** traveled the 'great' distance from Shamokin Dam, Pa., to share memories, while participating in various musical groups with **Judy Montgomery Nichols** and husband David from Charlotte, N.C.

"The highlight of Friday evening was an outstanding organ concert by Steven Ball of Boardwalk Hall, Atlantic City, N.J. Ball is a master of 'the largest instrument on Earth,' a pipe organ containing 33,112 pipes. The recital, arranged by **Billie Jane Boyer Maul '57**, a co-chair of the Class of 1957, was given to a filled Rooke Chapel.

"On Saturday the new Graham Building was opened for tours. Unfortunately, at the last minute, Frances and **Bill Graham** were unable to attend. As we remember, Bill was a wrestler and actively sponsored the return of the sport.

"Saturday evening the emeritus classes had their dinner at the 'new' MacDonald Commons, which was a field in our time. President Bravman



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spoke about some of the University's highlights. We shared the table with Priscilla and **Frank Wood**. We were happy to see **Jim Riley** attending the Reunion. We honored the 111 classmates who could no longer be with us.

"Following the dinner, the Observatory was open for the emeritus classes on their way to the main activity of the evening — a beautiful display of fireworks.

"Many thanks go to the alumni relations and development offices, student ambassadors as well as other staff members for their dedication and hard work in arranging a great weekend."

Peter '60 and **Anne Wagner Silberfarb** were featured in the *Norwich (Conn.) Times*. The article, "Elder Profiles: The Silberfarbs," detailed some of their notable accomplishments. "[They] met at Bucknell from very different backgrounds." Here are a few examples:

Peter chaired the Department of Psychiatry at Dartmouth Medical School for 18 years, amassing an impressive list of service on international, national and regional boards, including chair of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, which sets standards for certifying psychiatrists.

Anne stayed home with the children for nine years, during which time she started the first Jewish Sunday School in Norwich (Conn.)/Hanover (N.H.). She then returned to elementary school teaching. She earned a master's in learning disabilities from Goddard College. Anne worked for 25 years at several local schools, including the Hanover Elementary School, Lyme Elementary School and Dartmouth College, where she developed techniques for helping students whose disabilities had never been diagnosed.

Peter joined the Dartmouth Medical School faculty in 1972. Two years later, he became the first psychiatrist in the United States to work full time in a comprehensive cancer center and was the first to publish articles about "chemo brain," citing his observations of patients who often had a slight cognitive impairment from chemotherapy.

While chair of the board of

the Norwich Historical Society, Anne got the town on the Federal Register of Historic Places. While chair of the Hitchcock Foundation, she ran a successful capital campaign. Other organizations where Anne served as chair of the board included: the Montshire Museum of Science, Vital Communities of the Upper Valley and the Vermont chapter of the Nature Conservancy.

Former Class Reporter **Carolyn Wilcox Conway** writes, "**Pat Stout Mielbrecht** and I had a lively telephone conversation. Pat and Bob moved around a lot during his Air Force years, but for the last 25, they have lived in Spokane, Wash., where they enjoy the theater, local wines and visits from their two granddaughters who live in the San Francisco area.

"A half-hour or so of 'remember so-and-so?' had us laughing as though we'd last seen each other yesterday. Reminiscing about freshman year on Third Larison, I reminded Pat of the time when the Campus Theatre was running a radio promotion in which the first person to call in with the right answer won two movie tickets. I wanted those tickets and dialed all but the last digit. Hallmates gathered and if anyone knew the answer, I'd have it made. The question was 'How many shopping days till Christmas?' Pat grabbed a calendar and started flipping pages and counting; as soon as she yelled out the answer, I finished dialing and won the tickets. So I've always had a place in my heart for Pat's contribution to my social life — it just took me 58 years to remind her."

Ed Vallecorse writes, "Here's a picture of **Ron McCollam '60** and me giving the FIJI salute while imbibing a few cool ones at Ed's Las Vegas house." (Reporter's note: Didn't receive the picture. Just what was in those drinks, Ed?)

Ed Piccolino writes, "No Bucknell news but on a professional note, I have good news and bad news. Good news: I helped negotiate the sale of my client, Blue Man Group — where I served as board chair — to the private equity firm that controls Cirque du Soleil. Bad news: I am an unemployed

chairman of the board. Hope everyone is well."

Joan Hammer Grant writes, "I'm alive and well and happily living in Portland, Maine."

Robert Jones writes, "In April, Diane and I had a great dinner in our favorite neighborhood Italian restaurant in San Francisco. **Ben Jones**, doing one of his convention organizing gigs and down with the flu, rallied to join us for one of these 'remember when' evenings — most of the stories having been told so many times that neither of us knew if they were actually true.

"I also reconnected with roommate and Phi Kappa Psi brother, **Bob Williams**, who just finished his new home in Maine. With homes in both Florida and Maine, he has his seasons covered. We started to compare health notes only to find that doing so was non-productive. Since we both gave up golf, we were surprised that we both are active woodworkers — trading 'in shape' for 'in shop.'"

Download your latest updates by contacting your friendly class reporter. — S.S.

1963

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This is **Penny West Suritz**, and I'll be your new class reporter. Word from Paul Brickmeier, husband of **Win Springer**, is that Win's deteriorating health makes it no longer possible for her to continue as class reporter. Win has done an outstanding job of keeping us all connected.

I retired from the American Council on Education, where I was an assistant director in military programs. It gave me the opportunity to travel with teams of college professors to military bases, assessing the education provided in order to translate it into academic college credit. The results are recognized by some 2,300 colleges, providing credit and advanced standing to hundreds of thousands of veterans and active-duty personnel.

A few years ago, as empty-nesters, we downsized to a

condo in Arlington, Va., overlooking the Potomac River. To counter the city life, we have a home in Ocean View, Del., close to Bethany Beach, where we retreat for a change of scenery, enjoying both the crowds and fun of the summer and the serenity and ghost-town feeling in winter. My husband, Michael, retired from IBM. Son Adam lives and works in NYC where he attends the Stern School at NYU, working toward an MBA to go with his MFA from Brown. Clearly, he is a better student than I was.

Bob '62 and **Bobbie Bruns Smith** celebrated the engagement of granddaughter **Megan Smith '15** to **Ian Wellington '15**; her parents are **Mark '87** and **Beth Wormann Smith '89**. Sister Erin Smith will graduate from Miami University in Ohio. With **Karen Smith McGrath '91**, this is a three-generation (so far) Bucknell family.

Elle Heffner has been traveling a lot with husband Reid, who retired from teaching pathology. They went to Israel, Florida, California and Washington, D.C., where they have grandchildren.

Polly Mitchell Savidge reported that both daughters are doing well and the family will celebrate granddaughter Marjorie's graduation from Penn State and move to NYC. Her grandson Evan is near Boston, managing a band and playing in one as well as working at two recording studios. Grandson Will works in King of Prussia, Pa., and granddaughter Annie is at Amherst College.

I can't report news if you don't provide it, so please let me hear from you. — P.W.S.

Manny Stauch sends the following update: "On Tuesday, April 4, Ginny and I flew from Seattle to The Villages, Fla., to visit Joan and **Ron Giordano**. Also making the trip were **Paul 'Deatz' Gangemi** and his friend Leslie Wallace. That night we had a late light dinner and got caught up.

"On Wednesday, we had a self-directed tour of the Eisenhower Regional Recreational Center on the grounds of The Villages. Military veteran residents of The Villages who served in WWII donated memorabilia from their personal collections to the center. It is a

remarkable display of weapons, flags, uniforms, medals and photographs of the individuals and troops. There was so much to see that it took several hours.

"That afternoon, Ron and Joan hosted a cocktail party at their home for 17 of their oldest and closest friends. We enjoyed meeting the group as we had heard of them over many years.

"On Thursday, we visited the old Florida town of Mt. Dora, which reminded us of New England. We walked around the town center and had lunch there — a nice way to see old Florida and pass the time.

"On Friday, we had a tour of the other communities in The Villages, which now have a combined population of 130,000–135,000 residents. More development is planned there to swell the population to 160,000.

"On Saturday morning, Ginny and I left for home, while Deatz and Leslie stayed until Tuesday. We all enjoy these mini-reunions with old friends from the Class of 1963, as it

brings back many fond memories of years ago."

1964

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Dee Sherman Kash writes, "In March **Phyllis Heckroth Trager, Bonnie Cullen Riskin, Nancy Nicholson Yoder, Bobbi Dubin Bliss** and I met in Las Vegas to celebrate our 'milestone' birthdays. In truth, I was the only one who had actually turned 75; the others are still youngsters. Most of us had not been to Vegas for many years and suffice it to say we won't be rushing back. Too many people, too much noise, too loud, too expensive, too smoky. Do I sound like a septuagenarian?"

"We did enjoy Cirque du Soleil and had some excellent meals. Bobbi, Bonnie and I took in the *Titanic* exhibit at the Luxor hotel and thoroughly enjoyed it. And I was glad I had a chance to see the lights and

architecture of the new strip at night. But if you are looking for a place to celebrate having made it to your mid-70s, I suggest someplace quieter where the air is fresh and everyone can hear one another."

Eliot Riskin reported that he dined at Chuck & Blade in Chelsea, NYC, with a group of elderly Sammies: **Seth Kaminsky '62** and **Ed Reiss '62, Mike Trager '63, Murray Ufberg, Rick Amdur '65, Ron Baron '65, Steve Oestreich '65** and **Mike Weinstein '65**. They had a great time, although way-less-than-scintillating conversation ruled the night. Two brothers were asleep when the check came, and three professed to have forgotten their wallets (names available on request). Eliot said no other restaurant patrons asked their table to "keep it down."

Norm Kiken writes, "I sold the winery a few months ago. We are still operating it until the end of the year when all Reverie wines will have been sold. Suzie and I moved to a new home in Larkspur, Calif.,

outside San Francisco. We spend winters in Palm Desert, Calif., playing golf, tennis and bridge (all poorly) and doing some travel, which we couldn't do while immersed in making wine. It has been an unbelievable run. We still have that nine-liter stored for our 55th Reunion, which is only two years away."

Note: Norm's winemaking career was featured in Bucknell Magazine's summer issue.

Betty Mood Barron reports, "On March 28, 2016, husband **John '65** and I were in a serious auto accident. An 86-year-old man plowed through an intersection, hitting us. This caused our car to careen into a tree. Thank God for airbags, seat belts and cell phones. I had a first-class ride to the closest trauma center, Abington Hospital. I broke my neck, multiple ribs, sternum, other vertebrae and my foot — two weeks in critical care, weeks in therapy, months in a wheelchair (thank God for sidewalk cuts) and a walker.

"The Bucknell connection is this. My sister, **Peggy Mood Burt '73** and her husband,



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Monta, own a beautiful bed and breakfast, The Laurel Oak Inn, in Gainesville Fla. My junior-year roommate, **Teddy Furst Martin**, and husband **Jeffrey '63** stay there as they drive from their summer home in Boulder, Colo., to winter in Naples, Fla. Peggy told her of the accident and then the cards and calls from Bucknell friends I haven't talked to for years started to arrive. Renewing friendships was a good thing that came out of this awful situation. I also had many cards and flowers from my senior-year roommate, **Mary Lou Roppel Garrity**, and husband **Norman '63**. We were able to see them in Naples in March. All three of us have been married to Bucknellians for more than 50 years and are grandmothers. We had a wonderful visit reminiscing about Peacock Alley and the Sweet Shop (Norm has one of their booths). All of our husbands were Sigma Chi members. Hopefully, we will be able to repeat our visit again. Mary Lou and Norm's three children are Bucknellians as is our son Col. **Timothy Barron '90**. Tim is the chief of emergency medicine at Fort Belvoir, Va.

"I'm doing better. I can walk but still have issues with a metal plate and screws in my foot. After many tearful days, I decided that I would not let this ruin my very nice life and worked hard at rehab. I feel blessed to be alive." Betty's email is jobetts32@verizon.net.

Don '63 and **Anita Spielberg Knight** stay busy in Austin, Texas, with volunteering, travel, reading and exercise. Anita is an alumna of Hunter College High School in NYC, so she was delighted to receive her cute *Hamilton* shirt in the mail a few months after donating via Facebook to Planned Parenthood on behalf of the famous Hunter alumnus Lin Manuel Miranda and his activist mother. Then they saw *In the Heights*, Miranda's "other" musical, in Austin.

The Knights write, "We were surprised to learn there are about 250 Bucknell alumni in central Texas, so we will look forward to some alumni events in the near future, like we enjoyed in Chicagoland years ago. There is already a Facebook page, thanks to **Kevin Kaplan**

'90 (facebook.com/groups/bucknell.alumni.centraltx). And my American Association of University Women chapter's book club has chosen to read *The Plan*, the second novel by Austin author **Kelly Bennett Seiler '95**."

If you enjoy reading these notes from classmates, remember they'd enjoy reading stuff about you. Please send your highlights and insights to me.— B.W.S.

1965

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I received a great email from **Valerie Silbernagel** and **Forrest Chilton**, who attended Reunion Weekend to celebrate their 52nd year since graduation. Forrest reported that everything was outstanding, especially the new emeritus group. The most notable events were the Thursday Emeritus Dinner with welcome by Provost Barbara Altmann, classroom dialogue presentations, a tour of the renovated Carnegie Building, the President's Update, the Saturday Class Dinner and the Alumni Memorial Service. Just as some of us noted at last year's emeritus gathering, it is remarkable to see the growth of the University in the farm fields (50 acres that used to be corn) behind old fraternity row, with new structures that include dormitories and four impressive fraternity houses. The Alumni Memorial Service June 4 listed the following class members from 1965 who passed away in the last five years: **Graham Blanton, Stephanie Strongosky Chapple, R. Catherine Tullsen Cohen, Ellen Fuhrman Duerr, David Evelyn, Robert George, George Henzel, Edward Herrmann, James Jennings, Stephen Kerstetter, Edward Laird, Robert Laughton, Michael Mathews, John Matthews, Arthur Place, Terry Raney, Theodore Ratkus, John Richards, William Shaddinger, Graham Shafer, Patricia Lunn Smith** and **Linda Donaldson Vardy**. May they

rest in peace along with all our absent comrades who passed before them. To all members of the Class of 1965: Please consider returning for the 2018 Reunion to join Valerie and Forrest and hopefully many others. Together we will have a great time celebrating our 53rd. Forrest says, "God bless us all." — L.H.T.

1966

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From **Katherine Miller**: I am writing this in the midst of a sultry Carolina heat wave. We just arrived home after several weeks in France. This trip Wayne and I focused on visiting small towns by car. We started in Burgundy, and highlights of wine country included: a stay in Semur-en-Auxois, an intact medieval walled city; and exploration of Beaune, including the Hôtel-Dieu and the town's vineyards. We did our own tour of the vineyard villages on the Route des Grands Crus. From there, we headed south to the Arles area, staying at a bed and breakfast in the tiny hamlet of Paradou. A highlight of this area was the old fortress town of Les Baux-des-Provence. We also managed a quick visit to Camargue, or the Rhone Delta, and the city of Nimes. From there we drove to Cap d'Antibes, our luxury treat on the Riviera. Our best day was hiking the cap (cape) with its rocky terrain and views of the Mediterranean. My favorite part of our trip was a visit to the east side of the Rhone as we headed back to Paris. We stayed in a bed and breakfast that was in an old manor house set in an olive grove with views of the old Roman wall. Highlights of that area were the miles of vineyards, the hill towns in the Luberon and the Vaucluse, and a wonderful romantic outdoor dinner under the stars. I can assure you all that in deepest France, life as it has always been is still to be found. Cherishing "joie de vivre" is still alive and well. I am always a little sad to leave France.

Dick Pace and I talked on the phone about how it seems like yesterday that we were having a blast at our 50th Reunion. He told me how impressed he was with the accomplishments of the women in the Class of '66. In his words: "As I was reading the Reunion book, I became even more aware of how smart and talented these terrific ladies are — teachers, doctors, scientists, professors and, yes, moms. I told Kathy that if these same classmates had graduated 20 years later, they would be running this country. My buddy **Bob Parks** reminded me how we would often sign up for a class only to back out when we realized how many women were enrolled. There was no way we could keep up. So hats off to all our women classmates, and I am sorry that we did not do a better job recognizing you at the dinners. If you ever pass by Greenwich, Conn., please give me a call, and we will have a great dinner and wine together."

