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Classes

1938
Nearing 98 and rugged, AL WHITING journeyed with his daughters 15 hours by car from Columbia, Md., to Kenansville, N.C., and back to attend a close friend’s high school graduation. Swoops in the weather alarmed Al this spring—from 90 to 60 in one day. He wondered how some people could still wear shorts and short-sleeved shirts on the cold day.

Miracle in the park. If you saw a 99-year-old man pushing a four-wheel walker at breakneck speed in Manhattan’s Karl Schurz Park, that was me. I had dropped my wallet and was rushing back to my favorite spot on the East River esplanade hoping to find it. And there it was waiting for me, credit card, ID cards, money, the works. It had gone unseen or ignored by dozens of passersby in the 15 minutes it was missing.

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1939
Your class secretary received this entry from John Maxson: son of WEBSTER PRESCOTT MAXSON:

“While at Amherst, Web Maxson distinguished himself as a student and big-band leader, entertaining on campus, in ballrooms throughout New England and on the radio in New York City. The band, which included Amherst students, also played on cruise ships to Europe and in the Caribbean during the summer. After graduation he was drafted to serve in the U.S. Army, where he rose to the rank of captain. He married Mary Fox, one of the first members of the Women’s Army Corps, and they have three children. Following the service Web graduated from the University of Cincinnati Law School and spent his career as an attorney and top administrator for the U.S. government. Web died at the age of 88 in the family house in Bethesda, Md., in 2004.

His wife, Mary, now approaching her 101st birthday and after 65 years living in Bethesda, recently moved to DeKalb, Ill. She is enjoying her new home close to children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.”

Shortly after receiving the above entry from class secretary Dave Hildreth, our office received the very sad news that Dave passed away on May 19, 2015. I’m sure the class of 1939 joins me in sending our deepest condolences to Dave’s family. Thank you, Dave, for keeping your classmates updated on each other’s activities. You will be dearly missed.

> SANDY RILEY
CLASS LIAISON

1940
Our illustrious and beloved class president, TOM SHEPARD, died of pneumonia on April 29, 2015, in Sarasota, Fla. His devotion and enthusiasm toward
Amherst College and our class will be sorely missed. Tom is survived by his dear wife, Nancy; three daughters, Sue Jaques, Molly Dickinson Shepard and Amy Knight; and one son, Thomas Rockwell “Ricky” Shepard ’73.

Sue has written the In Memory for her father. Please see the In Memory section in the back of the magazine. Also take the time to visit Tom’s In Memory page for a wonderful picture of Tom, Rocky and grandchildren Ashley ’96 and Brian ’01.

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1943

HERB ARNOLD’s wife, Beryl, reminded me of his fond memories of Amherst and the many good times they had at the reunions they attended.

MARILYN BURN indicates that the whole Burr clan greatly misses Hughes. She looks forward to great grandchild number seven, due to arrive in August.

ANDY KEAY has a new address in New Jersey—contact the alumni office if you need it.

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> MONTY HANKIN

1945

The 70th reunion of the Class of 1945 was attended by ARCHIE MESSENGER, daughter Heather and son John ’74, along with BILL and Lynda WEBSTER. They were joined by LOUISE “Weezie” WILLIAMS, widow of GUS WILLIAMS. An enjoyable time was had by all.

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> SANDY RILEY
CLASS LIAISON

1946

We just received word that BLAINE “Buckets” RAWDON has died.

Spoke to WOODY STEINWART. However, I didn’t get connected to him at first (he was “on the biff’y”). His voice and comments were just the same as always, and he shared with us his love of Amherst. I told him Buckets had died. Woody said of Buckets: “He had a great sense of humor and was a solid, of-the-earth guy.” Woody is in a nursing home and said he would try to get out and come back for this reunion, but he called back the next day saying he could not make it. He ended our conversation with “Keep fingers crossed for me.” We all do, Woody.

From STEW WASHBURN: “Dear Dick: Your account of The Biggest Little Game (2014) stirred memories. “Perhaps, prior to 2014, there were several undefeated teams in the Jeffs’ football history, but I recall only one; that one concluded its 1942 season with a thrilling 12–6 win vs. the Ephs.”

“Yes, we were there—it was our freshman year! A company of soldier-spectators occupied temporary stands facing the eastern end zone. The College had arranged that with my dad (Bill Washburn ’18), stationed then at a nearby army camp. Late in the fourth quarter, Rollo Smith ’43, wind to his back, got off a 78-yard ‘quick-kick’ punt that went out of bounds on about the Williams two-yard line, sealing the win. In addition to thrilling, it was chilling! Never have I been in the stands on such a cold day! My date, a Smith girl from Texas, didn’t OWN a pair of gloves. At halftime we huddled with an SRO gathering seeking warmth at the fraternity house nearest the east gate of Pratt Field (Theta Xi?).

“Now, naught to do with gridiron batting, do you remember your arrival day for freshman orientation? I remember only three things: (1) meeting sophomore Charley Robinson ’45 while getting settled in my room in Morrow, (2) a moment of uncertainty/fear/home-sickness when my mom drove away in our 1940 Plymouth, and (3) teaming up in the late afternoon with you and CAM WEHRINGER—did we get our intro to Valentine Hall that evening?

“For the past 10 years Barbara and I have been splitting our time between our primary residence in Ludlow, Vt., and our winter home in Texas. Our daughter lives in nearby Austin, and our son and his family are still in Connecticut, where we lived for 50 years.”

CURT HATHAWAY: “Still at Deerfield Retirement Home, Asheville, N.C. Virginia is slowly succumbing to Alzheimer’s disease, so we can’t do any traveling. We just wait.”

MARTY EDWARDS, from Alhambra, Calif.: Marty is in a Baptist retirement home. He had pneumonia and has some trouble with balance and is receiving therapy. Golf and his car are gone; otherwise all is OK.

BOB SUCSY: “Still hale and hearty. Hoping you’re the same! Maintaining a home body. Tough to even attend church!”

WANDA HAMILTON (Lloyd’s widow): Received word from Jim Hamilton ’78 that his mother, Wanda, just celebrated her 92nd birthday. She is the widow of our LLOYD HAMILTON.

LEO ARNABOLD: Leo’s son, class of 1981, just received the College’s Medal for Eminent Service.

Dr. BOB CAULKINS, Delaware, Ohio: Bob has one son and three grandkids who have become doctors. He writes, “The most important thing I do these days is to teach all of the Delaware fifth-graders not to smoke cigarettes (and now e-cigarettes as well).” He has been doing this work for 20 years. “We now have a whole new generation of nonsmokers.”

CAROL WOOLMAN (Channing’s widow): “We survived the Maine winter! Granddaughter Helena Munson will attend UMass. That’s as close to your alma mater as we come. At least she will be able to take a course or two at Amherst while she attends UMass in a pre-med curriculum, biology major. I am about to leave for my 50th reunion at Bucknell. My best to all in the class of ’46!”

LOIS MATTESON (Silas’ widow): “We have 16 grandchildren—two engaged, three married, two great-grandchildren—13 through college, three in grade school, nine professionals (orthodontist, physical assistant, CPA, doctor of physical therapy, Johnson & Johnson rep, paralegal, mechanical engineer, teacher), and one graduating this May. I have many reasons to be proud.” Wow! Can anyone top that?

Class questions submitted by JOSH
WATKINS: “1. Selma is big now. What classmate was in one of Martin Luther King’s marches in Selma? 2. What classmate became a trustee and then chairman of the investment committee? During his chairmanship Amherst stated it had the best investment record of all colleges. Hint: He was an Alpha Delt. Yes, they had a lot of good guys: LEB WALL, BLUE BARON, RAY CUTHBERTSON, JURGEN HONIG, DICK LONGAKER, DAVE TRAVER, Talc Seelye 44, BLAINE Rawdon and TED CROSS.

“If you picked Ted for both, you were correct. Ted led an amazing life. He went to Harvard Law School, then a large Boston law firm where he was assigned the Sheraton Hotel case (discrimination against minorities). Indeed, he did find there was discrimination. So he resigned to later write two books about black culture and business. He requested his epigraph be: ‘runs and gets stronger all the time.’”

“I have reconnected with my teen-age sweetheart, who also lives in Rockville. 2013 was the first time we had seen each other in 67 years—but the magic was still there, and gets stronger all the time.”

Many new friends, concerts, courses (Johns Hopkins satellite campus) and a great gym. What a way to spend the next 20 years.

> HOWARD GELIN 
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1948

I’ve volunteered to act as your class secretary. Please send any notes, news or anything you would like your classmates to know. And thank you.

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1949

A few words about these class notes: My submission dates are June 1, Sept. 1, Dec. 1 and March 1. I work up until the last day, but any cards or emails that arrive later appear in the next issue. Hence the long delay that some of you mention. I begin with one bit of sad news, but thankfully it is our only death this time. Col. DON GREGOR passed away in late February. Be sure to read his In Memory piece in this issue. He flew combat missions in three wars and tested many planes and weapon systems in the course of a long and varied career. Quite a man. I only wish that I had gotten to know him personally.

A scholar’s scholar, BEN STOLTZFUS is writing a memoir-novel about World War II, titled Transgression. It is in four parts: Sofia, Istanbul, Beirut and America. As of his March note, he was in Beirut and it was 1942. When the bomb falls on Hiroshima, he will be at Amherst in August of 1945. Sounds fascinating!

A note of praise for the Amherst quarterly, which several have noted for the excellent recent improvements, from PETE TALBOT somewhere in the Philadelphia area (postmark), but an address label would pin it down.

Kind words as well from NAT POTTER, who did use an address label. More about Nat later on in this column.

WOODY KINGMAN’s wife, Claire, advises that May 20 was the 50th anniversary of his family’s migration to Australia! They traveled by ocean liner, S.S. Chusan, from Los Angeles to Sydney by way of Hawaii, Fiji and New Zealand. In the years following, one or more of the clan have lived in Darwin, Alice Springs, Perth, Canberra, Hobart and Launceston, Tasmania. Try to top that, Rand McNally!

Glad tidings from DON RIEFLER in Vero Beach, Fla., where the outnumbered Amherst gang took on their Williams cohorts in the annual golf match and, for the fourth straight year, won! Hope to learn who else competed, but in earlier years, our class was represented by the likes of JACK MCKEON, JIM VARNALL and TEDDY WALKER.

And speaking of Vero Beach (from which I have returned this week after four months of gracious winter living), at the annual meeting of our modest alumni group, the college speaker was Ronald Rosbottom, Amherst’s Winifred L. Arms Professor in the Arts and Humanities and professor of French and European studies, who talked about his book When Paris Went Dark: The City of Light Under German Occupation, 1940–1944. It was a most interesting talk, and I have since read the book. Dark days indeed.

A bundle of joyful news from LINN PERKINS, who visited family and his great-grandson in the South before heading to Hawaii to see NAT and GAIL POTTER and their Honolulu home with gorgeous views in three directions. Linn understands why this loyal alum doesn’t come back for all reunions.

And, speaking of reunions, I trust that Linn and FRED GARDNER are still pondering the possibility of a mini-reunion for October of 2016.

JOHN THOMSON, who did get back for our 65th, stipulates that although he is retired, he is not “tired” at age 91. He recently moved to a fine retirement home in Hyde Park, Mass., and took a February cruise to the Bahamas.

The redoubtable and tireless Professor WALTER SPINK was the subject of a two-day conference in his honor last January on the rock-cut monuments of India. A review of his research appeared in The New York Review of Books on Oct. 23 of last year. He is still writing books about the Buddhist caves at Ajanta, India, and a 15-minute film (walterspink.com) shows him working at the cave site. As the sportscaster would say, “Let’s go to the videotape!”

A long note from BOB CARTER about the activities of his large and successful family, one of whom is just back from Australia and now in Ontario. He’s in good health at 90, and his wife at 87. Only bad hearingannoys him along with some of today’s press, at odds with his strong conservative views.

On the distaff side, NANCY HAMMOND is still happy with Nantucket living, lectures, seminars and reading, the best part being her four great kids and their families. Amen.

MARY-ANNE KOROMILAS is improving after a knee replacement (welcome to the club) and spent the summer on the
beautiful north shore of France. Still missing Hank (as do we all), GRACE TESTA is otherwise in fine spirits, enjoying life in lovely Ocala, Fla.

Concluding with a nice exchange from JIM BROPHY on the passing of his and my old friend DON ROBERTS. (See last issue.)

The cards and emails make all this possible. The responses have been so good that I won’t even mention those address labels. Happy summertime and good health to all.

> GERRY REILLY
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1950

This quarter’s report is written following my return from the 66th class reunion of “Our Fair College on the Hill.” I emphsize “on the hill,” because I am still in pain from walking around the campus. As a result, I often felt as if I were in the same boat physically must be feeling the same. It’s hard to remember so many ups and downs on the main quad.

PHIL BABCOCK, our co-president, had to cancel his reunion plans. He has been ill off and on for quite a while, but kept throwing that he would make it. Unfortunately, that didn’t happen. I talked to him a few times, but things just didn’t work out as planned.

JACK BUTLER feels class notes are filled with geriatric musings such as moving to assisted living, death of a spouse and the latest health setback. How about including a short section in each edition entitled, “Looking Back”? It would include mention of some memorable event, serious or humorous, that took place while we were undergraduates. For instance, he said, “I could recount the time during our senior year when I drove our ’27 Marmon convertible from the Psi U House to Dwight Salmon’s history class with about a dozen classmates aboard. Fortunately, no one fell off.” Jack seems to come up with great ideas. I appreciate them.

MARK LEMP’s family sent “greetings across the years and across the miles to the class of 1950 on the 66th reunion. Mark loved being a member of this elite and accomplished group.”

ED ROWEN: About two weeks before reunion, I received a call from Ed Rowen’s wife, Vera, to tell me that he had just been hospitalized and that I should call him. I did and talked to him, and the downside was that he was having breathing problems and was going to have to cancel his reunion trip. Ed has been in and out of hospitals since this time two years ago, when during our 63rd reunion he ended up at Cooley Dickenson. He was really upset this time. I don’t think he has ever missed any of the five-year ones. Certainly one of our most active classmates. He was missed.

FRANKLIN SMITH: Prior to reunion I received a telephone call from Frank telling me that, due to some physical problems, he was not going to make it to reunion, so he was sort of “reporting in.” I mentioned that he could email his report, but he recently moved to an assisted living place and decided not to bring a computer with him. His wife Evelyn is living, but “incapacitated.” He has support from four daughters and four grandchildren.

MILT ZIMMERMAN reports: “Sandy and I continue to be active in, as well as supported by, the church community we’ve been in for the last 56 years. We’re endlessly thankful to be with people trying to follow Jesus in these very trying days of political, economic, social and environmental degradation.” He went on to say that they just lost a 35-year-old daughter-in-law to cancer a few weeks ago, the first member of his large clan to go, getting peace from the Jesus Spirit that ruled her life. They pray their lives will be fulfilled like hers one day, but in the meantime are grateful for the health they are given!

The following classmates had to cancel reunion plans at the last minute from my perspective: AL STEUBER, balance problems; TIM MARTIN, general pain problems; and SPIKE BEITZEL. There may have been many more; the alumni office will provide a final attendee list soon. Our new co-presidents are ANDY SCHOLTZ and DAVE SINCLAIR.

Yesterday I received a note that we lost another signee, CHARLIE SELDEN, on May 4, 2015.

Reunion news: I would like to mention some of my observations. There were three widows that I talked to, MARTI STISSER, FLORENCE DEGOZZALDI and BOBBI HOPKINS. I mention them first, and I am sure there were many more that I didn’t see, but the fact that they were there indicates to me that losing a husband never made them forget the College. Additionally, in passing I talked to Jim Corrigan ’49 and DICK FERNALD and had a long talk with THAYER and Anita GREENE—he hasn’t changed a bit. PAUL GRIFFITHS traveled all the way from Australia (we discussed various restaurants in that great land). Dr. RUSS LANE, who became the local Dr. in town, was spotted along with BEN LINTON and GENE MORI, who was a surprise attendee. First time I had seen him or talked to him in many years. JOHN NEIMEYER, who we thought for a long time was no longer in this world, showed up and in my estimation was the youngest looking member of the class! Additionally, going down my attendees list, I chatted with JOHN and Madryn PRIESING, BRO and Dee PARK (he recently had some health issues and still showed some vestiges), GORDY RUSSELL with his M.D. daughter and great son-in-law, who “wheel-chaired him around beautifully.”

Our new co-presidents, ANDY SCHOLTZ and DAVE SINCLAIR, enjoyed the reunion. The fact that Andy lives in Naples, Fla., will enable me to catch up with him, as I used to do with the late ROGER CLAPP.

JIM PIERSON, our class treasurer, gave a very positive talk regarding our financial situation. The Choreguses, EDGE QUAINTANCE and PAUL MARIER, were in attendance, along with ALDEN “Dutch” VAUGHAN, whose real first name is familiar to me for personal reasons, and CHUCK and Abigail WINANS. Chuck and Abigail had to leave early to fly to Chicago for the high school graduation of a granddaughter. They had just been on the Charles River for the big race, where their grandson coxed the winning Yale crew.

Our 66th reunion was entertaining, and hopefully everyone enjoyed themselves. The many programs filled our time easily—three of which were centered on Lord Jeffery Amherst and the mascot depicting him. The panels all had five presenters, a mix of alumni, students, professors and deans. There was a small allotment of time for questions, and our class seems to be 100 percent against the idea of changing the mascot. During Biddy Martin’s visit we shared our feelings about the matter and then sang a very loud, rousing rendition of “’O Lord Jeffery Amherst.” President Martin shared that there will be more discussion concerning the mascot in the fall, which will be student-driven.

Biddy Martin gave her usual fine, witty talk in Johnson Chapel.

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1951

DON COHAN, upbeat as ever, has a new sailboat, employed vigorously in regattas with several wins. Against all advice, he has entered into an ambitious real estate development in Mantua, a notoriously rundown area in west Philadelphia. However, revitalization is nascent under the aegis of the Mantua Community Improvement Committee, the Man-
Ray Jones ’51 is still in good voice, being part of a barbershop quartet. The group performs year-round at social, civic and private events in central Oregon.

Van Tingley ’51 finds life in his mid-80s to be quite a blast!

Six or seven.” He attends car shows two or three times a year and has competed successfully. He attends Rotary and advises the city of San Marino on various matters. He enjoys the company of a son, a daughter and one grandchild.

George Scanlan advises that he and his wife, Barbara, have sold their Maine home after spending part of the last 33 summers there. George has macular degeneration, which has made highway driving impossible outside of Pennsylvania. However, they plan the trip north this summer any way, either flying, or with Barbara doing the driving, so they can keep up with their many friends made there over the years. Moving to a retirement community about six years ago proves to have been a good decision. Two of their three children are in nearby Wilmington, Del.

Dave Sheldon confirms the trip with Ken and Lora Long. He adds that what was not told is that he does all the planning and work. The three of them have been kayaking, biking and fishing together all these years since “B” school. Two grandchildren are nearby, although one is at Middlebury. He says his main contribution to the world these days is supporting big pharma.

Joe Stecker continues to serve a clientele of those who seek help with significant changes in their lives. He characterizes his work as that of seeking a “renaissance” or rebirth for those facing a life transition. Monthly sessions usually proceed for a six-month period. Joe is most content with his lifestyle— not much travel, but he’s in good shape, other than a slight balance problem. Two of his three children live near him in the Houston area.

Hal Sutton continues to control the mouse population by his radiation oncology research at the University of Chicago. He is co-author of multiple publications such as “Poly (adp-ribose) Polymerase Inhibitor Induces Accelerated Senescence in Irradiated Breast Cancer Cells and Tumors.” What fun! Three of his four offspring are physicians, and he has six grandchildren.

Van Tingley and his wife, Lucie, visited their children and grandchildren in Colorado last May. They planned to spend a week in June at their family camp in Wisconsin, then to cruise the Maine coast in July, again with children and grandchildren in attendance. Sailing lessons are planned for several grandchildren and friends in August. Needless to say, Van finds life in his mid-80s to be quite a blast!

From an April call with Archie Tull we learned that he and his wife, Elaine, sold their Arizona home of many years and had just moved to Texas to be near their daughter and her family. Unfortunately, upon arrival there Archie suffered a slight heart attack. The good news, learned from a subsequent mid-
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1952
It is with a deep sense of sadness and
loss that I complete these class notes.
TIM WESTBAY, our nonpareil scribe,
as laboring over them at his desk in
Sedona, Ariz., when he suffered a mas-
ive stroke and died quietly almost im-
mEDIATELY afterward. Tim’s daughter,
Cynthia Herron, most kindly forward-
ded his unfinished symphony to me for
completion. I will do my best as a jour-
neyman composer to fulfill Tim’s very large
shoes. A separate appreciation of Tim’s
life will appear in the In Memory section
of a future issue.

RUDY BAUER
writes from Walnut Creek, Calif., that he is celebrating the
arrival of his third great-grandchild. He adds, “I miss collaborating with you all—
and wonder at our great accomplishment and wonderful lives led.”

Tim wrote that he had had a number of conversations with classmates over the winter. “TOM PICK was enjoying another
sojourn on Sanibel Island, down Florida way, to escape the Chicago winter. His
son is running the business, but Tom is still well clued in on things financial. He
also chatted with BOB JONES, who had had a nasty fall on the ice this winter. Bob
now runs only twice as fast as the rest of us.” JIM FRIEDRICHs wintered in Flori-
da but has returned to New Hampshire for some refreshing spring and summer
New England weather.

JIM LYON highly recommends the re-
cent biography of John William Williams. He says he has a fond memory of Pres-
ident Ward, who presented him many years ago with an inscribed silver bowl for his (Jim’s) support of Amherst ath-
letics. BILL MCNEEly, my fellow resident at Kendal-on-Hudson, also gives the biography an enthusiastic thumbs-up.

Bill has given three seminars to an avidly receptive audience at Kendal. The fi rst, on Reconstruction, was followed by one
on Henry Adams and Adams’ friend, geologist Clarence King. His last one was the history of slavery in the United States. Your secretary, who attended all
of them, found the seminars fascinating, challenging and informative.
JIM PREST reports from wintry Duluth, Minn., that he is still waiting for spring.
Jim, clearly a fi tness buff , plays tennis
three or four times a week when the
snow is off the ground. ED HOPPLe is
in good health and (as always) enjoying the
good life. He stays at Cabo San Lucas,
at the tip of Baja California, for winter
pleasure, and the Adirondacks, far to the
east, in the summer. Even Christmas at
home base in Bakersfield, Calif., is a joy.

DICK SODER has moved from
New Hampshire to North Carolina, close to
daughter in Chapel Hill. He is enjoying
life in the Research Triangle where
there are a multitude of activities for se-
niors and excellent medical support. He
reports that his main interests thus far
are bridge and (surprise) dog walking.

PHIL BAKER informs us that granddaugh-
ter number one just received her Ph.D.
in biochemistry from the University of
Colorado, while granddaughter number
two got her doctorate in veterinary sur-
gery from Cornell. Granddaughter num-
ber three graduated from high school in
Windham, Maine. He added, justifiably,
“Very proud!” I add, “Wow!”

On April 21 class president BOB STACK-
POLE hosted the annual class dinner in
New York City at (thanks to JOHN BU-
CHER) the Tennis & Racquet Club. The
dinner was excellent, and the ambience
(one long table in a private room)
delightful. The conversation sparked,
and the evening made us feel especially
grateful to Dean Eugene (Wilson) for his
inspired selection of the class. Attendees included BOB STACKPOLE and Cookie,
DOUG WILLIAMSON and Barbara,
JOHN BUCHER and Viv, MARY HELEON JORDAN
(Jim’s widow), CLIFF ANDERSON, CHUCK
CONNINGTON, BOB SKEELE and Nancy,
JACK MACKENZIE and BILL SMETHURST
and Bix.

BOB SKEELE reports the graduation of
three grandchildren. One earned her master’s in social work at Boston College. Another completed Air Force
flight training in Texas and got his wings
pinned on in May. Bob’s youngest grand-
kid graduated from the Hotchkiss School and chose Yale, disappointing Princeton and Harvard, who also
wanted him. Bob says he is equally proud of the other four grads—and a great, who
didn’t graduate from anything this year.

BILL and Bix SMETHURST visited HAR-
ry and BODIL WILSON in Williamstown,
Mass., in April. We visited the new
Clark Museum. Very impressive. If you’ve
haven’t been there yet, you should go.
After Williamstown we drove to Am-
erst and stayed overnight at the Lord
Jeff. We liked it a lot. The combined new
dining room and bar area is a huge
improvement. We then visited our oldest
son, Jim, in Deerfield. Jim is professor of
Afro-American literature at UMass and co-editor of SOS—Calling All Black People: A Black Arts Movement Reader.

GEOFF HAMPTON remains active.
Besides playing with his great-grand-
children, he is an avid golfer and an ac-
complished watercolorist. He currently
has two pictures in an exhibition at “our
iconic art museum.” In his spare time
he is still playing ragtime on the upright
piano. Way to go, Geoff.

SAM WRIGHT writes to reminisce about
T.P. Plimpton ‘50 and rowing at Amherst
in the late 1940s and early ‘50s. He men-
tions that he has lived in the San Fran-
cisco Bay Area since 1952 with Terese,
his wife of 63 years, and that he remains
active in the real estate business there.
Currently the Wrights live in Atherton
and have a farm in Santa Cruz County
on Monterey Bay.

That’s all the news for now for ’52, if
not for Lake Wobegon. Best wishes to all
for a happy and healthy summer.

> TIM WESTBAY
> BILL SMETHURST

PHIL BAKER
writes from Walnut

1953
We regret to report the death of JOHN
KUNZ. See the In Memory section. John
will be missed by many.

BOB KIELY is working on a book on Jesus as depicted by Italian Renaissance artists. I’ll let Bob explain: “I became interested (as a former Amherst Eng-
lish major) in the way the great painters ‘tell’ or ‘retell’ the Gospel stories. They
are not just illustrators but interpreters and commentators on scripture. Most
art historians pay more attention to technique, attribution, etc., than to the
subtleties and complexities of the religi-
nous narratives. Since my training is in
narrative and I taught the Bible course for English majors at Harvard, I thought
I might have something to add to the ex-
isting literature on the subject. Thanks
to the artists, it should be a very beauti-
ful book if and when it sees the light.”
Emeritus aside, Bob teaches two courses
every fall and tries to get in a European
trip in the spring. He and Jana spent
a few weeks in Italy this time.

KEN CLARK retired from the Christian
ministry in 1999 but he still carries on
some church activities. Ken leads a
book-of-the-month discussion at the
last congregation he served as pastor.
The chosen books, he told me, “are on
the cutting edge of theological thinking.” Ken is also active in the Greater
Dayton Interfaith Forum, where he led
a wide-ranging book discussion last fall.
Ken was getting his exercise playing rac-
quet ball until last October, when he fell and broke a wrist while running back-
wards. The accident was a near replica
of an earlier event in which the other
wrist was broken. Message received:
“Now I walk the dog and do balancing
exercises,” Ken said. There has been

Ed Hoppel ’52 stays at Cabo San Lucas, at the tip of Baja
California, for winter pleasure, and the Adirondacks, far to the
east, in the summer. Even Christmas at home base in Bakersfield, Calif, is a joy.
some tough going, as Ken’s wife, Shirley, fights dangerous skin cancer with radiation therapy and a new cancer-fighting drug. “Right now, her scalp is healthy and we’re hoping to get through this,” Ken vowed.

Back in April, President DAVID BLACKBURN and Sharon drove from their Fairfield, Conn., home to Amherst to catch the talk by Robert Gates, former defense secretary and CIA director. Dave pronounced himself “very impressed” by Gates and declared that he is his personal candidate for president in 2016.

Checking in from Brunswick, Maine, DAVID CHAPLIN reports that he has survived combined bone and blood cancer thanks to drugs, radiation and good medical care. There is still a lingering problem: Dave says he “can’t do much with my left arm. I am a right-armed person.” Dave says his experience has given him great appreciation of nurses who can get the needle in right the first time.

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MATT MITCHELL sent along the following note: “MATT MITCHELL is frustrated. He has now completed four novels (not counting the one that aborted in graduate school) and is looking for an agent to help get them published. He complains that getting an agent is harder than getting a patent, of which he has accumulated 14. Fourteen classmates responded to his suggestion that he made several years ago to have a writers’ club to solicit comments on his manuscripts.” He continued by saying, “My latest novel may require me to hire a bodyguard if it gets loose in the public. It’s in the same league as those cartoons that seemed to drive fundamentalist Muslims to mayhem and murder.”

DAVE HUGGINS responded on Facebook that he now lives in Fountain Hills, Ariz., and works for Morgan Stanley.

AUSTIN KENEFFICK says that he and Barbara drove out and back to Culver Military Academy in Indiana to attend his 65th school reunion.

Ann and TOM BLACKBURN retired to a condo five minutes from the Swarthmore campus. He writes, “Latest sporting news from my grandchildren is that 10-year-old Kate’s basketball team won a condo five minutes from the Swarthmore campus. He writes, “Latest sporting news from my grandchildren is that 10-year-old Kate’s basketball team won a condo five minutes from the Swarthmore campus. He writes, “Latest sporting news from my grandchildren is that 10-year-old Kate’s basketball team won a condo five minutes from the Swarthmore campus. He writes, “Latest sporting news from my grandchildren is that 10-year-old Kate’s basketball team won a condo five minutes from the Swarthmore campus. He writes, “Latest sporting news from my grandchildren is that 10-year-old Kate’s basketball team won

CARL APTHORP reports from Western Reserve. He has cut back on his golf because of some respiratory problems, and has been in touch with JEFF KEENER, who he says is in fine shape.

DAVE ESTY attended the Class of 54 Commitment to Teaching annual awardee luncheon. Dave presented a check to the fund of JANIE REDNER in memory of Keith and spoke about how ANDY GALEF was the inspiration for the fund that supports six Amherst alums in their teaching careers.

RALPH PETERS and his wife, Rita, have had their share of recent surgeries but are still traveling to Florida and Martha’s Vineyard. Rita, a retired Episcopal priest, has been appointed by the governor to the child placement review board for the state of Delaware. This board reviews the life situation of every foster child in the state once a year. Ralph writes, “I have become very active in affordable housing after serving as a director and board chair for interfaith community housing, a large Wilmington nonprofit, and as director and board president of Sussex County Habitat for Humanity. The governor appointed me to the Council on Housing for the state. I now chair this council—very time-consuming but also very rewarding for both of us.”

BOB GORDON reports that Ellie and he have become Florida residents in Palm Beach (they used to live in Boca Raton when he served as IBM’s lab controller). They do spend several months in Middletown, R.I., where they are happy to be close to their daughter’s family.

JIM BARNES and Patience, our peripatetic classmates, finished a Viking River Cruise on the Mosel and Rhine rivers. They were off to London for a few weeks, and have spent July and August in nearby Gull Lake.

Katie, wife of JIM WELDON, who passed away 12 years ago, just had her 60th reunion at Smith. She sent a note about her four sons: Tom, retired as a colonel from the Marine Corps, had served in Afghanistan; Dale is an M.D. in Fallon, Mass.; Jeff is a business consultant in Longmeadow, Mass.; and Dan is a C.P.A. in Wilmington, N.C.

BOB ABRAMS, co-secretary, has been incredibly fortunate to have four children who are well and eight grandchildren. One son, Josh ’85, with three boys, lives next door. Of course, à la Garrison Keillor, they all are above average.

TED TAYLER, an STURTEVANT, DAVE SIMPSON, TOM BLACKBURN and CARL APTHORP all gave interesting comments on the etymology of the word “goat” or “gote” as it relates to some fraternity rituals.

Finally we are saddened to report that PETER KLING, JOHN ELDEN JR. and JACk BRAUNWALD, M.D., have passed away: see the In Memory section. Also, I received notes that DAVID UNDERWOOD’s wife had died, as well as JACk SHERMAN’s wife, Elinor.

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1955

Our 60th reunion was simply super. Of course the weather with clear skies and temperatures around 80° was a plus. The following classmates were in attendance: BOB ALLEN, JACK ANDERSON, ADD AULT, DICK BAUGHMAN, JIM BRAYER, DICK BUEL, TOM CARSTENS, BILL COBAU, JERRY CONOVER, SAM DAVENPORT, JIM DILLON, NORM DOUGLASS, BILL DUFFY, SKIP EARLE, BOB ECKARDT, BILL FALSGRAPF, JAN FARR, JEFF FillMAN, GORDIE FORBES, BOB GRANT, RON GREGSON, JOHN HAMMOND, JIM HANKS, DICK HEILMAN, PAUL HELMREICH, BOB HERD, BOB JEDREY, JIM KELLER, KEN LAMM, BOB LANDOWNE, DAVE LEMAL, AL MARASCO, DON MARCUS, AL MCLEAN, DAVID MERMELSTEIN, HOD MOSEs, HUGH MOULTON, LES NASH, HOC NOBLE, BILL NORDEN, DOM PAINO, PAUL PENFIELD, BUTCH PFAELZER, JACK PHILLIPS, ANDREW PIERRE, CHARLIE PYDYCH, TY REED, TYLER RESCH, BOB RIGGS, MICHAEL ROBBINS, TED RUEGG, VAN SEASHOLES, NAPE SHELTON, BUD SORENSON, ROB SOWERSBY, GEORGE STEPHENSON, DEANE TANK, HERB TULCHIN, BILL VANCE, Wm WILSON and DICK WRIGHT.

In addition, class widows LORETTA MARION and SUE RYDER joined us. There were 43 wives/lady friends in attendance to enjoy the festivities. Those 61 members of the class of 1955 represented 32 percent of the 195 ’55-ers on the College’s rolls. Both KIKO CUYLER and BEV WARREN, Bill’s widow, were at the Thursday night dinner of the Theta Delta delegation. Also, the Betas (eight classm2ates and spouses) and DUs (four classm2ates, three spouses) had fraternity delegation dinners that night. For the Betas, DICK and Diane WRIGHT arranged their dinner at a special cooking school in Hartford.

Our reunion headquarters was the common room at Stearns dorm. Upon checking in there, all classmates and guests were given a collapsible Amherst umbrella, ordered by JIM BRAYER. We were amazed at the changes that were done to Stearns when it was rebuilt in 2005 (e.g., an elevator)! A fair number of classmates opted to stay in Stearns. Initially, guests were given a room with just a single cot! That problem was quickly solved to the satisfaction and relief of all involved.

During the days, we attended a variety of seminars with reunion-goers from all classes. Our class led a seminar Friday afternoon on mental illness, chaired by MICHAEL ROBBINS. That evening DAVID MERMELSTEIN led a discussion at Stearns on the content of our Amherst education and if it helped us become informed citizens. Friday night’s class banquet in Valentine was chaired by class agent LES NASH, who peppered us with a plethora of statistics from our undergraduate days and the numbers about today’s students. Les also recognized the associate class agents who were present.

Thanks to the efforts of BOB GRANT, our class had a display of the creative works of our classmates. Bob, TED RUEGG, BOB JEDREY, NAPE SHELTON and CHARLIE ROGERS contributed paintings. BOB GRANT had four or five wood sculptures. We have many prolific authors in our class, whose books and articles were displayed, including PAUL HELMREICH, TYLER RESCH, AL MCLEAN, ANDREW PIERRE, NAPE SHELTON, DEANE TANK, BOB ALLEN, DAVID MERMELSTEIN and BRUCE FRANKLIN.

We closed our 60th reunion with the traditional Saturday night banquet in Valentine. MC ROb SOWERSBY dedicated the reunion banquet to the wives of the class of 1955, many of whom look forward to our reunions as much as their husbands do. Class ministers BOB GRANT, GORDIE FORBES and AL MCLEAN handled the commemoration at the beginning of the evening by reading the names of the 36 classmates who had died since our last reunion in 2010. AL MCLEAN then gave the invocation and blessing of the food.

Class choregus BOB GRANT resurrected the ’55 Singers from past reunion banquets to lead us in a variety of College songs. The singers were DICK BAUGH-
1955: Charlie Cooper continues to volunteer
two days a week at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force, the largest and oldest aviation museum in the world, spread out over 17 acres near Dayton, Ohio. Coop splits his time between the research division and the lobby information desk. At the info desk Coop sees a lot of veterans as well as children, especially STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) students.

MAN, TYLER RESCH, BOB LANDSOWNE, JIM DILLON, TED RUEGG, DAVE LEMAL, NAPE SHELTON, GORDIE FORBES, BOB HERD, TY REED, AL MCLEAN, ANDREW PIERRE and JACK PHILLIPS. LORETTA MARION accompanied them on the keyboard.

After dinner TED RUEGG took us down memory lane as he reminisced over a variety of common events during our undergraduate years. DEANE TANK gave a talk, “Intuitions and Premonitions.”

BOB JEDREY presented the report of the nominating committee, after which the class elected the following officers until our next reunion: president, HUGH MOULTON; vice president, AL MCLEAN; secretary, ROB SOWERSBY; treasurer, CHARLIE PYDYCH; co-chairs, VAN SEASHOES and BOB JEDREY; chregorus, BOB GRANT; and class agent, LES NASH.

The evening closed with all standing, arm in arm, to sing “The Senior Song.” ROB SOWERSBY thanked everyone for coming and reminded all that, when we were accepted to be members of the Amherst College class of 1955, “we were lucky boys.”

The only reunion activity on Sunday was a service of remembrance and community at Memorial Hill. CHARLIE PYDYCH represented ‘55 by reading the names of those classmates who died in the past year.

In other news:
PHIL GREELY lives quietly in Hull, Mass., outside Boston. In April, while wife Sally was briefly in the hospital after she fell and subsequently was in a nursing home, Phil was able to rise to the occasion and prepare his own meals. However, he admits he did not have to do any laundry! Earlier this year, Phil had cataract surgery (both eyes, two weeks apart) from which he has recovered.

Sports, especially those involving racquets (squash, tennis), keep TOM ALDEN active and healthy, playing three to four times a week. For tennis, Tom confines his games to just doubles, where lob shots are discouraged. He is hitting the tennis ball as well as ever. Tom winters in Borrego Springs, Calif., where his hobby is flying free-flight model airplanes. Tom reports that his (second) marriage, to Marjorie, is a real blessing.

As previously reported, GIL WANGER donated his extensive collection of materials on the death penalty to the National Death Penalty Archives. In mid-April Gil was in Albany, N.Y., to serve on a nine-person panel commemorating the receipt of Gil’s materials and reviewing the history of the subject.

BOB BASSECHES continues to practice maritime law, and still enjoys it. He says he has several longtime clients who feel Bob gives them wise advice. Bob and Harriet play as much golf as possible. They just sold their weekend getaway house on Chesapeake Bay, where they had a chance to do some gardening, which they both like to do. They are now exploring new free-time activities in the Washington, D.C., area.

GERRY CANTOR has been a stockbroker with several Wall Street firms for 53 years, and still is! The Cantors have an apartment in New York City, where they spend weekends. They have several grandchildren living and working in NYC, with whom they have dinner Friday nights. Gerry walks about four miles each day and plays tennis one night a week during the winter and twice weekly when play moves outside.

We are sorry to report the death of ED ANDERSON. A remembrance can be found in the In Memory section.

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1956

We have lost four classmates since the last reporting: JON PINCUS, DOUG SMYTH, BOB ENGLAND and BENIAMONTA. You will find more information in the In Memory section of the magazine. When I called NED EDWARDS he was bolting together a new dock at their house on Crystal Lake in Michigan. Bobbie saw him lying down and thought he was sleeping. However, he was up to productive things!

PETE SABEY and his wife, Judy, are busy people. They are active in groups like Compassion and Choices, about end-of-life issues. He recommends (and I second it) Atul Gawande’s book Being Mortal. My book club (mostly M.D.s) is reading it for our next meeting. Pete sent me a delightful poem, which (sigh!) I cannot reproduce here. It is funny and realistic about his entering the ninth decade of his life.

From JIM CARY, via TIGER WEILLER: “Just returned from South Africa exploring of ancient rock with Leakey Foundation Fellows. Tested sketches and paintings into rock formations. Showed San peoples our most ancient Y-DNA ancestors chasing their totem elands until these antelopes drop from poisoned small arrows.”

Tom Spencer is “still plugging along in chemistry research, now entirely computational (with lots of help), since I no longer have a laboratory. Results lately have been encouraging, so that keeps the old coot happy. Our whole family, including four children and seven grandchildren, at present enjoys at least reasonably good health.”

I received a good long epistle from JOE MOLDENHAUER. Here are some highlights. “A piece of mine about edging Thoreau’s The Maine Woods appeared in the Thoreau Society Bulletin for fall 2014.” It included a photo of Joe holding a plaque that represents a lifetime award from the society. In July he will read a paper before the society on “Thoreau and Three Texas Authors.” Joe does a lot of yard work—tree-cutting, gardening and building retaining walls. He enjoys venison meals, saltwater fishing, cooking and making his own sourdough bread. Joe does volunteer work with a buddy, including Meals on Wheels for poor and disabled folk.

He is in touch with JOE DUNWOODY and DICK WINSLOW. At Mickie’s 50th reunion Jane Pressall shepherded her around to various events.

DICK WINSLOW sent me an account of another wilderness adventure, called “At Home with the Caribou, Bears and Bald Eagles: Canoeing Alaska’s Kongakut River.” Dick also included “An Editor’s Tale,” a fascinating account of JOE MOLDENHAUER’S meticulous research into errors and truths) in early Thoreau documents. Dick also included the photo of Joe receiving his award.

At this writing I know spring has sprung because DON and Peg NEWBERG have revived a raised vegetable bed and planted their peas.

I had a good conversation with JACK FEINBERG. A goodie he shared, with which I am in full accord, is: “Red Bull is my friend.”

DICK and Joan HAUSER will relocate from their home in Northport, N.Y., to Oak Ridge, Tenn., to be nearer to family. For his significant birthday (!), his daughter took him to Vail for skiing. Dick is in touch with AL SOMAN, who lives in Paris.

ROGER HAWKE and his wife live in Huntington, N.Y. He is retired from his law practice but does volunteer legal work for seniors. He says the legal issues are different from those he encountered while working. Their grandchildren are all entering or about to enter college. One interesting item: Roger survived the tragedy of 9/11. His shoes are now placed in the museum at the site.

CHARLIE and Fredrica HOCHMAN are comfortable in their home in NYC. She has retired from her law practice but is involved in community activities. Two of their children, one in Seattle and one in New Orleans, encourage travel to those places. They also keep going back to Paris, London and Lyon, where they engage in serious eating!

JIM IRWIN still runs Mill Pond Farm Inc. in Westport, Conn. Mill Pond is a real estate development. Jim took this year as a first-timer as a snowbird at a condo in Florida. He picked a good one! Their condo in Connecticut is large—c. 700 units—and Jim is the treasurer. We talked about how impressed we are with GUY CHANCE, who seems to continue with wonderful adventures.

ROLAND KALLEN has completed 51 years of teaching at the University of Pennsylvania’s school of medicine. His fields include biochemistry and biophysics. He and Stephanie spent nearly two weeks in the “toe” of Italy and were quite
As for current activities, bridge seems a real issue. Dick, prominent attention to the work of the late MAICHAEL MAZUR continues. Widow Gail, who has just published her seventh collection of poetry, Forbidden City, tells us of shows of Michael’s work in New York, Boston and Provincetown, Mass. The complete set of his monotype illustrations for Robert Pinsky’s translation of Dante’s Inferno has just been acquired by the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. The drawings are on exhibit in Philadelphia this summer, accompanying performance of a musical composition by Michael Hersch inspired by them.

As usual, classmates are on the move. AXEL SCHUPP is celebrating his 80th birthday by taking a rafting trip through the Grand Canyon with his wife, Sara; his daughters; and his grandchildren. PETER SEIBERT with wife Ellen and daughter Molly travelled to Sicily, returning by way of Iceland. Packing efficiently for those two different climates must have been a challenge.

For SANDY ROSE it was a road trip down the East Coast from his home in Middlebury, Vt., to visit TED and Fran KAMBOUR in Florida. Along with multiple stops to see relatives, he managed a day trip see RICH and Charmaine COLINO. Sandy expresses his gratitude to the many classmates who had so many nice things to say about his wife, Anne, following her recent death. Reflecting on contemporary Amherst, Sandy, in thoughts that probably echo those of many of us, is “trying to understand a place that has changed from an all-male school with a limited number of foreign students to now when [a large percentage] are from overseas, 52 percent are females and the college offers over 900 learning experiences and costs $68,000 a year. …”

DAVE LINDSAY reports a joyous visit from two widows of classmates, BITSY JEFFERS and ANN CRAIG, escaping from the snow to visit him and wife Suzie in their Athens, Ga., home. Dave continues his photography work, some of which graces the homes of classmates, yours truly included. Dave marked his 80th birthday in March by biking his age. Likewise headed south, FRANKLIN and Jane SANDERS have moved to a retirement community in Asheville, S.C. Meanwhile, he writes, if anyone is in the market for a ski lodge in Vermont, he would be happy to hear from you.

Events in Amherst this winter included a 150th anniversary concert by the Amherst Glee Club. REN HOLLINSHEAD writes that he and wife Marilyn, BILL VICKERY, TOM and Robbin LEVY and LINDA SMITH were on hand and that the sounds were as good as ever. On the home front we note, too, the appointment of BOB KEITER to the board of the Emily Dickinson Museum.

A recent conversation with DAN JOHNS reveals that he and wife Christa are happily ensconced in a retirement community in their stomping ground of 50 years, Durham, N.C. Their son Sheridan and family are permanent residents of Berlin, which gives Dan and Christa ample reason for annual visits to that exciting city.

We close with some sad notes: the November death of TONY MEGLIOLA and the June passing of MARTY HOPKINS. The thoughts of these Amherst classmates appear in the In Memory section.

Both sad and celebratory was a gathering of classmates to observe what would have been the 80th birthday of BILL DONOHUE’s wife, Cris, who died March 7. Present to support Bill and honor Cris were CARL GRAY, TED KAMBOUR, KEN KERMES, JACK SHEPARD, BARNES TAFT, BILL ZIEGENFUS and their wives, along with SANDY ROSE, himself recently a widower.

Ted Kambour, Barnies Taft, Bill Ziegenfus, and Sandy Rose have moved to a retirement community in Asheville, N.C. Although he says, “Sometimes boring is good,” I doubt
very much that his life is boring, with all that he does.

STAN COLE sounded very upbeat, having returned to Ohio from his winter residence in Palm Desert, Calif. His health is good, allowing him to play golf and work at a golf course.

JOHN DAVENPORT is still volunteering as general counsel for the Conservation Law Foundation. He is also continuing piano lessons and working on another piano-ooboe CD with Sally. He is still playing tennis and visiting children and grandchildren. Both he and Sally remain in good health.

DICK and Polly FRANCK returned from a two-week trip to Israel and Jordan. In Jordan, they went to Petra and rode camels. As Dick says, pictures that were taken show camels smiling and Dick grimacing. His hope that a “durable, peaceful resolution” will emerge as leaders rise above the antagonism and bitter conflicts.

DAVE HICKS is the subject of the lead story in the Financial News and Daily Record of Jacksonville, Fla. In addition to an interview with Dave, several community leaders spoke glowingly of his civic and philanthropic contributions. The article chronicled Dave’s career and concentrated on his start-up company, Computer Power Inc., which developed software for mortgage processing. The software, first developed in 1966, is still in use today. Dave also served for seven years as the chairman of the Jacksonville Housing Authority. He and wife Ann have supported scholarships for low-income students from Jacksonville’s housing authority and Habijax (low-cost housing organization), among other philanthropic efforts.

EV HOFFMAN divides his time between Coconut Grove, Fla., and Swan’s Island, Maine. I had lunch (and dinner) with Ev and Mary Catherine. He was kind enough to give Susan and me a tour of Fairchild Tropical Botanical Garden, where he volunteers as a docent. It was a wonderful tour; Ev’s knowledge and delivery were outstanding. As an added benefit, the gardens were the site of a wonderful Chihuly outdoor installation.

JOHN HOPKINS and wife took a two-week trip to India with a focus on visiting four national parks. They were lucky enough to have eight sightings of free-ranging tigers, as well as many, many other animals. He says the trip was grueling but well worth it.

DAVE KOFF is still working as a labor arbitrator and, judging from his enthusiasm, still loves it. He has two grandchildren in college, one in medical school and one recent college graduate. He and Ana-Maria live in an adult community in an apartment, which eliminates worrying about snow shoveling. He just seems very happy.

When I last spoke to JOHN LAGOMARINO he indicated he “still dips his toes” into his law practice. This year’s conversation has him down to working with one client, representing them before various federal agencies. His grandson is in the throes of making his college decision; his granddaughter plays Ultimate Frisbee for her high school team. Both grandchildren are musicians. Our conversation spent a great deal of time on the evolution of Frisbee as both of us remembered throwing the discs around in the spring at Amherst. John’s health is fine. He exercises three times each day, walking the dog.

BROOKS LOW was happy to have survived the winter’s heavy snow without having to resort to his generator. He and his wife prowl tag sales (and the like) and discovered a 1947 Olio with our old professors as young assistant professors, classes made up of a majority of returning vets and two of Brooks’ cousins. Both he and Sally remain in good health.

Brooks Low ’58 and his wife prowl tag sales (and the like) and discovered a 1947 Olio with our old professors as young assistant professors, classes made up of a majority of returning vets and two of Brooks’ cousins.
view of the Golden Gate Bridge (without fog) and the San Francisco Bay Bridge. Their immediate travel plans are to visit grandchildren and, in August, a Baltic Sea cruise. I would be remiss if I omitted Peter’s comment on how good and devoted a caretaker Nan has been during his recovery. Peter and Nan planned to travel to the Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, Ore., in June.

**DAVID SUZUKI** and wife Tara Cullis spent seven weeks touring Europe, including four weeks in France during a French immersion program. His daughter, Sarika; son-in-law, Chris; and newest grandson, Ryo Chiklo Fred Suzuki Rhodes, joined them in Italy to celebrate Sarika’s completion of her Ph.D. in marine biology. On returning to Canada, David left on a book tour to promote his newest book, *Letters to my Grandchildren*. This is the most personal of David’s books, reflecting on his own life while pondering life’s deepest questions.

**STEVE WAITE** says that his “life is happy, productive and full but there is nothing I have to report for the Amherst news.” (It seems to me that is a pretty positive report for the Amherst news.)

**JEFF WEBB** reports that one of his six grandchildren is in the Amherst class of 2015, representing the fifth generation of Amherst Webbs. (There’s another signed on for the class of 2019.)

**HOWARD WOLF** will deliver a lecture to the Warburg chapter (at Florida Atlantic University) entitled “From Goethe to Gunther Grass: Imagination and Responsibility.” He is working on a paper on Thornton Wilder to be delivered in Newport, R.I. And he is still writing and publishing stories, essays, memoirs and plays.

**MOE WOLFF** reports that a movie is to be made of his book *Whatever Happened to Raoul Wallenberg?* The company that will produce the film is Israeli-American.

**CHANDLER YOUNG** is enjoying being 80. He was happy to say that he had gotten to more than 20 spring training baseball games, most of them involving the “hated” Yankees (he’s a Red Sox fan). He tries to stay fit doing water aerobics at the Y.

**DICK BLYSTONE** reported that GENE ANGRIST’s widow, Elsa, “the smartest person I know,” according to Dick, returned home in April from taping an episode of *Jeopardy!* in California. I hope you watched her performance on July 2. If not, we’ll report on her success in the next issue of *Amherst*.

Nancy and PETER PITYARS traveled in Scandinavia and Russia last year, consequently missing our 55th. Both their daughters and families have moved to the Seattle area, so Nancy and Pete are now within a 20 minutes of both. They returned to Seattle in May from their winter home in Scottsdale, Ariz. They have retired from most of their church work, although they still do some volunteering. Not a sedentary lifestyle.

**Judy** and **DAVE BORDEN** traveled to Morocco. Dave works part-time, hearing appellate cases, chairing the ongoing Eyewitness Identification Task Force and also chairing the Connecticut Sentencing Commission, as well as teaching and sitting on the board of the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving. Judy is busy as chair of the West Hartford Human Rights Commission. Dave keeps in touch with FRED NEWMANN, DICK SPAULDING and JERRY ROISMAN in Hartford.

Kathy and RICK ABELES were in New York in April and had lunch with Hedy and CLAUDE ERBSEN. The Abeles were there for a wedding. No, not for Hedy and Claude’s wedding—that one took place a few years ago. Kathy’s sister’s younger son, age 46, finally got married … to a 36-year-old New York lady, both for the first time. Five weeks before, Kathy’s invalid friend fell off her walker backwards, knocking Kathy down and falling on top of her as well. The result was a broken hip for Kathy, which had to be replaced the next day. They still managed to have a great trip.

**LEE RAVENEL** sent the sad news that his wife, Anne, passed away from Parkinson’s disease last October. She and you are in our thoughts and prayers, Lee.

**STEVE HIRSCH** reports that JAY SHERE is in the Veterans Hospital in Los Angeles.

Zanny Milo and SKIP YONCK report that they are still living in Seattle. They spent a month in Tanzania earlier this year on safari in the Serengeti; in Dar es Salaam visiting friends; and on the beaches of Zanzibar, with vast, unspoiled and underpopulated stretches of sand overlooking the Indian Ocean. They also made a two-day stop in Dubai. Three grandchildren at the moment with two more coming.

Brenda and MARK WATKINS spent a long weekend in Cleveland (Brenda’s hometown), where they enjoyed the gracious hospitality and lovely home of Lorna and HARVEY MIERKE. Mark is in his third year of retirement, though his Simons Foundation Research Grant will run through the summer of 2016. That grant carried him to an international meeting in Slovenia in June.

Hanna and JIM BARTLETT spent a month in Paris last spring, visiting their many French friends. They have great affection for the country and its capital. They have spent some memorable time with Carolyn and FRED NEWMANN and Happy and PETER ESTY there in years past. This was their 17th consecutive year taking an apartment on the Left Bank. Among their friends are a couple they met more than 50 years ago, others go back at least three or four decades.

MEL SPRINGER and HANK POLER continue to move along with their musical, *Always a Girl*, which will have a staged reading in late July. After that, they will chase a production venue.

Gail and HANK POLER are delighted to report that their London grandparents, Greta, will be entering Amherst in the class of 2019. She will be a fourth-generation Jeff.

Karen and AL PASTERNAK had to cancel their trip to the Balkan countries and their plans to return to Maine at the end of April because Al had both an aortic heart valve replacement and a quadruple bypass in May. They hoped to escape from the heat and humidity of Florida by the end of June. The Pasternaks are in good spirits and finding different ways to pass the time.

**JOHN LIEBERT** has a part-time practice in North Scottsdale, Ariz., and he tries to complete a book per year. “Summer here is more conducive to that indoor hibernation as we head into the daily three-digit fever,” he writes. “My wife and I have two children here, with four grandchildren close by; one with two grandchildren in D.C.; and one, Janine ’96 (single), in LA, where she is a law librarian. Notable visitors to the Valley of the Sun to date include WERNER GUENDER-SHEIMER, GILES GUNN, STU BOWIE and STEVE HIRSCH.

Bev and TOM EIGHMY recently completed two weeks on the Lower Danube. “Things improve as you move upstream from Romania and Bulgaria where the East Bloc lingers, through Belgrade where Serbia tries to outline its recent past, to Budapest, which is a wonderful city.” For a topper they spent four days in London, where they had lived for three months 50 years ago.

We received notice of the passing on March 5, 2015, of JANS CARLEN.

Dee and yours truly, LOU GREER, took a bucket-list trip through the Panama Canal in late July. Not only did we see a variety of birds and wildlife, we also saw a large pod of beluga whales. A truly galvanizing experience.!
“Since the class of 1960 almost missed out on the digital wave, it is an unanticipated privilege for us to surf this epochal digital tsunami for a while longer on our individual digital boards....”

1960

Our spectacular 53rd reunion is history, but special plaudits are due for the spectacular job done with local arrangements by JOE ZORODNIK, development of our programs by ROY FITZGERALD, headquarters decorations by Stephanie and SCOTT MACCONNELL, procurement of class gifts by KEN ROSENTHAL, formation and leadership of our banquet singing group by CARLTON RUSSELL, promotion of attendance by DAVE KEFER and SANDY SMITH and overall coordination of the event by TOM ELDERS. The same team class officers and reunion planners, led by class president DAVE WOOD, is in place for 2020. Hence, Tom remarked that it’s not too soon to start thinking about our 60th and forwarded JOHN LORD’s suggestion for a clever “60/60” theme.

A fair number of classmates arrived on Wednesday. Soon thereafter a torrential rainstorm soaked DICK and Chris WEISFELDER; ROY FITZGERALD and spouse Jennie Keith; and PHIL HECKEL and his companion, Suzanne Soderberg; as we returned to Lipton House (formerly Hamilton and Chi Phi) from a reception at the Frost Library. Phil retains an active geological research agenda while retired from the University of Iowa. Fortunately, we avoided a second soaking when we discovered that JOE ZORODNIK had thoughtfully provided food under our tent. At the Frost we also ran into BILL VETTER’s West Coast clan, including his son Paul, a physicist, and daughter-in-law, Jennifer, who were attending their 1990 reunion along with Bill’s grandsons, Curtis and Marlo. Another early arrival was JIM CROWLEY, looking extremely trim and fit after high-risk surgery to remove a growth that had temporarily rendered him unable to walk. BOB VOGEL contrasted his extensive experiences in the Philippines with attitudes in the many Latin American countries where he has completed projects on mid-level financial issues for the World Bank and regional institutions. His most recent trip was to Ghana, where he helped with financial sector reforms and also was cursed with administering a problematic survey.

Attendence picked up considerably on Thursday, culminating in a cocktail party at headquarters and dinner under our tent. LARRY JASSIE was commuting from East Otis, Mass., and observed that it took longer for him to drive from Hampton on congested Route 9 than to make the rest of the trip. He and I reminisced about meeting in Washington, D.C., in 1995 when he was the state department doctor advising Fulbrighters on staying healthy while abroad. He also told me that China’s strongest potential leverage against the United States is that it manufactures most of the pills we consume. Any fact checkers around?