Meg Cochran Miller also agreed that our 50th Reunion was terrific. Like me, she really enjoyed not only reconnecting with old friends but getting to know other class members. She and husband Gary stayed at the same motel as the FIJI contingent who made breakfast a hilarious start to every day. Meg said the last year has been devoted to a lot of sightseeing from her long bucket list.

Here is a summary from Meg: "We spent last September in France staying at bed and breakfasts and wandering back roads. Visiting Normandy was a sobering experience; the Loire countryside and chateaus are beautiful; and the Dordogne with its amazing cave drawings and charming villages is a delight. We went with a small group to Peru and Ecuador, including Machu Picchu, the Sacred Valley, Cuzco, Quito, Lima and the Galapagos Islands. We took the family to the Riviera Maya in Mexico to escape winter. In July we embarked on a five-week road trip to Michigan, Canada and New England to escape our hot Savannah summer. In August and September, we were in northern Portugal. But our most exciting trip this year will be gathering our family to

celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary in Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks. Gary and I camped there in the '60s, camped there again with our kids in the '80s and now anticipate exposing our grandchildren to the wonders of those two magnificent parks. I wish our classmates good health and safe travels."

Sad news came from Nancy Kinsey in Pennsylvania about her husband **Ron**. Ron has Alzheimer's disease and is living at Country Meadows in Hershey. She said he is still proud of Bucknell and wears the University logo often.

Rita Rapoport Rowan and I check in with each other every few months. She and husband Terry live in Santa Clara, Calif., after retiring from their teaching careers in Rancho Bernardo, where they raised their two sons, David and Leigh. Their new hometown is in the middle of the state's wine country. They have two lovely daughters-in-law and three grandchildren. Rita volunteers with the American Association of University Women, working with underprivileged girls to send them to science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) camp. Terry competes regularly in senior track and field events and was first in his age group in the 60-meter hurdles at a national event. The couple rented a house with their sons and their families in Alentejo, Portugal. Rita mentioned she will see one of her students in *Groundhog Day* on Broadway.

I managed to make **Pete Birmingham** feel guilty enough to send me this update. He is married to Diana Perez, has three children and one grandchild. He retired in 2000 as a guidance counselor at Suffern High School in the Ramapo Central District of New York and moved to San Juan, Puerto Rico. He likes to play golf and walk the beach. He also volunteers and frequently travels to New York to hang out with his children and play with his grandchild. Pete hasn't been back to campus since graduation, but he attends the Phi Psi get-togethers organized by **Steve Lincoln '67**.

Now, it is time to say goodbye because this is my last column. After six years, it's

time for someone else to take over. It has been so much fun being in contact with all of you. Surprisingly, I have thoroughly enjoyed the job. Thanks for your help and encouragement. I am about to become a grandmother and will be traveling more often to New York to visit my granddaughter. Fellow classmates, please think about making every day count. Be healthy and be mindful and present in the beauty of each day. Remember my favorite words from the James Taylor song and "Shower the people you love with love." If you are ever in Durham, N.C., please get in touch. — K.M.

1967

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The 50th Reunion of our class was a blast. (Does the use of that term date me?) More than 80 members of our class attended, which strikes me as a good turnout. Our class won several honors, including for the amount of contributed money. Our own **Ron Benjamin** was recognized with the Alumni Association Award for Loyalty to Bucknell. I had conversations with many of you and wish I could have spoken at greater length with several.

One of the interesting things I can report was that the Sammie alums had 11 members back, of which they were justifiably proud. However, I mentioned that the DU class also had 11 members present, so the honor had to be shared.

Before Reunion, I heard from two class members. **Carlton "Skip" Depner** lives in Crystal Lake, Ill. After Bucknell, he worked for Motorola for 31 years and Dell for three years, before retiring. He is a consultant in project management and software development in the Chicago area. He also volunteers as the director of the mentoring program at Project Management Institute for the Chicago area. He has two children, a son in Austin, Texas, and a daughter in Annapolis, Md. He has kept very few contacts with

other Bucknellians and did not intend to return for Reunion.

Skip reports, "I was really hoping to be at the Reunion, but it coincided with my godmother's 90th birthday celebration on the West Coast. It was very sad for me since several friends made it back. I'm planning on a road trip next spring, though, to see some colleagues who were in my class or taught at Bucknell after I left."

After 27 years, **D'Anna Fortunato** continues to teach voice at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston. She is proud of her students, some of whom have gone on to have operatic and oratorio careers singing as soloists at the Metropolitan Opera, the Royal Opera in London and Teatro La Fenice in Venice, to mention a few.

D'Anna sings and tours, most recently to liberal arts colleges in the South with a small chamber music group. She has also presented her lecture-recital on classical women composers to several

women's colleges and symposiums.

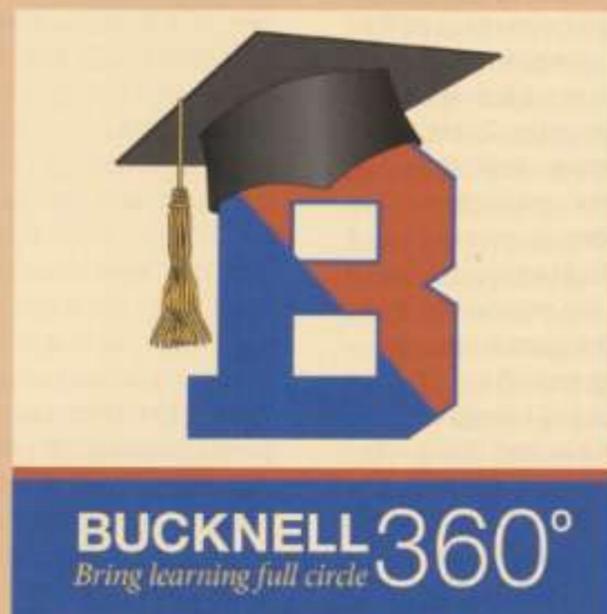
She remembers with gratitude the rigorous education that she received at Bucknell, along with performing opportunities. She still promotes liberal arts education to her voice students. — C.G.

1968

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Susan Weingartner Elko writes, "I'm asking for help to increase the endowment of the memorial scholarship our class created at our 35th Reunion. Each year, I receive lovely notes of thanks from the student who receives our class scholarship. These students are outstanding individuals and are extremely appreciative of the limited help our scholarship provides. To



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make the impact more substantial, I'm reaching out and hoping many of you will make it a priority to make a gift to increase the scholarship in the next year as we hit the age of required minimum distributions and our 50th Reunion. The scholarship honors 'those in our class who passed too soon' and, sadly, we all know how that list has grown since 2003, when we dedicated the scholarship in the name of **Bonnie Shihadeh Smithwick**, who perished on Sept. 11, 2001. Please consider honoring someone from our class who passed too soon by designating a contribution to the Bonnie Shihadeh Smithwick Memorial Scholarship when Bucknell calls or sends you a solicitation. It's a simple designation, and I hope many will add donations in the immediate future. I'll keep you posted as the scholarship grows."

After her scholarship request, I pestered Sue for some personal information, and she says, "Alan and I enjoy retirement immensely. We live in beautiful Chester County, Pa., following Alan's retirement as superintendent of schools in West Chester and my retirement from the Merck Institute for Science Education a few years ago. We have been married 20 years and, combined, we have four sons — two Elkos who are single and living in Chicago; two Sinkinsons (**Jeff '91** and **Bill '92**) who are teachers married to teachers with two kids each and living within an hour of us. We dearly love our time with the grandkids, who range in age from 5 to 17, hanging out in Chicago with the 30-somethings and doing lots of volunteer work. We see many Bucknell friends: **Elizabeth Shaffro Heck '71**; **Jeanne Kurtz Connelly** and Marty Scherr; Joe and **Janie Chidester Fiorvanti '69**; **Katie Strayer Scott**; Stuart and **Suzy Bryer Levy '74**; **David MacGregor '75** and **Carol Elder '75**; **Mark and Sue Cassidy Lankford**; **Carolyn Sutton**, and Jane and **John Schmidt**. Visits with **John '69** and **Sue Barney Mathias '69** keep us connected to Lewisburg, too.

"We had a great reunion in November with '68 friends of Bonnie Shihadeh Smithwick:

Marti Lee Horn, **Mary Jones Miller**, **Sue Cassidy Lankford** and **Nancy McGoury Keber**, with phone-ins from **Janet Finley** and **Judy Tamm Morton** at **Lenore Mariani Milner's** home. It was 15 years after our original gathering after Sept. 11 to celebrate Bonnie's life. And recently Pi Phi celebrated the life of **Meg Boutwell Kolaya '69**." (See Class of '69 notes.) Sue can be contacted at susanelko1@verizon.net.

I expect that many of you are fast approaching your golden wedding anniversary. Anne and **Bob Haas '67** have achieved that milestone and celebrated with an event at their home in Heathsville, Va. They figured that since I attended their wedding, it would be fitting to ask us to attend their 50th. Anne and Bob visited us in Florida last winter.

Jazz Fest lived up to its top billing and high expectations this year in New Orleans. Unlike last year, Linda Kelley and **Jim Reese '69** were able to join us. You may remember that last year Jim had a medical event and didn't arrive back to New Orleans until Jazz Fest was over. Then again, last year had so much rain that one of the days was a washout and others were pretty wet. This year, after a chilly first day of the second weekend, the sun cooperated and the crowds piled in.

Sometimes you bump into a fellow Bison when you least expect it. A few months ago a client was sitting across the desk from me and, after discussing business, we visited a little. I asked her where she'd gone to school. She reported that it was a "small, little-known college in Pennsylvania." Voila, **Jane Seibert '78**. I discovered that Jane's mother, **Helen Greenleaf '41**, also went to Bucknell. After college, Jane earned her law degree and her master of laws in taxation.

Sometimes they seek you out, as was the case with **Bill Nichols '69**. Bill was looking for **Craig Butler** and figured that the class reporter might have an idea of where to find him. Bill reported that he only attended Bucknell for a year and a half. Between having a girlfriend at Penn State and playing football, he moved on.

He ultimately played football at the University of New Hampshire and graduated from there. After college, he attended Cornell for veterinary science and is a vet in Skaneateles, N.Y. — G.V.

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Susan Weingartner Elko '68 writes, "On June 2, 14 Pi Phi from the classes of '68 and '69 came together to celebrate the life of **Meg Boutwell Kolaya**. Meg's dear husband, **John Kolaya '70**, sent us wonderful posters and albums of pictures, plus heartwarming lists of Meg's favorites and videos of special times in her life, including a retirement tribute. Thanks to **Sue Barney Mathias** for finding the perfect spot to meet: Eagles Mere, Pa., in a large old cottage on a beautiful lake. It was a fantastic reunion with a lot of sharing. **John Mathias** made a playlist of Meg's favorite music that was the backdrop for our days together. We brought our favorite books to share along with favorite children's books, and we all read *The Last Lecture* to give us one read in common to discuss in honor of our librarian friend. We laughed and cried, told stories, played games, hiked around the lake and enjoyed cooking and eating together. Enjoying the reunion from the Class of '69 were: Sue Barney Mathias, **Molly Murrah**, **Sue Smith Dunn**, **Barb Brooks**, **Nancy Morawe Steele**, **Betsy Hurd Roche** and **Lynn Duryea**, and from the Class of '68: **Sandy Evans Baldwin**, **Katie Strayer Scott**, **Carolyn Sutton**, **Jeanne Kurtz Connelly**, **Alice Bahrman Sexton**, **Marilyn Olson Parks** and me. We missed several of our dear friends who couldn't join us and also some we haven't located. If you would like to be included on an email communication list with this group, please email me at susanelko3@gmail.com." — P.E.D.

1970

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Rich Costlow sent his first update in 47 years. He got his master's from Bucknell in 1972 and a doctorate in toxicology, specializing in birth defects and adverse reproductive outcomes, from the University of Cincinnati medical school. For 27 years he was a board-certified toxicologist with Rohm and Haas, which was bought by Dow Chemical in 2008. In 2000 he transitioned into plastic additives. In 2009 he "retired" to launch his own modest consulting business. He has clients on three continents and has made presentations to several foreign-government toxicology departments and the European Chemicals Agency. (See Richard Costlow Consulting on LinkedIn for more details.)

Rich is vice chair of the Towamencin Business Alliance and a member of the PennSuburban Chamber of Greater Montgomery County, Pa. He has volunteered as a cook for the homeless in Philadelphia for five years and as an IRS-certified tax preparer. He plans to wind down his consulting business and spend time fly fishing near home and at his Maine cabin, doing more volunteer work and rekindling hobbies such as building ships in bottles and woodworking. Wife **Carolyn Brown '75** (who transferred to Hood College) also has a honey-do list waiting for him to have more time.

Phil Johnson retired as senior vice president of intellectual property policy and strategy at Johnson & Johnson (J&J). Before joining J&J in 2000, he was a senior partner and co-chair of intellectual property litigation at Woodcock Washburn in Philadelphia. Phil counseled independent inventors, startups, universities and businesses of all sizes in all aspects of intellectual property law. He has frequently testified before both the House and Senate judiciary committees on patent-law reform and abusive patent litigation. He has received many awards over

COMMUNITY CARE ACROSS CULTURES

"Wipe the child's teeth with gauze and peel open a fluoride varnish pack. Stir the fluoride and paint it on all the tooth surfaces. It's as simple as that," says **Chris Schnure Dotterer '70**, a retired physician who is working to bring better oral health care to children in the Dominican Republic.

Dotterer's interest in community health started after she earned a B.A. in psychology from Bucknell and moved to New York City to work with children in foster care. As a young mother, she attended medical school at Thomas Jefferson University, commuting from Selinsgrove, Pa., to Philadelphia each week. Dotterer spent 27 years running her own rural community practice in Selinsgrove.

Since a friend asked her to join a medical mission to the Dominican Republic in 2000, she has traveled there 15 times. What started as a program run by a Mennonite couple has grown into the nonprofit Solid Rock International. As the organization grew, so did Dotterer's focus.

"After seeing people's pain, I wanted to have more of an impact," she says. Many of the children's teeth were in bad condition, some with upwards of 40 cavities. "Kids with a lot of cavities have a constant low-grade infection, which can cause growth retardation — and kids who go to school with a toothache can't study."

The oral-health director for the Pan-American Health Association recommended fluoride varnish, and Dotterer trained teachers to apply it. She worked with a dentist to start her own clinical trial, enrolled 465 children in the study and visited every six months for two-and-a-half years, bringing 5,000 doses with her.

Meanwhile, global independent health research organization Cochrane released a study that showed young people treated with fluoride varnish experienced on average a 43 percent reduction in tooth decay. That data and her team's success moved Dotterer to find a way to expand the program in rural Dominican Republic. She recently shared the plan with 15 public-school principals, as well as the congresswoman for the district. The principals are excited about the prospect of bringing better oral health care and education to their communities. — *Paula Cogan Myers*



American College Personnel Association and the Association for the Study of Higher Education.

In addition to teaching, Joan has advised many students completing their master's degrees and doctoral dissertations. She has received awards including the Robert H. Shaffer Award for Excellence in Graduate Education from the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators and the Thomas M. Magoon Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Maryland.

Following her bachelor's in Russian studies, Joan received a master's in counseling and personnel services from the University of Maryland and a doctorate in higher education policy and administration from the University of Arizona.

In other news, our 45th Reunion saw a number of our classmates return to Lewisburg.

Steve and Sue Martell Baird (she is now a trustee emerita) made the trek, as did **Pam Silkworth Finn** (whose husband Dale won the Alumni Golf Tournament), **Veda Ward** and **Dave Henninger**, and **Barb Schnure**. Others attending included **Annette Lord**, **Irene Kohut Mosias**, **Martha Coats Van Hise**, **Barb Krugman Teiger** (her first time back in 45 years), **Patti Gibbons**, **Bruce '71** and **Sue Schreiber McClenathan** and **Sally Henderson Marburger**. **Bill** and **Anne Haigh Miller '74**, **Mitch Kagan**, **Gary Gross**, **Reid Kahn** and **Pete Stein** were on hand, as were **Rich Fedock**, **Chuck Resnick** and **Scott Churchill**.

Larry Greenwood wrote that he and Dave Henninger visited a cottage just outside New Berlin, Pa., where Larry lived with **Jeff Sobal**, **Arthur "Skip" Reed**, **Jim Philbin** and **Jay Griffin** during their senior year. They found that one of the sons of the farmer is still there. He remembered the group and reminisced about canoeing with them and having them over for Easter dinner. The cottage is gone. It was torn down and rebuilt to house the grandson of the farmer they rented it from. The farm has been in the same family for more than 140 years.