DAVID FOSTER is downsizing to a small apartment near his office after his wife, Ellie, succumbed this spring to a mélange of serious ailments that she had resisted remarkably long. They were married during David’s senior year, while Ellie was getting a master of arts in teaching at Smith. Until graduation, they lived in Professor Birney’s house, next door to Alpha Theta Xi. Our condolences go to David and his family. On the positive side, he’ll have time for his treasured outdoor activities, including sailing opportunities at his residence. A College presentation had described plans for a new science complex, new dorms and a greenhouse providing open space looking toward the fields and the Notch. Thereafter MAL GREENAWAY noted that there is a Greenaway Trail on Block Island, leading some there to believe (unfortunately erroneously) that he is the island’s richest man?

On Friday our class activities began with the opening of our 1960 art and authors exhibit in the Eli Marsh Gallery in Fayerweather Hall. The exhibits included large blow-ups of MAL GREENAWAY’s Block Island photographs, attractive photos provided by JOHN CROSS and ROBBY PARKMAN, a wood sculpture from “Chainsaw” ROY FITZGERALD and an intricate wood piece by NORMAN SPENCER. Viewers could also browse through books and articles by 24 classmates that were virtually all published since our 2010 reunion. Photos of the exhibits and of classmates participating in panels appear in online class notes; the list of class authors and their works reflect on the differing trajectories that led them to their current perspectives. Purdy viewed the fortuitous intervention of a chaplain during his own life-threatening crisis of faith at Amherst as evidence of an underlying spiritual purpose. Similarly, his exposure to civil rights issues in his fraternity initiated what would become a major theme of his life ministry and present retirement activities. For Russ, becoming an Episcopal priest well into his career as a music professor seemed the result of a purposive dimension to the various life options that had opened and closed to him. For both, their spirituality was rooted in a nonviolent and open-minded approach to issues that they found rather difficult to apply across cultures and especially to religious fundamentalists and militants.

Most of the 77 classmates who attended our reunion had arrived by our late afternoon cocktail party in a very warm Lipton House. From that point, your secretary’s recollection of countless conversations blends hopelessly...
maximum time at home in their districts. However, it has weakened personal interactions among them, has hollowed out the committee system and has permitted the Rules Committee and leaders of both parties to control the agenda and limit amendments and debate. Nevertheless, Charlie thought the House a better place to work than the Senate “because of the relative size of egos in that body and its lack of adherence to majority rule.” Unfortunately, I never got to ask if either of them could point to any positive trend in their quite bleak assessments.

Six classmates discussed their “Encore Endeavors.” SCOTT MACCONNELL led off by showing his models for creating the below-decks display used for rebuilding the Hector. He described it as the “ugly” ship that brought the first Scottish immigrants to Nova Scotia in 1773. Winning a gold medal in ice hockey at the Senior Olympics was a highlight. Scott is currently on an author’s tour of New England and New York. BILL ROSENBERG discussed the problems of understanding how Russians actually view their experiences when the veil of apparent conformity required to survive in authoritarian contexts is stripped away. He commented on how leaders like Putin manipulate false memories to build support for present policies. He noted the thrill that comes from his interactions with faculty and students at the European University in St. Petersburg as they wrestle with the alternative perspectives he provides. Picking up themes from his concert the previous evening, JIM ROONEY observed how his earlier book, Bossmen: Bill Monroe & Muddy Waters, set the stage for his autobiographical In It for the Long Run: A Musical Odyssey. He recalled cutting out whole sections and starting over to get the right balance of authenticity, accuracy and readability. Our formal activities ended with cocktails at our headquarters and a superb banquet in Valentine. CARLTON RUSSELL assembled and rehearsed a group of classmates and spouses to lead us in college songs, ending with most of us standing and joining in their finale, “Lord Jeff.” Those participating were CARLTON and Lorna RUSSELL, DAVID and Pam PURDY, JOHN CROSS, MAC and TANTI LANGFORD, DAVE PENNOCK, DAVE WOOD, JOHN WEISSNER, ROLY MILLER, TOM SHUMAKER, Robin Gilbert, Barbara Smith and Mary Jane Crooks. DAVE WOOD led a mercifully short business meeting where all our class officers were reelected by acclamation.

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Our authors panel included four 1960 classmates who have published since our 50th reunion, while eight more class authors attended our 55th or were classmates who have published since the Sandton Community of Baltimore. Our formal activities ended with cocktails at our headquarters and a superb banquet in Valentine. CARLTON RUSSELL assembled and rehearsed a group of classmates and spouses to lead us in college songs, ending with most of us standing and joining in their finale, “Lord Jeff.” Those participating were CARLTON and Lorna RUSSELL, DAVID and Pam PURDY, JOHN CROSS, MAC and TANTI LANGFORD, DAVE PENNOCK, DAVE WOOD, JOHN WEISSNER, ROLY MILLER, TOM SHUMAKER, Robin Gilbert, Barbara Smith and Mary Jane Crooks. DAVE WOOD led a mercifully short business meeting where all our class officers were reelected by acclamation.

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in London, will be visiting in late May, making us feel inhospitable if we’re not at home to receive him.” Kent noted that “neither Indiana’s 50th reunion nor DePauw’s provided the timely, clever and enticing topics that Amherst ‘60 has arranged. … What an all-star lineup! Will any of these wonders be available on C-SPAN or YouTube?”

ROY FITZGERALD traveled far in March: “Here I am with my honey atop Machu Picchu, wearing my Galapagos iguana T-shirt from a week snorkeling there. Jennie (Keith) and I are both eager to see everyone at our reunion!”

**Combatting Two Epidemics**

1962: Rice Leach continues as “one of the few 75-year-olds hitting it every day.” He is in the middle of a needle exchange program in Kentucky that was one outcome of the heroin/AIDS epidemic in Southern Indiana and heroin ODs in Kentucky. Rice despairs of the lack of involvement of practicing docs in the changes occurring in the medical system and predicts they “won’t like the end result.”

TOM and Jackie ELDER made their way back from Uruguay to San Francisco in March via Chicago. There they got the good news that Jackie’s esophageal problem was not a rare condition and could be resolved with an esophageal dilatation. Thereafter they stayed with their son John and his family in San Francisco until the time to head east for the reunion. “Off to my 11-year-old grandson’s lacrosse game shortly.” Thereafter Tom “put my reunion hat back on,” producing the terrific result we all experienced. Also writing in March, DICK BARTLETT sent news of his father-and-son sailing trip to Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, last summer. “It was an adventure! We hope to try for Halifax, Nova Scotia, this summer.” At that time “snow was the order of the day. Our 800-foot driveway is plowed by my ‘46 GMC truck and John Deere lawn tractor snow blower.” Thereafter, Dick “headed to see my son in Florida for a couple of weeks and then help with my daughter’s new house in spring.”

En route from Florida to Cape Cod, by way of Chicago to visit family, DAVE and Jan KEFFER found time for an overnight visit with us in Toledo. We managed dinner at a seafood restaurant on the waterfront and some brief glimpses of the city before their departure.

My apologies to GORDON BALDWIN for incorrectly identifying him in the last notes with Florida rather than California. He recently “returned south (in California) to start on a new, modest project for the Palm Springs Art Museum.” Gordon is “organizing and assessing, perhaps even cataloging, the collection of a contemporary photographer who wishes to donate his work to the museum.”

In February and March, Chris and I (DICK WEISFELDER) celebrated 50 years since our first arrival to do research in colonial Basutoland (Lesotho) by making another trip there with four friends. We rented an eight-passenger van in Johannesburg and drove to Lesotho, where we visited with my former colleagues and students and many old friends. I presented a retrospective talk on Lesotho’s trajectory from 1965 to the present at their National University. Then we drove across Lesotho’s mountainous terrain on the fantastic new Chinese-built road, to the Wild Coast, Grahamstown, Addo Elephant Park, Knysna lagoons, Kango caves, Stellenbosch winelands and finally Table Mountain, Cape Point and the spectacular Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden.

Our reunion went so well that I feel compelled to inject a bit of controversy to get you writing me for the next issue. The College sponsored two faculty-led panels on whether Amherst should keep male, colonialist and allegedly genocidal Lord Jeff as mascot while the current student body reflects such gender, ethnic, cultural, racial and religious diversity. Would the fight song be next to go and then the college name? Would a moose be a more appropriate mascot? DICK HUBERT and SANDY SMITH were skeptical. What do you think?

> DICK WEISFELDER

**1961**

From the lovely college town of Middlebury, VT., BOB VENMAN writes that “life is beautiful— including aging.” Which brings to mind a recent Boston Globe article in the “Location Location Location” section celebrating the town of Amherst with its cultural assets and rural setting as an ideal place to retire. Most of us know how ideal it was as a place to mature in the late ’30s, though rumor had it that one of us transferred to Harvard because the poker pots were bigger. In another year we will have the opportunity to see the beauties of Amherst and aging at our 55th reunion. Start planning.

The email and lilac card responses to requests for contributions to class notes were slight to none for this edition. However, ALAN KEENER, whom I (HUGH ANDREWS) see regularly at the Orleans Coffee Club, a group of 70-to-90-year-old gentlemen who meet once a week from September to June, handed me a report of his and Cricketer’s doings. They continue to divide time between East Orleans on Cape Cod and Naples, Fla., where they spent the winter working on their golf games and avoiding the awful winter up north. On the Cape he keeps busy as treasurer of the Orleans Historical Society and in Naples as a member of their co-op. He continues to manage money for a few longtime clients. He and Cricket do a lot of walking, biking and also swimming at Nauset Beach during the summer. “Health remains good for someone 75 years old—no knee, hip, etc., replacements or problems.” They try for at least one good trip a year. This June they will visit their daughter, married to an Englishman, in Manchester, before heading to Tuscany for a week of wine-tasting: “All in all, life is good.”

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1962

In my last column, I inadvertently promoted ROBIN MAHAR to co-captain of our 1962 national championship lacrosse team. As he pointed out, it was RALPH ARDIFF, who was also our top scorer, who was co-captain. Regardless, Bhutan, GEORGE CARMANY and I (and no doubt others, including Ralph) have been captivated by the 2015 team of Coach John Thompson. We have watched (online and in person) most of their games and congratulate them on such a marvelous season, ending up ranked number five in the nation in Division III. Joan and I attended, as usual, the Final Four weekend, which was here in Philly. Only two more wins by the Jeffs and we would have seen them in the championship game. I reluctantly cheered for Tufts to uphold the honor of NESCAC.

ANTHONY DIAS BLUE is starting a new magazine (his third), called The Clever Root. It will be a national quarterly focusing on agriculture with an emphasis on cannabis. He indicates it will be covering every aspect of the coming ganja revolution and will be supported by “growers, the medical marijuana industry and relevant government agencies.”

JEFF EPSTEIN reports a new grandson, Owen Reyes Paul, born to his daughter Jamie ’94. Jeff and his wife will be participating in the ABA International Section celebration of the 800th anniversary of the signing of the Magna Carta (“a definitive Bucky Salmon event”). They also plan an Irish golf vacation in July. Jeff, who has become active in global actions on aging, will attend a three-day conference in July at the UN to help draft a statement to protect the rights of elder persons.

PHIL LILIENTHAL’s good works in Africa continue to draw attention. He plans a trip to South Africa in October to visit one of their camps, game lodges, wineries and Cape Town. His Amherst roommate DON ADAMS and wife Ellen accompanied them last year on a similar junket. MARC POHL has signed on to be the camp doctor at Camp Sizanani in South Africa in October, and Phil hopes that other ’62 docs will want to join in similarly.

Through my Cleveland Clinic network...
was involved somewhat, as it was also the 250th anniversary of the founding of Penn Medical School, the first in the nation. Although we didn’t physically link up, we exchanged reminiscences. I learned that it was his 50th (whereas my 50th medical school reunion won’t be until next year) because John took advantage of a program Penn had at that time which allowed him to enter dental school after his junior year at Amherst. It saved him a year of time and tuition! We’re writing this and sending it out as Joan and I start out on a 10-day trip to friends in New England, culminating in her 50th Wellesley reunion (we met there 51 years ago). Last night was our first night away, and we stayed with STEW (my four-year college roommate) and Carolyn RICHMOND in Bedford, N.H. We had our usual wonderful time catching up and reminiscing about old times.

All four of us are in good health.

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1963

Members of the class were saddened to learn of the May 13 death of BRETT PRENTISS. Several recalled him playing the title roles in Hamlet and Richard III while at Amherst, and some remember being in the cast with him. “I played a henchman to his king in the Amherst production of Richard III, and he and the experience were so memorable I still remember my lines, which I think I recited to him at our 50th,” wrote ANDY LEADER. Brett was a speaker at our 50th reunion and talked about Shakespeare performances at the Folger Shakespeare Library along with STEVE GRANT. A remembrance by his son Craig appears in the In Memory section of the magazine. Our condolences go to Brett’s wife, Branca, and all the family.

BILL AMEND moved with wife Connie to a “life-care” community in eastern Pennsylvania to be near family. Bill finds that many of their friends in San Francisco are doing the similar flight from the Bay Area. “Our medical status is stable, so we thought it best to do it now. Once we get the boxes unpacked, we’ll explore old Delaware haunts and can certainly host folks in our apartment.”

STU FILLER was reminded of his Astronomy 101 course with Prof. Linnell when he recently listened to a program on Fresh Air. He says at the beginning, there were only three students in the class, including himself, SID PARSONS and WINSTON W. WYNNE. Winston dropped the course, and Stu claims he got an “F” and did not become an astronomer.

JOHN CROWELL contacted me as he was about to come to Philly for his 50th Penn Dental School reunion. I
Mike Laux ’63 returned home to Westport, Conn., from the YMCA Masters National Swimming Championships in Sarasota, Fla., where he bettered his times from last year, which was his goal.

American Observatory about 200 miles north of Santiago, Chile, where he has been working since 1986. For the past few years he and dozens of other scientists have been working on a project that includes building an extremely sensitive camera (570 megapixels!) to probe the origin of the accelerating universe and trying to uncover the nature of “dark energy.” “I can’t imagine a more rewarding way to finish my professional career,” writes Brooke.

RALPH HAHN reports that he and his fiancée, Sarah Wood, a teacher at the University of Warwick, have been living in Coventry, England. “Now being an ancient retired person, I mostly sit around and research and write. For some reason and quite suddenly, I’ve been asked to do a wad of conference presentations.” He says the 45-minute train ride to Oxford makes it easy for him “to collect material and come home and quietly digest it. Two more books in press and two or three more in various stages.”

JACK HAWLEY had to cancel a trip to Delhi in early summer “in favor of some deferred maintenance on my lower spine.” He was hoping to be able to attend a conference in Lausanne, Switzerland, on Hindustani literature, his specialty at Columbia University in New York City, and before that to accompany his wife, Laura Shapiro, to England for the Oxford Symposium on Food, and to take in Lisbon.

DEWITT HENRY and wife Connie enjoyed an Easter brunch cabaret performance by DAVID LAHM in Cambridge, Mass. In September DeWitt plans to give a keynote on “What is contemporary writing?” at the Hampton Roads (Virginia) Writers Conference. Also this fall the Massachusetts Review will include DeWitt’s prose meditation on weather, in which he argues that “this universe we study, probe and dream remains as baffling to us as it was to Galileo [and] our science is an idiom of faith.”

BOB HOLMES and wife Mary have moved for the summer and early fall to Woolwich, Maine, a place with tidal waterfront on the Kennebec River, near Brunswick. “We’re exploring the local territory, getting to know shops, vendors, places of interest, etc.” They will also be spending time at their lake house in nearby Lincolnville. Bob says they will continue to live in suburban Philadelphia during late fall and early winter then head back to Maine for skiing and snowshoeing.

TOD HOUGHTLIN went to Rome this spring, and it brought back memories of Professor Charles Morgan’s one-credit art history course on Michelangelo. “To my surprise and Helen’s, our two-week stay in Rome in March revealed that much of what Professor Morgan provided in that course stuck. ‘Ah, yes, here is the Piazza del Campidoglio on Capitol Hill.’” MALCOLM JOHNSON reports he is fortunate that the Houston neighborhood where he lives is on a high ground and had no problems with the recent rains. Mal has finished BILL AMEND’s novel Pretenders to the Throne about a royalist takeover of the United State by descendants of George Washington, and especially enjoyed the part about the Texas CEO of Energy Resid, Mass., a 100-bed facility specializing in care for chronic diseases like Alzheimer’s, Huntington’s, ALS, traumatic brain injuries, MS, etc. He’s also enjoying taking Fridays off to play with his daughter Rebecca’s twin girls who have “just turned 2 and are balls of kinetic energy.”

HUGH PRICE generously donated his professional papers to the College this spring. The papers date back to the 1960s and cover his many careers at New York’s public television station, the National Urban League, Princeton University and the Brookings Institute. He donated the papers to Amherst because of family ties, and to give students and faculty researchers the opportunity to examine unpublished material concerning the civil rights movement and other causes.

CRAIG REYNOLDS, who lives in suburban Canberra, Australia (now in late winter), went north for some warm weather in Queensland. Though now “off-salary”—Craig doesn’t want to be retired—he continues to share an office at Australian National University, chairs a committee for the university’s open access publisher and continues to do research in modern Thai social history.

BILL STRONG is traveling a lot this summer, first to Tennessee, including Graceland and Nashville for the Grand Ole Opry. He and wife Dinah will also visit several Civil War battle sites and take a paddlewheel boat ride. Later they will join family in southern Ireland. Bill has also been active in the North Texas Amherst Alumni Club, which sponsored a one-day university event in downtown Dallas.

BRUCE THOMPSON last May officially became a professor emeritus at Milwaukee School of Engineering, which means he retired, but still has been teaching two classes. “Also I have been trying my hand as a columnist for a local online magazine called Urban Milwaukee.” A recent column was devoted to concerns that the U.S. Supreme Court could overrule a key part of the Affordable Care Act.

TED TRUMAN continues to write for the Peterson Institute for International Economics on matters such as what he considers the misguided idea of trying to stop currency manipulation, by countries such as China, through the Trans-
Pacific Partnership trade agreement. Closer to home, Ted is on various committees at his retirement community in Washington, D.C.: "I have been elected (meaning chosen) treasurer of the residents’ association." Ted reports that he has even joined Twitter (@TrumanTed).

Your secretary, NEALE ADAMS, and wife Rosalind Kellett went on a nearly three-week trip to the Galápagos Islands and Ecuadorian upper Amazonia this spring. It was a special treat for Rosalind, who retired last year after teaching biology in Vancouver secondary schools for nearly 40 years—including how Charles Darwin began developing the theory of evolution after his visit as a naturalist to the islands. The couple now can spend time with grandparents aged 2, 4, and 7, and undertake projects like trying to write more complete and inclusive class notes for alma maters.

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1964

Sadly, I report the deaths of Jim Klancnik and Bernie Witholt in recent months. Remembrances appear in the In Memory section of this issue. These accounts are strictly limited in total words; however, classmates are encouraged to see more information about Jim and Bernie and to add their thoughts on the alumni In Memory web pages at amherst.edu/magazine.

In my last notes, I overlooked a misprint from Ric Hyland: "Just up to my old tricks of practicing law illegally." He has two cases going at the moment, one before the Hawaii Supreme Court and one before the Intermediate Court of Appeals. "A guy’s got to keep busy in paradise or the Big Sleep overtakes you. But I miss Battocchi’s help!"

By the way, Ric, I’ve heard from Deep Throat that you may have played an as yet undisclosed role in the Arnie Arons caper. I’m looking for confirmation from other sources before publishing.

Clarke Summers reports that he is immersed in psychoanalytic training at the Seattle Psychoanalytic Institute. After practicing psychiatry for 40 plus years, “it is a fascinating addition to an interesting career. I’m afraid to slow down because I know what will happen if I do. Of course, I know it will happen anyway.” (Don’t tell Ric about its happening anyway.)

Gordy Richardson and wife Susan continue to divide their time between an apartment in Boston’s Back Bay and their cottage on the Sheepscot River in Maine. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June with a party in Boston for local friends and a reunion in Sonoma, Calif., for their five grandchildren, two sons and spouses.

On a sad note, Barry Palmer had to put down his best friend, Pepper, a shepherd/collie mix, just prior to his 11th year. They slept, ate and played together. Most of Barry’s family is in Connecticut (not Toledo), and so Barry is grieving on his own.

Joe Wilson received an award from a local Tompkins County, N.Y., organization called Sustainable Tompkins, for his efforts to inform the public and to oppose additional fossil-fuel infrastructure within the county. The infrastructure in question is a new methane-gas pipeline to be installed within the township in which he lives. The pipeline will increase local CO2 emissions by between 15 and 30 percent when all the gas it carries is burned and will add methane emissions for a total estimated increase in total greenhouse gas emissions amounting to 50 percent. Local experts (including Bob Howarth, ’74, a Cornell professor) allied with Mark Jacobson of Stanford have presented a plan where the needs for increased energy can be met by renewable sources of energy.

Several classmates have received special recognition. Douglas Lowy, M.D., was named the National Cancer Institute’s acting director. Doug had served as NCI’s deputy director since July 2010, helping lead NCI’s key scientific initiatives since that time. Doug received the National Medal of Technology and Innovation from President Obama in 2014 for his research that led to the development of the human papillomavirus vaccine. As chief of the Laboratory of Cellular Oncology at NCI, Doug’s research includes the biology of papillomaviruses. His laboratory, in close collaboration with John T. Schiller, Ph.D., was involved in the initial development, characterization and clinical testing of the preventive virus-like particle-based HPV vaccines that are now used in the three U.S. Food and Drug Administration-approved HPV vaccines.

“We are fortunate to have a scientist of such stature stepping into the role of acting director of the NCI,” said NIH Director Francis S. Collins, M.D., Ph.D. “Dr. Lowy possesses not only a sharp intellect, deep knowledge of science and proven leadership experience, but he takes a warm and humane approach to all things. He is superbly positioned to lead the NCI at a time of exceptional progress in cancer research.”

Doug is a member of the National Academy of Sciences and its Institute of Medicine. For their pioneering work, Drs. Lowy and Schiller have received numerous honors in addition to the National Medal, including the 2011 Albert B. Sabin Gold Medal Award and the Federal Employee of the Year Award in 2007 from the Partnership for Public Service.

Chuck Lewis and his wife, Penny Bender Sebring (Grinnell ’64), both received honorary degrees from Grinnell in May. Penny is widely published on a variety of topics including urban education, course-taking patterns and social leadership, and is a life trustee of Grinnell College. Together with his wife, Chuck helped make possible the Grinnell Careers in Education Professions Program, which is designed to help students think about the long-term possibilities of teaching. The program was started at the University of Chicago (where Chuck is a trustee). Chuck and Penny have replicated this program at Amherst (www.amherst.edu/campuslife/careers/amherst-careers-in). The programs are intended to provide students, beginning in their second year, with help in exploring career options alongside the liberal arts curriculum. These programs will also provide alumni with more meaningful ways to connect with students as the latter explore opportunities in the alumni’s professions.

My golfing partner of several reunions ago, Tony Mason, and wife Caroline have moved to Prides Crossing (near Salem), Mass., where he is dividing his time between his grandchildren, golf and a Rhodes 19 sailboard (“not necessarily in that order”). He is also writing and self-publishing a book on Amazon, Toward Healing: One Physician’s Journey.

Harvey Sheldon and Gail traveled south to Sarasota in late March and lunched with Dave Ross and his wife, Holly. Harvey reports the lunch was splendid. The Rosses live on Longboat Key enjoying their time playing tennis, swimming, enjoying the arts and spending time with their children and grandchildren.

After months of discussion, our alumni group and current undergraduates (Pierce Joseph ’15 as point person) organized an April conference at Amherst. The conference, “Restore Our Democracy,” was the first event of the student-alumni organization being developed.

Alumni attendees at the conference were: Michael ’79 and Susan Achey, Doug Bray, Neil and Judy Bicknell, Andy Burkhartd, Kim Hetsko, Roger and Judy Hirschberg, Tony Mason, Mitch Meisner, Stephen Rediker, Mark Sandler, Smokey and Kit Stover and Peter Wintersteiner.

The conference opened a dialogue with students and faculty on democracy issues. All agreed democracy in our country is severely compromised by the power of money and special interests that dominate our government, and that wide civic engagement is necessary to reassert citizen authority.

Twenty-five students engaged with us at a Friday evening Jeffersonian dinner for table discussions of whether we have a democracy. Hedrick Smith, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, gave an inspiring talk entitled “Let’s Reclaim the American Dream” in Stirling Auditorium. Hedrick is one of the best-informed advocates for mobilizing citizens to restore the democratic system. Former con-
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gressman Mickey Edwards, author of *The Parties vs. The People,* Steven Olikara, president of the Millennial Action Project; and Josh Silver, founder and president of Represent.US gave talks and participated in the working discussions. Alumni interested in joining ongoing dialogues on democracy issues should contact Neil Bicknell or SMOKEY (CHARLIE) STOVER, or any member of the conference organizing committee, which included MARK SANDLER and 64 attendees.

1965

Open in front of me, on page 53, of a book in beautiful condition save for a slight yellow cast to the pages that testify to its publishing date of 1930, in the midst of a poem titled "The Death of the Hired Man." Warren, the straightforward farmer says, "Home is the place where, when you have to go there. / They have to take you in."

Amherst College took us in the other week. Of course, we had to go there for our 50th reunion. And yes, the College and our classmates took us in, not with the burden of obligation suggested by Robert Frost's choice of the words "have to" but without qualifying, judgement even having to knock on a door.

If anyone experiences an occasion more congenial, where shared recollection, affection and vivacity better converged, it belongs to the future. At those Academy Award speeches, every prizewinner feels obligated to catalog everyone they have met since second grade. Their speeches accelerate to near hysteria until the honorees are dragged off stage so the show will end by daybreak.

So here will be no catalog of attendees. First of all, SHERMAN KATZ was so vigorous and effective in his recruiting that our turnout would fill columns. Secondly, five people would end up left out and feeling, as Frost would write in another poem title, "In Neglect."

The College itself glowed like an emerald, and despite changes, including a surprising construction job protruding out into our playing fields, it was a landscape idealized to the perfect light and weather of our memories.

(When I was back to work with TOM POOR on the book and preparation, it was amid the epically worst storm of the past winter. The walk from the Lord Jeff to the Frost Library to do my research felt like a solo ascent of the north col of some unconquered Himalayan peak. What if a reunion was held in mid-February as a test of alumni loyalty?)

Over the past months, years—well, decades—many of us have been puzzled, even chagrined by the direction Amherst is taking. Half a dozen of our class have devoted time and serious thoughtful effort to creating a curriculum that might restore the College to its first-rate institution and formative force it was during those years we attended.

And in the course of this process, it seemed the more one found out about the current state of Amherst College, and where its stated emphasis is placed, and what seems to be an errant course, the more one was disappointed with the present condition and with the people steering the ship.

Certainly many have expressed bewilderment at some of our current president's decisions. Yet Biddy Martin's visit to our Saturday party felt great: a warm and sincere individual whose interest in what we thought and were able to—briefly—express, was genuine.

And if the students who helped with hospitality, and those I met back in February, are any gauge, Amherst still attracts wonderful people. In short, though there still may be a measure of general concern that the College is not all it might be, my guess is that we all feel good about our alma mater following our days on campus.

If testimony was required as to our classmates' continuing vigor and intellectual rigor, the sessions organized by MIKE WHEELER and DAVE GARRISON were compelling. One could not attend every one, but between HOWARD BLOCH opening the door to Prost's cork-lined room, DAVE KIRK charismatically and passionately taking us inside a beleaguered but triumphant school district, MIKE WHEELER breaking the chaos of the negotiating process into discernable components and MARK PERRY revealing how digital technology affects the content and dissemination of public broadcasting, we learned much. I missed JU-NIUS WILLIAMS' presentation, but all said it was big and insightful. These events included in the price of admission!

The tone of our interactions was characterized by more than sheer sentiment; there was a spirit of cheerful optimism unmatched in my own experience with groups large or small or even individuals. Did Amherst fill us with that energy then and now?

As I finish here, I close the book opened to begin writing for you. A signature, in his own hand, of Robert Frost appears before the cover shots on that page. Everybody I meet, including the folks who check out my groceries, has been informed that my Amherst class presented me with this gift. Exhilarated, curious, they ask what "something like that is worth." A question from commerce. I reply that it is priceless, a convergence of our love of books and of writing, a remembrance of a singular sustained experience shared with unforgettable friends who remain more than a memory but are active allies in our joined quest for a well-occupied life.

My gratitude to you cannot be contained by any known dimensions.

It was a salute to our lives lived, love well spent.

We were there. Terras Irradient.

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1966

Your secretary begins with news from four classmates who haven't recently appeared in the column. TOM WORTHEN retired from Drake University in 2005. Tom and Amy continue to reside in Des Moines except for trips to Venice, but now they stop to visit their first grandchild, Wren, in London. The Worthens have two daughters, Maria and Shana. The Iowans enjoy attending their precinct caucus every five years.

At the end of 2014 ROD WEISS retired as a clinical social worker. He lives in Washington, Pa., with his wife, Nancy, of 48 years. They have one daughter, Emily, and one granddaughter, Polly. Emily, who graduated from Vassar as a studio arts major, is a financial adviser in London. With bachelor of divinity and master in theology degrees from the San Francisco Theological Seminary, Rod was a United Presbyterian pastor. In 1981 he earned a master's in social work from the University of Pittsburgh. He was recognized by the Mental Health Association with a Professional of the Year Award in 1990, by the NAACP with a Human Rights Award in 1991 and by theYWCA of Greater Pittsburgh with a Racial Justice Award in 1996.

KURT SENESKY is semi-retired from Schenck Price Smith & King LLP, but the land use attorney finds himself at the office five days a week. His wife, Marilyn, is now a part-time librarian. They have four grandchildren from their two children. Their son, Matthew, graduated from Dartmouth and earned a Ph.D. from Berkley. Both degrees were in electrical engineering. Sarah's degrees were in economics from Princeton and Yale.

In Evanston, Ill., TOM HAZLETT is winding down his high-level executive search firm. He plans to work in the back office of his wife's successful residential real estate firm, @properties. Tom and Jan have three children. Their older daughter, Margi, a graduate of the College of Wooster, works as a @properties agent. Their son, Jeff, was the 275th employee of Groupon. The Bucknell University graduate is the firm's multimarket account manager. Eleanor, who graduated from Union College, is an assistant buyer at the Art Institute of Chicago.

FRANK HUBBARD stepped down as dean of the School of Science and Humanities at Husson University in August 2014. He left the university after teaching a course in the English department last fall. In June, Frank again assisted
in the grading of the AP English exams. He also plans to continue helping high school students get ready for college.

Conservationist Dave Morine recently met with internationally renowned golf developer Mike Keiser '67 in Oregon. In 2012, Mike opened the fifth course at Bandon Dunes Golf Resort; all of its net proceeds will be disseminated to the Wild Rivers Coast Alliance. Its goals are blending conservation, community and economy on Oregon’s South Coast. Dave has developed similar courses in Wisconsin and Nova Scotia.

Fred Tesch continues as a professor of management at Western Connecticut State University. He has taught human resource management and organizational behavior at WCSU since 1976. Fred also continues as the principal of his management consulting firm. He recently co-presented a paper, “Profiling Professors: The Good, the Bad, the Favorites followed by a reception.

Russ Clark reports that Janie is now much closer to “pain-free” due to two total hip replacements, the first last September and the second on Christmas Eve. This past spring the Clark’s spent a month in Greece. In 2014 they holidayed in Eastern Europe. Their grandchildren are doing well. Emma and Jamie, whose parents are Amy Clark Eagle ‘93 and Dennis Eagle, excel in their age-group hockey. Emma’s team was third best in the country. Owen is an active downhill skier with his parents, Ian Clark ‘93 and Carrie Shea.

Miranda July, Richard Grossinger’s daughter, has written her first novel, The First Bad Man. In April she discussed her work in a moderated conversation with esteemed journalist and writer Eugenia Williamson at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. Miranda’s films and short stories have been critically praised.

On April 17, International Haiku Poetry Day, Dave McCann learned he had received a 2014 Touchstone Award for one of his poems (“Do you want me?”/ she whispers, and turns/to leaves). One of the judges felt that the final “s” in “leaves” made the poem. It appeared in Acorn, a journal of contemporary haiku.

David Martula is pleased to report the age-group first place winner of this year’s Boston Marathon was 1:14 minutes faster than his 2014 time. He was the 13th of 117 runners in his 70-74 age group.

Mark Gottesman and I represented the class at an Amherst Reunion event on April 22. Both of us enjoyed French and European studies Professor Rosbottom speaking about his new book, When Paris Went Dark: The City of Light Under German Occupation, 1940-1944.

This spring your secretary journeyed to southwestern China. There he took over 10,000 photographs, of which he offered to send a subset to interested classmates. In February and March they journeyed back to Chengdu for two months of more food. Their second China trip was very different from the first. They didn’t know that China essentially shuts down for about a month centered on the Lunar New Year (actually usually called “Spring Festival” in China). The month of March was much more enjoyable, with trips to Guangzhou (Canton), Dali Lakes National Park and, especially, Chongqing (Chungking). Next time they return to China, he hopes to have some elementary way to communicate in written Chinese. At that time they plan to see the Long Wall and the northeastern provinces.

In a March column George Will stated that Larry Mead recognized 25 years ago that inequities in the workplace depend heavily upon family structure. The NYU political scientist is now writing a book on American power. He is also working with Hugh Price ’63 to publicize Hugh’s radical ideas on how to educate poor kids. Finally, Larry and his wife, Robin, are thrilled that their daughter, Nova, has overcome the intense local competition to get into a superb New York City high school.

In late March David Browder thoroughly enjoyed an appearance of the Amherst College Glee Club at the Old South Church in Boston. As a part of the celebration of its sesquicentennial year, the event featured a concert of Glee Club favorites followed by a reception.

The “Welcome to College Confidential!” website has a post that lists “Fifty Things to Do Before You Leave Amherst.” It is based on the 2009 conversation presentation by Paul Rieckhoff ’98 at the College, which is on YouTube. Number 15 is “Learn about how the senior class in 1966 protested the defense attorney McNamara’s speech at graduation during the Vietnam War.” Can you identify the two errors in the post?

The countdown has started. It’s now less than a year until our 50th reunion on May 25-29, 2016. To prepare for this gala event, President Dusty Dowse and former president Peter Sawyer attended this year’s Amherst College reunions. Among the results of their visit were a reserved room in Valentine for our class dinner and a contact from the class of 1970 who streamed a portion of his 45th reunion. In addition, Dusty and Peter enjoyed talking with Psi U fraternity brothers from other classes, including author Harlan Coben ’84. According to Dusty’s wife, Patti, he is flunking his retirement from teaching at the University of Maine on Orono. In addition to advising four dissertations and making bread, he and Patti are operating the restaurant and general store in Cambridge. Peter’s daughter, Charlotte, graduated from Oberlin in 2013. She majored in comparative American studies, receiving highest honors for her senior thesis on the rhetorical surrounding motherhood and addiction in the United States. She will begin a master’s program in the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University this fall. Prior to graduate school, Charlotte worked with the Global Health Corps fellow in the Mobile Services Department of HIPS in Washington, D.C. The nonprofit offers harm reduction services to sex workers, drug users and the communities that surround them.

1967: Peter Dustin’s wife, Alice, age 72, learned to ride a unicycle at 50 and to juggle at 60. When she saw a picture of aerialist Ruby Rowat ’93 on the cover of this magazine, she was inspired, first to paint her portrait (Alice teaches art), then to begin a correspondence with Ruby and her mother as well as becoming a student at the Philadelphia School of Circus Arts, where she performs on the ropes (cordes lisses) and the trapeze. The portrait hangs in the school’s faculty room.
about Justice Ruth Ginsburg, although he doesn’t think his material will make the upcoming film starring Natalie Portman (tentative title, The Basis of Sex) in the role of the justice.

**BILL NEWMANN** and his wife are planning to drive a VW pop-top camper van across the northern United States to upper Michigan, then up to Nova Scotia and ferry across to Newfoundland in July and August, and he is anxious to see any classmates currently in those areas or en route around Montreal or Québec City.

The big news from **DAVE PURVIS** is that his son Steve ’97, was married to Leigh Pollack in March, and he and Cheryl are delighted. Dave and Cheryl have done lots of traveling over the last year or two, including a wonderful trip to the Falklands, South Georgia and the Antarctic, traveling with National Geographic/Lindblad. He reports that it was a fascinating trip with great expedition leaders and lots of help with his budding hobby of travel photography. He sees **FRED HILL** regularly and also Geoff Phillips ’65, who lives in Stonington, Conn. For the first time in more than 30 years he is not on any nonprofit boards and is enjoying the time off. For potential visitors, they are only about two miles off exit 91 of I-93 adjacent to the Connecticut/Rhode Island border; they would love to see you and show you their photo books.

**RON HOGE** writes from San Francisco that he is busier than ever, earning lots of frequent flyer miles and spending half his time in Asia. He is on the boards of energy tech startups in India and in China, as well as the boards of three nonprofit organizations. He has four grandchildren in Boston and New York City and reports that he occasionally sees **ED BRADLEY, JAY SARLES** and **MIKE KRAMER**.

**JOHN BUELL**’s daughter Elisabeth is new to her name. He recently collaborated on a short essay on the aesthetics and politics of executions at contemporary-condition.blogspot.com. Carolyn and **JIM INGLIS** spend about a third of their time in Scarborough, Maine, a suburb of Portland. While there they are temporarily using an apartment in a house built by their daughter and contemplating when to make a permanent move to the area. They may maintain two places, keeping their home on Lake Champlain in Vermont and being “bi-coastal.” They often see Jane and **ED BRADLEY**, who live in Freeport and have been great company, very helpful, and have delightful kids and grandkids. Jim reports that Jane is an amazing musician, an assessably endearing which I strongly concur. Ed and Jim will be getting out on the tennis court soon.

I am about to head off to Ankara and then Lisbon for the last conferences of my professional life, as I retire at the end of June. I have planned to visit some archaeological sites in Anatolia, and later my wife, Sylvia, and daughter Madeleine will join me in Portugal for a week of sunshine and good food. — **LEE KEENER** KEENER@UNBC.CA

**1968**

Four of us came to Amherst College from Amherst High School: **TOM RICE, MIKE HAYDEN**, **JOHN PERHONIS** and **ALAN LUNDBERG**. As noted in the previous issue, Mike died at his home in Naples, Fla., in January. Adding to the sad news of a long winter, Tom died less than two months later.

Alan, who has spent most of his career as a pediatrician in Sacramento, Calif., noted that his own family had just moved to Amherst in 1963, so in just one year at the high school he knew few classmates. John, who grew up in Amherst and recently retired from a long career with the National Science Foundation in Washington, D.C., observed that Tom was clearly suited to being a pediatrician, an assessment with which I strongly concur. The warm Naples newspaper obituary captured Mike’s character as he remembered him from high school.

“Both were well liked by those around them,” John wrote. “Neither had an offensive bone in his body. Neither sought the limelight, nor wanted it. Both followed their inner passion, and it manifested itself in their work, which in turn had a positive impact.”

Mike’s widow, Lexi, has sent an affectionate tribute to her husband. They met online, then face to face when Mike traveled to Lexi’s home in Poland. She says she often wondering, growing up where the foreign language taught in school was Russian, why she felt a constant passion to learn English. “Now I know, I think. If my life only had one purpose, it was perhaps to connect with Mike, somehow to describe what a wonderful man he was and to share that with anybody who will read his In Memory tribute.”

**PETER COLLINGS**, who still teaches physics at Swarthmore, has contributed an In Memory piece about Tom, with added comments from **TIM HOLE-KAMP**. Like several who admired Tom’s academic prowess at a polite distance, **JIM FREY** added, “I watched [Tom] work devotedly and tirelessly on the biology research that had already become his life’s true passion.”

**DAVID GLASS** recalls a touch football game with Tom quarterbacking one team and David the defensive line for the other. Tom, smaller and lighter, had no trouble evading David, who made a desperate dive as Tom uncorked a long touchdown pass, and succeeded in barely touching his foot. When his teammates protested that David had missed, Tom said, “No, you got me. Nice play!” A man of integrity in small matters as well as large.

**BOB STRONG**, who roomed in Chi Phi with Tom, repeated what most people seem to remember, namely that Tom was quiet and intensely focused on his academic work. Bob continues his family practice in the small Virginia town of Ferrum, near Roanoke and the Blue Ridge. He raises horses on his farm, plays tennis competitively and has delivered 2,500 babies.

In Phoenix, **JIM FREY** continues to direct the stroke program of the Barrow Neurological Institute of St. Joseph’s Hospital. Besides taking care of patients, he teaches neurology to residents and students, conducts research and publishes seemingly almost nonstop. Dr. Holekamp has just retired after 37 years as an ophthalmologist in St. Louis. “Wife gave us a retirement present: Viking River Cruise, Bucharest to Amsterdam. No sense in not doing things to excess.”

Doctors are communicative. Recently, Connecticut hospital administrator **MATT MILLER** helped Dina Helbraun find a nursing rotation in a Connecticut pediatrician’s office to complete her certification. Reflecting a conspicuously growing trend in higher education, Dina, the adopted Brazilian daughter of New Jersey colorectal surgeon MICKEY HELBRAUN, did all her coursework online. Fortunately, no one has suggested that online work is adequate training for the hands-on part of medicine.

Declaring this connection “a wonderful diversion from my usual whirlwind of activities,” Matt wrote, “It gives me immense pleasure to spend a few minutes helping some obviously deserving person out. Now and again I get these existential musings, and I have a firm conviction, in a Camus style, that if we can make a difference to someone, that’s the important, and pleasurable, stuff.”

Mickey, who has spent part of his professional life training doctors in Vietnam, contemplates teaching medical English at Hanoi Medical University. “There is an identified need from my main collaborator there. He is slated to
become the dean, and this is one of his pet ideas." Mickey also keeps studying Chinese history, and his Asian interests are enriched by ongoing contact with A.C. CUDA, aka Tony, in the Philippines. ("I told him I refuse to call him ‘A.C.’ because it sounds too much like ‘air conditioning,’ ")

A.C./Tony meanwhile continues to develop sports and other socially crucial programs for Filipino young people and communities, and he repeats the existential theme: "In The Eternal Angels of Our Nature, Harvard professor Steven Pinker makes a strong case that we are living in the most peaceful time in the history of the world. Hard to believe such a statement, but he presents a compelling case. I continually wonder why there are people who are kind, caring and compassionate, and then there are those who rape, murder and take advantage as much as possible. Some people would say that poverty causes questionable behavior, but poor and rich alike do some awful things.

“It is poverty of the spirit that leads to the inhumane treatment of others. Native as this may sound, I believe if people are placed in a supportive and caring setting and given options that allow them to choose to do good things, they will.”

The theme resonates. “Meaning,” writes Dr. RON BASHIAN, “is a decisive direction, a goal in which we find our best selves. It enriches our lives as we reach out to others.” Ron’s work as an ADHD coach draws on writings about willpower, self-control and an understanding that simple “positive thinking” is probably less effective than actual perseverance.

Recently the College created an office of Careers in Education Professions, and whom did they invite this year to give a talk titled “Educating the Heart: Beyond the Basics of a Liberal Arts Experience, What Kind of Education Matters?” Whom but DAN GOLEMAN.

One evening last March, Dan spoke in Johnson Chapel about leadership and his forthcoming book, A Force for Good: The Dalai Lama’s Vision for Our World. In his presentation Dan said, “I think we can have only people who enact compassion in the school system. The moment you think of others, your mind expands. Compassion nurtures more compassion. We’re pushed into competitive systems and have our compassion pulled from us. Education needs to preserve it.”

In case anybody thinks this column is getting too full of philosophical cross-references and blissful thinking, it should be noted that afterward, while Dan was signing copies of his books, someone gave him, as a present, a beautifully Photoshopped picture of Dan with Lady Gaga. Speaking of great singers, your secretaries enjoyed familiar musical adventures this spring. In March, JOHN STIFLER traveled to Sarasota to sing with the Mastersingers USA, joined there by DON STOLPER and BILL and ELLEN DOMB. Allowing for the mellowing of the vocal cords over a few years, Don’s voice is as fine as ever, and his solo sounded effortless. The concert was part of the Great Music Series at the Church of the Redeemer. The choral lineup also included John Hillman ’66, Pete Sneedecor ’69 and Jon Steinhart ’69.

A bonus for JOHN STIFLER on this trip was the chance to visit MARK and Jo Anne ROSENFELD at their condo on Sarasota’s adjacent Longboat Key. Mark’s tennis game has survived an operation or two; the Rosenfelds have moved into their house near Birmingham, Ala., where Jo Anne grew up; and, if you ever get to Longboat Key, make the Rosenfelds take you to Harry’s Kitchen. (Keep in mind that at Mark is our best.) Mark and Emily Shinay ’11 are getting married in August. Daughter Alix (Vassar ’11) is an intern at Dublin’s Abbey Theater and a graduate student in theater at Villanova.

BILL DOMB illustrated the latest chapter in his travelogue with photos from his trip to speak at an international congress on ozone in medicine—Bill is president of the organization that promotes ozone in dental treatment—in Guangzhou, China. Street scenes, boats, hills and lots of food you can’t get at most American grocery stores. Bill described the weather as “hotter than a Szechuan fish dish.”

The manager of Bad Martha Farmer’s Brewery in Edgartown, on Martha’s Vineyard, booked guitarist MICHAEL HAYDN for a gig and subsequently raved about Michael’s music: “Impeccable musicianship. For a private event he filled in the background with solid tunes, without dominating the room. For another set he played to a good crowd in the outdoor beer garden and really got people into what he was playing. His knowledge is almost encyclopedic, in a wide range of styles, including rock-and-roll, blues and jazz with equal ease.”

Speaking of instruments, DAVID FUNNELL’s Kerrison Rongeur Rescue device is a surgical tool for spinal operations that reduces the tendency of earlier rongeurs to aspirate blood. This spring Dave entered it in a design contest run by NASA’s TechBriefs (a digital periodical magazine) called “Create the Future 2015.” At press time the contest was ongoing. Meanwhile, Dave and his wife, Chris, are marketing a patented nutritional supplement that Dave thinks presents a breakthrough in medical information. He credits “a robust nutritional complement to my constitutional resistance” for helping him weather the chemo- and radiation-therapy that removed a cancerous tumor last year.

NILS BRUZELIUS recently had surgery for prostate cancer, with a robotic laparoscopic machine that reportedly has produced good results. Nils is resting from the Harvard Alumni Travel Group in D.C., where he’s been for six years. “It’s still a great job, but I’m ready for some professional goofing off.” Wife Lynne will continue to work in D.C., but, post-surgery, Nils looks forward to spending summer-times at their second home in Westport Point, Mass., overlooking Buzzards Bay, where classmates are urged to take advantage of the extra bed. Nils’ daughter, Emily, is embarking on a Ph.D. in epidemiology at Columbia.

Adding economics to what would otherwise be all medicine, music and philosophy here, veteran financial observer BOB HALDEMAN forwarded a link to a Wall Street Journal video about the financial crisis of 2007, 2008... “An excellent analysis,” Bob observed. “File under unintended consequences of government actions, attempt to defy laws of economics/nature through social engineering, government victimization of people whom it tries to help, corporate socialism through government guaranteed risk-taking.”

If you yourself ever have too much corporate life, get in touch with CHRIS VELSEN, whose plans for hiking the penultimate portion of the Appalachian Trail this summer involve three weeks and the distance from Gorham, N.H., to Monson, Maine, which is about as deep into the middle of the Pine Tree State as one can get. That should leave just the final push, in 2016, to the summit of Mt. Katahdin.

JERE MEAD continues his day hikes on trails in Massachusetts, including an ascent this spring of Mt. Greylock. Meanwhile, in March the Classical Association of New England gave Jere the Barlow-Beach Award for distinguished service. This honor, he says, includes a silver bowl engraved with an apt and ancient quotation: “Mine contains two lines from Virgil’s Georgics, with ties to the writings of Willa Cather.” Jere has read two papers on Cather-classics connections at CANE Meetings. He dedicated one of them to the memory of the teacher who, in September 1958, introduced both Jere and KERMIT SMYTH to Latin at, sure enough, Roxbury Latin School in Boston.

At some point may we all be able to send simple news like this from BRUCE BOYER: “I’m fine, semi-retired, still teaching a bit, doing lots of writing and

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In April, the Wilmington News Journal published a moving op-ed by Dan Lyons urging the state legislature to abolish the death penalty. As of mid-May, the fight over the bill remained unsettled. Dan wrote that he had defended the last man ever to be hanged in Delaware, Billie Bailey, but that as a result he would never take on another capital case. “I had been successful in staying off Bailey’s hangman for nine years. I made every argument, in every court available to Billie. I did not make it easy for the State to hang him.” Dan wrote. He said that he saw himself as “merely another cog in Billie’s hangman for nine years. I made ev- ery argument, in every court available to Billie. I did not make it easy for the State to hang him.” Dan wrote. He said that he saw himself as “merely another cog in what one U.S. Supreme Court justice has called ‘the machinery of death,’” and he wanted no part of it. The whole piece is available at www.delawareonline.com.

ROB SIMPSON is stepping down at the end of the year as president and CEO of the Brattleboro Retreat, Vermont’s largest psychiatric facility. Rob, who is credited with breathing new life into the venerable institution over the last nine years, has won numerous awards for his work. Vermont Gov. Peter Shumlin said, “Rob is a great leader and friend who has done extraordinary work transforming the Retreat into a leading provider for the community and our entire state. ... He will be missed.” In January, Rob will become CEO of the World Purpose Fo- rum, whose mission is to “enable like-minded men and women to imagine, re-imagine and actualize their purpose, realizing their full potential as human beings and citizens of the world.” Rob is a member of the group’s board along with Ken Howard ’66.

Country doctor JOHN MCDOWELL was planning to go into “pseudoretire- ment” in July after 41 years of practic- ing primary care in rural northern New Hampshire. He’ll do hospital rounds only, no night or weekend on-call du- ties. “I should probably hang it up altogether, but I still enjoy the challenge of medicine and patient relationships. When I leave in the afternoon, I can still remember where I parked my car—so I figure I’m still competent.” He and his wife of 43 years, Cathy, have a 2-year-old grandson, “a cute guy whose parents have separated.”

California cardiologist JON TOBIS, say- ing he was whittling away at his “buck- et list,” planned to hike the John Muir Trail in the Sierra Nevadas starting in June. He estimates it will take a month. “One benefit of the terrible drought in California is that there won’t be much snow over the 12,000- and 13,000-foot passes that early in the summer,” John wrote. He promised to report back on his success in enduring “the physical and mental ordeal of being in the wilderness for one month.” We city walkers wish him well.

Writer/reporter/scholar ANDY NA- GORSKI completed work on his latest book, The Nazi Hunters, which will be published by Simon and Shuster next April. Andy also wrote that he and his wife, Christina, were moving from such urban New York City to St. Augustine, Fla., in June. “The idea is that I will keep writing and doing my proj- ects from there, while enjoying a great (and much more affordable than N.Y.) setting.”

For JIM STEINMAN, the mid-May one-night show at 54 Below in Man- hattan was “heartbreaking, thrilling, dramatic and inspiring.” BARRY KEATING described it as “a rock ‘n’ roll This Is Your Life.” Singers from Broadway and from Jim’s past performed 90 minutes of his songs—including the hits “Total Eclipse of the Heart,” “It’s All Coming Back to Me” and “Two out of Three Ain’t Bad”—for a crowd of what one blogger called “Steinmaniacs.” Jim said he was awed by “the multitude of people who expressed to me, really eloquently, how I’d ‘saved their lives’ or gotten them out of some deep, deep chasms of despair, etc. What can I say? That I’m just try- ing to write hits? No—for me the essence of the night was the ‘almost heroic’ tap- estry of themes running through all the songs!” ALAN KOVACS, who also caught the show with his wife, Caryn, said, “It’s really a great feeling knowing one of our classmates has brought such joy with his music to so many people.” Another face in the crowd was Nick Fowler ’15E, son of our own TED FOWLER. Nick is a budding singer/songwriter. Barry, who collaborated with Jim on a number of projects, was having his own show at 54 Below on July 19. It’s called Starmates: In Concert and was described as “a one-of-a-kind tribute to one of the most brave, boisterous, brazen, raucous and just plain far-out theatre experi- ences of the 1980s.” In 1989 Starmates was nominated for nine Tony Awards. It continues to be a favorite of high school productions all over.

FRED HOXIE reported that he was retir- ing next June after 18 years as the Swan- lund Professor of History at the Univer- sity of Illinois—Urbana-Champaign. Fred will teach in the fall and then have the spring semester off to edit a book on the history of the university—“if I don’t quit first,” he wrote. Fred continues to be steamed up over the university’s deci- sion a year ago to block the hiring of a professor who had been fully approved by the faculty. He’s pushing to see the chancellor removed. One big plus to his retirement, Fred said, was that he’d no longer have to commute from his home in Evanston to the university, 150 miles away.

SESH COLE and his wife, Pat, are both physicians. Now their daughters have joined them, graduating on the same day from two different medical schools this spring. That forced their parents to split up. Elisabeth graduated from Tu- lane University School of Medicine and was to start her pediatric residency at the Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh, and Fred was due to start a dermatology residency at Emory Uni- versity School of Medicine in June 2016. She’s doing a preliminary year of residency at Emory. Sesh, a neonatologist, is the chief medical officer at St. Louis Children’s Hospital and assistant vice chancellor for children’s health at Wash- ington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. Pat is a cardiologist.

MARK DICKINSON spent four months this winter in Scottsdale, Ariz., where he and his wife, Michele, have a new house. At home Mark was busy organiz- ing the somewhat annual get-together in memory of the late JAY GRADY HAT- TON, who died in 1992 while playing tennis. Mark wrote: “The current list of attendees includes MARC BEEBE, BRIAN BOYLE, PETER EVANS, PAUL FINN, RUS- GARLAND, DOUG JACOBS, TOM KELLY, AL KOVACS, DAN LYONS, BILL PETTIT ’71, JOE QUINN and PETER SILVESTRI. There are a number of maybes, but, until they commit, they don’t get to see their names in print!” The event was being held in Scituate, Mass. Mark continues to run Dickinson Development, but said he was now “more of an asset manager than a real estate developer.”

STEVE MCNEARY, who lives in Dur- ham, N.C., retired this year after 32 years in microelectronics. He wrote that he was keeping himself busy teaching English to Chinese who are living in the Research Triangle area babysitting their grandchildren. Steve said he was work- ing on his Mandarin.

PETER SNEDECOR, who taught and coached at Northfield-Mount Hermon for years, said he was reminded this spring just why retirement was such a good idea. He substituted in two sections of AP economics at Connecticut’s Loo- mis Chaffee School an hour away from his Amherst home. “A substitute teacher for seniors in the spring is a recipe for dis-aster. ‘Do my homework? Why?’” he wrote. Peter also reported that he had come down with a nasty bronchial afflic- tion last fall that was finally traced to chlorine inhalation. This after 60 years in and around pools as a swimmer, coach and official. He was mystified.

JACK VISCARDI reported from Eu- gene, Ore., on the Willamette Jazz So- ciety, which operates a live jazz venue called the Jazz Station. The group puts on shows every Thursday, Friday and
Saturday, organized almost entirely by volunteers. “We’re talking about a small shoestring operation here, an annual budget of less than $100K, with a strategic plan and noble aspirations,” he wrote. Jack is secretary of the board. “The quality of the jazz playing is very high, and what’s really impressive about the joint is that everyone shuts up and listens while the music plays.” He described his involvement as “one more thing to keep this old fart energized.”

THOMAS HARDY reported that two collections of his poetry are available online. The first is Place of Uncertainty, available at Otoliths Storefront from Otoliths Press in Australia. The second is The Sacred River of Consciousness, published by Moon Willow Press in Vancouver. Both can be found on Amazon. Tom said he had just finished another collection, The Global People, which does not yet have a publisher.

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living well in the last third of life, adaptation as we age, transitioning from work and productivity to expressing our authentic selves, the unpredictability of life and forgiving shortcomings in ourselves and in others. As Doug summarized it, “Men talking about their feelings! Who knew?”

Also on Saturday, ALAN WEBBER presented a discussion about forging real change in our political system through an initiative named “One New Mexico.” The Saturday class of ’70 program culminated with a panel on “New Solutions for Climate Change,” moderated by Brian Dumaine ’75, editor of Fortune magazine, and presented by TOM REICHER, senior counsel at Coolcy LLP; JIM MANWELL, director of the Wind Energy Center at UMass; Gilbert Metcalfe ’75, professor of economics at Tufts University and former climate issues official in the treasury department; and Chris Lehane ’90, Amherst trustee and senior political strategist at NextGen Climate Action. Before a diverse audience that filled Buckley Music Hall, Tom discussed the legal, economic and political dimensions of the movement to shift portfolios of colleges and universities, foundations and pension funds away from fossil fuel assets. Jim focused on sustainable energy technologies, including wind power, with which he is most familiar based upon years of professional experience. Perhaps the most powerful message was delivered by Chris Lehane, who observed that we should be feeling and communicating a sense of moral outrage about the issue “sufficient to bring about dramatic political change.”

After all this heady educational discussion, the class of ’70 got down to the true business of reunion—partying with classmates. While most of us were getting well into the swing of things at the bar, our technology junkies managed to establish a computer link with BOB “SPIELS” SPIELMAN from his hospital room as he began his recovery from an operation. We’re not certain, but this probably is the first time an Amherst alum has joined a reunion via computer. Just another milestone for the great class of ’70.