I was unable to attend Reunion due to the pending

the years, including the 2017 Distinguished Intellectual Property Practitioner Award from the Philadelphia Intellectual Property Law Association, the Intellectual Property Owners Association's President's Award and induction into the Intellectual Property Hall of Fame.

Phil plans to continue spending summers in New Hope, Pa., and winters in Bonita Springs, Fla., and hopes to spend time with Bucknell friends. — L.H.D.

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Joan Hirt, professor of educational leadership and policy studies at Virginia Tech, has

been conferred the title of professor emerita by the Virginia Tech Board of Visitors. Joan has been at Virginia Tech since 1994 and became a professor in 2009. In 2014, she was interim dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences. She also was interim director of the School of Education.

Her research has resulted in more than 50 journal articles, book chapters and other publications. In addition, she has been a co-editor of the *International Journal of Applied Educational Studies* and a member of the editorial board of the *Journal of College Student Development*. She has held leadership positions in the

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arrival of my grandson, who I am happy to report is well and thriving in North Carolina. But you can expect I will be in touch to ask for news. — A.S.B.

 See a photo of Bucknell friends and spouses staging an informal reunion at the home of **Cynthia Lude Crose** in Portland, Ore., in at bucknell.edu/alumniphotos.

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Congratulations to **Kevin Edgar**, professor of biomaterials and bioprocessing in Virginia Tech's College of Natural Resources and Environment, who received the Anselme Payen Award from the American Chemical Society. The award honors outstanding professional contributions to the science and technology of cellulose and other polysaccharides.

Kevin, who has worked in the field of cellulose research for almost 35 years, began his career in the chemistry division of Eastman Kodak, which later became the Eastman Chemical Co. He joined the Virginia Tech faculty in 2007. Kevin is interested in working with polysaccharides because they are renewable, sustainable, biodegradable materials that have a wide variety of

applications. Polysaccharides are natural chains of sugars that can be modified in many ways to achieve different results.

Kevin is working to discover new ways to use cellulose and other natural polysaccharides in drug formulation and delivery. He explained that using the right polysaccharides to help deliver the entire drug dose to the part of the body where it is needed could make medications more effective, less toxic and less expensive for patients. "We're trying to figure out how to use polysaccharides to make drugs work better. I'm hopeful that we're not too far away in getting this to patients," he said. "We've got pharmaceutical companies interested in this work, and we've made quite a bit of progress in the last 10 years."

I would love to hear from any classmates who attended the Reunion. — N.Q.B.

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After 35 years in academia, the first 17 in the School of Medicine at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC) and the last 18 in the College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences at Campbell University, **Brad Chazotte** retired at the end of May. He looks forward to no more research papers, book chapters or teaching. His wife, Nancy, plans to retire from UNC hospitals at the end of this year. Their daughter, Bryanna, is a junior at Elon University pursuing a degree in biology and likely a minor in chemistry with an interest in medicine. Brad and Nancy will continue to reside at their home of 27 years in Chapel Hill. His primary email address is chazottb@bellsouth.net.

Brad has been back to campus a few times on his way to New Hampshire and found the changes interesting. Brad

also gave lectures on his research on two occasions at Bucknell more than 17 years ago at the invitation of Sally Nyquist in the biology department. — G.W.F. and M.L.K.

1977

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As I write, summer has slammed into Tirana, Albania, with temperatures in the high 90s, full-on sun and unexpected water and power emergencies. In Albania, this doesn't mean watering your lawn on alternate Wednesdays and doing laundry after 8 p.m. — it means the municipal water supply is turned off for 21 hours a day, and the city experiences lengthy unannounced power outages. Albania's Mediterranean climate doesn't generate a lot of rain this time of year, but normally there is sufficient water on hand to carry the city through to the onset of the rainy season in autumn (quite a contrast to January, when our pipes froze in a freakish cold snap). In the searing heat, along with hundreds of volunteers, I served as an election observer for the national parliamentary elections in June. For the first time since the communist regime ended, election day was peaceful, and Albania is a step closer to its goal of joining the European Union.

Lorraine Welty Mervan, a principal in the Pittsburgh-based law firm of Gentile, Horoho & Avalli was selected as a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer. Lorraine has practiced family law since 1992. She is a member of the Pennsylvania and Allegheny County Bar associations.

Barbara Morison Gomez shared that she has finally decided to retire after 38 years with APS, the last of which were spent as senior vice president of human resources. Barb and husband Ray anticipate starting the next chapter in their lives, which includes more time with the grandkids, travel and more time for relaxing and

enjoying themselves. Barb is still involved in several non-profit boards and plans to play more golf and join a gym. Her retirement will be celebrated with a family vacation to Hawaii.

Jim Storey sent the following update: "The 2017 Annual Bucknell/TKE Habitat for Humanity weekend completed its 14th successful project July 14-16 in New Hampshire. The group started the tradition to honor the memory of our fraternity brother and friend **Fred Palmer**. Initially centered around the TKE classes of '77 and '78, the group has expanded over the years, and includes spouses, friends and now second (and third) generation members, including some recent Bucknell grads. Attending this year from the Class of '77 were me, **Robin Miller Storey**, **Rob Africk**, **Rich Sculley**, **Bill Layman**, **Paul Riggins**, **Peter Harris**, and **Jeff and Cathy Karpuk Seward**. Also attending were **Jim '78** and **Karen Gehle Geiling '78**, **Don Lowe '78**, **Ted Stryker '78**, **Marianne Barg-Riggins '79**, **Jay Iole '79**, **Linda Robinson Palmer '80** and **Jennifer Geiling Bayles '04**. Others in the group proved themselves on the scaffolds and work crews and are now considered honorary Bucknellians!" — E.L.S.

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It's hard to believe but our 40th Reunion is looming large. I hope everyone is planning to return to campus. I think you'll be very surprised at the changes since our last Reunion. I'm expecting a record turnout.

I heard from **Marshall Allegra** who wrote that his son **Paul '13** graduated from Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School with honors and began his residency in orthopedics at the University of Miami. Paul is following in his dad's and

grandfather's footsteps as the third generation of orthopedists in the Allegra family.

I hope you all had a great summer; enjoy the fall, and get ready for the tent party in June 2018. — K.M.A.

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Beth Aicher Laliberty sent a newsy letter. After graduation, Beth lived and worked in NYC and then moved north to the Boston area. She married and had two children, Mike and Katie. Mike is in the Navy submarine service and has just been reassigned to Guam for the next two to three years after serving on the *USS New Hampshire* for four years. Katie is a project manager for a construction firm in Washington, D.C. Beth divorced and later remarried. She and husband Bill have been happily married for 12 years. Bill is the fire chief in Haverhill, Mass. Beth has spent most of the last 40 years in sales positions with Xerox, then Lexmark and now as a services principal at HP Inc. She is completing her last semester at law school and planned to take the bar exam in July. We are never too old to switch careers. Beth hopes to work with veterans and their families. Beth is in touch with **Linda Christman Sepsy**, **Karen Suchoza Chesko**, **Harriet Muth Parker** and **Ron Starr**.

Richard Werther sends his news from Novi, Mich., where he and his family have lived for 26 years. Richard started a Michigan Bucknell Club with **Andrew Jones '04**.

Richard connected with fellow '79er **Paul Seelbach**, also living in Michigan. Richard encourages other Bucknell graduates living in Michigan to be in touch with him or Andrew (atthewerthers@sbcglobal.net).

Richard is retired due to a neurological disease that has put him on long-term disability. He published an article in the *Journal of the American Revolution*. (Check it out the article by searching for

"William Bingham: Forgotten Supplier of the American Revolution" at allthingsliberty.com.) That's pretty good for a professional accountant. Richard is in touch with **Jeff Brown** and **Jack Waters**, and also with **John Weitz** on Facebook. Richard hopes to make it to Bucknell for Homecoming.

Bill Dunn reported the passing May 31 of **Craig Holland**. Craig earned his political science degree at Bucknell. He was a varsity letterman in football and chapter president of Sigma Chi. He earned a law degree from Fordham University School of Law and was a partner at the law firm Agoglia, Holland and Agoglia. Craig is survived by his wife, Maggie, and children Georgia, Emma and Jack. Attending the funeral were: **Robert Simonson**, **Gerry Capone**, **Tom Sanders**, **Bill Dunn**, **John Cieslewicz**, **Jim Tomeo '80**, **Jim Heneghan '80**, **Chuck Abt '80**, **Bill Carpluk '78** and **Ralph Turri '76**.

I will end with happy news. **Ira Leff** and wife Sandy joined the grandparents club. Their daughter, Daniella, had a baby boy in Baltimore. Ira's grandson was born on the 47th anniversary of his bar mitzvah. Hey, Ira, that makes you 60 and too young to be a grandpa.

Thanks to all for the news. My writing arm is tired. — A.S.

1980

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MSUToday announced that the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association bestowed the Bruce Gardner Memorial Prize for Applied Policy Analysis on a team of international agricultural researchers led by **Thom Jayne**, professor in Michigan State University's Department of Agricultural, Food and Resource Economics. The research has influenced the reform of implementation of subsidy programs in sub-Saharan Africa, particularly Zambia and Malawi. To read the entire article, go to msutoday.msu.edu and search for "Gardner Prize."

From **Bryce Lefever** I received an email that said in 2014 he retired after 27 satisfying years in the Navy. He and his wife moved to York, Pa., where they are renovating an old stone house. Bryce continues his work as head of mental health at York County Prison and also trains schools and other organizations on mental fitness. This includes his work with former Detroit Lions quarterback Eric Hipple at the NFL Players Association. Bryce sends his best to classmates; perhaps he could use tips from other classmates who have DIY'd an old house. Connect with Bryce at bryce@drlefever.com.

On a more somber note, we seem to be at the age where parents of classmates are passing. While it's a nice, albeit sad, reason to be in contact with friends, it's a reminder of how our Bucknell family extends not just to people on campus, but to those who welcomed us into their homes, included us in meals and parties, drove us places and enhanced our Bucknell experience. May they rest in peace.

Send your memories my way or join the Facebook group, Bucknell Class of 1980. — D.L.H.

1981

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This edition is full of highs and lows. I think that's just the part of life we are all living. But I do find, and hope you do too, that sharing the ups and downs with longtime friends like your classmates makes the journey easier when you are down and more fun when you are up.

I will lead with the sad news of the death of **Greg Morris '80**, husband of **Michele Fugere Morris**. Greg died April 24, six months after collapsing in the baggage-claim area of the Madrid airport from an aneurysm. Michele and Greg were about to start a two-week trip with **Peter** and **Cindy Weinberg Christian**. Instead, they embarked on a journey of recovery that Michele chronicled

on a daily and then weekly basis on the CaringBridge website. Those of us who were privileged to read Michele's journal were able to witness Greg's incredible fighting spirit and Michele's incredible love and devotion. She fought tirelessly to get Greg the care he needed and deserved and shared those challenges with honesty and humility. Greg spent seven weeks in the intensive care unit in Spain and flew home to Denver in a medical ambulance. He fought hard and was able to reconnect with Michele and their children Chris, Jon and Katie during his four months back in the Denver area.

I just re-read some of Michele's journal and wanted to share some of her own words, written the day after Greg died. It gives a sense of the special person Michele is: "I am heartbroken and will never stop missing him — he was the love of my life since I met him when I was 18. But I let him go, knowing that I have done everything I could to help him through this last six months, that I advocated for every

decision that needed to be made to ensure the best care for him, and that I persisted at the end to honor his wishes and withdraw treatment when he was ready. I tried my best to act with kindness, grace and love in the face of such tragedy and heartbreak."

There was a celebration of Greg's life in June, and I know many of our classmates made the trip to Denver to be with the Morris family (500 people attended). Memorial gifts were made to the Bucknell wrestling program in recognition of Greg's four-year varsity career, including one year as captain. I know I speak for all in the class when I send love and support to Michele and her extended family. Greg will be missed at our reunions, but we have nice memories of him.

To switch gears a bit, I am happy to share news that **Allyson Campos Gilbert** received the Clara Barton Community Humanitarian Award at the American Red Cross's annual Red, White and Bling fundraising gala. Allyson has served the Jersey Coast chapter of the American Red

Cross as a member of its board and as board chair for three years. Allyson is CEO of Adaptation Inc., a change-management consulting firm, in Shrewsbury, N.J.

And, in the happy news department, too, husband Steve and I were thrilled to be able to witness the marriage of Emily Brown to Jason Richards on June 24 at a spectacular outdoor ceremony in Duxbury, Mass. Emily is the daughter of **Chris** and the late **Kimberly Cooke Brown**. Emily graduated summa cum laude from James Madison University and is a registered dietician at the University of North Carolina Medical Center in Chapel Hill. Her new husband is a neurologist and is doing a fellowship in epilepsy at Duke during the coming year. A great group of Bucknellians attended the wedding, including **Ginny Bagley Rutkowski**, **Linda Todisco Dunne**, **Kirsten Schubauer Heinemann**, **Marcia Hamilton Buss**, **Bruce '80** and **Kimberlie Trego Sachs**, **Patty Brandt Rosvold**, and Emily's brother **Tom Brown '12** and his fiancée **Melissa Koellner '12**. — C.C.R.

1982

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This is the first year we've had to drive to Bucknell from Boston, but we were joined on our road trip by our son **Steven Kangos '12** and his fiancée, **Maggie Cassin '12**. It was National Doughnut Day, so I feasted on my only doughnut of the year on the trip. Maggie came prepared for Reunion with every outfit designed around blue and orange. I always forget to bring my Bucknell-inspired clothing, but I'm determined to wear orange and blue for the next Reunion. There were many people in our class who dressed to "ray for the orange and the blue," including **Doug Collett**, who sported orange shorts (I told **Kelly Trageser Collett** she was lucky because she can always find him in the crowd) and **John Rosenlieb**, **Eric Allgaier** and **Brian Hitchings '84**, who wore khakis embroidered with

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7 p.m., Terrace Room, Elaine Langone Center

Center Stage: Featuring Comedian and Actor Adam DeVine

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9 p.m., Tent next to stadium

Saturday, Nov. 4

Alumni Tailgate

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bison. (I'm sure there's a story there.)

Our Reunion chair, **Missy Campbell Plaisance**, and the Reunion Committee — **Jim Howland**, **Lisa Senkowski Murphy** and **Pat D'Agostini Perazzini** — did an outstanding job this year. Missy included some interesting statistics in her speech before our class dinner, and I'd like to share them with you. While many of us hailed from the Northeast, our class is now spread across 43 states and six other countries. While there still is a distinct concentration in the Northeast, with 182 in Pennsylvania, 120 in New Jersey, 79 in New York, 55 in Virginia, 49 in Connecticut, 48 in Maryland and 42 in Massachusetts, many of us have moved to warmer climates, with 45 in California, 31 in Florida and 25 in North Carolina. Outside the United States, there are classmates in Canada, Brazil, Hong Kong, Japan, United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom. Also, 92 of us are parents of current or former Bucknell students (including all four of the Reunion leadership team). That is more than 10 percent of our class who sent a child to Bucknell. Two of our classmates received awards from the Alumni Association Board: **Lori Hartman Greeley** won the Outstanding Achievement in a Chosen Profession Award and **Matthew Karanian** won the Service to Humanity Award. Our class as a whole also set some records. We had the most people to ever attend a 35th Reunion with more than 165 classmates. The committee set the goal of having the all-time highest Annual Fund dollar total of a 35th reunion class by reaching \$395,000, and as of June 1, our class had raised \$437,633. Eric Allgaier's daughter **Kit '17** was one of our class ambassadors. I had a chance to talk with her at the dinner. It's always fun to share the Bucknell love with the next generation.

Amy Lilly has moved to Sacramento, Calif., to work at Mercedes-Benz as a state regulatory specialist. She loves living in Sacramento, especially the weather.

My husband got to talk with **Steve Lowry** (I feel like we are practically related since my son

was in his daughter's wedding and now his daughter and son-in-law will be in my son's wedding in September) and hear about the Lowry family's trip to Iceland. Steve is doing a bike ride for Parkinson's research in the fall in Maine.

Ed Stark retired from Johnson & Johnson and then decided to return to work for a small pharmaceutical company. He loves being a grandfather and his time at the Jersey shore.

Nancy Harrison O'Connell and her husband drove from North Carolina. She is a dentist near Raleigh and both of her children are close by at Duke University. It was wonderful to see her again. Since she moved south and I moved north, it is difficult to find the time to visit. She was able to reunite with **Nancy Craven Madigan**, who drove from Pittsburgh with husband **Tom**. None of us on 2B Swartz will ever forget "the Nancys'" sophomore year. They hadn't seen each other in a few Reunions.

I had a nice chance to catch up with **Larry Esposito**, a friend since freshman year, and hear about his twins' college search. There was a big contingency of DUs in attendance. The original DU house is being turned into the Humanities Center. DU will have a new house on the South Campus near other fraternities. They celebrated in style on Saturday afternoon with a band party on the lawn in their backyard, to which everyone was invited. The weather was perfect, and it was almost like the old days. My son was a DU, too, so I got to catch up with some of his friends.

My Fourth West hallmates and I were able to get into Roberts Hall and walk through Fourth West. (3 1/2 is no longer; it's been straightened out, and you can walk all the way through to Fourth East.) We were even able to peek in a room — two doubles and a full bathroom.

Eleven ladies from Third East attended along with seven from Second Harris. Other freshman hall groups may have had a large number; I got this information from Facebook. If you are on Facebook and want join the closed group Bucknell Class of 1982, send a request

and one of us will approve you.

Bucknell's Reunion has grown in space and stature since our first Reunion in 1987. There were so many people there with whom I wanted to talk but never got a chance, so it will have to wait five short years until our 40th. In the meantime, drop me an email or message me with what you and your friends are up to. I always get positive comments from people about Class Notes, so help me keep the news coming. — B.G.K.

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This spring I received an update from **Scott Hinds**. He writes, "This is my first entry in *Bucknell Magazine* and, obviously, it's long overdue. My wife, Pamela, and I have been married for 30 years. We live in Santa Fe, N.M., and I work in engineering management in the oil and gas industry. Our most recent fun is the marriage of our daughter, Mackenzie, to Jay Sorensen, in December. The ceremony was in Salt Lake City and longtime Bucknell friends **Phil Tulkoff**, wife Joanne and **Jeff and Elizabeth "Nicki" Bryan Ubinger** attended. The event was on a wintery day but made very warm by their attendance. Mackenzie and Joanne Tulkoff have an undergrad connection with the University of Georgia. My travels in oil and gas frequently bring me to Houston, where I catch up with **Andy Pikoff**, my freshman roommate. He is conquering the Houston real-estate world one house at a time. As our class approaches the retirement years, I say 'snap out of it' — enjoy life and try to get out on those 15-mile daily walks at least a couple times a week. I can be reached at sshinds972@gmail.com, and if you are ever in the Santa Fe area, give us a shout — we might just be there."

Speaking of weddings, the Eick family celebrated another

one this spring. On May 20, our oldest, J.C., married Teryn Mask in Roswell, Ga. We had a wonderful and memorable weekend but are now the tiniest bit relieved to be out of wedding-planning mode. Please send word when your children have awesome milestones. We are certainly getting to that age.

My husband, **Jim Eick '82**, received an email from fellow DU **John Zaharchuk '81** reporting the passing of one of our classmates. "It is with a heavy heart that I am writing to inform you **Tom Wilkins** died March 27. As many of you know, Tom had been battling cancer for some time. He is survived by his lovely wife, Barbara, and four wonderful children, Dana, Kendra, Devan and Sam. In lieu of flowers or other gifts, donations can be mailed to Guiding Eyes for the Blind, 611 Granite Springs, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598. Tom trained dogs for this organization. If you would like to write a card or send the family a message, the home address is 132 Maplewood Drive, Shelburne, VT 05482." I am so sad to pass this information on as I remember Tom as a friend with an easygoing manner and an adventurous, free spirit. Our condolences and prayers are with Tom's family, friends and DU brothers.

We recently had dinner with **Gary '80** and **Dianne Fenton Adam**. They are doing well and anticipate their youngest child, Megan's senior year at Alpharetta High School — an empty nest is just on the horizon. Another dinner-table topic was the exciting run **Scott and Meg Barron Born's** son Andrew's Davidson College Wildcats baseball team was making in the tournament to advance to the NCAA College World Series. The Wildcats were playing at Texas A&M in the final game of the Super Regionals. Sadly, they lost to A&M, but cheering for the Wildcats was very exciting, and we even got to see Meg on TV sporting a fake beard. We also discussed how much Dianne and I are anticipating our 35th Reunion in June. See you in Lewisburg. — T.T.E.

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The mailbox is empty. Husband **Robb** and I were on campus in May for graduation. Our son **Ryan '17** graduated with degrees in physics and mathematics. He is headed to a doctoral program at the University of Cincinnati. While at graduation, we saw **Joe** and **Marcy Zaveloff Bergin**, who were celebrating daughter **Rachel '17's** graduation. I'm sure there were other Class of '86 children there, too — let me know if I missed yours.

Please consider sending in an update to our class. — J.D.C.

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Steve "Mel" Blount writes, "Just coming off a great weekend in one of my favorite towns, Marblehead, Mass., playing in a 36-hole member-guest golf tournament with **Tom Collins '87**.

"My wife **Karen Bailey's** sister, **Sue Bailey Thomson '86**, lived in Marblehead for 10 years, and we went there every one of those years for July Fourth until our daughter, **Melissa '18**, was born July 4, 1996.

"I was at Bucknell for Reunion Weekend. It was the '2-7' reunion year and I'm an '8, but I'm on the Alumni Association Board now, and Reunion Weekend is one of the three annual board meetings, so I saw association colleagues **Anne Seibold**, **Sue Wallace**, board president **Tara Garrity Lebda '94**, and new, but familiar, faces **Jeff Dorst '90** and **Meg Samek**.

"I strongly encourage all Bucknell alumni to try to make it to one or two Bucknell Club events a year. Take advantage of these events to meet some alumni (young and old) outside your Bucknell circle. I have been to an NYC Painting Party (I painted the Christy Mathewson Gates), a dinner for a homeless shelter, Alumni/Undergraduate Athletes Speed Interview Training (the first two I sat with were hoops stars **Claire DeBoer '17** and **Ben Oberfeld '17**) and New Jersey Bowling Night, where I ended up in a lane with a group of younger alumni that included **Andrew Bell '12**, a FIJI. Karen and I will be hosting a Table for 12 event this October (We can host up to 30).

"One of the best events of Reunion Weekend (every year) is the Bucknell Alumni Association Awards ceremony, where four alumni from that year's Reunion classes are lauded. As you might imagine, it's an extraordinary group. This

year's recipients were **Muyambi Muyambi '12**, **Matthew Karanian '82**, **Lori Hartman Greeley '82** and **Ron Benjamin '67**.

"On a much lighter note, I hung out with the '87 class on Saturday, which included hitting their dinner (my daughter Melissa was a Reunion ambassador assigned to the Class of 1987). I crossed paths with **Leslie Northrup '87**, **Beth Bauer '87**, **Amy Peterson '87**, **Karen Hume '87**, **Sue Holben '87**, **Margaret Mistretta '87**, **Eric '87** and **Pam Dinsdale Shisler '87**, **Bruce '87** and **Cynthia Ciatto Bower '87**, **Andy '87** and **Cali Williams Yost '87**, **John '87** and **Karen Rappel Schrenker '87**, **Jill Ferguson '87**, **Ainsley Van Winkle '87**, **Sue DeCamp '87**, **Janet Calabro '87** (married to my freshman roommate **Tom Huntzinger**), **Kim Garrity '87**, **Camille Edwards '87**, **Jane Gamboli '87**, **Janice Triano '87**, **Kathy MacPhee '87**, **Pat Francis '87**, **Mark Serrian '87**, **Scott '87** and **Sue Blaschak Mironov '87**, **Don Simms '87**, **Doug Montgomery '87** (I went to high school with Doug's cousins), **Joe Carita '87**, **Jill Barlow '87** and everybody's favorite shrinking violet, **Pete Thompson '87**.

"Frankly, it was a bummer to have the '87 class 30-year Reunion and see so few FIJIs, no Sigs and just a couple of Phi Psis. That class had some of my favorite peeps, and I wish we could go back in time to see all of them on campus again.

"I also hung out with some non-'87 people. DU brothers were saying goodbye to their iconic house, but the DUs had a great all-day party to send her off to her new role as the Humanities Center. Hung out with the DU legends **John Braniff '86**, **Mark Bloom '86**, **Rich Warmbier '85** and **Ed "Stud" Robinson '86**. They told me **Reid Leslie '86** was originally a DU pledge and might have been standing with us on this beautiful Reunion Saturday but DU partied too much, so he snuck over to Phi Psi one night to chug his first beer in the spring semester of 1983, and the rest is history!

"I had a great ride back from the '87 Reunion Dinner to campus with **Doug '87** and **Mary Monaghan Barnes '87**. I

also got in that long-overdue round of golf with **John Braniff '86** at beautiful Due Process Stables (DPS) a couple of weeks before Reunion (I tried to get **John Shmerler** and **Scott Paris '89** to join us but no luck). Frankly, I had one of my best rounds ever, and I chalk that up to playing it in 2-1/2 hours, the way golf is meant to be played. Even though Scott Paris couldn't join us at DPS, I invited myself and **Stu Frank** to play golf at Plainfield Country Club, where Scott has been the head PGA professional for 20 years.

"I also saw **Doug Smoot '82** and wife **Mary Child '81** over Reunion Weekend. I had met them earlier in 2017 at a charity event in New Jersey, which had a tailgate theme, and Doug wore his Bucknell football shirt. I saw the jersey, asked him if he played at Bucknell (yes) and asked what fraternity he was in (FIJI), which led to a lengthy Bucknell lovefest. Ironically, as I was meeting Doug, **Andy Murray '87** (FIJI) walked past us. He didn't notice me but commented on Doug's Bucknell football jersey, and the Bucknell lovefest continued all night.

"**Bill Rutland '82**, a fellow Madison, N.J., resident, was also at Reunion (his wife **Beth Rehak '84** will be there in two years). Bill and Beth's daughter **Laney '19** is at Bucknell, and their youngest daughter, Lea, will be playing lacrosse for the Bison Class of '23.

"There's more to follow in future *Bucknell Magazine* editions. Don't forget, Bucknellians can get a 25 percent Serena & Lily discount by using the catchy little code "ILOVEMEL," courtesy of CEO Lori Greeley '82.

"Final note: I know my Bucknell alumni Villanova hoops support group buddies, **Jay Wright '83** and **Bill Cline '85**, are lurking out there: Let's play golf to discuss the upcoming 2017-18 campaign. — S.V.P.

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Susan Miller wrote that she and classmate **Eric Polednik** have been married for 26 years and have four kids, Amanda, Katherine, Daniel and Alex. Susan's career has taken lots of twists and turns since she left Bucknell with a degree in chemical engineering. She worked for a decade in the nuclear weapons industry managing the deactivation of the first nuclear building on the Rocky Flats site in Colorado. Later, she earned an MBA and worked for a computer storage company, where she managed an international customer service department. Following that, she taught math to middle school students and fell in love with the world of education. In May, she graduated with a doctorate in curriculum and instruction with an emphasis in math education from the University of Colorado Boulder. The family will leave Colorado to return to the East Coast, where Susan will be director of mathematics instruction for the Archdiocese of New York. — R.L.B.

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From **Linda Massa Saffle**: Although I didn't get any Reunion news, I will simply share that the Class of 1992 had a great weekend. Everyone looked as if they were enjoying themselves. It's hard to believe 25 years have passed. My family and I had a wonderful

time and stayed in the new South Campus Apartments. Husband **Jim Saffle** and I both lived in the Gateways senior year, but this new complex would get my vote over the Gateways, for sure. **Antigone Rising (Kristen and Cathy Henderson '90)** are awesome as ever! Jim and I caught up with friends from Alpha Phi Omega including **Alison Reyher Papalia**, **Kathy Hale** and **Amy Holman** (one day I'll make it up to Alaska, Amy, but in the meantime, I will live vicariously through your amazing pictures on Facebook). **Amy Cochran Kasper** and I and our families were able to catch up. The funny part is that although we live only about two hours away from each other in

Massachusetts, it took respective six-hour and eight-hour drives for us to finally meet up. Amy and I met freshman year on Smith 3D (we just had the best hallmates), pledged Kappa Alpha Theta together and were roommates for two-and-a-half years (my freshman roommate never showed up and hers left after the first semester). We have been great friends going on 30 years, and I hope that many of you have found lasting friendships at Bucknell as well. Amy and I caught up with some Thetas: **Lori Solow Lerman**, **Kim Strube Scartelli**, **Diana Loughner-Klevansky** and more. We did manage a small Smith 3D reunion: me, Amy, **Andreea Georgiu**, **Mark**

ADVOCATING FOR DOG SAFETY

Danielle Ward '93 became the first of her kind in 2009 and not because she is a veterinarian who majored in history. That year she became the first Dog Law veterinarian for Pennsylvania.

Ward works for the Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement, where she provides support and education to the state's dog wardens, who inspect licensed kennels, pet stores and dog-boarding facilities.

As a veterinarian, Ward has long had an interest in public health and public service. The Dog Law veterinarian job is "a perfect blend of the things I'm most passionate about," she says.

Her dedication was recognized last year when the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association presented her the Animal Welfare Advocacy Award.

Ward was running her own small-animal veterinary practice in Mifflinburg, Pa., when she saw the Bureau of Animal Health's posting for the job eight years ago. "It was an opportunity I couldn't ignore," she says.

To keep her skills and knowledge sharp, Ward still works at her private practice one day a week.

Ward grew up in Mifflinburg, just nine miles from Lewisburg, where her family always had "critters" — dogs, cats, birds and bunnies. That experience sparked her love of animals, while her interest in medicine came from her physician father and registered nurse mother.

As a student-athlete at Bucknell — she was a co-captain and record-setting goalie on the field-hockey team — Ward was very busy, so she had to be organized and focused. While a history major, she didn't want to close the door on becoming a vet. That meant she also took courses related to science and medicine, prerequisites for veterinary school.

Now her goal — and that of the office — is to help kennel owners, rescue groups and others regulated by the state's Dog Law to understand it and come into compliance while working together to ensure that "the dogs are healthier. That's really the goal and reward, seeing that the dogs directly benefit." — *Heidi Hormel*



Roessler, Scott Vifquain and **Bill Sinkinson**. It was also great to see our Gateway neighbors, **Tim Chizak** and **Scott Feit**, and catch up with others friends like **Susan Park**, **Elizabeth Bedoya-Turner**, **Bill** and **Liz Felter Farrell**, **Danielle Spina** (we've known each other from the time we were babies since our parents were friends) and a whole host of other people. Again, it was great to see everyone and catch up. Wishing everyone all the best until next Reunion. — L.B.B. and L.M.S.

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Ted Gauss wrote with an update about wife **Christina Wenger Gauss**. Christina graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in Spanish and international relations. She has been honored by the American

Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP) as Outstanding Teacher of the Year at the Secondary Level (grades 9–12). Ted and Christina met at Bucknell and both had amazing experiences there. — S.A.S.

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As you read this, I hope that the cool breezes of autumn are reminding you of your time at Bucknell. Is anyone returning for Homecoming this year? We hope to make a trip to campus this fall/winter on a college tour for our rising junior. How is that even possible?

I had a great note from **Mark Raffa**. "In early April, I had a mini-reunion with **Jon Murray** and **Chris Natiello** in Savannah, Ga. We spent the weekend reminiscing and catching up. Jon is a highly successful entrepreneur living in the San Francisco area with his wife and two sons. Chris is an assistant U.S. attorney focused on the District of Columbia and lives in McLean, Va., with his wife. I live in Atlanta with my wife and am a clinical manager for a medical device company. The highlight of the trip was a Segway tour of Bonaventure

Cemetery. While none of us had ever ridden a Segway before, the tour guide commented that I was a 'natural.' Chris and Jon managed to survive the tour."

Speaking of mini-reunions, in September 2016, **Chris Boner**, **Brian Ochs**, **Matt McTammany** and **Dave Lukens** met in Fayetteville, W.Va., to throw themselves down the raging rapids of the Upper Gauley River. I'm happy to report they all returned home safely. They enjoy seeing one another at least once a year for an adventure of some kind.