After dinner, we held a brief and, as usual, semi-inebriated election of the following class officers (with apologies if I missed someone): president, BOB SPIELMAN; president emeritus, JON EINHORN; treasurer for life, BOB BERNSTEIN; 50th reunion chair, BURT WOOLF; class agent, TIM ARMOUR; class secretary, JEFF ZIMMERMAN; and Hog Harrington memorial hospitality chair, LANNY ZUCKERMAN. With all the business out of the way, Triano and Putnam set the stage for the rest of the evening with an irreverent takeoff of the famous Johnny Carson—Ed McMahon Carnac the Magnificent sketch with Brock as the straight man (if you can suspend your disbelief for the moment) and Tree as Count Nauga Dehyve, diving answers to unseen questions related to the College and our class. We only hope Spiels did not pop any stitches. All in all, this reunion was, as always, terrific but too short.

Now, a few notes from those who could not make it to the 45th reunion. DAVE VAN ETEN and his wife, Janet, were in Washington, D.C., attending the wedding of their son Todd, the second of their three sons to get married. Dave’s otherwise updates us with the following news: “Retired from business in January 2014. After enjoying a couple of months of leisure I started looking for something new and different. I soon applied and was accepted for the county civil grand jury, which is an oversight group that works nearly full-time for a year looking into the workings of our local government boards and agencies. Some of the time we respond to citizen complaints, and some of the time we initiate investigations on our own. Being on the jury has turned out to be, for the most part, a fascinating and rewarding experience. We wrap up in mid-June, which means I will soon be looking again for something new and different to do with my days. This time I intend to do more of the conventional things a retiree is expected to do, like traveling and reading.”

Also not able to make to the 45th was STEPHEN WESSELS, who was bicycling through Croatia. Here is his report on this adventure: “I’m here with a Danish group. We’re 19 guests and three guides. Our bikes are mountain bikes—almost all roads are asphalt, but roads into national parks are gravel. There’s a lot of good hills, and most car drivers are respectful of cyclists. Our ship was hired by the Danish travel bureau Topas Rejser. The ship (for 20 passengers) is owned and run by Katarina Line (www.katarina-line.hr). Don’t cycle in Croatia during mid-June to beginning of September—it’s too hot, and there are too many other tourists. But right now, mid-May, it’s great. Until today most of us hadn’t broken a sweat—about 24 degrees Celsius (you do the F-math). Sea water (I’ve swum a lot) started at 25 degrees Celsius (you do the F-math).”

Finally, while he was at reunion, BILL ALFORD said he’d previously provided exciting news that somehow got lost in the process of providing the notes for the last quarter. Here is Bill’s good news: “I was selected as a recipient of the Harvard Law School Alumni Association’s annual award. I received the award itself on May 16 in Paris at a dinner for 250 Harvard alums and friends at the Cercle de l’Union Interalliée. Earlier in the day, I gave a talk at the George Marshall Center (where the Marshall Plan was signed), which is located in the former home of the French diplomat Talleyrand.”

So, there you have it folks. Our class notes for the summer of 2015.

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Co-chair of our 45th class of ’71 reunion (May 26-29, 2016) JOHN BEESON and wife were hosted last February by MICHAEL SIMKO in Naples, Fla. Mike divided time between Florida and New Jersey, and we may presume after a tough winter in NYC that two old pals enjoyed the southern site meet-up option. The Beesons were in Florence, Italy, earlier this summer for the wedding of their oldest son, William Beeeson IV ‘07, to his wonderful Italian bride. John wanted to send word to ROB HAWKINS: “I remember your toast in Bulgarian at Elizabeth’s wedding. Mine did not have the same degree of difficulty.”

It is not too soon to open your calen-
able to ski with from his new house in Vermont, which that dinner “with Dr. is reportedly mending well.” KMD had though poor Lili later broke her leg on fine day during the tough winter … “al-

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bel Prize-winners and a Final Four basketball team as well.” BRUCE ALLEN gave two presentations in late April for the Copeland Colloquia, one focusing on the documentary film about Ishimure Michiko and the other on the art of translation and Bruce’s “unexpected path” leading from Amherst to translating Japanese literature. Bruce marveled at the natural beauty of the campus, where he spent five days with his wife, meeting with old friends, teachers and students, before they went to Boston for another talk on “Fukushima, Minamata and Ishimure,” and then on to Moscow, Idaho, where Bruce will be based until February 2016.

In a further campus news follow-up, GEORGE FREEMAN and BOB FLEWELLING, freshman-year next door neighbors on the third floor of James, and proud parents of two ’15 grads, did indeed snap a picture at commencement last spring with George’s son, Griff, and Bob’s daughter, Franny. Quite cool!

The film that GARRETT BROWN worked on for more than two years, Hello, My Name is Frank, made it into the wonderful film festival in Newport Beach and screened last April at the Lido Theatre in L.A. Garrett calls the film “a tender passion project” and a “quirky poignant piece.” Type in the film name on Google and take a look at what you find there, including Garrett in the lead role. Some of the actors who played with Garrett and rejoined for the premiere were Mary Kate Wiles, Travis Caldwell, Tess Hamer, Wayne Duvall (yes, the Preacher came out from NYC), Kitty Swink, Ray Xi, James DuMont, Eileen Galindo, Graham Sibley and Karina Bonnefi

1972
Thoughts of retirement and kids’ activities seem to be on many classmates’ minds. MITCH BLAIR is “still living in the outer suburbs of Washington, D.C., and working for a program that helps the families of babies with disabilities. I’m deciding whether I want to retire when I turn 65 in November, and would be interested in hearing from those who’ve already retired how they like it.”

BRAD STERN says, “I haven’t been up to anything, Jim! Life is good, I’m retired, and Becky and I are traveling a lot.”

JOHN WELCH reports that “son Stewart is a KC-10 refueler pilot in USAF, he recently made it. and colonel and is stationed at the Pentagon at the Joint Chiefs of Staff office where his desk is back-to-back with desks of very senior officers. He is going to the Hill daily. He was an Olmstead Scholar; studied Hebrew for a year; lived in Tel Aviv for two years, where he got a master’s in Mid-East history from the Univ. of Tel Aviv. When I visited him in November 2012, 600 rockets were lobbed from Gaza, just another week in Israel! He recently recommend an article in the Atlantic, “What ISIS Really Wants,” a powerful and timely read for anyone interested in the scary state of affairs with ISIS. Obnoxiously proud of the little scudder.”

DAN WOLPAW is having a great time in medicine and humanities at Penn State in Hershey, Pa. He has four grandkids between Philadelphia and Baltimore, and his three sons and all their wives are docs.

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1973
ROCKY SHEPARD reports the sad news that his father, Tom Shepard ’40, passed away peacefully on April 29, 2015. See picture in Memorial. “Dad came to Amherst on a full scholarship and always felt that Amherst was core to his being. He had a brother who attended Amherst, along with a brother-in-law, cousin, son, nephew, grandson and granddaughter. Dad married a beautiful girl from Iwao who attended Smith, and one of my three sisters attended Smith as well. I followed Dad to Amherst and even Delta Upsilon. I also followed Dad into the world of magazine publishing. In a word, my father was my hero, and, although he will be sorely missed, every time I think about him, I will also think about Amherst and how truly special our College is and how fortunate we all are to have that core to our being.”

Thank you, Rocky, for this moving testimonial to your father, who was such a devoted alumnus. The College will miss him greatly.

SCOTT WHEELER reports that the New York Times recently reviewed a piano performance of several of his compositions at Bargemusic, a floating concert hall on New York’s East River. Other composers whose works were performed included Ives, Faure and Berio, so Scott is in excellent company. It was great to hear from DON WALLER, who feels weary coming off a three-year stint as chair of the botany department at the University of Wisconsin—Madison, but he relishes the reward of an upcoming sabbatical in Montpellier, France. Don hopes to have enough time to write half the papers he has outlined (mostly about what drives long-term ecological change) and pursue conservation initiatives in Central Africa while enjoying local food, culture and colleagues. Concerned about global heating, he bought a new red bike and solar panels and hopes all classmates are doing the same. Concerned about his health, he tries to run too, but sadly can no longer keep up with his daughter, a sophomore at Swarthmore who qualified for D3 Nationals in the 400m hurdles this spring.

ALSTON BEINHORN is living the unbridled life in Texas, busy pursuing interests that were mostly unavailable while he was working overseas for 27 years. Alston purchased a Cub from the factory in Washington in 2014 and flew to Long Island, with a four-month stopover in San Antonio for a heart valve replacement. With about 300 hours now, he plans to fly low and slow back to Long Island this summer for vacation. Alston adds that Clarksdale, Miss., self-appointed home of the blues, was one pleasant surprise, having long ago been discovered by the likes of Eric Clapton and Robert Plant. He looks forward to landing in other unexpected Americana jewels this summer.

Our intrepid Parisian expatriate, CHARLIE TRUEHEART, heads the American Library in Paris. The core collection, the largest of its kind in continental Europe, is surrounded now by programming for adults and children, a book prize, a visiting fellowship and much more; the library is now an American cultural center in Paris. Charlie adds that being in the crux of the information revolution is a special satisfaction—going from one dying industry (journalism) to another as they molt and reinvent themselves. Charlie’s wife of 27 years, Anne Swardson, is an editor at large for Bloomberg News. He writes, “We have two extraordinary children, Henry (Colorado College ’15) and Louise (Lewis & Clark ’12 and now a performance artist, choreographer and critic in Berlin). Summers in Brooklin, Maine: who could ask for more?”

After beating this writer handily in a few games of online “Words with Friends,” TED SMITH reported that he believes the best way to bring class members up to speed on his doings is to refer them to a Huffington Post blog written by JOHN TARNOFF about boomers reinventing themselves after 60. Ted was featured in John’s blog as an example of someone leaving the corporate world and starting out on his own as a real estate agent in Washington, D.C. John did a great job of positioning Ted’s story as an example, not as a puff piece, and he received numerous notes from long-lost friends telling him the article gave them hope as they faced the same challenges of leaving the security of a position in a larger organization. Many of us are experiencing these transitions and John’s Huffington Post blog is highly recommended.

Speaking of transitions, PAUL DOUG-LASS reports that he is starting the early retirement program at San Jose State,
teaching half time. Paul continues to enjoy the professorial life.

It was good to hear from ART BOOTHBY, who reports that he had a fun time in May with seven former Amherst base-
ball players in Windsor Locks, Conn. Amherst spent several hours over lunch telling stories and having a great time with
Tom Landers ’71, Rich Bedard ’71, Mike Ma-
rino ’71, George Triano ’70, Ron Mari-
nucci ’71 and BOB LAVIGNE.

STEVE COULTER is enjoying some rela-
tively quiet time with wife Bev following the weddings of their two children. Steve has fully retired, other than volunteer work with hospice-related things, and enjoys fishing as a primary activity.

My predecessor as class secretary, PAUL KOWAL, reported that his hus-
bond of 32 years, Alan Greenfield, passed away on Oct. 9, 2014, following a seven-year battle with kidney dis-
est. Paul and Alan had just purchased a home in Palm Springs, Calif., where they were planning to winter, and where Paul is continuing to live, with a couple of months off to visit Boston this sum-
mer. Paul closed his consulting business a few years ago to spend time caring for Alan, and he is looking for new projects now. Paul just joined the board of a new medical research organization, Coach-
ella Valley Community Research Ini-
tiative. Based in Palm Springs, they in-
tend to undertake a multi-year study of people living well with HIV and related conditions, in order to improve care for others who are HIV-positive. Paul is also still singing with the Boston Symphony.

It was a pleasure to hear from TED SPAETH, another former class secre-
tary, who would like to start a new ‘cy-
berspace community’ called Amherst Friends of Francis to facilitate commu-
nication among those of us in the class (and graduates from other classes) who feel a profound love for Pope Francis and all that he is trying to accomplish to help the poor, save the global environment, etc. As a Quaker, Ted feels a special desire to connect with Catholics and those who are not Catholic who share his admiration for this extraordinary man. Class members who wish to sup-
port Ted’s plan should send me an email.

And a message from the indomitable JOHN LACEY, who wrote that he was planning to attend reunion to spend quality time with the 1970s guys, es-
pecially the DKEs who were his mentors when he was a freshman. John writes that they “kept my face from hitting the linoleum floor more than once. Also will see the 1975 DKEs; I was rush chairman for their class. The best campus band for that year was Wolf, and all four of those guys are coming back to play again.” Hope it was a fun weekend, and we’ll see you at reunion in 2018.

ROSS READ reported that he and his wife were in Zurs, Austria, skiing this winter after a weekend in Paris. They stayed in Hemingway’s room, number 14, at the Hotel d’Angleterre. They also stopped at Harry’s Bar in Paris and saw a banner from almost every American university and college except Amherst and Wesleyan! Perhaps an alum could bring an Amherst banner on a future trip to Paris and add it to the others? The Col-
lege will supply the banner. Ross and I are fellow members of the Hillsboro Club in Florida, and we look forward to catching up on the beach next winter.

It was great to hear from TOM KENNE-
DY, who has been living in Brunswick, Maine, for 35 years “in the same house and with the same spouse, MaryGay, who is a superior court justice sitting in Auburn.” Tom is still doing carpentry and construction but trying to spend more time in his studio woodworking and sculpting. Tom’s eldest daughters, Katy ’05 and Emily ’07, moved back to Maine after stints in D.C. and New York. One has a 7-year-old stepdaughter and the other an 8-month-old little boy, so Tom has taken on numerous duties as a grandfather, from day care and diaper changing to carpooling. Tom plays golf when time permits but finds the yard and garden competing for his attention. Anyone passing through Maine looking for a game should give Tom a call.

Please continue to send in your notes. It is wonderful to hear from everyone!

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1974
MARK LONDON and yours truly surfaced at Alumni House for the predictably id-
osyncratic and fun retirement party for Jim Maraniss. Remember when he was a faculty newbie? A dozen colleagues displayed their inner thespians by reading from The Great Theater of the World, an auto sacramental by the Spanish play-
wright Lope de Vega (1592-1635), for an hour and 15 minutes. Then came the speeches. Then came the wine and cheese. Then your secretary joined a few members of the immediate family for dinner at the bar in back of Miss Flor-
ce Diner in Florence since the fabled outpost itself (where Jim had his own wedding reception long ago) closes at 3 p.m. on Saturdays. We forgot!

TOM BRUNO’S youngest son, Pete, was married over Memorial Day weekend in Portsmouth, N.H., and took time to tour the John Paul Jones House, which he learned was never owned by Jones (who merely boarded there briefly during the Revolution). He was recently contacted about a 2007 New Jersey Supreme Court case he argued involving the right to vid-
etape public officials. The ACLU is us-

ing it as a key precedent in arguing for a right as the issue has been spot-
lit by events in both Baltimore and Ferguson, Mo.

PETER WEBB, New Hampshire attor-
ney, turns book reviewer and urges us all to read Kim Townsend’s biography of John William Ward (so titled). He finds it “eloquent and moving.” Your secretary agrees. Read it, liked it a lot, especially the post-1974 tales of a bright and very complicated man.

Management consultant DAVID O’KELL announces this decision: “I am getting married on July 7. For me it is third-time lucky. She is an American from Califor-
nia. For the past four years, we have been spending the summers at my island in Georgian Bay and the winters just north of San Diego. Fortunately, with a virtual office, I can do my telecom consulting practice from anywhere.”

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1975
Our 40th reunion was pretty much a smash success, at least judging by re-
views written in emails and on the pur-
ple “comments” cards collected Sunday at the end.

From RICHARD SHEA, one of six class-
mates attending his first reunion: “Wish I had come sooner, and enjoyed it very much. Enjoyed the great diversity of perspectives from my classmates, with a core common theme of thoughtful-
ness, compassion and insight.”

From SCOTT VAYER: “The food was great both Friday and Saturday nights, and we were transported back to the golden era by the rock ‘n’ roll of Wolf.”

From JOHN HARRIMAN: “Great to see everyone who came. Great to be alive. (After attending the memorial service, I know it beats the alternative.) Our class agents put on the best sessions of the reunion.”

And from LARRY “House” MILLER, whose stand-up comedy drew a stand-
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Yin and Yang

1975: Phil Tsiaras had an exhibition of paintings in spring at the Grand Gallery and Avant Garde Gallery in New York called “Yin Yang Me and the Universe of Things.” The show was described by the galleries as combining “a tactile interpretation of the yin and yang of objects in space with celestial, earthly and spiritual elements.” The galleries noted that Phil’s works “are widely collected in corporate, private and important museum collections, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art.”

freshman roommate, AVERY HART.”

As for the reunion program, the main event was probably Miller’s Johnson Chapel debut. It featured his humorous musings on Little League, aging, marriage and (of course) drinking.

Other highlights included DAVE HIXON discussing his extraordinary record as Amherst basketball coach (two national championships). Life trustee JOHN WILLIAMS joined board of trustees chairman Cullen Murphy ’74 in providing an insider’s look at how Amherst is resisting societal and economic pressures to divert its commitment to the liberal arts. Murphy also said students are gradually forsaking Lord Jeff as College mascot regardless of what the trustees might agree to serve.

In another panel, four classmates talked about embarking on ambitious new jobs in one’s early 60s. They were: BRAD BERK, head of a new institute to study strokes and brain injuries; NED MULLAN, a former lawyer with a new posting in his second career as an Episcopal priest; DAVID KIRKPATRICK, tech media entrepreneur; and JOHN WILLIAMS, new president of Muhlenberg College.

BRIAN DUMAINE and GIB METCALF joined alumni from other reunion years in discussing what many believe is the preeminent challenge of our time: climate change. Separately, DAVID KIRKPATRICK talked about literature in a digital age, and WILLY KOPPEL described the benefits of 43 years of Transcendental Meditation.

We elected our new class officers: president ANDY MANN, secretaries BRIEN HORAN and SCOTT BRADBURY, treasurer JEFF DYKENS and 45th reunion chair PETER HUNTER. Thanks to all of them for agreeing to serve.

We closed with our now-customary Sunday Conversation, where individuals take turns reflecting on the reunion, their personal lives and the state of society.

Here are further comments about reunion, along with classmates’ news:

AL SWETT, DAVID NAGY, DEREK JASKULSKI and Harvey Kramer ’74 sent a note saying they “wish to thank the class of 1975 for allowing Wolf to perform at the reunion.” The pleasure was ours, guys.

First-timer Mark Lund wrote: “At the Sunday morning get-together a number of classmates mentioned the need for us elders to help the younger generations make their way, and how much both parties can learn from each other. Very true! After spending 20 years as an entrepreneur, and more working with entrepreneurship with Babson College, as well as teaching at local Brazilian universities, I recently branched off into organizing social entrepreneurship boot camps for high school students.”

From BOB LURIE: “As usual, reunion was best when simply getting to talk to old friends and work on turning folks you knew just a bit at school into new ones.” Bob said he “changed jobs, leaving Monitor and consulting after 27 years. Currently vice president for strategy at Eastman Chemical; having a great time. Anticipating my son’s wedding late this summer.”

MARC STADLER “really enjoyed small, impromptu conversations.” At their farm, he and his wife are “hoping for our first pawpaw harvest this fall.”

RIK WILLIAMS said he “found a new appreciation of how pivotal Amherst was for me as I grew into adulthood.” In addition to “new friends,” Rik said he “found inspiration, optimism and hope in the programs, conversations and quiet walks through the campus. This was tempered with a healthy dose of reality from the discussions of the challenges we face as individuals, the nation and a global community.”

Rik lives near Denver with Terry, his wife of 38 years. “Terry focuses much of her energy on education and health issues in Latin America. I work at Oracle, where I enjoy the stimulation and support of a lot of very bright people, as I did at Amherst. We are most fortunate to have both of our adult children living nearby. In the next few years, I hope to have more time for my family, worthy causes and enjoying the beautiful outdoors that surround me.”

EVERETT “Skip” JENKINS enjoyed playing golf with EDGAR NEEL; MIKE ADAMS; my roommates CHRIS WEBSTER and DAVE MOOTY; and Dave’s wife, Jeanne. Loved catching up with ROB CARVER, JOHN HARRIMAN, JIM KENNEDY and many others. Inspired by the [health] triumphs of CAROL MACKINNON, LARRY MILLER and BRAD BERK. Daughter Jennifer graduated from UCSF pharmacy school in May 2015. I was particularly inspired by FRANK ELLIS’ latest random act of kindness.” Frank sent flowers to TOM THALER’s late wife, Grace, shortly before she passed away.

STEVE KRAMER said “House [Miller] was the home run” in the program, but Steve also was impressed by Hixon’s presentation, which included talks by some of his former basketball players. “The players spoke of him as a coach, but more so as a mentor during their careers,” Steve wrote, and added: “Whether it was House’s poignant homily or Hixon’s searing, moving eulogy, this reunion emphasized the realization that the glorified status we gave to our parents, a few coaches and teachers for many years has now been passed on to us. Seems strange, and there’s an instinct to shy away. But, as Al Stewart said in ‘Time Passages,’ when you ‘hear the echoes and feel yourself starting to turn, it’s not a bad place to turn to. Not at all.”

ANDY VON SALIS echoed Steve’s point, saying, “Each of us may be blessed to be reminded of a time when we experienced personally that we are gifted with abilities and opportunities to become role models for others.” Like several classmates, he was impressed by a non-1975 program event, a talk featuring U.S. Senator Chris Coons ’85 (D-Del.). “His personal mission to befriend and work with everyone in the Senate, extremist or not, as the best response to political gridlock, was heartening and wise.” Andy’s daughter Barbara (Smith ’11) is on the central committee of one of the main North American Quaker networks. Miranda (Guilford ’14) works for nonprofit preschools in Philadelphia. “When I’m not singing people at work,” Andy writes, he and wife Lynn have volunteer duties. ROB CARVER said of reunion, “Most inspirational were those who have overcome or are overcoming the real life challenges: BRAD BERK, LARRY MILLER, CAROL MACKINNON and Rev. RICK PORTER among them.” He expressed skepticism over efforts to retire the college mascot: “Lord Jeff may have been a bad dude, but a moose? Aren’t there other priorities?”

CHRIS WEBSTER found reunion to be “a great opportunity” to reconnect with classmates and Amherst, and “to hear thoughtful presentations on athletics, cancer and climate change.” In April, Chris became chairperson of the program committee of Diplomatic and Consular Officers, Retired, a Washington, D.C.-based organization of foreign
affairs professionals. The committee obtains speakers on foreign affairs issues for weekly luncheon programs.

ETIAN FENSON | enjoyed reconnecting and the feeling of belonging. Great weather and planning! Personal news: Daughters Zoe '08 and Dana are “doing very well professionally, and both have boyfriends working at Google. Son Derek is a senior at Berkeley with double major in mathematics and statistics (chip off the old block).”

RICH BLAIR was pleased to “catch up with BRUCE THOMPSON and his wife, Phoebe, as well as RIK WILLIAMS and RICH CLARY. Hadn’t seen Rik since graduation!”

SCOTT VAYER said of Wolf: “What a fabulous group of musicians and performers!” He added, “Interesting reflection: As the candles slowly sputtered out and the Saturday night sounds of reunion faded, we sought some Poland Spring from an indomitable student bartender crew. Alas, none left. Comment from the student staff: ‘Yeah, you guys seem to drink a lot more bottled water and sparkling water than alcohol.’”

CAROL MACKINNON had welcome health news: “Not only have I completed my chemotherapy, but also within the past week I completed a PET scan to see if the chemo did its job. I’m pleased to report there was no evidence of any active cancer.” Regarding reunion she was reminded of a Goethe poem: “The world is so empty if one thinks only of mountains, rivers and cities; but to know someone here and there who thinks and feels with us, and who, though distant, is close to us in spirit, this makes the Earth for us an inhabited garden.” Carol added: “Thank you, my Amherst classmates, for giving me the gift of an inhabited garden.”

JIM NEWTON said he and DON HORSKOTTE agreed that “we get a wave of insecurity and anxiety, the ‘Amherst Curse,’ when we attend these reunions. ‘How did we get into this place with all these smart guys in the first place?’” Nonetheless, Jim said he departed “invigorated intellectually and hope- ful.” Jim and wife, Jane, live in Sudbury, Mass., in “a converted barn with enough space for her to run a dog kennel business. I am extracting myself from a 15-year real estate partnership that survived the last financial crisis ‘bloodied but not bowed.’ Of three sons, the oldest is a legal coordinator at a Boston-based software company. My middle son is in basic training at Ft. Benning, Ga., on his way to Officer’s Candidate School. The youngest is a rising senior at Hobart College with an eye towards the Peace Corps.”

As for Horskotte, he wrote: “The last of five children graduated from college this year, so I get a big raise!”

PETER WISE said his work managing the photo archive of Christopher Makos has afforded him “great opportunities” to travel. He’s been to Ukraine, Berlin, Beijing and Hong Kong. “September 2014 saw the publication of Everything: The Black and White Monographs, which I worked on for 18 months as editor. This is the 15th illustrated book I’ve worked on over the last 10 years as author, editor, design coordinator or text contributor.” More travel is in Peter’s future: In November he will help a friend sail a 72-foot boat from the Canary Islands to the Caribbean. Peter also regularly photographs his 95-year-old mother. “This material will be the basis for a series of drawings and paintings which I am just now beginning. Next year will be her 75th at Mt. Holyoke!”

DAVE MOOTY was happy to report: “No sign of cancer after having prostate re-moved in February 2014. Loving being a grandparent. Great reunion! Looking forward to 2020!”

BOB KIRKWOOD said simply that reunion was “an intelligent and memorable weekend for all of us. It was truly one of our best reunions.”

To conclude the reunion comments, BRUCE THOMPSON may have said it best: “It was moving and joyful to see so many old friends. Wish a few more would come next time, along with those who were here. So many good lives and caring souls, and too many years flown by too quickly. Looking forward to 2020.”

In other news, JOHN KRETCHMER regretted missing reunion but couldn’t help it. His youngest daughter suffered third degree burns on her foot on a school camping trip in Utah. She needed two operations and spent eight days in a burn unit. We hope she heals well. John added that he got reacquainted with ERIC SONDENSEN while working in New York City on an ABC-TV show called Forever. John wrote: The show was “about a medical examiner who, through some quirk of fate, has remained in his mid-30s for 200 years. It engendered a loyal fan base, which to our dismay wasn’t large enough to warrant another season.” Nonetheless, he said, working on it was “a wonderful experience.” Regarding Eric, he said, “We connected because he sent me a 600-page novel he wrote about advertising.” Eric is an avid blogger and “entertaining as always.” John added cryptically: “Tell LARRY MILLER he still owes me a dinner.”

Miller, in addition to his comments above, had a positive comment to make after recovering from a life-threatening coma: “I have recommitted to life and work and love, and I start every day by looking up and saying, ‘Thank you.’”

RICHARD SHEA said: “Life is at a peak, with my Ninoshka and me at home, the kids launched and working on their careers and perhaps future marriages and me spending more time on strategically reorienting how we practice law in my specialty and how the country can improve its retirement system.”

GEORGE DODDS reported that he is a “rural doctor (IM and pediatrics) back in my hometown of Edwards in Upstate New York.”

JEFF CLOPECK said, “As empty-nesters, Colleen and I are downsizing and looking forward to the next chapter in our lives in smaller quarters and happy to get rid of our snow-blower.”

RENNY MERRITT, who lives in Northampton, Mass., provided a brief update: “Married Janet Taft (Smith ’72).”

KENNETH GLICK said he was entering his 30th year as a Morgan Stanley investment adviser, now in Ridgewood, N.J. Wife Lisa (Connecticut College ’73) teaches ESL. Son Charles (Univ. of Colorado ’05) works for the computer department at Rowdies ski Resort. “I ski with him as much as possible,” Ken wrote. Daughter Michelle ’10 started Jefferson Medical College in July.

GREGORY SPECK spent 10 days in Iceland where he toured volcanoes, glaciers and other natural wonders, and had “close encounters” with reindeer, arctic foxes and other wildlife. “The best activity was the daily visit to the geothermal mineral pools to luxuriate in the steamy waters…” One can drive for miles across vast black landscapes of igneous rocks, some cloaked with bright green moss, then visit black-sand beaches with basalt caves and wild waves crashing against the jagged stones.” Gregory recently “completed the restoration of El Dorado, my little plantation in Virginia.”

GREG HARPER and wife Kathleen are proud grandparents. Son Patrick ’07 and his wife, Adrienne, had a baby girl. “I do not think I have ever been busier as we expand Neuehouse, where I am a partner and CTO, to Los Angeles and London from our original location in NYC. I continue to do my regular new tech analysis and commentary at various conferences and on TV (Bloomberg TV & Fox Business News). You can see my smiling face and hear my take on the latest consumer tech at www.Harpervision.com.”

JOHN WILLIAMS was “thrilled to have attended the third and final college graduation” for his children. “My youngest, Arianna, graduated from Washington University in St. Louis. My other daughter, Ashley, recently left the Broadway cast of Beautiful—The Carole King Musical, to join the cast of Ever After, at the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn, N.J. She’ll be joining the national tour of Beautiful, so check it out if it comes to your town. Her stage name is Ashley Blanchet.” John was looking forward to beginning his official duties as Muhlenberg College president in July. “Any classmates who find themselves in All-entown, Pa., are welcome to swing by...”

“One can drive for miles across vast black landscapes of igneous rocks ... then visit black-sand beaches with basalt caves and wild waves crashing against the jagged stones.”
Keith Leslie 76 and his son Josh took 20,000 kilos of food supplies to Ghychok, a ridge-top village in Nepal’s Gorkha district near the epicenter of the April 25 quake.