In April, **Andy Kutner** married Tiffany in Raleigh, N.C. Chris Boner, **Eric Krapf** and Dave Lukens attended the beautiful wedding. We wish the lucky couple a lifetime of happiness.

There are good things happening out there, friends. Keep in touch. Ray Bucknell — J.B.B.

Christopher Persley writes, "I have been working as a fatherhood advocate and writer over the last few years after I decided to become an at-home parent. This has led to some exciting opportunities to share my message about being an active and aware father: an interview on MSNBC, a *Good Morning America* profile, an article in *Real Simple* magazine, a Dads and Daughters video and even being interviewed by Anne Hathaway for a United Nations video. I was also profiled in the July 2017 issue of *Family Circle*.

"In December 2016, Dove Men+Care was looking for a story about a father figure. So, I shared the story of the impact my ninth-grade football and basketball coach had on my life. They loved my story so much they decided to feature the two of us in their national Father's Day campaign. The campaign has us in Major League Baseball yearbooks, in supermarkets and drug stores across the country, in weekly circulars for these stores and even on coupons."

 See a photo of the ad featuring Christopher and his coach at bucknell.edu/alumniphotos.

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Ken and **Auste Radzius Joost** had their third son, Dean Justinas, Dec. 18. "He is an absolute joy. Dean joins big brothers Nolan, 6, and Hudson, 3. We reside in Berwyn, Pa." — A.B.O.

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KEEPING HOPE ALIVE

Chris Edwards '97 was shattered to learn in May 2016 that his daughter had an ultra-rare genetic disorder with no known treatment options. Robbie, 3, is one of 14 children worldwide to be diagnosed with hereditary spastic paraplegia type 47 (SPG47), which inhibits her ability to walk and talk and will likely continue to diminish her motor skills over time.

Although literature is sparse on this type of SPG (there are more than 70 different types of hereditary spastic paraplegia), Edwards and his wife, Kasey, dove into all the research they could find on the disorder and others like it. Within months, they reached out to scientists who had conducted the studies and assembled a network of experts to help them discover ways to stop the progression of Robbie's disorder.

Among the experts the couple contacted was **Kira Apse Dies '98**, a genetic counselor at Boston Children's Hospital. Robbie had been a patient at Children's, but Edwards hadn't crossed paths with Dies until reconnected by a mutual friend, **Scott Decker '97**. "I knew she was smart, and I knew she was someone I could trust to get advice from," Edwards says of Dies.

The Edwardses and other families affected by the disease set up a nonprofit, Cure SPG47, to organize efforts, do research and raise funds. They named Dies, who leads the neurogenetics clinic at Boston Children's, to the board of directors. Dies helped expand the network of researchers and arrange a medical advisory board meeting in March, bringing together the families and expert minds in the field to discuss a drug screening project at Boston Children's and gene therapy research that they hope could lead to potential breakthroughs.

"Chris and his wife are really leading the push on the foundation and the science," says Dies. "They're just not willing to accept that there are no treatment options. They're incredible people."

"The reality is the clock is ticking for us," Edwards says. "If we're successful we can halt the progression and buy us some more time. We're not going to give up on our kids."

— *Patrick Broadwater*

For more information on CURE SPG47, please visit curespg47.org.



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Bill Roark was interviewed on NBC 10's Sunday morning show @Issue about Pennsylvania's medical marijuana law and its impact on the local community in Philadelphia. @Issue is a weekly public affairs discussion program that takes an in-depth look at local, state and national issues and politics. Bill is a principal at the law firm of Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell & Lupin.

Note: For more about Bill, see 'A Budding Business' in the Spring 2017 issue of Bucknell Magazine.

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2005

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Rebecca Daube, daughter of **William Daube '69**, was married Sept. 10, 2016, to Peter D'Agostino on Nantucket, Mass. **Sarah Hardman Byun '06** was a bridesmaid. **Will D'Agostino '12**, the groom's brother, was best man. Also in attendance were **Darren '02** and **Meredith Wright Shames '04**, **Mia Donahue '04**, **Matthew '04** and **Myra Oneglia Albrecht**, **Adele Smith Niewdach**, **Michelle Finlay '07** and **Vikram Saini '12**. The couple lives in NYC.

Jason '04 and **Melinda Kummer Rubinstein** and their daughters through adoption, **Giovanna Claire**, 5, and **Layla Pearl**, 2, have relocated to Maryland, where Melinda works at Marriott and Jason continues to work for his

2002

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Madeleine "Mud" Adler and **Andrew Vranic** were married April 7 in Duck, N.C. Bucknellians in attendance included **Roxane Adler Hickey '00**, **Maren Johnson Juliano**, **Jane Scott Martine**, **Emily Novick**

Rodio, **Jim** and **Amy Holloway Schwartz**, and **Nate '03** and **Kristen Pomponio Ivanick**, who also introduced the happy couple. **Mud** is a lieutenant commander in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Commissioned Corps, and **Andy** is a pulmonologist at the University of Maryland. The couple resides in Annapolis, Md.

Andrew and **Jacqueline Phillips Ahern** announced the arrival Dec. 1 of **Theodore**

Michael Ahern. He is a happy, healthy baby, much loved by older siblings **Madeline**, 6, and **Damien**, 3. The family resides in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Marc-Antoine and **Desiree Chinnery Bredemus** had their son **Antoine Carter** June 15, 2016. — M.P.

RAPTOR MAN

Neil Paprocki '07 works with big, fierce-eyed birds. He does it because he loves them, but also because monitoring their survival shows humans how well they're doing here on the planet. His life-long interest in nature also prompted him to co-direct a half-hour documentary film about a man who works with smaller, less-fierce birds.

The 2014 film depicts then-91-year-old Alfred Larson, who helped raise 27,000 threatened American bluebirds starting in 1978. Larson's work fits in with Paprocki's focus. "I was always interested in wild animals. I didn't quite know what I wanted to do, but I knew I didn't aim to become a veterinarian," says Paprocki, who grew up on 65 acres in upstate New York and majored in animal behavior at Bucknell.

As a conservation biologist at the Utah-based nonprofit HawkWatch International, Paprocki now monitors the migration and health of raptors, including golden eagles and American kestrels, which have wingspans of between 2 to 6 feet. Both have sharp talons and an even-sharper gaze. He also remains a scientific adviser and co-founder of Wild Lens, the production company that produced *Bluebird Man*.

At HawkWatch, Paprocki tracks the tall, charismatic golden and the American kestrel, which preys on small mammals and insects. He puts out nest boxes for kestrels in the Wasatch Front mountain region of Utah, attaches GPS transmitters to young golden eagles to track their movements and survival, and measures threats against both species — especially the eagles. He and team members have found that in winter, golden eagles are hit by cars while scavenging roadkill. Next winter, Paprocki and others will try tactics to decrease these road fatalities.

Increasing raptor numbers would be thrilling for Paprocki. "I think raptors are awesome," he says. "We study them, as others study wolves or polar bears, because they are at the top of the food chain. If raptors are doing well or not, then that's a reflection on the environment as a whole." — Catherine Arnold



Neil Paprocki holds a nestling golden eagle from western Utah.

HAWKWATCH INTERNATIONAL

producer/director on *Big Pacific*, a five-part natural history series, which was broadcast in June on PBS. It features many amazing science, wildlife and cultural stories across our world's largest ocean. My role was to organize, prep and execute all field shooting that took place in Asia. I also saw all five episodes through post-production, which ended just a couple of months ago.

"You can find out more about the series and watch some of the clips, as well as some virtual reality videos I produced to accompany the series, at pbs.org/program/big-pacific."

2009

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Daylin Oakes graduated May 12 with a master of arts in classics from the University of Arizona. Her emphasis was Latin pedagogy, and she will be a middle-school Latin teacher in the Phoenix area.

Stephanie Rink and husband Paco Giuliani will relocate to Paris this fall for a job opportunity.

Devon Avallone married Chuck Graves Nov. 12, 2016, at the Brooklyn Winery before an intimate group of guests. **Erin Williams** was a bridesmaid, and **Kelli Lipson** and **Amy O'Halloran** attended. Devon and Chuck live in Manhattan, where she is a zoning and land-use attorney, and Chuck is an account executive at Bloomberg.

Brian Billman and **Sunny Roh** were married May 20 in Baltimore with many Bucknellians present (a third of the guest list). **Caitlin McCormick Leavitt**, **Sabrina Morello**, **Heather Brake '10** and **Eddie Gienger** were in the wedding party, while **Nicole Kennedy**, **AJ** and **Jane Diehl Greulich**, **Eric** and **Maggie Walker Miller**, **Joe** and **Jeweliet Yost O'Connor**, **Kelly Hanlon**, **Liz Hazuka**, **Cara Porteus Hardacker**, **Stephanie Rosen Kuropatkin**, **Jackie Martin Matsick**, **Maggie Blouch Cooke**, **Lauren Jaeger Stark**, **Alison Cutting**, **Lauren Berninger '08**, **Sherri Liang**,

Silicon Valley-based software company. The family was sad to leave behind San Francisco friends **Stephanie Goss '03**, **Michelle Dombeck Mihalko** and **Phil Kim '12**, but can't wait to reconnect with the many Bucknellians back East.
— N.H.O.

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Andrew Kinell and **Sophia Zahoudanis** were married Sept. 3, 2016, at her family's

vineyard in Los Olivos, Calif. They celebrated with their family — **Helene Zahoudanis '13**, **Alyssa Kinell '12** and **Nader Sharif-Emami '17** — and friends **Margot Grant Gould**, **Karley Kokinakis**, **Shawna Rowan Schmitz**, **Emily Senko**, **Rosie Barr**, **Cammie Bates Glover**, **Alison Morse**, **Bertan Talu**, **Jesse Teitel**, **Rob Edgerton**, **Peter O'Keefe**, **Doug Lavender**, **Andre Brasser '09**, **Mike Borelli '09**, **Greg** and **Meredith Neely Mintz**, **Bryan Czop**, **Harrison Gelber** and **John Crocker**. — L.C.A.

John Cullum writes, "For the past three years, I have been a

Nathan Mikus, Achot Kazarian, Doug Bobrow, Kristen Willwerth '10, Josh Steele '10, Abigail Paules '10 and Becky Bersani '10 attended the wedding. Ryan '06 and Liz Lorson Bower '07 photographed the couple's beautiful day. Tom '07 and Laura Reardon Wagner '07 helped as wedding coordinators and MCs. Brian and Sunny wrote that they're very grateful for all of these people in their lives.

Jordanna Snyder married Josh Nason May 28 in Potomac, Md. Although Josh didn't graduate from Bucknell, he did graduate from a school ending with "nell." **Bob Marks '67**, **Lily Beauvilliers**, **Amy Bruno**, **Mikaela Mathern** and **Emma Logdahl '10** sang "Iray Bucknell" at the top of their lungs to pump up the crowd.

Elaine Teng resides in NYC and works for Chanel. She married James Tang-Mills May 28 and was lucky to have five Bucknellian bridesmaids with her: **Bronwen Durocher**, **Kaitlyn Hoecker**, **Cary McDermott Robbins**, **Lisa Rundlet** and **Christine Yaged Van Horn**. Attending were **Kelli Dungan**, **Tamera Warmkessel '80** and **Keith Durocher '81**. **Will Fang '05**, **Meaghan Goldner Johnston**, **Jessica Gonzalez Macia**, **Kate Dailey Herling**, **Nick Robbins**, **Michael Reynolds '06**, **Dan Ryan**, **Brittany Singer** and **Henna Wang '10**. Elaine could not have asked for a better Bison family.

Dylan '10 and **Kate Kendall Green** had son Cooper in May. Coop is already loving his San Francisco Bucknellian crew and can't wait to be a future Bison.

Kim Loser Hansen and husband Erik had their second child, a daughter, Emery Paige Hansen, May 14.

Sara Kurz had her first child, daughter Ayla Reese Hernandez, April 11 in Aspen, Colo. Sara spent 10 weeks at home and returned to work as a marketing manager for the real-estate brokerage firm Aspen Snowmass Sotheby's International Realty.

May Naldo happily announced the birth of first child Hannah Grace Harbin May 31. She weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces and was 20.5 inches long. — M.L.L.

2010

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2011

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Ryan '10 and **Courtney Siebert Schellhorn** had Emma Leigh Schellhorn March 20 at 4:26 p.m. The blue-and-orange bundle of joy weighed in at 6 pounds, 15 ounces and was 19 inches long. They can't wait for her to become a member of the Class of 2035. — L.M.

2012

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It was a busy summer for Class of '12, starting with our five-year reunion. It was nice to see an influx of sunset pictures above Freas Hall and next to the class gift we planted in the center of the academic quad. While I couldn't make it, I'm still feeling lucky to be running into classmates like **Ted Lundeen '11**, **Gillian Sheffy '13** and **Marc Hartmann**, just by walking through NYC. This summer I also visited **Greg Stewart '11**, who moved to Boston, where there's also **John Quezada '11**.

There were other big things happening this summer. **Morgan Loughrey** and **JJ Parker** (who recently graduated from medical school and has a residency at Vanderbilt University Medical Center) moved to Nashville, Tenn. What an exciting time for these two, who got married earlier this year. Meanwhile, **Liz Burdick** and **Laird Egan** bought a house in Annapolis, Md.

There were a number of weddings and engagements: **Clark Maturo** proposed to girlfriend Alex Walsh in July. They live with their black-lab mix, Wally, in Williamsburg, N.Y., and work in digital media sales. **John Gavin '10** married Lizzie O'Boyle in July with a

reception at the Central Park Boathouse. That same month, **Andy McLaughlin** proposed to my senior-year roommate, **Taylor Willis**, while they were traveling in Spain. **Mollie Morris** got engaged to David Sternberg in June. They met over a cup of hot chocolate while attending graduate school in Boston. Last year Mollie completed her master's in public health at Boston University, and she lives in Pasadena, Calif. — S.B.

2013

REUNION 2018

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As you read this column, we will be nearing Thanksgiving. And as I am writing this, it was not too long ago that I returned from a weekend at Bucknell, celebrating Reunion with my 2012 friends. I must say, the campus sure has changed a lot in the four years since we graduated. Having experienced the excitement of the events this year, I look forward to our Class of 2013 festivities next year even more. Be sure to mark your calendars for May 31–June 3 for Reunion Weekend.

And now, some wonderful updates to share.

Bridget Bozel and her fiancé bought a house in Archdale, N.C. They are getting married in Glyndon, Md., Oct 21. Bridget is a product-development engineer for AccuMED Corp.

Matt Dranzik is the assistant director of Circus Place, a circus school for all ages and levels, in Hillsborough, N.J. (which happens to be the town I am working in as well). Matt helps run the business but also teaches and creates new programming for the school to add more theater-based classes.

Stefanie Gisler got engaged to **Michael Larsen '14** in January.

Lauren James' first book, *The Next Together*, came out in the U.S. in June with the sequel, *The Last Beginning*, set for January. Then in May 2018, Lauren's third book, *The Loneliest Girl in the Universe* — a standalone novel set in space — is slated

to come out. Very exciting times for Lauren, who hopes to get a U.S. event and come to Bucknell for a visit — all the way from the United Kingdom.

Len Joseph has a few updates. He is running his first marathon in October (notably a change of pace from his days as a thrower on the Bucknell track and field team). Len has also completed his professional leadership coaching certification.

Tom Lisofsky and **Kate Sowinski** were married June 17 in Warren, N.J. Tom and Kate met on the first day of Bucknell orientation as hallmates and began dating freshman year. The bridal party had several Bucknellians, including maid of honor **Taylor Siegrist**, **Caitlin O'Connor**, **Alli Hogan**, **Krissy Brundage**, **Matt Lamore '12**, **Dan Gelbard**, **George Calcagnini**, **Connor Beach '15** and **Scott Sowinski '15**. More than 20 Bucknellians celebrated with the happy couple.

Edward Louie completed the second year of his doctorate at Oregon State University and is done with coursework. This summer he will study for his Ph.D. exam and teach a course titled Sustainable Living: Practices and Policies. Edward hopes to pass his exam this fall and have his research proposal approved by the beginning of next year. His research continues to be in the area that he has been passionate about all his life: super energy efficient and sustainable buildings. For his doctorate, Edward hopes to find out more about how building inspectors enforce and mediate building energy-efficiency codes and how they influence the building industry in their towns or cities. After completing his Ph.D., Edward hopes to start a building education institute where he uses construction sites as classrooms and teaches builders and other interested persons about the latest and greatest best practices on super energy efficient and sustainable buildings. Edward is glad to be back in his home state of Oregon. However, he can see himself living in central Pennsylvania as well — he misses the fall colors. He hopes that in the next few years his schedule will allow him to attend a Reunion — seeing pictures of his classmates at

recent Reunions puts a smile on his face. While Edward loves what he does and feels blessed to be able to do what he loves, he hopes life will allow him time to slow down and smell the roses, travel and invest more time in people. He would like to bicycle from Portland, Ore., to Portland, Maine. Edward feels that the pace of his doctoral work has been quite brutal and certainly not for the weak or faint of heart, and he would not recommend it for everyone. A piece of advice he does have is to build a diverse set of skills so that if your current job or degree program doesn't make you happy, you can find another thing to do. This flexibility is a card that has helped Edward throughout his journey. Edward wishes all his Bucknell friends and classmates success and happiness.

Caroline Merrell received her doctorate in food science from Washington State University in May. Caroline's research focused on changes to wine phenolic compounds with different grape ripeness and alcohol levels.

Daniel Stern graduated from Penn State College of Medicine along with **Betsy Curry** and **Katherine Berry**. They are starting residency at the following locations: Daniel, medicine-preliminary, University of Maryland; Betsy, family medicine, Eglin Air Force Base; and Katherine, dermatology, Penn State University.

Patrick Towery completed a successful tour in Central America and has relocated to beautiful Colorado Springs, Colo. He began working as the adjutant for 2-4 General Support Aviation Battalion, coordinating community outreach events with Denver International Airport. He took his third platoon as the maintenance platoon leader D Co., 4-4 Attack Reconnaissance Battalion and oversees the maintenance of 21 Apache attack helicopters. Pat has hosted **Sviatoslav Lesko** and **Brett Thompson** in the great state of Colorado and looks forward to hosting fellow Bucknellians in the future (possibly for some hiking or ski trips). He hopes all is well with his classmates and anticipates spending some time with **Darin Rockwell** and **Brian Charland**

NFL DREAMS COME TRUE

When the Houston Texans drafted **Julián Davenport '17** in the fourth round of the 2017 NFL draft, he became the first Bucknellian drafted by the NFL in nearly a half-century, since the Baltimore Colts selected **Sam Havilrak '69** 48 years ago.

"[Being drafted] means a lot for the school," Davenport says. "It shows that hard work and following your dreams really can get you where you want to be, regardless of where you are or in what situation."

With an ideal NFL physique at 6-foot-7 and 318 pounds, Davenport was not the typical Bucknell recruit when he arrived in 2013 from Paulsboro, N.J. "I took an official visit and just being on Bucknell's campus — it felt like the place for me," says Davenport, who majored in political science.

Finding a mentor in offensive line coach Darnell Stapleton, a starting offensive guard for the 2008 Super Bowl champion Pittsburgh Steelers, helped fuel Davenport's NFL aspirations.

Stapleton taught "a thorough knowledge of the game, as well as a certain skillset and mindset that helped me to really succeed as I went through the [draft] process," Davenport says.

With the draft behind him but the hardest work ahead, Davenport seeks to carve out a starting role with the Texans this year, despite the challenge. "These guys are all great players, so it's going to be interesting to see everybody out there and battling each and every day," he says. "But if you don't have the mindset that you're trying to take somebody's job, then this isn't the business for you. The cards will play themselves out when it all comes down to it."

If Davenport winds up with a winning hand, Texans fans could find themselves very familiar with their newest fourth-round pick. And just maybe, it won't be another 48 years before the NFL drafts another Bucknellian. — *Alexander Diegel*



Julián Davenport (center) with the Texans.

now that they are all in Colorado.

Erica White started a new position with Cummins Inc. in the company's Washington, D.C., office running its political-action committee. Erica works to connect the senior leaders with politicians to educate them on the issues facing the company. — M.Z.



To see photos from Tom Lisofsky and Kate Sowinski's wedding and of Patrick Towery's service in South America, go to bucknell.edu/alumniphotos.

2014

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Kaitlyn Utkewicz graduated from Penn State University's law program and has a judicial clerkship in a New Jersey family court.

Esra Sardag graduated in December 2016 from George Washington University with a master's in international trade and investment, and is a compliance analyst at Kroll in Reston, Va.

Kelsey Klopfer and **Nick Tacca** were engaged in Park City, Utah, last spring and are planning to wed in June.

Kathryn Modugno graduated from Emory University School

of Law and will work in the Securities and Corporate Governance group at Greenberg Traurig in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Kristen Romagnoli received her master's in teaching from Le Moyne College and will teach elementary school next year.

Liane Chesek and **Clinton Kittrell** were married June 24 with seven Bucknellians in the bridal party and more attending.

Sheridan Gates moved to Nashville, Tenn., to pursue a career in country music. She has released the single "Pick Up Line" and planned to put out an album this summer.

Christina Oddo graduated cum laude from Pace University School of Law and will work as a judicial law clerk at the Superior Court of New Jersey.

Family Division, in Ocean County.

In November, **Lindsay Zajac** earned her master's in psychology from the University of Delaware and will continue on to a doctoral program at the same university. She was awarded a Doris Duke Fellowship for her dissertation research.

Spenser Frieri graduated from Seton Hall University School of Law and will be a judicial law clerk at the Superior Court of New Jersey, General Equity Division in Morris County.

Emily Purtill finished her first year of law school at the University of Pennsylvania and was a summer clerk for a federal judge in Connecticut.

Andrea Feldman will move to Manchester, U.K., for work in supply-chain management and logistics as the director of field marketing for the software company BluJay.

Rose Lewis completed three years at Teach For America and will attend the University of Texas at Austin for her master's in social work.

Maja Ostojic completed her first year of medical school at LECOM at Seton Hill in Greensburg, Pa..

Heather Garvey graduated from NYU School of Law and will work at Simpson Thatcher & Bartlett in New York.

Morgan Turner was promoted to head project manager at the ANEW Foundation, a nonprofit that helps corporations match their items that are in good condition with nonprofits, schools and charities in their communities, reducing waste. — L.W.

2015

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Six months ago **Christopher Dunne** moved to Vietnam to start an international career. One of the first people he met owned a coffee farm that produced kopi luwak — the world's most exclusive coffee. Seizing the opportunity, Chris formed an online company and began selling coffee in the United States through Kaya Kopi Luwak. He said the learning curve has been steep, but it's been an invaluable and

rewarding experience.

Morgan Manchester is a community manager for IVY, which is trying to recreate the liberal arts learning community outside of college. — C.H.

2016

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I cannot believe that the Class of 2016 is officially one year out of Bucknell University — time flies.

Congratulations to **Zachary Berlant**, who is at Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in Piscataway, N.J. In addition, **Sarah Emrich** is participating in her second semester as a sustainable engineering assistant at the Center for Sustainable Development in Eleuthera, Bahamas. Sarah is working for a Bucknell '06 alumnus and has volunteered to provide any fellow alumni with a tour of the school. — R.M.

2017

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Malaika DeWeever started the Columbia University postbaccalaureate premedical program this fall.

Nick Palmer is joining Goldman Sachs as an analyst in the securities division.

Reagan Cerney is an associate in the Univision Finance Leadership Development Program.

Elias Strizower joined Fidelity Investments as an associate software engineer.

Sarah Decker is a government-relations intern at the Arab American Institute and will study international human rights law in the fall at Georgetown University.

Seline Tan-Torres is a security solutions engineer at Cisco Systems in Chicago.

Ashton Kripalani will join PwC as a mergers and acquisitions deals consultant.

Alex McPherson is a clinical research study assistant in the surgery department as the Memorial Sloan Kettering

& THE WINNERS ARE...



The entry box for our last caption contest was packed as full as the refrigerator in the last issue's archival photograph. We even found one entry hiding around the back, behind the orange juice. These are our five favorites.

"'Poor, sweet Suzie,' thought Wanda icily. Little did her unsuspecting roommate know she was just one more perky anecdote from being 'accidentally' locked in the fridge."

— Megan Bonsall Jacobs '90

"Janice, you're telling me if I eat one of these a day it'll keep the doctor away?!"

— Brucey Moore '20

"If we add the Velveeta to these ingredients will it taste good? Everything tastes better with Velveeta on it."

— Gerald Altilio '87

"I'm begging you on my knees. Please let me put my apple on your side of the refrigerator."

— Marion Galbraith, class of '75

"Jane, will you ... make an apple pie with me?"

— Paul Avery '99

CONGRATULATIONS, WINNERS!

Cancer Center.

Bridget Shaffrey is pursuing a master's in film/screen studies at the University of Cambridge.

Christine King is an elementary instrumental music teacher for the Baltimore

County Public Schools.

I'm pursuing my passion for the amalgamation of media and business at Time Inc. as a content operations associate in The Foundry, a creative lab and content studio. — A.K.

In Memoriam

1937

Clifford Siegmeister, Palm Beach, Fla., June 3. A member of Cap and Dagger, *L'Agenda* and Pi Sigma Alpha political science honor society, he also graduated from Cornell University, and was in the Army Air Corps during WWII. He worked in the watch industry as chair of Jules Jurgensen and president of the Benrus and Waltham watch companies. Survivors include two grandchildren and two great-grandsons.

1940

Mary Eyler Kephart G'04, Bluffton, Ind., May 15. A member of Pi Beta Phi, she was a homemaker, a member of P.E.O. and Psi Iota Xi and president of the United Methodist State Medical Association Women's Auxiliary. Surviving are four children, three grandchildren, including **Mark Mahnensmith '04**; and four great-grandchildren.

Alice Lohr Kiick, Boonton, N.J., April 10. A member of Student Government, she was an elementary school teacher in the Lincoln Park neighborhood of Brooklyn, N.Y. She was predeceased by her husband, **George Kiick '40**. Survivors include two sons, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

1941

Harriett Stone Dietz, Silver Spring, Md., May 28. She was a member of Phi Mu, Band and Chorale. Survivors include two children and a granddaughter.

1942

Ruth McCorkill, Northumberland, Pa., May 3. A member of Pi Beta Phi and Christian Association, she earned a bachelor's and an honorary

doctor of humane letters degree from Susquehanna University. She was the alumni director and sports publicist for Susquehanna University and held a similar role at Upsala College. She later worked in public relations for the Salvation Army and the Old First Presbyterian Church of Newark, N.J. She was recognized by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission for her volunteer work at the Northumberland County Historical Society and the Joseph Priestley House. She also volunteered for the VNA Health System and the Northumberland/Point Township Senior Action Center.

Paul Trebilcox, Knoxville, Tenn., March 19. A member of Alpha Chi Sigma chemistry honor society, he worked in the Y-12 National Security Complex in Oak Ridge, Tenn., including as part of the Manhattan Project, and was a supervisor in the plating shop of the plant's metal plating division at his retirement. Survivors include his stepdaughter, stepgranddaughter and step-great-grandson.

1943

John Fittipoldi, Napa, Calif., June 24. A member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, he was in the Naval Medical Corps during WWII and earned a medical degree from Hahnemann Medical College, was an intern and resident at Philadelphia General Hospital and earned graduate degrees from Cornell University Medical College and the University of Pennsylvania. He was an assistant instructor and instructor of medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, assistant chief of medicine at Philadelphia General Hospital and the University of Pennsylvania, and a physician in private practice in Napa and at Queen of the Valley Hospital. He also worked in Saudi Arabia. He was a member of the American Board of Internal Medicine and the American Board of Allergy and Immunology;

volunteered with the medical society, heart association, lung association and cancer association of Napa County; and served on the California Emergency Medical Advisory Committee and U.S. Department of Health National Advisory Committee. Survivors include his wife, three children, three grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Marvin Gerla, Westport, Conn., July 25, 2015. A member of Sigma Alpha Mu and American Society of Civil Engineers, he was a real-estate developer on Long Island, N.Y. Survivors include his brother, **Stanley Gerla '48**; four children; and 11 grandchildren.

Robert Woods, Darien, Conn., May 30. He attended the U.S. Naval Academy and the U.S. Military Academy, and was in the Army. He worked for Schaefer Brewing Co. and as an executive for Continental Can Co. and Doubleday & Co. He was also a jazz musician and bandleader who played the trumpet. Survivors include his wife, three sons, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

1944

Martha Lloyd Henry, Hershey, Pa., April 14. A member of Kappa Delta, she worked in banking and business in NYC and was a homemaker. She was a founding member of the Hershey Federated Women's Club and volunteer for the Red Cross, Daughters of the American Revolution, the Girl Scouts and Meals on Wheels. Survivors include three children and three grandchildren.

Virginia Cushing Hughes, Mechanicsville, Va., May 1. A member of Pi Beta Phi and Alpha Lambda Delta honor society, she was an executive secretary and administrative assistant, including at the St. Catherine's School in Richmond, Va. Survivors include three children, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

George Shafran, McLean, Va., June 7. A member of the Navy V-12 Program and tennis, he also attended Brown University and was in the Navy during the Korean War. He founded Better Homes Realty in

northern Virginia and Homes for Living, a nationwide network of real-estate offices. He was a member of the Virginia House of Delegates, where he chaired the committee responsible for adapting the "Virginia is for Lovers" slogan, ran for lieutenant governor of Virginia and was appointed to the President's Commission on Housing under President Ronald Reagan. He was also a business consultant. He served on boards for several banks and for Fannie Mae, and was chairman of the board of AAA Mid-Atlantic and director emeritus of Cardinal Bank. Survivors include his wife, four children and seven grandchildren.

1945

Mildred Braun, Wilkinsburg, Pa., April 7. She was a member of Alpha Lambda Delta scholastic honor society and Delta Mu Delta business administration honor society. Survivors include three sisters, nieces and nephews.

Doris Frey Henry, Beach Lake, Pa., May 18. A member of Band, Chorale and Alpha Lambda Delta scholastic honor society, she attended Wayne Commercial School and earned a bachelor's and R.N. certificate from Columbia University. She was a nurse for the NYC public health department and the Wayne Highlands School District. She also ran Village View Farm with her husband. Survivors include four children, eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

1946

Manuel Barrett P'70, P'75, P'80, Morristown, N.J., Sept. 6, 2016. A member of the Navy V-12 Program, he was a lawyer. Surviving are three children, **Laura Barrett '70, Richard Barrett '75** and **Cynthia Barrett Berends '80**; and four grandchildren.

1947

Shirley Parke Dalrymple, West Chester, Pa., June 15. A member

of Phi Mu, Pi Delta Epsilon journalism honor society and Sigma Tau Delta English honor society, she was a homemaker and volunteer. Survivors include a son, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Jack Denholtz, Palm Beach, Fla., June 24. A member of Sigma Alpha Mu, *The Bucknellian* and Band, he was in the Army Air Forces. He was a real-estate developer and established Denholtz Associates. He was a founding member of the YM-YWHA of West Orange, N.J., and was on the board of MorseLife Health System. Survivors include his wife, three children, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Doline Butzer Mohn, Ephrata, Pa., June 1. A member of Phi Alpha Pi, she worked in accounting for Armstrong Cork Co. and operated and managed the gift shop at Cloister Dairies. Survivors include three children, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Lois Miller Tandy, Park Ridge, Ill., June 16. A member of Delta Delta Delta and Mortar Board academic honor society, she was a homemaker. Survivors include three children, two stepchildren, 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Marcia Huckins Rader, Birmingham, Ala., June 18. She was a member of Phi Mu and Pi Sigma Alpha political science honor society. Survivors include her husband, three children, 11 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

1948

Elizabeth Simmons Brown Parr, Lewistown, Pa., May 12. A member of Kappa Delta and *The Bucknellian*, she was an elementary-school teacher. She was predeceased by her husband, **Richard Brown '48**. Survivors include four sons, 10 grandchildren and a great-grandson.

1949

Robert Limbacher, Albany, N.Y., May 1. A member of Sigma Chi, he operated Limbacher Paint and Color Works with his brothers in Mount Vernon, N.Y.,

W.H. Kemp Co. in Stamford, Conn., and ROLCO Labs in Dorset, Vt. He served on the board of the Dorset Village Library. He was predeceased by his brothers, including **Carl Limbacher '49**, and a son. Survivors include his wife, **Joann Golden Limbacher '51**; two daughters; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Robert Schey, Houston, Texas, Dec. 21. A member of Sigma Alpha Mu, he was in the Army during WWII. He worked in the construction business on Long Island, N.Y. Survivors include a brother.