1976

Here at class notes global headquarters, we have a liberal definition of what qualifies as “news.” But every now and then, news with a capital N happens to one of us, upending routines and sending life in unanticipated directions.

As some of you may know, our own KEITH LESLIE has been at the center (if not exactly the epicenter) of the recent earthquakes in Nepal, where he has lived since 1983. Fortunately, Keith and his family were unhurt, and their home near Kathmandu undamaged. But the tragedy that has engulfed Nepal has led them to get involved in grassroots earthquake relief.

After the first quake, Keith and his wife, Shakun, through her “Buddhist Peoples’ Rights” NGO, started the Nepal Villagers’ Earthquake Fund, one of many local efforts that have sprung up to get aid quickly to those in the greatest need. A stateside friend created a GoFundMe page for online donations, allowing the fund to raise nearly $200,000 by late May from people around the world (including many of our classmates). So far, the fund has used these donations to provide rice, lentils, cooking oil, tarpaulin tents and other necessities to more than 15,000 individuals in some of the most devastated regions of Nepal. Nor has Keith limited himself to just fundraising. In an eight-hour night drive with two trucks and two tractors over treacherous mountain roads, he and his son Josh took 20,000 kilos of food supplies to Ghychok, a ridge-top village in the Gorkha district near the epicenter of the April 25 quake.

The Leslie family’s work has been featured on the websites of NPR, NBC News and Keith’s hometown newspaper, the Syracuse Post-Standard. “I will be forever grateful,” writes Keith, “to the many Amherst classmates who have made donations, posted a link to the fund on their Facebook pages or sent it by email to their colleagues and friends.”

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1977

1977

The presidential announcement season is in full swing, although far too many potential candidates failed to
file this quarter. As your full-service secretary, I took it upon myself to visit your future offices in person. Courtesy of Grant Dasher, son of THOM DASHER, Ellen and I got a tour of the West Wing, and we have all the information you’ll need in lieu of measuring the drapes. I thought Grant was EOP but he’s OMB (worth an LIU) before he heads to MIT. And a great tour guide. Secretary observation: try networking with your classmates’ kids instead of your classmates—their much more accomplished and not at all like their parents.

KERRY BRENNAN was an early entrant, having sent in his announcement 85 days ahead of the deadline. Vowing to change the tune and bring more harmony to Washington, he writes:

“I am in my 11th year as headmaster of Boston’s Roxbury Latin School, at which I have had the pleasure (hang on: there’s no sarcasm in notes) of welcoming the sons of several Amherst alumni of our era. I serve as chairman of the Amherst alumni executive committee.” Most important, Kerry directs the Sly Voxes, a 16-man cappella group he founded eight years ago, whose repertoire is a flavorful mashup of Glee Club meets Zumbyes. Among others in the group are Nuno SáCouto ’96, Robert Green ’76, Tom Sullivan ’76, Paul Spinale ’85, Greg White ’86 and Chuck Bartlett ’87. Kelly also continues as associate conductor of Mastersingers USA, a 100-man group made up largely of Amherst Glee Club alumni, who had the good sense to hold their reunion this March in Sarasota.

But Brennan will face tough competition from MARK JASTER, who follows the example of our own beloved Silent Cal (did he really say “I have no comment and that’s not for attribution”?) in non-verbal communication. Mark is an incredibly accomplished mime, who vowed to “lower the volume” on inflamed speech in Washington during his announcement at the Washington Folk Life Festival in May. At least that’s what I heard. But can an actor be president? Stand by for an event with Mark in D.C., which PHIL DE PICCIOTTO is going to organize now that he’s heard about it. After Mark mimes the SOTU, of course.

Saying that “it takes a group practice to run a country,” ANDY GREENBERG joins Drs. Carson and Paul in vowing to fix the body politic. “I continue to be primarily a medical researcher at Human Nutrition Research Center on Aging at Tufts and Tufts Medical and Nutrition School. My research has focused on investigating the mechanistic basis of obesity and diabetes, and promoting healthy aging (Note: Hoo-ah). As noted in a recent Amherst magazine article, I have had four and now on to five Amherst College graduates work in my laboratory before they went on to graduate school. In May this year I received the Solomon Berson Medical Alumni Achievement Award in Basic Science from NYU School of Medicine. I have been married for 30 years to Leslie (Brown ’76, Penn Law ’79), whom I met during residency at U Penn Hospital on a blind date arranged by another Amherst alum. Two daughters graduated from Amherst: Rachel ’09, now pursing an M.F.A. in film directing at California Institute of the Arts, and Melissa ’12, who will be attending Harvard Law School this fall. Anyone who comes to Boston we would be happy to host!”

DAVID CAROLIS would burnish his foreign policy credentials pre-announcement by visiting Israel a few weeks ago, where he grabbed a free meal with our mutual friend Sabrina Tilles Cahn (Smith ’77), who lives in Tel Aviv. He committed the unpardonable faux pas of emailing his hostess prior to arriving. (David, have I taught you nothing about international snoring?)

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Anyway, the real candidate is my daughter Isabel, who will be studying British Lit at Oxford this summer, before entering her senior year at Thomas More. I’m sitting here at a ballroom dance place, emailing you while allegedly chaperoning a high school prom. ‘Dear Future Husband’ just came on, and the girls bolted onto the dance floor. ...” These crazy kids with their Browninesque love sonnets, dancing to iambic pentameter. The song is a four-star LIU.

KEVIN MOSS, meanwhile is focused on the Italian vote: “As a professor of language and literature I never thought I’d be part of the Venice Biennale, but life is full of surprises. I don’t speak Estonian and I’m not an artist or an exhibitionist—excuse me, museum exhibition writer, like PAUL ROSENTHAL—but I was invited to contribute to this year’s exhibit at the Estonian Pavilion, which featured the story of a Soviet-era collective farm chairman arrested for homosexuality.”

Being forced to write about classmates who get to go on tax-deductible trips to the Biennale explains a lot of my latent hostility to you people.

GRANT PATRICK, still undeclared, hosted an exclusive two-million-dinar-per-plate fundraiser: “The NY First-Wednesday-of-the-Month crew gathered for the first time in 2015 on March 25 at Cibo on 41st St. and Second Ave. MIKE LOEB, JEFF GILFIX, JOHN CLINTON, LESTER SCHWALB and I were there in person; JIM VAGIAS called in (seriously: he does this—the 40th reunion committee is exploring it as an option for us). Mike left as soon as I arrived and Jeff left as soon as Lester arrived; it is unclear if Lester and I should take it personally. No one else came to continue the pattern, so John and I were stuck with Lester for the duration, but it was an efficient visit as three different conversations were conducted at the same time. JIM BERTELLES couldn’t make it since he was enjoying the better weather in Palm Beach, and GERRY BROWN couldn’t make it since he was in Maine. He emailed me what exactly he was doing in Maine, but the explanation remains unclear. Hey, he writes these notes, so you try to figure out what he was doing there. For the last time, I am doing nation building at home when I’m not exploring the application of DIB to CVEO and PKO. Can I be any clearer? Not worth LIU. I did attend Grant’s 35C (hex) birthday—a lot of that going around.”

A slightly different preacher from Arkansas, the Rev. Dr. CHRISTOPH KELLER III, interim dean and rector of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Little Rock, Ark., was the featured preacher March 29 and April 5 on “Day 1” with host Peter Wallace, the nationally broadcast ecumenical radio program. Keller served 16 years in parish ministry and as canon missioner of the diocese of Arkansas. In 1991 he started St. Margaret’s Church in Little Rock.

“God Is Dead,” Keller’s sermon for Palm Sunday, March 29, was drawn from the account of the Passion in Mark 15. In “Veritas,” the sermon for Easter Sunday based on John 20:1-18, Keller says, “It seems obvious to me that, for the truth of Christian faith, the resurrection is decisive. It either happened or not.”

While we have a fine field of announced candidates, it is nonetheless to our eternal shame that we have fewer notes entries than there are announced and putative candidates in the parallel universe which constitutes America’s body politic. We continue the wait for more “If nominated I will not run and if
elected I will not serve” announcements from those still on the sidelines. > GERRY BROWN
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1978

First-runner-up award in the “78 Pardon my French” contest goes to SANDY HECKER. “The reason we call swear words ‘French’ is because the French have so much more joie de vivre than the rest of us, and we hate that and end up cussing, non?”

Good try.

Sandy also reminded us that “of course I love our class, and I love people who look out for/help other people. This morning at a plant nursery, I was trying to find staff, and a guy who looked like him might work there was helping a frail woman pick out and carry plants. ‘Can you help me find…?’ I asked. Turns out he didn’t work there—he was a landscaper just shopping! His good deed caught my attention, but since I needed a landscaper, I got his card!” [Sandy, we want a detailed update on this story! Ed.]

Back to the “Pardon my French” contest. Taking first place and hailng from his new digs in the British Midlands is JOHN HOWE, who was intrigued “to find that it all started with the typical English inclination to apologize for everything. England is the one place on earth where, if some idiot steps back and lands painfully on your foot, you’re the one who says ‘I’m sorry.’ So the repressed English coined ‘pardon my French’ to cover up the use of foul language.”

Kiri Royales for both! JEFF NEUSTADT reported that yours truly and DAVID WHITMAN—who threw a mid-May funny “Guess Who Is Turning 60” dance party in D.C.—visited the Doc in Tampa Bay in mid-March: “Fishing in the Bay and the AFLA River produced an abundant catch of Spanish mackerel, mangrove snapper, snook, redfish, sea trout, black sea bass and some awesome fights with a number of massive crevalle jack. Mazzerio’s Italian Market, the Saturday Morning Street Market and a tasty Mexican meal at Red Mesa rounded out our already-rounded-out bellies and the weekend,” but the mad dash to Egmont Key in Jeff’s Edgewater provided the most wind-in-our-faces thrills. Jeff also visited ARTIE SOUTHWAY at his “truly gorgeous turn-of-the-century Arts and Crafts house, perfect for a gorgeous Southham family reunion.”

“I’m writing from the deep chartreuse spring of Missoula,” begins class scribe CAROLINE (PATTERSON) HAfäFELE, “made famous by Jon Krakauer’s new book of the same name. I just saw the author speak in a room packed with 600 very interested listeners. He was awe-inspiring, as was the audience who gave him a standing ovation. Rape, in this town, as at our college, has made everyone re-think everything: gender roles, cultural roles, sports, privacy, sex. This discourse is long overdue, and it is refreshing to see the change, however glacial, begin to happen. I am now the executive director of the Missoula Writing Collaborative, a 20-year-old nonprofit that puts professional writers in the public schools to teach poetry to kids. I am also teaching creative writing at the University of Montana. I started work on a new novel at the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts. My husband, Fred Haefele, is working on a memoir on pickup trucks; my daughter, Phoebe, is finishing her freshman year at the University of Montana; and my son, Tobin, is finishing his junior year at the best-name high school ever: Hellgate High. If anyone is headed this way, please give me a call. I had a wonderful time at the reunion and hope to make the 40th.”

JOHN MAYS made contact via Linke-din.

“Shortly after Teresa and I became empty-nesters,” JOHN HOWE continues, “I was given a new assignment by Ogin, a Boston-based wind-energy technology developer, to support commercialization of our new turbine in the UK. I’m now living in a small flat in beautiful and historic York. Midway from London to Edinburgh, this city has been a major center on the British railway network. Business takes me everywhere on this malicious but, in fact, excellent transport system. Most of my time is spent in central Scotland, North-East England and the Midlands—a wet and windy region I’ve taken to describing as the Land of Useless Umbrellas. It is a new chapter in a 30-plus-year marriage, but with careful planning, Teresa and I are managing to spend about half our weekends together, and she has unexpectedly fallen in love with York. I’ve also greatly enjoyed reconnecting with our classmate GREGORY ALLEN, who came here with his wife, Maxine, a few years ago to be closer to her family. The British are famous for protecting and flattering the old, picturesque and slightly shabby. As a lover of shabby things, I am in heaven! Teresa and I feel very fortunate that I’ve been given this great professional challenge at an ideal time in the arc of our personal lives.”

KATHY SEDOR reached out after many years, having heard my mom give a talk on Holocaust Remembrance Day. Kathy is a lawyer with a state agency in Boston and works with fellow grad BOB SHEA.

DAVID WRAy reported that “The seventh annual Amherst ‘78 golf team reunion has now come and gone.” In addition to David, TOM MITCHELL, FRAN KELLY, DREW CASERTANO, TED BENESKI and Jim Bertles ’77 indulged in three days of golf and friendship in St. Augustine, Fla.: “Lots of great shots, lots of great laughs, lots of great memories.”

Dave filled us in on Drew’s coming-soon grandchild, a soon-to-be-wed son and a recent celebration of his 25 years as headmaster at the Millbrook School, which “I was fortunate to attend as the chauffeur for my father, Millbrook alumnus ’48 and Amherst class of ’52.” Dave’s big news: his joining the ranks of ’78s who have become grandparents. [There is no interest in compiling class statistics on this phenomenon. —Ed.] His daughter is due in November. “Too early to tell whether the class of 2038 will be graced with the birth of generation four. The family that would be truly cool!”

FRAN KELLY weighed in on the Wray rendition: “I had the pleasure of meeting up at the Palencia Club in Florida with Amherst buddies (same names). We all love golf, and this was our seventh year getting together at DAVE WRAy’s Flori-da home. The six of us had a wonderful time. We played 90-plus holes and enjoyed one-pluslaughs. Ted hits it the farthest. Mitch goes the highest. Drew is best-dressed. Jim is most improved. Dave makes the most puts, and I get the least tanned. Drew crashed his car. Berts needs a new hip. D Wray only of-fered one beer, Michelob Light. None of us could turn off or on Dave’s new TV. Otherwise, it was a great, great week.”

David Plouffe. He is not in our class, just keeps slipping into my inbox!

MIKE GLASER responded to Part B of the question: “Someone I love? My wife, my daughters, my new grandson! I enjoyed talking with PASQUALE IAD-EROSA, who surprised me with a phone call.” Earlier this year Mike reported that the family “journeyed north for the An-chorage Fur Rendezvous, and returned with our first grandchild! Daniel Quinn ’76 and MARY PINKEL treated us to back-to-back dinners, full of good food and laughter.”

“Last month, I flew down to San Di-ego for the first-ever reunion of my old U.S. Navy Fighter Squadron, VF-151.” Guess who said that? Yup, class pilot NELS GUNNARSEN. “Our old carrier, the USS Midway (CV-41), is now a museum on the San Diego waterfront. After more than 30 years, over 35 officers showed up for the reunion. We were among the last to fly F-4s Phantoms operation-ally off Navy aircraft carriers. We got a customized tour of our old ‘bird farm’ and attended a formal ‘Dining Out’ up at MCAS Miramar. Veterans of a Navy Fighter Squadron include quite a few airline pilots—in our case, all flying for Delta or Southwest. One of the guys I most liked, and flew with a lot, shot down a Libyan MIG on a subsequent tour of duty. The wife and eldest daugh-ter of my squadron mate, who had been best man at my wedding and had died suddenly at about age 35, attended our reunion. On my departure, I called up the control tower at NAS North Island, out on Coronado Island, and requested an aerial tour of the coastline and San
Diego Bay. Cleared to fly over the Bay at 800 feet, past the Carrier Pier, where USS Ronald Reagan (CVN-76) was in port, also almost right over the Midway, and then just parallel to the runway at San Diego International, and on out to Point Loma. Seeing my old carrier again from the air was quite poignant.”

We should all thank Joe Edelberg, our cultural beacon, for his thoughtful reflections on culture and existence. "The news here? I will turn 60 later in May, and that’s plenty of news right there. We used to say don’t trust anyone over 50—how about double that? At work, I’m thinking a lot about priorities: what I’d like to accomplish there while I can still make choices about it, how best to make use of the resources, internal and external, that I have developed over these years of steady effort."

“I want to assimilate the elements in some way that I haven’t yet done in the past fifty years. I’m more determined at work than ever, but also arcing back over many years. I’m more like about being the age I am—

I’m still following. That’s something I feel myself slowing down, I draw energy from the youth that surrounds me, and although I do feel myself slowing down, I draw energy from the youth that surrounds me, and this keeps me going. We’ll see how long this lasts, but I figure it’s certainly a transition that requires one to rethink the future. Tom and I are loving it! We think of our lives as a combination of good works and good fun. For me, the good works include being a board director of Planned Parenthood Hudson Peconic and Hope’s Door, a local domestic violence agency, and, dusty off my MBA, I serve as treasurer to both agencies. Tom and I also volunteer as mentors to young men at Children’s Village, a residential school for children in the foster care system, and we do some volunteering for politicians when Election Day rolls around. On the side of good fun, there’s lots of travel, my favorite so far being a trip to the Galápagos; when at home, I’ve finally taken up piano lessons, something I’ve wanted to do since a child; we bring up the rear in the American Crossword Puzzle Tournament every year; and there’s lots of hiking, reading and lectures. And, of course, we continue to get the most joy in life from our daughters, both now Ph.D. students. I look forward to hearing about what others are doing!”

Retirement thoughts alarmed Blair Kamin: “OMG! Retirement? That’s an existential question, not a personal-fulfillment query. Seriously, I am just happy doing what I’m doing and happier still that our son Will is graduating in the class of 2015.”

Bill Scott reports: “Well, first of all I have no plans to retire anytime soon. We’ve been now only six months in our new condo in Noe Valley (San Francisco), bought last summer. I’m chasing more brass rings in the tech industry and am addicted to its vibe, so, although I do feel myself slowing down, I draw energy from the youth that surrounds me, and this keeps me going. We’ll see how long this lasts, but I figure at least 10 more years. Paula is happy
to being in town, able to walk to coffee shops and restaurants and supermarkets and dentists. My daughter and our two grandkids visit us from Bogotá once per year, and my son is in Senegal working for an NGO in food security, planning to attend graduate school in public health next year.”

From RICH HORWITZ: “Your topic is very timely for me. I’m retiring on June 30, after 52 years at Potter Anderson & Corroon, where I’ll be Of Counsel going forward. No big plans in the works. I’ll spend the fall traveling New England, watching our younger daughter Emily

Treasuring Her Class

1980: Anne Melissa Dowling’s comments on the reunion may have said it best: “My only regret is there were many more of you I wanted to talk with, ask after, check in on and reconnect with. I loved our class during the years of 1976–80, and only feel more deeply about the group in total and individually at each meeting. Once again, this weekend I spoke with people I hadn’t known well, back in the day, and found more treasures in our class. The gift that keeps on giving.”

1980: As the great class of 1980 recoverers from a grand weekend of celebration and revelry, your humble scribes have a few opened-ended questions. Did any class members who attended the singles party hosted by NONNIE GERBER change their Facebook status? Why does the Unintended, currently comprising band members BRO-DE JOHNSON, BRIAN ASPINWALL, CAREY CACCAVO WHEATON, GREG PONTECOR-VO, BILL MILLER and 잠은 나왔습니다. Issue: 13, John Reimis ’70 and Dana (Corry) Lorway ’82, always intend for the class of 1980 to remember “we’re all alright”? Did LEANN SHELTON, our reunion chairperson, escape to a beach on a Greek isle for a well-deserved vacation to recover from five years of reunion planning? We also try to answer the questions for those not in attendance: where were you, and will you be there in five years? DOROTHEA DICKERMAN wrote, “Unfortunately, I will not be attending this reunion. First one I have missed, ever, and it is making me sad. … Since Princeton and Amherst’s reunions are always the same weekend, I will be going to Princeton this year. Will catch up with JIM ENGLISH and Eileen Reeves in Princeton… So party on!”

BOB SHEA writes, “My daughter Maggie was admitted to Amherst, the class of 2019. So she will graduate (knock on wood) about the same time as our 40th reunion. Given the cost of Amherst now, I don’t imagine that I will retire anytime soon. We have two daughters in college, and in a few years we will probably have two daughters in graduate school. So I would like to hear from anyone who believes that working almost until death is not really as bad as it sounds.” JAMIE BRIGAGLIO got together with classmates in Philly for the Villanova basketball game and dinner. Attendees included JIM and JILL WILCOX STILL, PAUL BYRD, CHRIS PERRY, RICH HORWITZ, WIN DAYTON, J.P. DUNN, John Torpey ’81 and Dave Barra (Williams ’79). Good time had by all. Jamie’s son John completed Teach For America in Delaware and is going to Vandy Law next year (plus getting married).

Regarding retirement, I must also comment. My goal is to retire in the fall of 2021 from active practice of orthopaedics (subject to change, of course). Let’s make retirement plans an ongoing subject that you may want to share with the class.

Thank you for your responses. > SAM D’AGATA SDAGATA@AOL.COM
in the crowd. (Those who awakened earlier than your sleep-deprived scribe had high praise for the ones by SUE DAHL and KAY HALPERN as well.) NICK SHORR being even more manic in his go vs than he was in his teens, especially when he got anywhere near the class piano (not just playing it, but helping round up impromptu brigades to carry it). The spontaneous rock-and-roll chorale in the Seligman kitchen late Friday night. The quieter moments everybody shared around the campus, including the places that weren’t there when we were. The exceptional caterers. The tattoos. The Bluestockings, particularly RICH THOMPSON’s daughter Daphne ’16, as capable a soloist as she was a bartender. The band, with its songbook stretching from Gershwin to Cheap Trick, its instrumentation ever-expanding (pedal steel! trumpet! tenor sax! banjo!) and its bassist forever grateful for the chance to play with such a gifted and harmonious crew. The magnificent purple swag, courtesy of the fantastically generous Conways. The huge Saturday night ovation for the women of our class, those powerful and pulchritudinous purple pioneers.

OK, that’s more than 10. It was that kind of weekend. A special shout-out goes to those who attended the reunion. A special thank-you goes to those on the reunion planning committee, who made the weekend a resounding success. We also want to acknowledge our class agents for the wonderful great class of 1980 canes.

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1981

This quarter, we’re all about news, starting with Amherst’s 194th commencement, held this past May 24. All weekend, in beautiful weather, the campus was buzzing with ’81-ers, from the Rev. IAN OLIVER, who delivered the baccalaureate address in Johnson Chapel, to LEO ARNAIBOLI, who received a medal for eminent service, to parents of graduating seniors, including LIZ DIBBLE ANDERSON, JEROME DE BONTIN, SAM DESIMONE and LIZ HARTZELL DESIMONE, CHRIS HALL, CAM HUTCHINS, KEVIN KEARNS, BRENDAN PATTERSON and LIZ NASH PATTERSON, JEFF SCHAPIRO and Michael Dee ’80. Did I miss any? Let me know! Congratulations, ’81-parent graduates!

Next come the folks who replied to this quarter’s call for news (several who admitted they enjoy our usual “provocative question” format, but always think of the best answer after the deadline). Here’s what we’re up to:

JIM BARR: “Life is good. I plug along and greatly enjoy watching my kids living life fully. My daughter Sarah graduated from Grove City College (English major), and two weeks later my daughter Jemima graduated from high school (heading to Covenant College near Chattanooga, Tenn., in the fall to start an art degree). Expecting our third grandchild in late July from daughter Abby and her husband Dickson in NYC. My son Joel and his wife, Megan, are seeking to simplify their lives and create authentic community by starting an organic farm (Abraham’s Table Farm) in Minnesota north of Minneapolis. I was recently in Ft. Lauderdale on business and had lunch with Eddie Alvarez ’80 and Jim Scheidegger ’82 and bumped into Seth Waugh ’80 and his wife, SHEILA CLANCY WAUGH, and her brother Brian Clancy ’83. Tried to meet up with Paul Mendez ’80 in Miami but his schedule didn’t allow. Hadn’t seen any of them since our days at the Fairest College, so it was fun to catch up. My dear wife and I will celebrate our 33rd wedding anniversary in October. We are practically empty-nesters now with only two at home.”

SUZETTE BROOKS MASTERS: “Hi! I’ve been doing immigrants’ rights work for 15 years and am getting used to the uneven pace of social change, with just enough forward progress at times to not lose hope entirely. From my perch in philanthropy at the JM Kaplan Fund in New York City, I’ve met so many incredible activists and thinkers and kick myself for not entering this field sooner than I did. I’m trying mightily to promote better federal immigration and immigrant integration policies but also more welcoming state and local policies as well. Daughter Nina (23) is out of Princeton and working as a consultant in NYC, and Julia (21) just finished junior year at UPenn. Husband Seth is still in asset management at AB Bernstein and very supportive of my social justice work. I’ve been doing immigrants’ rights work for even more years than I would my Ph.D. in the history of Judaism at the University of Chicago Divinity School. Now all I have to do is write the dissertation!”

DOUG GRAHAM: “I wanted to respond to MIKE PRICE’s reminiscences about our first-floor room of moose head fame in Chi Psi, the ‘DowntrodDen.’ It brought back great memories, including a drunk moose head recovery operation at Smith one night during our sophomore year. Fortunately, there were no arrests or (serious) injuries. However, I was a little disappointed by Mike’s claim that the allure of the DowntrodDen could be attributed to our roommate, Albert. No credit was given to FRED MAYNOR’s custom-made acrylic bar or my collection of fine (but inexpensive) liquor, all hand-imported from the U.S. Virgin Islands. Or even our charming next-door neighbor. Even after all these years, Mike’s comments still hurt! I remain at Lockheed Martin in the Bay Area, having fun, working hard, doing really interesting things and traveling too much. I hope you are well. I am beginning to look forward to our next reunion—next year! Look forward to seeing you there.”

DAVID HAMER: “After spending the last three and a half years in Lusaka, Zambia, my family and I moved back to Cambridge, Mass. Life in Zambia was challenging at times (no power, poor Internet, corrupt police, bad roads, etc.)
but the people are wonderful (polite, friendly and generally upbeat), weather beautiful, and options for regional travel to game parks, unique environments and lovely beaches are many."

MARTY HONIGBERG: "In January 2014, I was made one of three commissioners of the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission. In December, I became the chair of the commission. My three daughters now refer to me as 'the Lazy Boy.' (They're hilarious.) The oldest, Cel- lia, graduated from Wellesley College in May. My middle daughter, Miranda, will be starting at Mount Holyoke in the fall. My youngest, Zoe, will be in 12th grade. Ann still works for HP (formerly EDS), the same company she joined after she graduated from Bryant. She never fails to amaze me."

CAM HUTCHINS: "Graduation season for us: our daughter, Emma, graduated from Amherst in May, and our son, Alex, graduated from New Canaan High School in June. Emma, a summa grad who double-majoried in history and mathematics, will be working at Bain in Boston, and Alex is headed off to Bucknell University. How weird will it be for Julia and me to be home without kids? We’ll find out—plus our Westie dog hasn’t graduated yet."

EMILY GRUBIN JENNEWEIN: "Chris and I are celebrating 30 years of marriage. Both daughters graduated last year: Penny from Penn and Maddy from Brown. Penny is a labor organizer and Maddy is pursuing a Ph.D. in virology at Harvard. I feel fortunate to live in Del Mar, Calif., a gorgeous place where we see the ocean during the day and hear it at night."

CAROL KATZ CONNELLY: "I’ve been lobbying in New Jersey for about 25 years, the last 12-plus at my own firm, still enjoying the variety of issues and clients. My husband, Mark Connelly, and I have two children: David, a high school junior, and Irene, who’s at Yale (where she’s friends with MARTY SCHNEIDER’s daughter and SOPHIA CHANG’s daughter—expat Amherst offspring?)."

KEVIN KEARNS: "My son Nick graduated from Amherst, summa cum laude, in English. He also won a post-bac fel lowship to continue working on his thesis (a novella) with the goal of getting it published. I was sick, fever and chills, all weekend and left the chip for the camera at home, but otherwise, as a proud papa, cherished Nick’s moment in the sun. Shout-out to all the ’81-ers who also had graduates!"

STEVE MCKELVEY: "Just finished my 13th year as associate professor in the Mark H. McCormack department of sport management at UM Unversity, and authored the recently published Labor of Love: Reflections and Images from a Lifetime of Baseball Autograph Cluster Collecting, a tribute to my father’s seven decades spent building one of the world’s largest baseball autograph collections."

HEIDI-LYNN MITCHELL: "After five years in Massachusetts, I am starting a new chapter in life at Lake Tahoe, where my best beloved has secured a new job. We have just purchased a condo and will move over the summer. Not sure about condo life, but am very sure that we will enjoy the lake and the mountains. Hopefully, we will bring some of the snow from the North East to Tahoe for next winter. My freelance business consulting work is done remotely, so I can work from anywhere—although maybe not while paddle boarding!"

IAN OLIVER returned to "the fairest college of them all" for commencement to give the Baccalaureate Address in Johnson Chapel on May 23. I’m sure I won’t hold a candle to Jim Forbes’ sermon at our graduation, but it will be great to be back!" [Editor’s note: Ian is the senior associate chaplain at Yale University, and his baccalaureate address at Amherst was terrific!]