Thomas Sweeney, Palmer Township, Pa., June 28. A member of basketball, he was in the Army Air Corps during WWII. He played semi-professional basketball for the Sunbury Mercury and was an English teacher, coach and ticket manager for Easton Area High School and Hazel Township High School. He was a member of the Hazleton Area Sports Hall of Fame. Survivors include five children, 15 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

William Williams, Ringgold, Ga., May 8. A member of Phi Kappa Psi, wrestling and the Navy V-12 Program, he was in the Navy during WWII. He was a chemist and technical sales manager for Neville Chemical in Pittsburgh. He was predeceased by his wife, **Nancy Wine Williams '49**. Survivors include a daughter and three grandchildren.

Mary Sherk Zeiders P'83, Glenmoore, Pa., June 1. A member of Alpha Chi Omega, she earned a master's and doctorate from Temple University. She was a biology teacher at Camden High School, dean of women at Glassboro State Teachers College and guidance counselor at Lionville Junior High School. She was a board member of the Friends of Springton Manor and officer of Friends of the Brandywine. She was predeceased by her husband, **Charles Zeiders '49, M'58**. Survivors include two children, including **Robert Zeiders '83**, and five grandchildren.

1950

J. Gale Wendle P'76, State College, Pa., May 29. A member of the American Chemical

Society, Alpha Chi Sigma chemistry honor society, Phi Eta Sigma first-year honor society, Pi Mu Epsilon mathematics honor society and Tau Beta Pi engineering honor society, he was in the Army during WWII. He was a chemical engineer who worked for Hercules Powder Co. and Celanese. He was predeceased by his brother, **Herbert Wendle '30**. Surviving are his wife, two daughters, including **Carol Wendle Randall '76**; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

John Rickard P'75, G'08, Lewisville, N.C., April 2. A member of Phi Gamma Delta, International Relations Club, soccer and wrestling, he was in the Army during WWII and also attended Yale University. He worked abroad on U.S. government assignments and in international security for R.J. Reynolds. He was a chairman of Habitat for Humanity, mentor for the Big Brothers Association and volunteer for the Enrichment Center of Winston-Salem, N.C. He received two commendations from Winston-Salem for his volunteer service. Surviving are his wife, **Marjorie Lawler Rickard '51**; three children, including Professor **John Rickard '75**, English; six grandchildren, including **James Rickard '08**; and three great-grandchildren.

1951

Kathryn McNamara Albo P'77, P'79, P'82, St. Simons Island, Ga., July 15. A member of Pi Beta Phi and student government, she helped launch the Ronald McDonald House in Pittsburgh and brought the Make-A-Wish Foundation to western Pennsylvania. Surviving are three children, **Michael Albo '77, Vincent Albo '79** and **Hettie Albo Backes '82**; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Elizabeth Kulp Sanders P'75, P'78, G'03, Reading, Pa., May 6. A member of *L'Agenda*, WVBU, Christian Fellowship and Christian Association, she was a teacher. She was predeceased by her husband, **Daniel Sanders '52**. Surviving are two daughters, **Jill Sanders Hartman '75** and **Karen Sanders**

Feather '78; four grandchildren, including **Steven Feather '03**; and four great-grandchildren.

Janet Miller Stevenson M'53, Harrisburg, Pa., June 17. A member of Delta Zeta, Cap and Dagger, NAACP, *L'Agenda*, Christian Association, Christian Fellowship, Alpha Kappa Delta sociology honor society and Alpha Lambda Delta honor society, she was a teacher in the Susquehanna Township School District, started the Northwood Nursery School at Faith United Presbyterian Church in Harrisburg and received the Outstanding National Teacher of the Year Award in 1968. Survivors include her daughter and four grandchildren.

1952

Marshall Goulding M'57, P'85, Palmyra, Pa., July 4. A member of Delta Upsilon, wrestling, Intramurals, American Society of Civil Engineers, *The Bucknellian*, Pi Delta Epsilon journalism honor society and Alpha Phi Omega service organization, he was in the Navy during WWII and was chief engineer for the Susquehanna River Basin Commission. He was a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, National Society of Professional Engineers and Experimental Aircraft Association. Surviving are his wife, four children, including **Shelley Goulding '85**; six grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Samuel Pulford, Nichols, N.Y., Nov. 25, 2016. A member of the Association of Sociology Students, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, *The Bucknellian*, *Engineer Magazine*, NAACP, Phi Eta Sigma first-year honor society, Tau Beta Pi engineering honor society and Pi Mu Epsilon mathematics honor society, he was in the Army during WWII and earned a master's from Columbia University. He was an engineering manager for IBM and owned and operated The Goat Boy in Owego, N.Y., with his wife. Survivors include his wife, two daughters, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

1953

Barbara Hoiland Arnesman, Lawrence, Kan., April 18. She graduated from Kalamazoo College and was a desk clerk in the intensive-care unit of Mission Hospital in Asheville, N.C. She was predeceased by her former husband, **Richard Arnesman '52**. Survivors include two sons, five grandchildren and a great-grandson.

Harry McSorley, Naples, Fla., May 1. A member of Debating Club, football, NAACP, *The Bucknellian*, Christian Fellowship, Phi Sigma biology honor society and Omicron Delta Kappa leadership honor society, he studied theology in Washington state, California and Washington, D.C., and earned a doctorate from the University of Munich. He taught theology and was a Martin Luther scholar at the University of St. Michael's College of the University of Toronto. Survivors include his wife, two children and two grandchildren.

Raymond Pettit, Cheshire, Conn., June 6. A member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, *The Bucknellian* and football, he also graduated from the MIT Sloane School of Management Senior Executive Program and received an honorary doctorate from Stonehill College. He was vice president and general manager of the consumer division of GE Capital, senior vice president and CFO of Colgate-Palmolive, senior vice president and CFO of the Rockefeller Group and president of Rockefeller Center Properties. He served on boards for Cushman Wakefield Inc., Apollo Computer, M/A Com Inc., American Express Bank, Quinnipiac College, Norwalk Hospital, Naples Community Hospital, the American Cancer Society of Fairfield County, Conn., and Stonehill College, where he was chairman of the board of trustees. Survivors include his wife, four daughters, eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Ronald Reichman, Sand Springs, Okla., Aug. 5, 2016. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Mu and basketball.

1954

Elaine Seltmann Barnwell, Boonton, N.J., April 14, 2014. She was a member of the International Relations Club, NAACP, *L'Agenda*, Chorale and Christian Fellowship.

Porter Ellis, Pawleys Island, S.C., June 11. Survivors include his wife, four children, 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Maxine Sponaugle Haynes, Hershey, Pa., June 27. A member of Pi Beta Phi and Christian Association, she also graduated from Averett College. She worked for G.R. Sponaugle and Sons; owned The Mary Max, a women's fashion boutique; and was an accredited flower-show judge. She was president of the Harrisburg Garden Club. She was predeceased by her husband, **Robert Haynes '54**. Survivors include two sons, two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Jo Ann Aimetti Inge, Edmond, Okla., June 11. A member of Delta Zeta, she was a sales representative for Avon cosmetics; a teller at Spencer State Bank; a bookkeeper at city hall in Spencer, Okla., and the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department; and secretary for Lifeline Ministries. Survivors include four children, three stepchildren, 11 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Helen Frazee Ramminger, Pinehurst, N.C., July 2. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta and Christian Association. Survivors include three children, six stepchildren, 20 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Richard Slaughenoupt P'85, Willow Grove, Pa., Oct. 12, 2016. He was member of Phi Kappa Psi, *L'Agenda*, Pi Sigma Alpha political science honor society, Christian Fellowship and ROTC. He was predeceased by his wife, **Elizabeth Krebs Slaughenoupt '54**. Surviving are two children, including **David Slaughenoupt '85**, and four grandchildren.

1955

John Flurer, Huntington Beach, Calif., March 8. A member of Sigma Chi, Intramurals, ROTC, baseball and football, he was a fixed-wing aircraft and helicopter pilot in the Army and was in the Vietnam War. He was later a major in the Army National Guard. He was predeceased by his first wife and by his second wife, **Gretchen Rohrbach Flurer '57**. Survivors include two children and four grandchildren.

1956

Ernest Gaebel, Mattituck, N.Y., Jan. 20. He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha, Intramurals and *L'Agenda*. Survivors include a daughter and two grandsons.

Richard Garman, East Aurora, N.Y., Aug. 19. He was in the Marines during the Korean War. He owned ABC Paving Co., a highway and bridge contracting firm; Buffalo Crushed Stone, a construction material supply firm; ESRC, a utility contracting firm; Newbery Alaska, an electrical transmission firm; and Gateway Trade Center, which operated the Port of Buffalo, N.Y. He served on boards for M&T Bank, Merchants Insurance, Buffalo Niagara Partnership, Associated General Contractors, Niagara Frontier Council of the Boy Scouts of America and the Albright Knox Art Gallery. With his wife he created the Garman Family Foundation to support the Buffalo region and transitioned it to the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo. He received a citation from the National Conference of Christians and Jews and was named Humanitarian of the Year by Niagara Lutheran Health Care and Philanthropist of the Year by the Alexis de Tocqueville Society of the United Way. A major supporter of Bucknell's College of Engineering, he received the Distinguished Engineering Alumni Award in 2005 and an honorary doctor of literature degree from Bucknell in 2007. Survivors include three children, 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Anna Peterson Householder, Cherry Hill, N.J., March 27. She was a member of Cap and

Dagger, Alpha Sigma Alpha, Panhellenic Council, Christian Fellowship and Theta Alpha Phi dramatics honor society. Survivors include three children and three grandchildren.

Carol Miller Miner, Goshen, N.J., July 8. Survivors include six children, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Joanna Randolph Rott, Willow Street, Pa., July 14. A member of Pi Beta Phi, Dance Company, *L'Agenda* and Christian Fellowship, she designed handcrafts, and was a class reporter for *Bucknell Magazine*. She was predeceased by her husband, **Jack Rott '52**. Survivors include three daughters and two grandchildren.

Robert Tweed, Pinehurst, N.C., June 13. A member of Lambda Chi Alpha, Intramurals, WVBU and ROTC, he worked for General Electric and Abbott Laboratories, where he was vice president of the hospital-products division. He was a trustee of FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital. Survivors include his wife, **Lorraine Soresi Tweed '56**; two children; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

1958

Frederick Alderman, Canandaigua, N.Y., July 6. He served in the Marines during the Korean War, worked in business and sales and was active in local government. Survivors include three children, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Patricia Johnson Hewitt, Carmichael, Calif., May 20. A member of Pi Beta Phi, Cap and Dagger, Panhellenic Council, Student Government, *L'Agenda*, Christian Fellowship and Christian Association, she was an elementary-school teacher. She volunteered for the Junior League of Sacramento and KVIE and was president of the Loyola Guild. Survivors include her husband, two sons and four grandsons.

Donald King, Cape Coral, Fla., May 17. A member of Theta Chi, Cap and Dagger, Interfraternity Council, Christian Fellowship, Intramurals, ROTC, Delta Mu Delta business administration honor society, Phi Eta Sigma first-year honor

society and Alpha Phi Alpha service organization, he was a second lieutenant in the Army. He worked for Price Waterhouse, was a CPA and plant manager for Rohm and Haas Chemical Co. and was a plant manager and worked in the headquarters of Pfizer. He was a board member and treasurer of the South Florida Symphony. Survivors include his wife, **Jane Vetter King '58**; children; and grandchildren.

1959

William Schreiber P'88, P'90, Spring Hill, Fla., May 15. A member of Lambda Chi Alpha, swimming and diving, Intramurals, *L'Agenda*, *The Bucknellian* and ROTC, he was a lieutenant colonel in the Army and a company commander during the Vietnam War. Surviving are four sons, including **Eric Schreiber '88** and **Bruce Schreiber '90**; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Richard Stark, Richland, Wash., May 28. A member of Band, he earned a master's from Cornell University and a Ph.D. from Penn State University. He was a postdoctoral researcher at Washington State University, a project entomologist for the Washington State Department of Agriculture, a faculty member at Heritage University and an adjunct faculty member at Yakima Valley and Columbia Basin community colleges. He was a member of the Planetary Society and took part in geological expeditions to Belize and Italy, volunteered for local high-school science fairs and played percussion for the Mid-Columbia Symphony, Columbia Basin Community College Concert Band, Inland Northwest Orchestra, Washington East Opera, Richland Light Opera and Valley Theatre Co. Survivors include his wife.

1960

Robert Runnette, Gulf Stream, Fla., May 15. A member of Phi Kappa Psi and the Economics Society, he worked in life insurance for Connecticut Mutual and MassMutual. He was a

former trustee of Shady Side Academy and a member of the board of directors of Pressley Ridge. Survivors include his wife, two children and two grandsons.

Thomas "Tommy" Thompson, Lewisburg, Pa., June 25. A member of Sigma Chi, baseball and basketball, he was a pitcher in the Detroit Tigers organization and an assistant coach or coach for the Bucknell basketball, baseball and golf programs. He was a member of the Bucknell Athletics Hall of Fame. Survivors include his wife, two children and four grandchildren.

1961

George Tobias, Rio Verde, Ariz., May 11. A member of Lambda Chi Alpha, the Economics Society and ROTC, he was a second lieutenant in the Army, and earned a master's from Johns Hopkins University. He served in the Vietnam War and at the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, where he retired as deputy director of foreign counterintelligence activity, and was an account manager for Digital Equipment Corp. Survivors include his wife, three children and two grandchildren.

1962

Richard Beatty P'93, Ocean Pines, Md., July 15. A member of Delta Upsilon, he graduated from Upsala College. He worked in human resources at Scott Paper Co., was a career-guidance author, and founded Brandywine Consulting Group and InterviewNow.com. Surviving are his wife; two children, including **Scott Beatty '93**; and a granddaughter.

Robert Dederick P'93, Port Ewan, N.Y., March 24. He was in the Navy and attended Orange County Community College. He worked for *The Evening News* newspaper of Newburgh, N.Y., and was an English teacher at Highland High School. Surviving are his wife; two sons, including **Mark Dederick '93**; and three grandchildren.

Daniel Lyons, Danville, Pa., May 18. He earned a bachelor's

from Wilkes College and was in the Air Force. He was self-employed with Lyons Electric and a commercial pilot for Merck. Survivors include his wife and a stepdaughter.

Sebastian Scialabba, Brooklyn, New York, May 26. He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha, and track and field.

Kenneth Thomas, The Villages, Fla., March 5. A member of Lambda Chi Alpha, American Society of Civil Engineers and Tau Beta Pi engineering honor society, he worked for Bethlehem Steel and the New York State Department of Transportation and was a member of the South-ern-tiersmen Barbershop Chorus. Survivors include his wife, a son, three stepchildren, two grandchildren, seven step-grandchildren, and two step-great-grandchildren.

1964

Eugene Bauer P'90, Jupiter, Fla., May 1. A member of American Society of Civil Engineers, *Engineer Magazine*, Pi Delta Epsilon journalism honor society and ROTC, he was in the Army Corps of Engineers during the Vietnam War, and earned an MBA from the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College. He was the CEO of United Counties Trust Co., executive vice president and president of Kenilworth State Bank and an assistant treasurer at First National City Bank of New York. He held leadership positions for the American Bankers Association, New Jersey Bankers Association, the United Way, Union County College and Rotary International. Surviving are his wife, **Phebe Wieland Bauer '64**; two sons, including **Christopher Bauer '90**; and five grandchildren.

1965

John Matthews, Marco Island, Fla., May 2. A member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, basketball and ROTC, he was a captain in the Army, and worked in real estate, including for B. Gary Scott Realtors and Fox and Lazo Realtors, both in Delaware.

Survivors include his wife, a daughter and three granddaughters.

1966

Jay McMahon, Ridgefield, Conn., June 11. He worked for IBM as an IT specialist, lead software architect for electrocardiogram machines and development strategist for the application software group. In retirement he founded Web Archaeological Services. He was past president of the Louis A. Brennan, Lower Hudson Chapter of the New York State Archaeological Association, a member of the Council of Northeast Historical Archaeology and webmaster for the Archaeological Society of Connecticut. Survivors include his wife, two children and three grandchildren.