DICK SUTHERLAND: "My life changed yesterday, May 11, 2015, the last day I will ever see my youngest daughter … before noon! She just graduated from high school, headed for the big city and NYU. Had enough of small-town USA in Chapel Hill, N.C." SHERRI WASSEMER GOODMAN: "In February, I became the president and CEO of the Consortium for Ocean Leadership, whose members are the 100 leading ocean research education institutions, aquaria and industry, with the mission to shape the future of ocean science and technology. I look forward to reconnecting with Amherst alumni who are affiliated with our many members or share our passion for moving oceans to the forefront of our national priorities. This past May, my husband (John Goodman, Middlebury ’79) and I had the privilege of hosting a mini reunion at our home for ALBERT GRIMALDI, who was in Washington, D.C., to receive the Peter Benchley prize for Ocean Stewardship. Joining us were ocean leaders and Amherst alumni, including JEROME DE BONTIN, RIP SULLIVAN and wife Beth, NOAH GOTBAUM, JAMIE ZIMMERMAN, Jeff Longsworth ’84, and Phil de Picciotto ’77."

Extra! Ready for our 35th reunion? It’s May 25-29, 2016, less than a year away! Let our reunion chairs, LIZ and SAM DESIMONE, know if you have any ideas for the celebration. Their email is slajm@mindspring.com."

Alas, with all the wonderful news that came in this time, there’s also sad news to report. THOMAS BRUNO passed away in April. Please see the In Memory section at the back of this issue.

That’s all for now. Hope you’ve had a great summer, and next time let’s hear from you! > CAM HUTCHINS CEHUTCH@AOL.COM

1982

Coming to you from 35,000 feet somewhere over Kansas, here is the latest from your classmates. Maybe it’s the bad wine or the air pressure change, but I think the Nazca sand lines up here: I see all the purple and white threads that tether us to each other. You’ve felt the pull, too: several correspondents wrote for the first time in years, and it is great to hear from you. Others report adventures with fellow many years—or having discovered fel low “Jefts” in new places. Spooky and marvelous, those ties that bind.

JOHN EISNER reports that he has been returning to Amherst more these days. Last month he attended a retirement party in Alumni House for Professor Jim Maraniss. "He was a favorite teacher of mine who, coincidentally, had attended the same high school as I had in Madison, Wis., where his father had edited the Capitol Times. For the celebration, a number of Jim’s faculty colleagues read the short Calderon play The Great Theater of the World, which Jim had translated from the Spanish for my senior thesis production in Kirby Theater. This project, incidentally, was the warm-up act for his subsequent libretto for Life Is a Dream, an opera for which he and Amherst colleague Lewis Spratan won a Pulitzer Prize in 2000. Great Theater is an allegory, and it stood on that day for Jim’s life and the passionate and idiosyncratic community of friends and family that he has formed over a lifetime at Amherst. I was very moved to reconnect with so many people I knew, and met so many others, whose lives had been affected by one of Amherst’s great teachers." Beyond that, John notes, “Jennifer and I have been busy with our two sophomores (Jake in high school and Hannah at Wesleyan) and I have been traveling a lot (this month to D.C., Minneapolis and Los Angeles) to see productions of new plays developed by writers at the Lark, where I work.”

Equally delightful was the message from WHIZ MATHER HUTCHINSON, who finds Amherst friends wherever she goes. "I have been married to Jay Hutchinson ’84 for 30 years now, and we have one son, Jack. He is a sophomore at Choate Rosemary Hall in Connecticut. On the first day of his freshman year, I bumped into BOB SCHWAB (yes, we dat ed, in college), who now has two kids at Choate. Whitney is a junior and Trent is a freshman. Jack and Trent played on the same hockey team this winter, so I saw Schwabo at many of the games. In addition, EVAN SHENIBERG has a son at Hotchkiss who plays both soccer and lacrosse against Jack, so I have seen him on the sidelines a few times. This winter, we bumped into John Snow ’83 at Deerfield, whose son was on the ice against Choate. So cool to be reunited through
our kids!” Meanwhile, Whiz and Jay are spending the year on sabbatical in Hol- derness, N.H. “We will head back to St. Andrew’s School in Delaware at the end of August. I am hoping I have another 10 years of working in me!”

I laughed when I heard that PETER NUSSBAUM’s daughter, Stephanie ’15, has strayed into my line of research. She graduated from Amherst in May, and, as Peter rightly brags: “Her thesis on the Mormon Church won a prize, which was wonderful. Daniel Krygier ’16, her brother, is a junior at Amherst. He is majoring in economics and also is thriving. It seems only a moment ago that we were chasing after them in a park hoping to keep them from falling.” Peter is also taking a break from his firm to recharge. He insists “I don’t view this as retirement—more likely a sabbatical, but I have no plans and am in no particular hurry.” (Gloria (Brackman) ’82) and I will have our 30th anniversary in August. We took a trip to Bhutan to hike and had an absolutely fabulous time. We hope to do more hiking later in the year. … We continue to be grateful for our family and, more generally, the cards we have been dealt.” With good reason, Peter.

Featured last November in Amherst’s second annual TEDx event was our own MICHELE DEITICH, who is engaged in important work on incarceration. Her talk on kids in adult prisons and jails, called “Why Are We Trying Kids as Adults?,” is available on YouTube for anyone who might be interested. Michele reports: “Pinching myself over the fact that my talk was selected as a TEDx Editor’s Pick for January 2015, one of only 11 featured out of talks worldwide! I have a newfound appreciation for the power of this medium to reach new audiences.” She also enjoyed a recent reunion with LOIS EPSTEIN (visiting from Alaska) and MARA PFUND, and welcomes visits from other Amherst classmates during those cold northern winters.

Listen up, CARL ROSEN! Carl is in Alaska, and by the time you read this he will have hiked to the first Denali base camp. Michele has your room ready in Austin when the weather turns.

In our last missive about Amherst connections, LARRY DE RESPINO phoned in from the great Southwest that he is reminded daily of his advancing years with the arrival of Josh Goldberg (son of Justin Solomon ’86). But sadly, “No more crew team. Same even-intellectually-searching daughter has been academically lured by the life-accelerating potential of Early College and will be switching to Bard College at Simon’s Rock in the fall—an environment of exceptional intellectual richness, diversity and opportunity for gifted younger students. Will report as her academic experiment continues to unfold.”

We had not one but two classmates, PAUL SIMMONS and DAVE WILSON, write in about KEITH GANDAL’s new book. Paul’s review: “I did want to give a plug for KEITH GANDAL’s new book, Playing Beyond Your Ability: How Tennis Taught Me Zen, now available at Amazon. It has a lot to say about sports, competition and coming to terms with the childhood blocks that might be holding you back. It’s also very funny.” I will second (or third?) this: the free sample on Kindle is great, and I plan on buying the rest of it eventually! “Having the time of my life, but also working harder and faster than ever before in my life!”

A marvelous update from KIM LEARY: “Working as an adviser to the White House Council on Women and Girls, on Valerie Jarrett’s team, on project ‘Advancing Equity and Empowerment.’ Having the time of my life, but also working harder and faster than ever before in my life!” If you aren’t friends with Kim on Facebook, you are missing out on all the action shots with the movers and shakers. You go, Kim! GERARD SENEHI was presented the Ellis Island Medal of Honor in May by the National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations. The medal is presented annually to Americans who have distinguished themselves within their own ethnic groups while exemplifying the values of the American way of life. Past medalists include six U.S. presidents, Nobel Prize winners and leaders in industry, education, the arts, sports and government, along with everyday Americans. Congratulations!

Our next episode will return you to Dan’s much more acerbic wit. That said, nothing gives me greater appreciation for the childhood richness, diversity and opportunity for gifted younger students. Will report as her academic experiment continues to unfold.”

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with this: “I was especially happy that we were in theaters at nearly the same time as AMY ZIERING’s superb documentary, The Hunting Ground. As always, hats off to her.”

Help me keep you guys in touch with each other by sending in news next time around. Thanks!

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1984
I’ve just returned to D.C. from a short trip to my hometown, New York City, where I missed seeing every Amherst-related city-dweller and visitor. I was in the Quinn’s ancestral home of Hell’s Kitchen, attending the Audio Publishers Association Convention at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center. Why, you may ask, was I there? Well, I’m governmental employment exit/retirement strategy—audiobook narration. I’ve been told that some people would rather hear my voice than see my face. So I figured that narrating books would be a way to reawaken that old left side of my brain and satisfy that somewhat outspoken contingent of stylists. Just for fun (and in an attempt to fend off a complex), I’m now working on ascertaining the actual number of people who would rather read my written words than either see my face or hear my voice. I’ll let you know the results as soon as I finish the tabulation. By the way, thank you for reading….

In New York, I was supposed to have lunch with GEOF CANTOR, but between his auditions and my meetings we were never close enough to meet face-to-face. Anyhow, we talked, and it turns out that Geo has been appearing as Ellison, the newspaper editor, on Netflix’s Daredevil, and as Phil Ryerson on NBC’s The Blacklist. Watch for him on the big screen coming up in February as Sid Siegelstein in the Coen Brothers’ film Hail, Caesar! I also missed seeing RAJ DESAI—twice! The first time, Raj was in D.C. when I was in Florida, and more recently I was in NYC and he was stuck in traffic somewhere on the Cross Bronx Expressway. I hope the third time is the charm. Raj tells me (by phone) that his daughter will be attending Smith, so he’ll be in the Pioneer Valley more frequently. How about getting together face-to-face at homecoming (Oct. 23-25, 2015)?

I’m hoping that we’ll be able to see RICHARD RAIFORD on the sidelines, too. Richard is delighted to report that his eldest daughter, Marielle, will be coming to Amherst to join the class of 2019. So, despite these near misses in D.C. and NYC, my wife, Anne; ANN CHATOVITZ; PAUL NOLAN; and a theater full of film aficionados got together to watch 5 to 7, a new film written and directed by Victor Levin ’83. In the film, an aspiring novelist enters into a relationship with a woman, but there’s just one catch: she’s married and they can meet only between the hours of 5 and 7 each evening. A great story well told.

If you get a chance, tune in to the third season of Instant Mom on Nickelodeon. HOWARD GOULD developed the series and is an executive producer. Even though he’s engaged in all aspects of the production, and ridiculously busy, every time I talk to Howard (again, by phone) I can hear him smiling. This, too, is a great story well told.

And, from the “Holy Cow, That’s Impressive” department of the class notes, SUE PROSNITZ recently received the Charles S. Murphy Award from the Duke University School of Law. This award honors a graduate’s commitment to the common good through his or her service to the community or dedication to education. Way to go, Sue! JESSE HERMANN and his wife, Julie, living in the house they bought 23 years ago, are about to empty their figurative nest: their youngest son will head to Stanford, Jesse tells me that they’ve seen JOE RAGER and his wife, Dorothy, when they were all together in California. Jesse is working in New York at a private equity group and just finished an interim stint as CEO of one of its portfolio companies. This recent gig was in Phoenix, not quite as far as Australia, where he was the last time he reported in on such an assignment. Jesse and Julie see MIKE SMITH and his wife, Janine, pretty regularly in New York. During his travels to Atlanta, Jesse is able to catch up with RAY WHEELER and sometimes LUIS GONZALEZ-ESTEVES.

I’m sad to report that we lost the courageous, talented, and loved SALLY LAUX MURPHY after a long—yet gracefully fought—battle with MS. Through it, Sally remained positive, set and exceeded goals, and remained inspirational to those who were lucky enough to call her a friend. In May, Sally’s alphabet book about a young girl who spends the day at a whimsical zoo, “Silly Sally Goes to the Zoo” was published. In the story, the heroine travels in her wheelchair to see animals A through Z as they play silly games and perform unexpected tricks. The paperback reached #2 on Lulu.com’s list of top-selling children’s books, and the hardcover reached #10. Sally is survived by her husband, Paul “Murph” Murphy, and their daughter, Natalie. Please make sure to read more about Sally’s undaunted spirit and enduring soul in the In Memory section at the end of this edition of Amherst.

I’m looking forward to seeing all of you soon. Or, if you’d rather not meet face-to-face, please give me a call. Or, if you’re part of the apparently diminishing multitude who’d rather just write to me, please do that. Or, if you’d rather, you could drop Diane a line. I’ll understand. Really. I will.

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1985
My husband, BRIAN ROBBINS, and I have just returned from our amazing reunion with wonderful class of ’85 speakers, spectacular weather, great food and a strong showing from our class. I want to thank GERRI WALSH for her tireless efforts; ZENA MARTIN for her help with digital communications; SUSAN SMITH, who took charge of attendance; CATHY KERR, CARMEN MACDOUGALL and JIM TSAI for coordinating the spectacular programs; TED HANSELMAN for entertainment; Elizabeth and SPENCER GRAY for choosing the neoprene gift bags; GEORGE WHITING for headquarters duties; and ELLEN DUBIN for organizing and taking our class photo. This will be my last class notes and I want to thank every classmate who emailed me with updates. KATE FOSTER-ANDERSON will be taking over the class secretarial duties and is looking forward to hearing from you all.

Although it took her voice a few days to recover after reunion, GERRI WALSH tells me she’s both happy and sad to have our 30th in the rearview—and she’s enormously grateful that TAYLOR WILSON and GEORGE SPENCER volunteered to co-chair our 35th. For those who didn’t make it, our three class assistants were all Class of 1985 legacies: rising senior Taylor Wilson ’16 (Kathleen [Sanders] ’86 and TAYLOR WILSON’s son) and rising sophomores Ben Rotner ’18 (PHIL ROTNER’s son) and Harry Shapiro ’18 (ELLEN DUBIN’s son). Gerri reports that, “While I’ve yet to emulate MARK KAUFMAN and try a tri, I still run quite a bit with Arlington, Va.-based Team Lava (a group of moms who run before the crack of dawn). Syril [Director] Pettit ’95 and I will be part of a 12-woman team running Hood-to-Coast in Oregon this summer.” In other news, Gerri continues to love her job and is getting used to being an empty-nester. The FINRA Foundation recently released a second hour-long documentary, Thinking Money: The Psychology Behind Our Best and Worst Financial Decisions, which is airing on public television stations nationwide in partnership with American Public Television.

KATE FOSTER-ANDERSON reports that her oldest son, Henry, couldn’t make reunion. He just finished his junior year at University of Pennsylvania and was beginning an internship, but Cole and Gus came. Gus is 14, and Cole is about to graduate from high school and will
attend Stony Brook in the fall to play lacrosse. Reunion turned out to be full of knowledgeable laxers—Kate sends a thank you to PETER DAMON, JACK LOHRER and Pat McQuillan. Kate is enjoying working again in admissions, having transitioned from law school to college; she works for SUNY Geneseo as their Long Island admissions rep. Kate’s best Amherst moment this last year was downloading the EverTrue app, having declared that no one from her time at Amherst resides nearby and discovering that LORETTA (Ippolito) Zetterstrom—a hall mate from James Zetterstrom. They spent so much time with their older daughter, Olivia, is friends with their younger daughter, Isabel, is about to become a Gator, as she has been accepted into the University of Florida—Gainesville B.F.A. program in dance and choreography. Beth is still working at Avuen Therapeutics as a managing director and chief legal and administrative officer—they have opened an office in Fort Lauderdale, where she is now based. Beth has moved into government service and is now medical director and senior physician for family planning for the Florida department of health.

JEAN MCALLISTER BROOKS requests that, if any classmates visiting campus see her son, Caleb Brooks, Amherst class of 2018, please shake his hand and introduce themselves! He just got home from his freshman year finals, and Jean says that he seems to have been deeply impressed by the intellectual life of the school, the local donuts, the glee club, the glories of autumn in New England and the apocalyptic snowfall. Jean missed him this year and dropped by so often that she developed a close relationship with the front desk folks at the Lord Jeff. The rest of the Brooks family (his dad and Jean and their two younger sons) are in Baltimore, which is not close enough to stop by for a casual lunch, but Jean has perfected the 24-hour round trip.

MATTHEW FOSS was unfortunately unable to make it to the reunion, but he wanted to send in an update. Matt lived in Warsaw, Poland, from September 2000 to June 2008, and then he moved to Springfield, Mass., with his Polish wife (they got married in May 2001) and son Chris, who was born in Warsaw in 2006. They lived in Massachusetts until September 2011, when he moved back to Poland because he returned to his former employer, White & Case, in Warsaw, where he has worked as a proofreader and translator for more than 10 years (counting his earlier stint at White & Case).

Their son Francis was born in Holyoke, Mass., in November 2009. He’s in kindergarten this year and his older brother is in second grade. Matt was very involved in music at Amherst (glee club, choir, Zumbies) and later in Washington, D.C. (the Oratorio Society of Washington and the GWU Troubadours), but he says that in Poland he sings only in his church choir. He also started playing his trumpet again two years ago and has had the opportunity to play a couple of times in church.

Thank you again for five years of updates, and I am really forward to seeing everyone again in five years—I am certain that in 2020 we will all still look like we did in college!

1986

Congratulations to PETER CLARK, who made his debut performance as Sweeney Todd with Hawaii Opera Theater in April! While there, he took the opportunity to surf for the first time.

JOANIE BREWSTER notes that it was not in attendance at Katie Merrill’s ’87 50th birthday dance party (though she wishes it had been). It was actually her sister, Elise Brewster ’84, winner of the Most Enthusiastic Spirit award. Congratulations, Elise!

ALESSANDRA BIANCHI HERMAN had the pleasure of staying with TIA CUDAHY while visiting Washington, D.C., for her swan-song meeting of Amherst’s executive committee alumni advisory board, which once every three years takes place at the Folger Library. Alessandra notes that “Tia was the consummate hostess, having transitioned from air mattresses in her not-quite-but-soon-ready-to-move-in-to lovely house in the North Cleveland Park/Tenleytown district. Borrowing Tia’s bike (which is fittingly purple, by the way), I experienced on two wheels how many amazing neighborhoods Washington, D.C., has, as well as how bike-friendly the city is. Highlights included biking through the Georgetown campus and admiring the neighborhood’s impeccable and multicolored townhouse facades; cruising through the Mall and taking in monuments from the comfort of Tia’s bike seat without the hassle of buses, parking or large groups; picnicking along the banks of the Tidal Basin, with no shortage of cherry blossoms; and biking on nice paths along the Potomac, as well as a canal/jogging/skating path on the Crescent Creek Trail. Makes me think I could take city living, if I could enjoy all that.”

Alessandra notes that serving on the executive committee, for those of you who are interested, is far and away her favorite way to volunteer for the College. “A privilege, like a think tank, with three-year terms and the crowning perk of holding a meeting, attending a Shakespeare play and seeing rare ancient folios up close at the Folger. Liberal arts Nirvana, in other words.” Check it out and nominate yourself, or those whom you think might be suitable: amherst.edu/alumni/volunteer/society/nominate.

Since Amherst, Jason Klotz ’83 and his wife, Joana, have raised two beautiful and accomplished children while producing over 40 feature films by multiple acclaimed directors. Sundance, Berlin, Cannes, Venice, two Sundance Grand Jury prizes, Venice’s Silver Lion for best director, over 25 Independent Spirit awards, an Academy Award nomination! They founded pioneering digital production companies and became leading figures of the digital film revolution. Jason more recently moved into cross-platform interactive media.
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presumably, Carol Hatler, before marrying Eric, was roommates with Eric and Jeff in NYC, giving a new meaning to the word ‘Braveheart.’ But if that’s how she met Eric, one of the nicest men in the world, it had to be worth it!”

Next stop, Haiti: KAT (DECKER) GAYLE sent word that she is frantically trying to get organized before her next move, to Port-au-Prince (her U.S. diplomat spouse’s next assignment). The past three years in Colorado Springs have flown by. With only one evacuation due to forest fires. She had a fun trip to Washington, D.C., in November 2014, where she met JENNIFER (SNOW) DIEFENBACHER at the Natural History Museum and also spent a day at the National Zoo with KATRINA OOMS. Back to her next adventure: there is a lot of need in Haiti, so she hopes to attach herself to an NGO. She still hasn’t decided whether to look for relocation, disaster preparedness and resiliency, sustainable development or something to do with the children. The great thing about moving every two or three years is the chance to reinvent herself with each new location. We wish Kat good fortune on this next chapter in her life. Again, not slowing down one bit!

An artist and her wonderful support system: SARAH BIRD wonderfully recounts how her classmates offered loving support recently:

“During the course of my recent exhibition of photographs and sculpture (May 2015), many friends rearranged work and kids and family to come see me and my show in New York City. REBECCA (SAYBOLT) BAINUM visited in March during prep. We had a lovely studio visit, which was preceded by a fun evening that involved an excellent Negroni, among other delights. STEPHANIE PASTERNAK arrived in Brooklyn on a sunny May Sunday, followed closely by BEA TROWBRIDGE SANDERS and WANDA MIAL. We had a lovely day and a half together, including a dinner on my deck on Sunday evening, which allowed for an abundance of catching up, laughing, commiserating and cheering each other on. After a visit to the gallery on Monday, everyone had to scurry back to work and life, leaving me feeling grateful for their presence and support. Artists need allies. Mine are divine.”

Congratulations, Sarah. Your work is breathtaking and inspiring. We also sec-

ond the notion about your divine allies! Ted Putala. That is all that need be said: class Poet Laureate (Keith’s bestowed title) and all around Great Spirit, TED PUTALA, reports on his 50th:

“My brother and sister-in-law threw me a small 50th birthday party of family and friends, with a beat fire, in their house here in Georgetown, topped off by a Miami Beach birthday cake, recipe circa 1964. CHRIS JOCHNICK and wife Paulina Garzon attended, and JEFFREY WRIGHT went out of his way to take the train down to help celebrate before getting back on the train, representing.

“In April I made it up to celebrate with Didi and JON GLUCK and their family, speakeasy-style, which I am familiar with, but being in New York made it awesome. And I got to hang out with Mr. Paul Daiz ’88, who treated me to a late Blue Ribbon paella dinner.

“And just last night the lovely LINDA JACKSON came to Bistro Lepic Wine Bar here in D.C. for a great surprise birthday party attended by many friends, planned by her husband, Mark Maguire. They (go back as a couple to early high school.) Linda reported that one of two daughters is headed off to college in the fall.”

Thanks, as always, to those who have shared this quarter. Let’s keep the “Turning 50” theme going for the next edition, which will arrive by year’s end. We would love to read about more celebrations and reflections. Until next quarter, keep safe and keep enjoying the prime of life!

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1988

LET’S start with exciting news from New Zealand. KIRA (SHERCHUK) BACAL gave birth to twins last September. “Elis and Malachi joined older sisters Harper (age 5) and Rowan (age 3). The boys were born premature (29 weeks) but did extraordinarily well, thanks to the care at the Auckland Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. Since coming home, the boys have continued to grow and develop, and they are now smiling and chuckling at the girls’ antics. I’m still trying to get my head around being the parent of identical twin boys!”

After an extended parental leave, Kira is back at the University of Auckland, juggling work and four preschoolers.

“Harper is due to start school in a few more weeks, and I am going through the usual pangs of seeing one’s first child head out into the big world. We still live in a little wooden house in the middle of a forest reserve on Auckland’s North Shore. Our nearest neighbors are wood pigeons, wild parakeets, quail and (the bane of NZ fauna) possums. The girls are developing and eating an unusual mix of Kiwi, Yankee accent, and we regularly argue over the proper pronunciation of ‘tomato.’”

FLORA STAMATIADES, the national director of organizing and special projects for Actors’ Equity, has been doing a lot of business travel. Last fall she spent a week in Paris after participating in the FIA Executive Committee meetings (fia-actors.com). In Paris, she enjoyed seeing Eleanor Leggett Sweeney ’89 and JULIE WAVRICK. She also made it to Amherst for homecoming, was kindly hosted by MELISSA WOLF and JH Noble ’89, and got to see David Truman ’90, Andy Winchell ’90, Matt Jackson ’90 and Paul Linn ’87.

After the holidays, it was off to the West Coast and to London, where Flo-

ra attended the Olivier Awards. In June, she was at the FIA Executive Committee Meetings and World Live Performance Conference in Dublin. Her duties on the Planning Committee, speaking on a panel about organizing new models of work and moderating a panel on technology and actors, will keep her busy, but she assured me there will be a few pints involved, too—after the meet-

ings, of course! When she’s back home in NYC, Flora is practicing Bikram Yoga as regularly as possible, which sounds relaxing after all that travel!

Another mainstay of the Amherst the-

ater scene is RON DASHFORD. “I am fin-

ishing up my fifth year in the Theater and Dance department at Amherst, teach-

ing, directing shows and working on the new-ish Arts at Amherst Initiative, to encourage more collaboration and dis-

cussion about the arts on campus,” he wrote. “If anyone will be in the area in early September, come see my five-actor version of Shakespeare’s Pericles, coming up to Amherst from North Carolina Stage Company!”

From a college campus on the other coast, MARC SANDERS wrote, “I’m still at Stanford. I now work in the Office of the Vice Provost for Teaching & Learning as director of strategic development. It’s a nice change of pace for me, light-years away from my former career as a math professor. In my spare time, I pray for rain...”

We need rain on the East Coast, too, although I’m enjoying the warm weather after the frigid winter. As soon as the ground thawed, we headed outside to kick the soccer ball around with our 6-year-old son, William, and we’re looking forward to beach and sailing time this summer.

Soccer is the name of the game in KRISTYN JOY’s household these days. “My 9-year-old Ronan has just been named to a ‘Select’ team (we turned down the recruitment offers for ‘Premier’; who knew the pressure that is put on fourth graders to turn pro?). I am back on the pitch with my Over 40s women’s team, the Bad Girls. And last month I got to attend a clinic put on by professional soccer player Keelin Winter-

ers, the captain of our Seattle Reign FC. I’m on a high right now, but, as all middle-aged athletes know, it can come crashing down with another hamstring pull at any moment.” Very true, Kristyn! As usual, thanks to all who wrote in.

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I must begin with the very sad news that KATHY WEISBARSD passed away recently. Our prayers and condolences go out to the whole family. Kathy’s sister Sally Sullivan ‘91 wrote the In Memory piece for Kathy in this issue of the magazine.

Please let me add the very happy news that the Weisbarst family is also very proud to announce that their niece Kathy will be starting at Amherst this September. Congratulations!!!

More happy news about cherished off-spring attending our beloved Amherst: AMANDA PIKE writes: “We are thrilled to report that her daughter Julia will be a member of the class of 2019! Bobby Shogren (son of my freshman-year roommate BETH MOON SHOGREN and MIKE SHOGREN) will be joining the class too. We timed it all exceptionally well, and they will be on our reunion cycle. How great is that?! I’m still at the Berkeley Carroll School in Brooklyn, and am excited to be moving out of admissions to become the lower school director as of July 1. I’m looking forward to having the chance to work more closely again with teachers and to forge long-term connections with kids and families.”

ROBBIE LANDON writes: “Keith (MHC ’91) and ROBBIE LANDON went back in mid-April to check on daughter Kirby ‘18, only to find the town of Amherst was hosting Extravaganza on the Common. Some restaurants in town actually closed early on Saturday afternoon when they ran out of food—imagine! We broke bread with Professor Barry O’Connell, who remembers and has stayed in touch with an impressive number of his students over the years—too many of you to mention here by name—you know who you are. We sat in on one of his classes too, which felt as if we had a time machine going back to the late 1980s.”

And get this: SONYA CLARK got to graduate from Amherst again! She received an honorary doctor of arts degree at commencement in May. Huge congratulations, Sonya!

I heard from my dear old friend, MARK LESSARD, who had been out of touch for way too long. He is thriving as a psychologist working at Fort Drum in northern NY. Mark, one of the stalwarts of the Amherst Karate Club of the late 1980s, writes: “Just came back from a wonderful family reunion in Maine. Heading out to the west coast for some nautical stuff next week. Still very seriously considering swinging by your way Veterans Day weekend.”

And more from four other karatekas from the old days, Messrs. Davidow, Ducayet, Lehrer and Bissell:

JOEL DAVIDOW writes: “Chipping away at a variety of things as usual—writing, learning salsa, planning summer and fall trips, some political involvement, still a Fellow with the Truman National Security Project. On the work front, still doing IT infrastructure, operations and service delivery focused on virtualization and automation. Also recently became a certified information systems security professional. Fond memories of a fantastic reunion last year!”

ED DUCAYET writes: “Recently I attended a regular law enforcement two-year refresher course, part of which was spent learning how to shoot from inside a vehicle and ‘clear’ a house full of a combination of hostages and hostages. I am happy to say I received compliments from the instructors on my ability to put a bullet between the eyes of Tony Danza holding a gun (seriously, I think he was the model for the target!) from the car and take down all the bad guys without accidentally killing any hostages in the house. ‘Too bad I work a desk job now!’”

SONYA CLARK writes: “Come to Tuscan with me and my group Sept 27-Oct. 11, and paint, eat, drink in the beautiful Tuscan autumn!”

JOHN BISSELL writes: “So many words I can’t even count them all!”

In other news:

Regarding STEVE CAMPBELL, here’s the official word: “Former Lazard Ltd. investment banker STEPHEN CAMPBELL is joining the U.S. Treasury to work on domestic finance issues including Puerto Rico’s fiscal crisis. Campbell began June 1 as a counselor in the Treasury’s domestic finance office, working with Antonio Weiss, also a former Lazard banker, who serves as an adviser to Secretary Jacob J. Lew.” Very cool!