Thomas Mitchell P'90, P'04, G'20, Cape Coral, Fla., July 16. A member of football, Phi Gamma Delta, Intramurals and Student Government, he was a professional football tight end who played one season with the Oakland Raiders, six seasons with the Baltimore Colts, where he was co-captain and played in the Super Bowl V victory in 1970, and four seasons with the San Francisco 49ers. He later opened a golf facility in Reisterstown, Md. He was a two-time Little All-American and a member of the inaugural class of the Bucknell Athletics Hall of Fame. Surviving are his wife; four children, including **Christina Mitchell Schiano '90** and **Thomas Mitchell '04**; and seven grandchildren, including **Joseph Schiano '20**.

1968

Fred Grecco, Livingston, N.J., April 22. A member of baseball, he was in the Army during the Vietnam War and was general manager of Leslie Edelman Inc. of New Jersey. Survivors include a sister.

1971

Greta Frantz Bitting, Landisburg, Pa., March 17. She was a member of the Pennsylvania State Education Association.

John Lynch, Murrysville, Pa., April 4. A member of the Association for Computing Machinery and ROTC, he was chief financial officer of RIMCO Properties and chief administrator of Murrysville. Survivors include his wife, three children and five grandchildren.

1973

Janice Moser Morrison, Elysburg, Pa., April 26. She earned a bachelor's and a master's from Bloomsburg University and an education specialist certification from the University of Connecticut. She was a teacher in Shamokin and Lititz, Pa., a private piano instructor and a church organist. She was a member of the National Association for Gifted Children, the Pennsylvania Association for Gifted Children, the American Association of University Women and the Cecilian Music Club. Survivors include a son and two stepchildren.

1974

David Simpson, Glenside, Pa., Dec. 1, 2015. A member of WVBU, Chorale and Mu Phi Epsilon music honor society, he also graduated from the Westminster Choir College and earned a master's from New York University. Born blind, he was a computer programmer, database administrator and mainframe database designer for Bell Atlantic and Verizon and was a contractor for Dancing Dots Inc. and the Braille Music Institute, where he taught blind teenagers to use adaptive software to read and write music. He was also an organist, poet, singer, dancer and playwright who was a member of the Mendelssohn Club of Philadelphia and dance company Urban Echo: Circle Told. He was named poet laureate of Montgomery County, Pa., in 2007 and is depicted in a mural outside Hahnemann

University Hospital in Philadelphia. Survivors include his wife and stepdaughter.

1978

Steven Palmer, Dallas, Texas, July 11. A member of Kappa Delta Rho, Student Government, basketball, cross-country, track and field, Senior Gift Drive and Pi Sigma Alpha political science honor society, he earned a master's from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University. He worked in commercial real-estate finance in Connecticut and NYC, most recently as a partner and managing director of H/2 Capital Partners. He was involved in a state representative election, Leadership Greater Hartford and the Boy Scouts, co-founded the Darien, Conn., Real Estate Club and was a member of the Darien High School Building Subcommittee. Survivors include his wife and three children.

1979

Craig Holland, Stony Brook, N.Y., May 31. A member of Sigma Chi, John Marshall Pre-Law Society, football and Pi Sigma Alpha political science honor society, he graduated from Fordham University School of Law, and was a partner at the law firm of Agoglia, Holland & Agoglia PC. Survivors include his wife and three children.

1980

Gregory Morris, Denver, Colo., April 24. A member of wrestling and Phi Gamma Delta, he worked in health and beauty-aid sales for Procter & Gamble in Philadelphia and was a commercial real-estate broker and president and CEO for Fuller & Co in Denver. He served on boards for the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce and the Colorado chapter of Young Presidents' Organization. Survivors include his wife, **Michele Fugere Morris '81**, and three children.

1984

Robert Nichols P'17, Ossining, N.Y., May 28. A member of Tau Kappa Epsilon, he was senior vice president of estimating for Skanska USA. Surviving are his wife, **Catherine Norton Nichols '84**; and three children, including **Andrew Nichols '17**.

2009

Thaddeus Davis, Lewisburg, Pa., July 20. A member of football, Black Student Union and The Gathering, he worked for Bucknell's Development & Alumni Relations division, was a defensive coordinator for the football team of Lewisburg Area High School and worked in media relations for the Democratic Party Legislative Communications Office of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. He also coached youth football, acted in community theater and performed music ministry. Survivors include his wife, **Amy Magill Davis '11**, and four children.

MASTER'S

Isabel Salto-Weis Azevedo M'87, June 16, Madrid, Spain. A member of Chorale, she earned a Ph.D. from the Universidad Autonoma de Madrid. She was a teaching assistant in the Spanish department and a professor titular in the applied linguistics department at the Universidad Politécnic de Madrid. Survivors include her husband, two children and mother.

William Banks M'61, Virginia Beach, Va., Feb. 8. He was in the Air Force during the Vietnam War and was a professor of biochemistry and molecular biophysics and director of the Massey Cancer Center at the Medical College of Virginia/Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine. He was also a volunteer for the American Cancer Society. Survivors include his wife, a daughter and two grandchildren.

G. Robert Kissell M'56, Montoursville, Pa., Oct. 22, 2016. He was in the Navy

during WWII and the Korean War, and graduated from Lock Haven State College. He was a teacher at Susquenita High School and Montoursville Area High School, and a professor, professor emeritus and department chair at Williamsport Area Community College, where he taught history and government. He was named an Outstanding Educator in America in 1973. He also worked for LL Sterns & Sons, Weldon Factory, New York Central Railroad and AVCO. Survivors include his wife, three children, nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

FACULTY/STAFF

Robert Barnoff, State College, Pa., May 26. He was in the Navy during WWII, and earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Penn State University and a doctorate from Carnegie Mellon University. He was a professor, professor emeritus and head of the civil engineering department at Penn State, visiting professor at Bucknell, owner of consulting firm R.M. Barnoff & Associates and consultant for the National Transportation Safety Board. Survivors include his wife, four children, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Venetta Bilger, Lewisburg, Pa., July 15. She was a homemaker and worked for Bucknell Facilities. Survivors include three children, four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Bennett Dyke, San Antonio, Texas, May 23. He graduated from Trinity College and earned a doctorate from the University of Michigan. He was an engineer in Alaska and faculty member at Bucknell, Penn State University and the Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research, now known as the Texas Biomedical Research Institute. Survivors include his wife.

Richard Pauling P'06, Northumberland, Pa., May 18. He earned an associate's from Williamsport Area Community College, and was in the Army during the Vietnam War. He was a senior classroom and event support specialist for the Bucknell Division of Library & Information Technology.

Surviving are his wife; three children, including **Melissa Pauling '06**; a grandson; and two stepgrandchildren.

Carl Stillo, Kulpmont, Pa., May 30. He was a barber at Fort Indiantown Gap, Bucknell and the Milton Hershey School for Boys, a state barber examiner, a voting-machine technician for Northumberland County, jury commissioner for Northumberland County and a councilman in Kulpmont. He was also a member of the West End Fire Company. Survivors include three daughters, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Terry VanBuskirk P'99, Lewisburg, Pa., June 23. He was in the Air Force, worked for Baker's Body Shop and was a heating and air conditioning technician for Bucknell Facilities. Surviving are his wife; two children, including **Terry VanBuskirk Jr. '99**; and four grandchildren.

FRIENDS

Diana Blair P'03, Falls Village, Conn., Jan. 28, 2016. Survivors include her husband and son, **Daniel Blair '03**.

Bruce Byron P'04, Ellicott City, Md., May 2. Survivors include his wife and a daughter, **Bethany Byron '04**.

Ian Candland, Lewisburg, Pa., June 7. He graduated from Susquehanna University and worked in art galleries in Philadelphia. Survivors include his parents, brothers and nieces.

Arthur Dowell P'80, Red Bluff, Calif., May 22, 2016. He graduated from Princeton University, worked in radar development for Westinghouse and was a patent lawyer in his family's law firm. He served on the board of trustees of Mercy Foundation and the Board of Regents of Turtle Bay. Survivors include his daughter, **Barbara Dowell Lancaster '80**.

Marianne Edgerton P'83, Branford, Conn., July 27. She attended the University of Stockholm, and worked for Robert Oppenheimer at the Institute for Advanced Studies in Princeton, N.J., and as an agent for Coldwell Banker Penn One Real Estate in Lewisburg, Pa. She also volunteered at the Packwood House Museum and Susquehanna Valley Visitor's

Bureau in Lewisburg. Surviving are her husband, former Bucknell professor **Mills Edgerton P'83**; two sons, including **Michael Edgerton '83**; and five grandchildren.

James Herber P'93, Reisterstown, Md., Dec. 30. Surviving are his wife; three children, including **Carl Herber '93**; and two grandchildren.

Barbara Hildreth, Encinitas, Calif., Nov. 16, 2016. She graduated from Penn State University and Temple University School of Medicine, and was a pediatric cardiologist with Kaiser Permanente Medical Group in Los Angeles. Survivors include her husband, **William Hildreth '60**; a son and two granddaughters.

Robert Izard G'09, Rye, N.Y., Dec. 24, 2013. He graduated from Yale University and was in the Navy during WWII. He founded and later sold Carpet Tuft Co., and led the international division of Galaxy Carpet Mills. He served on boards for the Carver Center of Port Chester, N.Y., the Rye County Day School and the United Way. Surviving are his wife; five children; and 16 grandchildren, including **Thomas Izard '09**.

Richard King P'00, Hanover, Pa., Sept. 23, 2016. He attended Dartmouth College, earned an MBA from Columbia University and graduated from Naval Officer's Training School, and was in the Navy. He was a manager for the Hanover Shoe Co., president of C&J Clark Retail of North America, and executive vice president and president of Utz Quality Foods. He served as chairman of the Snack Food Association and on boards for the Hanover Hospital, Hanover Shoe Farms, Homewood Retirement Centers, High Industries, M&T Bank and WITF. Surviving are his wife; two daughters, including **Lauren King '00**; and two grandchildren.

Carolyn Pancoast, West Chester, Pa., June 25, 2016. She earned a bachelor's from Lake Erie College and was an equestrian teacher, trainer and competitor. Survivors include her husband, **S. Franklin Pancoast '78**; and three children.

Robert Scott P'93, Westminster, Md., June 30. Surviving are his wife; two children, including **David Scott '93**; two stepchildren; and eight grandchildren.

William Singleton P'85, P'88, G'15, Pittsburgh, Pa., May 19. He graduated from the University of Pittsburgh, and owned Dunn Corp., a general construction company. Surviving are his wife; two children, **Tammy Singleton-English '85** and **Todd Singleton '88**; and two grandchildren, including **Andrew English '15**.

Richard Steffensen, Lewisburg, Pa., April 6. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and was a furniture designer for Pennsylvania House, Brodart Co., Tradition House and other companies. He was a volunteer for the Public Library for Union County, the Union County Historical Society and the Packwood House Museum. Survivors include his wife, two children and four grandchildren.

Katherine Sumner P'01, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., Oct. 31, 2016. She graduated from Marymount Manhattan College, earned a master's from the Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences at New York University and attended Oxford University. She worked for MIT Lincoln Laboratory, SUNY New Paltz and IBM. Surviving are her husband, **Richard Sumner '64**; three children, including **Stephen Sumner '01**; and five grandchildren.

Stanley Szulanczyk, Lewisburg, Pa., April 29. He served in the Army Air Corps during WWII and graduated from the McCann School of Business. He was an accountant at the United States Penitentiary, Lewisburg. Survivors include his wife, four children, six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Patricia Trego P'81, Concord, Mass., April 7. She was an administrative assistant and did marketing research in Princeton, N.J. Survivors include her husband and daughter, **Kimberlie Trego Sachs '81**.

Ray Walker P'66, G'84, G'97, G'00, Bigler, Pa., June 9. He graduated from Pennsylvania State College and founded Bradford Coal Co. He started Walker Gardens and local chapters of civic and youth organizations including the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Little League Baseball, the Bigler Playground and the Bigler YMCA, as well as the Walker

Family Foundation. He established the Walker Family Scholarship at Bucknell with his wife, **Louise P'66, G'84, G'97, G'00**. He received the Distinguished Citizen of the Commonwealth Award from the Pennsylvania Society and represented the state at the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953. Surviving are three children, including **C. Alan Walker '66**; 10 grandchildren, including **Barbara Snyder Siggins '84, Derek Walker '97, Courtney Walker Spencer '00**; 21 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Hamilton Webster P'91, P'97, Edison, N.J., Jan. 16, 2016. He graduated from Hobart College, was in the Merchant Marines and was a corporal in the Counter Intelligence Corp. He worked in sales for Meredith Corp., and volunteered at Moore Regional Hospital. His wife, **Sarah Webster P'97**, died in Dec. 24. Surviving are two children, **Amy Webster Kiser '91** and **Tracy Webster Albers '97**; and two grandchildren.

Sarah Webster, P'91, P'97, Edison, N.J., Dec. 24. She earned a bachelor's from Skidmore College. She worked for Hood Milk in Boston and was a supervisor of packages and recipes for General Foods Kitchens in Tarrytown, N.Y. She was predeceased by her husband, **Hamilton Webster P'91, P'97**. Surviving are two children, **Amy Webster Kiser '91** and **Tracy Webster Albers '97**; and two grandchildren.

Daniel Woodworth P'01, Towson, Md., April 12. He was an agent for State Farm. Surviving are his wife; his former wife, **Claudette Houle P'01**; two sons, including **Colin Woodworth '01**; two stepdaughters; and three grandchildren.

Jane "Bambi" Bachman Wulf P'17, June 10, Larchmont, N.Y. She graduated from Mount Holyoke College and earned a master's from Manhattanville College. She worked for *Sports Illustrated*, moving from copy clerk to golf-beat reporter to chief of reporters, then became chief of reporters and assistant managing editor of *Time*. Survivors include her husband, **Steve Wulf P'17**; and four children, including **Eve Wulf '17**.

Lewisburg-on-Avon

Mulling over 'the Murphy option' and other retirement scenarios

By Matthew Stevenson '76

Maybe because I am as loathe to confront mortality as I was to digest Heidegger and Kierkegaard in Professor Michael Payne's freshman English class (if only they had played bass in the great existentialist rock band), I tend to deflect retirement scenarios with the same jokes that I once used to stay away from advanced chemistry and physics.

Sometimes, when I am asked about "our plans," I talk about "retiring to Shakespeare," and the idea that I would love to devote my sunset years to discovering the plays and the Elizabethan language that were lost to my sophomore imagination.

In these daydreams, my wife and I live opposite London's Globe Theatre, and each afternoon I amble across the mews for a forced feeding from the bard. Over tea I quote Hamlet ("Age, with his stealing steps/Hath clawed me in his clutch") and pretend I am not Lear ("Sir, I am too old to learn").

Not long ago at my 40th Reunion, I discovered — especially if the music is loud, as it was often — that if you tell someone you're planning "to move to Shakespeare," they assume you're talking about a gated community in Scottsdale.

During Reunion Weekend I heard other options put on the table. As I was driving around Lewisburg with my classmate and friend **Judy Ellicott Rader '76**, she said: "Why don't we all move back here for retirement?"

Lewisburg never looks better than on a June weekend, when the Susquehanna has the idyllic qualities of Huck Finn's Mississippi and the campus (drained of Frisbees) has aspects of Utopia (and not those Lilliputian planned communities that so amused Professor of English **John Tilton '52** in his class on satire).



I would love being near a college toward the end of my life, when I could appreciate (maybe) the complex constructions of William Faulkner or contribute something concrete to a Tom Travis seminar on American foreign policy. Besides, Lewisburg now has BILL (the Bucknell Institute for Lifelong Learning), a Jan Plan for all ages. (See Page 8 for more on BILL.)

I tend to deflect retirement scenarios with the same jokes that I once used to stay away from advanced chemistry and physics.

Then I remember winters in the Susquehanna Valley (all that freezing rain that filled up my supposedly waterproof hiking boots), and I lean toward what my wife and I call "the Murphy option."

We have named it in honor of Professor John Murphy and his wife, Danielle, who live part of every year in Chamonix, the French ski resort (where she has family), and the rest in Lewisburg (where he taught in Bucknell's English department).

As we live in nearby Geneva, Switzerland, we see them often, and have come to admire their approach to getting older, which is to balance the old world and the new. I know Shakespeare ("dreams are toys") would approve.

In their divided world, they live — handsomely, we think — with a French sensibility in Lewisburg, and with American verve in France. Who knew that a Bucknell retirement could come with a continental plan?

Matthew Stevenson '76 is the author of many books including An April Across America and, most recently, Reading the Rails.



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