JOHN PALUSKA writes: “I’m in the final push to open my second restaurant in Berkeley, Calif., called the Advocate. Just moved into a new house that we’ve spent the last year building in Mill Valley. Looking forward to some down time!”

TONY HAYWOOD: “I’m looking forward to some relative calm after an extended whirlwind of activity leading up to the recent release of two new CDs, a week apart, on my HIPNOTIC Records label. That will wait another couple of weeks until after the D.C. Jazz Festival (June 10-16) concludes; as a board member, I’ll be shaking the trees for contributions as well as taking in as much music as possible. I’m in more frequent regular contact with Andy Rosenberg ‘90 now that we’re representing a lobbying client together, and had a great time catching up with Kempton Ingersoll in D.C. in late March. I’m also taking a more intense interest in genealogy and making some findings of interest to my parents and extended family.”

ERIC MILLER writes: “I just returned from watching the first game of the Stanley Cup in San Diego with a few of my friends from my beer league hockey team, arriving home to a nearly empty house, save Sky, the fluffy Australian shepherd, who is the only female in the Miller household not globetrotting at any moment. Drea’s school sends students on global trips at the end of each year, so Lija (15) is in China, Anna (13) is in Virginia, and my wife, Drea, is backpacking, river rafting, canyoneering, and gorge exploring in Utah’s backcountry with 15 of her students.”

MARK DULSKY writes: “Our younger son, Jack, is graduating from high school in two weeks, so Deb and I will be empty-nesters in the fall. Adam will be a freshman year at college. Not sure how we will handle a quiet house after having lived through many years of two boys being loud, messy and heavily involved in sports. We have not thought too hard on what to do with the extra free time. The good news is our dog has decided to forgo college and hang out with us. He said: Why leave when you get free more money and a board with an occasional hike thrown in?”

From KIRSTIN DOUGALL: “EMILY TODD and her tween-agers graced us with their presence this spring break. We toured the Bay Area and saw all the sites, and the two young budding musicians wrote and played songs on guitar for us to narrate the whole visit. In Reality TV speak, we all had a blast.”

ELEANOR LEGGETT SWEENEY writes: “John and I spent a month teaching English and French in Dharamsala, India, last fall. On our way to India, we visited SHARMI JACOBY BRACKLO and her lovely, talented family. We hooked up with LIHA Charitable Trust, which runs classes for Tibetan refugees and also builds and installs large water filters throughout northern India. As is so often the case with really meaningful volunteer experiences, I learned as much or more than I taught my students.

“After India, I spent a week in Paris with Flora Stamatiades ’88—Flora worked and traipsed all over my favorite city. John and I spent two weeks in the UK, saw the freakin’ Rosetta Stone (!) and hiked all through western Scotland. I was awarded a graduate assistantship in the linguistics department at Penn State, and I’ll be working and finishing my MATESOL degree in the fall and spring. I’m focusing on how language and music used in conjunction enhance second language acquisition, and I’d love to hear everyone’s stories about learning their second language with songs. And, of course, our beloved Ian is getting married to one of my former French students!”

DOUG GRISSOM was appointed to the board of trustees in 2015, with a term beginning July 1. Congratulations! Hooray!!! Meanwhile, my wife DEBBY APPLEGATE and my father and fellow class secretary Hank Tulgan ‘54 and I were all very sad to miss reunion this year. We were in Oregon celebrating Debby’s father’s 70th. My best intelligence tells me...
that J.H. Noble was our singular—and excellent—diplomatic representative from the class of ’89. Thanks for showing the class of ’89 flag, J.H.

Until next time, send news … please! With love for Amherst and the class of 1989,

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Even though our 25th reunion has now come and gone, Amherst is without a doubt nearer and dearer to the hearts of the 180-plus alums who returned for what was described by many as one of the best weekends ever! I will try my best to capture as much as possible about the weekend, and weave together all the different threads as I go. The planning of this event spanned an entire year, and it never would have come together if not for the tireless efforts of many.

LAURI (FRIDOVICH) LEE was the driving force behind the spectacular reunion book that arrived on our doorsteps just days before the party began, and her heroic efforts allowed so many of us to feel like we already had a head start on connecting with our classmates. Now we can go back through the book again and appreciate it all the more! LINDA FISHER CURZON worked diligently up until the final hour, sending out updates about which and how many classmates had registered, while providing access to the college’s links to all the info we could possibly need. MEREDITH CABLE’s task was to figure out what the perfect souvenirs would be, and everyone seemed quite pleased with the three choices. JILL FROST and your new cocsecretary, SARAH (WADE) SWANK, did our best to ensure that we had a fleet of tents large enough to accommodate the 400 guests on the Freshman Quad overlooking Memorial Hill. Jill’s excellent choices in caterers meant delicious dinners from Bob’s BBQ on Friday and the Black Sheep on Saturday night, plus yummy bribes to get us refueled from the amazing amount of energy that was expended, especially dancing. On Friday night, we had a great dance party in the new Powerhouse, which never would have happened without the tireless efforts of many.

Our class sponsored some wonderfully varied panels put together over many hours and with a lot of reaching out to classmates by LOWELL WEISS and STEVE MANCINI. BEN HITCHINGS, a city planner from North Carolina, was the integral part of a panel that focused on seeing new places from different perspectives. ARTHUR AGO and PAUL SMYTH offered their insights about race relations and policing. DEB COHAN introduced us to and invited us all to travel with her on her journey of healing from her cancer diagnosis, primarily by finding joy in dancing. CATHERINE NEWMAN (with husband MICHAEL MILLNER in tow) spoke about her life as the writer of her upcoming book, Field Guide to Catastrophic Happiness, and of a popular blog. Her stories about their children, Ben and Birdy, seem to resonate well with many parents. Trustee CHRIS LEHANE participated in a more serious panel devoted to climate change. Last but certainly not least, SHANTAMRITA CHAITANYA (formerly known as BRANDON SMITH) spoke about his life as a Hindu monk and his travels promoting spiritual and social service.

We were fortunate to have nice weather, which made it easy to find time to sit outside and visit. Representing those traveling the farthest (and earning a prize of extra Amherst swag) were ANDY HICKS and his 4-year-old son, who came all the way from the Czech Republic for this event, a whopping 4,000.7 miles door to door. In a close second was ANDY BECNEL, who traveled almost as far (3,770 miles) from his home in Switzerland. JOSH BROUDY (formerly known as RACHEL BROUDY) found herself roped into assembling the Ping-Pong table for the kids’ tent since she had tools close by. After the reunion came to an end, when the rain finally began to fall, MANGALA JAGADEESH and her husband, ROB CROWNER, were kind enough to rescue all the board games, arts-and-crafts supplies and a terrific assortment of outdoor lawn games and bring them to the town school where she teaches. LIZ GARLAND and her spouse, Professor Judy Frank, were in attendance, as was HEIDI (CREAMER) SMITH, who like many others in our class, is busy juggling the challenges of caring for aging parents. J.H. Noble ‘89 and ALAIN HUNKINS also live nearby. The latter is involved with Amherst as a consultant, and both were on campus from the very start until the bitter end.

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the freezer of our reunion headquarters, which is now called Chuck Pratt, but used to be the old geology building. Hillary also played an important role in DEB COHAN’s healing journey, using her camera to capture some incredible moments.

Also traveling across the country was SEAN TOBIN HANNAH, who works for Nike in Portland, Ore., overseeing advances in the world of Nike Air shoes. The consensus of those who danced the night away is that Dana could please shift her focus onto a Nike Air dance floor for the 30th reunion, we would all have less knee and foot pain next time! JOHNNY HENRY flew in from Denver with his wife, Step, and seemed really excited to be back on campus, especially after figuring out where all the new dorms that housed us were located. John is busy in Denver with commercial real estate work, and even busier being the father to four young boys. DREW HUNDLEY came from Ohio, where he is a physician on the faculty of Ohio State, and looked to me like he had a great time catching up with BILL MATHIAS, who made the trip from Baltimore, and MIKE PAGANO, who works for ING Investments in Atlanta.

I ran into ANGELA JACKSON JOHN-SON and her family on the way to Memorial Hill, and it was gratifying to hear how glad she was to have made the trip back, now heralding from Ann Arbor, where she has been working on her post-doctoral fellowship.

Bengt Johnson ’91 flew from Seattle to be with us, and, when he shared his stories about starting a school for disadvantaged children, it was clear that he is like many alums who have dedicated themselves to making the world a better place. Also flying in from Seattle was JENN OGLE, who was busy catching up with friends whenever I saw her.

SARAH KERLEY WEEKS arrived from Utah with her family; initially, she had planned to come solo, but then realized this reunion would make the perfect family vacation, and they reported that it was! TED MERWIN came up from Pennsylvania, where he is a professor of religion at Dickinson College and the author of a new book on delis. EMY (YAMA- MADA) SUNEW made the trip from Texas, where she and husband JOHN SUNEW live, and where he is a cardiologist. LISA TRACY is another alum who raked up a lot of frequent flier miles, coming from Oakland, Calif., where she manages a company called Philanthropy Vision, which I had mixed up with LOWELL WEISS’ company, based out of Seattle, called Cascade Philanthropy Advisors.

CHERYL BAILEY TURNER drove from Virginia. She and I took a breather from dancing on Friday night and had a conversation about how returning to Amherst can bring up many emotions; when we said goodbye on Sunday, she stood out in my mind as being some-one who enjoyed every single minute of the reunion. After the reunion ended, Cher posted a great picture of herself with MIKE CLOHERTY, who works on Wall Street, both sporting the happiest, most joyful smiles ever!

One of the most emotional parts of the reunion was our remembrance of the six classmates we have lost since graduation. Of course, memorials were written about them in these notes in the past, but what transpired on Saturday night was deeper, and more difficult to put into words. Just as many of us who were at reunion were using the time to reacquaint ourselves with old friends or introduce ourselves to classmates that we had never known or not known well when we were students, the toasts on Saturday gave those lost six classmates a voice in which to be reintroduced to us.

Rabbi JIM MORGAN set the tone, speaking eloquently about why remembering those who are no longer here is so important.

ELLEN MCDERMOTT gave a toast to BARBARA SMITH, a transfer student not many of us knew—we honored Barbara’s bravery for coming to Amherst to study when she was roughly the age that we all are now, leaving her husband and family in North Carolina to join us. JENNIFER (RIGGS) VETTER asked us to continue to remember HELEN (KIM) SAWAYA, and helped us to see that, even though Helen is no longer with us, her children continue to grow up and grow older, and it is our job to keep her memory alive for them.

ABIGAIL GOLDENVAZQUEZ flew up for the day specifically to honor the memory of ENRIQUE RIVERA and let us all know about a gentle side of him that many of us never got to see; his shyness kept him away from us early on, and his illness filled that role later on. It was his dream to travel the world, and Abby carries her passport in the leather passport cover he gave to her; she keeps his memory alive in new places all over the world with every flight she takes.

ARI DYNBER wrote a touching speech about KEN CUTLER and reminded us all how lucky the world was to have such a caring doctor in our midst, and how many lives that had been riddled with difficulty and sadness were changed for the better because of him.

DOM LANZISERA toasted FRED RIM-MEL on telling us some great stories about the different circles of friends that Fred bounced between, while highlighting his incredible ability to balance out an off-the-charts level of intelligence with an attitude of effortlessness, which astonished all who knew him and made those of us who did not know him well wish that we did.

Finally, PAUL SMYTH helped us all see deep into the life of DAVID PELCZARSKI, with funny anecdotes about their childhood together and their antics in college, ending with Paul singing a song to and about Pelzo, which, in all honesty, made me cry. I am teary just remembering it. I know that I speak on behalf of the class in thanking these brave classmates, because what they did was not easy, but it was incredibly important.

I arrived on campus on Wednesday, and was happy to find that I was not alone. I ran into JENNIFER (RIGGS) VETTER, her husband PAUL VETTER and their two kids at a reception at the Riverfront Library, which seems much more modern on the inside, and is going through some type of big renovation deep within. The Vetters came from Oakland, Calif., where they had just finished raising a lot of money for their public school through a large-scale community bike race. SABAH SERVAES was the next alumna I saw, and heard her tales of balancing work as a pediatric radiologist in Philadelphia with a lot of travel all over the world.

After a loud thunderstorm blew through overnight (or maybe it was the train behind the social dorms?), Thurs-day arrived with sunny skies. TIM GUT-KNECHT and his wife, Linda, came from Columbia, Ill., where he is active in the Rotary Club and practices law in his own firm.

STEPHAN WIELANDY and his wife and children drove to campus in a packed car from New Jersey, and seemed to have a great time exploring campus.

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tion of Andy’s daughter, Katharine, who I imagine found herself inundated with advice from our classmates about what to do after graduation.

One of the alums who seemed the happiest to be back was DANIEL BANYAS, who works for Blue Cross in Minnesota and is busy raising his two very spunky kids to share his love for the Minnesota Vikings—you should see the pictures of him in full Minnesota Vikings purple regalia. I suppose that he had to find something to do with all the purple left over from our Amherst days!

ED PULIDO also attended the party, and again I wondered how two alums can live in the same city and only bump into each other at Amherst. Ed is a surgeon in a suburb northwest of Denver, while I live in a rural town southeast of the city.

ELIZABETH (GOTTLIEB) PAVEL and her husband, Tomas, had also arrived at this point, after a trip from San Jose, Calif. I was hoping to see filmmaker ALEX BRUSKIN and his author wife, Meline, but they were having dinner with ALAIN HUNKINS and his family nearby. As the party began to wrap up, in floated KELLY (SHAUGHNESSY) CLOSE and daughter Lola, as well as PAUL SMYTH, so more wine was poured and more memories were shared.

After everyone scattered for dinner, a new wave of people showed up. GIFF EL-DREDOGE arrived from Pennsylvania, and was happy to receive his prize for being the first to RSVP as well as the first to officially sign up to attend our 25th! Days before leaving, Giff ’s souvenir mug from a previous reunion broke, so it seemed only fitting to replace it with a new one.

ERIC SCHULTZE arrived from Seattle, where he works for Amazon.com, in the midst of this great influx of people, and, every time I saw him during the weekend, he told me again and again how happy he was to have returned.

SEENU REDDY; his wife, Meera; and their entertaining children arrived from Nashville, along with MICHAEL O’CONNOR (an investment banker), KATHLEEN JONES-O’CONNOR (just finishing her first year as a professor of psychology at Dominican University) and their children, who flew in from Chicago.

Another one of our 14 couples composed of 1990/1990 married alums, was spotted: ANGUS MACDONALD and ANITA (SCHWEICKART) MACDONALD, who came from Minnesota.

CHRIS HAWKE, an engineer for Arrowstream who is married to JEANIE CHUNG, came solo from Chicago, as Jeanie stayed behind to take care of the family. I am sure Chris let Jeanie know how much she was missed. In this same boat was MONICA (ESCUERRA) MENA and CARLOS MENA, except that in this case, it was Monica who was able to make the trip from Chicago (much to the great joy of ALICE GALLINDWYER) while Carlos stayed home and is no doubt still hearing stories about the weekend.

One detail that cannot be forgotten was the happy presence of strollers, which made me realize the tremendous age range of our children! ADRIENNE TELKEI and FRED MOGUL brought their young daughter and newborn son from Brooklyn, N.Y., while DAVID PATRICK got a well-deserved break from being a stay-at-home dad to three girls, the youngest of whom was about a month old at the time of our reunion. ALEIDA PICCINI DE VELOZQUEZ and her husband and young daughter arrived on campus from New Jersey and seemed to have a relaxing time catching up with old friends.

JAMIE STRAIN, a triathlete and radiologist in Boston, was accompanied by his wife and their young son, who seemed utterly fascinated with the ropes that kept the tent upright. CAROLINE (OESTERMEYER) TODD arrived with her little boy, probably too big to be in a stroller, but still with a smile, having come from Palo Alto, Calif., where he is a patent litigator. Andy Rosenberg arrived with his adorable daughter and small son from Washington, D.C., and the whole family appeared to be having a great time. We ended up having more than 110 children (ranging in age from under 1 year old all the way up to 16) come with their parents; many of the older ones enjoyed meeting new friends and the extra unexpected bonus of the traveling amusement park on the Town Common.

Friday arrived, and along with it a tremendous number of 1990s. I wish I could list them all, but will limit my remarks to those who I actually was able to catch up with directly. ANDREW BERNSTEIN is a professor of history at Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Ore., and was happy to talk to one of our alum’s high school seniors about college choices going forward when he and I spoke earlier this spring. ANDREW THOMASES showed up with his trade-mark big smile, having come from Palo Alto, Calif., where he is a patent litigator. (Yes, for those of you paying attention, I will now be making my way through our classmates alphabetically so I don’t forget anyone that I caught up with. If you were there and we didn’t connect, please send in your news for the next edition!)

I was happy to see ANDY LEVITZ arrive from Virginia, where he works for the Navy as a deputy fleet judge advocate, as he was one of the classmates who greeted me with a great big energizing bear hug, just when I was starting to run out of energy. BERNT HELGAAS and SUZIE CHO HELGAAS are doctors in Minneapolis, look exactly the same as when we were students, and seemed to have a magnificent time all weekend.

Speaking of doctors, but not in alphabetical order, TREvor DENNIE joined us from Tacoma, Wash., where he is an oncologist and new father, and uses his incredible amount of patience coupled with a sense of humor to help his patients through some difficult times.

BETH MERCERTAYLOR and her son joined us from St. Paul, Minn., where she works as the sustainability education coordinator at the University of Minnesota. Maybe these alums need to work together to create a satellite campus in Minneapolis/St. Paul!

BILL MCCANN did not travel from Minneapolis, but instead from North Carolina, where he is an allergist. Originally, Bill was unsure if he could attend as he had plans to bring his son Liam to Boston to see U2 in Phoenix, but luckily that ended up being the weekend before. We were able to tie the two weekends together with some dancing to U2 in the Powerhouse, where we were joined by YURI ROZENFELD and his daughter (OK, she watched, probably in horror, while we danced!).

BOB LOIGMAN had a different type of juggling act—to attend our reunion as well as his wife Lynne’s Harvard reunion all during the same weekend—so we were lucky to see them on Friday night.

JAMES CARROLL was only able to attend on Friday; he came down from Dartmouth, where he is a professor of pulmonary and critical care and, more importantly, found a way to escape what he described to me as a home renovation project that is now 400 percent bigger than planned. Yikes!

JOE LOVE, a practicing OB/GYN in Michigan, remembered great times we all had in Sterns freshman year, and we sang a song from the soundtrack of 1986 that keeps that time fresh in our memory (“She’s Gone” by Hall & Oates).

CHRISTINE TAWA JABLONSKI was happy to take a break from her job as a director of residency at the Florida Hospital in Orlando, and it was obvious that she was so glad to have made the trip up and to see so many classmates.

I was able to sit down and catch my breath with DON WALKER and his wife, PAM LEHMAN, who came up from Philly. Another classmate, who I am sure enjoyed a break from standing on his feet, quite literally, was BEN HITCHINGS, who managed to sprain his knee during an alumni soccer game. This must have existed as a possibility in Ben’s mind, because he arrived with his own personal set of ace bandages and perhaps a set of crutches well before the game ever began. Way to plan ahead!

ERIK OKEN joined HEW CROOKS in both the commute from New York City and helping with the beverage committee, and we all shared a delicious signature You should see the pictures of Daniel Banyas ‘90 in full Minnesota Vikings purple regalia. I suppose that he had to find something to do with all the purple left over from our Amherst days!
Amy Speace ’90’s singing and songwriting career has taken off, which is great for her but bad for us, as reunion weekend found her in Texas, performing from her new album, That Kind of Girl.
can relate to that assessment!

AMY KIND sent her regrets; a busy associate dean of the faculty and philosophy professor at Claremont McKenna College, she has spent this year on sabbatical, enjoying her two growing boys, and proud of her husband Frank, who was just appointed to be a judge.

KEN LEE and his high school-age daughter had planned to come to Amherst from Beijing, for the reunion in conjunction with looking at multiple colleges, but, at the last minute, scheduling conflicts arose and the trip will be rescheduled.

Another classmate who desperately wanted to attend reunion is KATE MC

CYNTHIA (MUELLER) MCLEAN was unable to make the trek from Chicago because not only did her kids have hockey, so did she! When not playing hockey, she is a psychotherapist in private practice.

ANNE SPIES ROZWAT lives in the Chicago area and sent her regrets. She and her husband have two beautiful daughters that keep her busy with lots of activities, plus she is an assistant professor of optometry.

WENDY KAPLAN MILLER was set to return for the weekend when she found herself with a fractured foot, and with doctor’s orders not to fly or travel from Palo Alto, Calif., in her injured condition. All the dancing would have certainly broken her foot in more places!

STEVE PEACE, alive and well in Los Angeles, let me know that he would be starting a new job “running the media buying group at Sony Pictures for international marketing” the day after the reunion.

MELISSA (LEWIS) SCALA also was starting a new job at the time of reunion, but more importantly shared the great news that one of her children was just accepted to Amherst, and will start as a freshman in the fall.

DAWN (MCGOAN) POPE, also in California, said reunion weekend conflicted with her son’s formal entrance into the Coast Guard Academy, which is a great excuse to stay on that side of the country! Just up the road is RICK REES, a teacher at the Oregon Episcopal School, and was sad not to have found a way to make the logistics work in his favor for a trip back this time around.

NATALIE RING echoed the same sad sentiments when some scheduling issues popped up at the last minute. She is an associate professor of history at the University of Texas, and mentioned to me that she has found that her Amherst connections have opened doors in her world of academia.

DAVID SOHN couldn’t make the reunion, as he and his family have just moved from Washington, D.C., to the West Coast, and traveling all the way back across the country with a 3-year-old and a 4-year-old did not sound like it would be the best idea. We hope the move is a good one.

As mentioned before, many of our classmates are quite involved in the lives of their parents. EMILY WEY, who practices law and lives in downtown Denver, sent her best wishes to all, and I know that again frequent flyer miles are being used to travel back and forth to Texas, where she is caring for aging parents.

MARCY WHEELER spent the weekend celebrating her mom’s 75th birthday, and SCOTTY WILLIAMS visits his mom and dad every weekend to make sure all is well with them. Those of you who are Lord Jeff football fans may remember Scotty’s dad, Coach Williams, was an assistant coach our freshman year. During the week, Scotty practices law and is involved in helping convicted felons who have finished serving their time find a way back into the workforce, as pre-screenings for many jobs immediately rule out the possibility of being hired, even when someone has turned his/her life around for the better.

On a sad note, JAY YARBROUGH wrote to say that his father had recently passed away and that the memorial service was the same weekend as reunion, but “I was up at Amherst a few weekends ago with my oldest son (we have three kids), and I have to say it really is just a wonderful part of the world. I have grown to appreciate Amherst more and more each year and what a special place it is. All of us were given a gift to have the opportunity to spend four years there.” I don’t think this compilation of notes could draw to a close any better than that.

We look forward to hearing from all of you soon, with updates about your lives, your families and where your adventures take you.

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1991

Amherst classmates and friends, welcome to your 25th reunion year. Having just attended a reunion with my husband, Bill Lienhard ‘90, I can attest that I felt a lot of anxiety in the build-up, but only joy and generous friendship in the event itself. We ate Bub’s BBQ, we lay around in the grass on the quad, we discussed politics and books, played music and Frisbee and danced to 1980s tunes. I got to see KARA KO

“My apologies for scaring you with the thought of Passamaquoddy, but it is ending and I am again freefalling. I just keep reminding myself that...
I’ve done it before, and I’ll do it again.” ANGELA REDDOCK-WRIGHT writes: “My first year college roommate JI SOO KIM recently visited me here in Los Angeles. We had a great whirlwind weekend, taking the Amtrak Surfliner to San Diego and having breakfast with GEORGE GASKIN. Ji Sso’s visit reminded me of how much I loved Amherst and the people I met there and how I hope to stay in better touch and to renew friendships as we approach our 25th reunion. In the meantime, I still am enjoying being a newlywed with my husband, Steven, and practicing employment and labor law. After 20 years of being an employment and labor law litigator, I now have transferred my experience into serving as a mediator and arbitrator on employment and labor law matters, helping parties to resolve disputes prior to going to trial. I also serve as an expert witness in employment and labor law matters and recently started teaching human resources law at UCLA Extension. My one big goal in the next 25 years is to become a published author—‘I want to write the next great book about the American workplace! I welcome any insights on getting into the publishing world.’”

Perhaps MARGARET PRICE could advise Angela, as Margaret’s first bucket list item was the one Angela most wish- es still to achieve: “Write and publish a book? Check. Make my living as a writer and teacher? Check. Climb big mountains in faraway locations? Check, but there are still a lot of places on the list, including New Zealand, Greece, South Africa and places I want to return to.”

Margaret also hopes to see her parents more often, a goal she has figured out how to achieve. “I am about to move to Ohio (my folks live in Michigan), so I hope to fulfill that dream within this next year. I am taking a professorship at OSU and leaving Spelman College after 11 years. Yes, my 10,000 Ann Arbor friends and family members are outraged, but they have assured me they love me no matter what. Even if I become a Buckeye.”

Other goals? “Do the Paris Friday Night Skate. See (Launa’s band) Bliss Point perform. Live a very quiet life with a partner and a lot of animals: ongoing.”

As I read your responses about your hopes, it occurred to me that perhaps we are all just living one another’s dreams. My co-secretary, SCOTT SULLIVAN, has, for example, achieved Margaret’s Bliss Point aspiration. He writes, “I spent a brilliant Tuesday spring evening at the Lower East Side’s famous Arlene’s Grocery bar/ band venue, courtesy of an invitation from TODD BRUELSE. Todd was friends with the drummer of the first two bands of the night (the Tiki Brothers, a surf band, and Bliss Point, an urban groove rock quintet) from his law firm days more than 17 years ago. While enjoying first the rockin’ surf music and then the pointedly blissful original rock-pop lyrics, Todd told me of his world of finance and a move to boutique investment bank Whitehall & Company. Oh, and the lead singer of the surf band is one of those ‘90’s class secretaries—LAURA SCHWEIZER, with Bliss Point even more fronted by Launa, with husband Bill Lienhard ’90 on bass. Rockin’ tunes from the bands (thanks, Launa and Bill), good beer on tap (thanks, Arlene) and good catching up (thanks, Todd).”

HOMER ROBINSON sent an account of his life these days: “Amazingly, everything in my life has an Amherst flavor, and was completely predictable! For example, I now live in Philadelphia and work in commercial real estate—which anyone who knew me in college would have foreseen. But it’s better than that, because I routinely: seek legal advice—and beg for babysitting—from MAT SHAPIRO (lunch with Mat; babysitting from his daughter Alex); consult Josh Broker ’90 on how, exactly, ‘commercial real estate’ works; scream at little league umpires with LIZ KINDER (her son Jack Peter plays shortstop and my son Theo plays second base on the Mt. Airy Rock- ies); consult with KENT JOHNSON on escape strategies from Pennsylvania-based family businesses; and have lunch with STEVE STUTMAN on the 47th floor of the Comcast Building—from which I can (almost) see the Pioneer Valley. … What a life!”

LIZ KINDER’s update came in the form of a bulk-email update on her pottery business. “I’ll grab news wherever I can get it.” The email included a photo of a garden, which I suppose should be on my bucket list, but isn’t. She wrote, “This is Tim in our new vegetable garden in lovely Mt Airy. He’s in charge of veggies; I’m on the flowers. I’ve always said that glazing pottery is for optimists. When I glaze, I spend the entire time in a blissful haze of how beautiful every- thing is going to turn out. Planting flowers gives me the exact same feeling. I’m lying awake at night thinking about clematis, California poppies and nastur- tiurns. If none of my seeds bloom, I’m going to be so sad!”

Beside another photo, of Liz herself in silver-haired goodness, she wrote that she has been on a “craft-show cleanse. I’ve thoroughly enjoyed not leaving my studio or my garden to sell pottery. It sounds hippy-dippy, but the pottery seems to be reflecting this joy.”

SARAH MACDONALD-MURPHY wrote to update Scott on her new job and offer thanks for his work on the annual fund and help with reunion. “After serving many years as a volunteer, I have turned my fundraising work into a full-time ca- reer, now the director of annual giving for Menlo School in Atherton, Calif. I’m living in Woodside, Calif., down the street from ARTIS (TAGUE) MONTAGUE, though we never have time to see one another as she is raising four kids and me three. I have three boys, Ryan (14), Brendan (12) and Keane (9). The older two go to Menlo, where I work, which is a true joy, and they eat, sleep, live and breathe lacrosse, which is great fun for me. And when I’m not working, I race mountain bikes—keeps me fit and sane. I’m looking forward to seeing everyone!”

Quick news: DAVID BLACKBURN changed jobs this spring, took a very short break between employment gigs, traveled to San Francisco with family and managed to connect for dinner at Casa Cole with CHRIS COLE and a family in the greater Bay Area. The Shakespearean musical Something Rotten!, which features JOHN CARIANI was up for Tony Awards. Thanks, classmates. We will see you in a little under a year.

1992

Thanks to the rapidly recovering FRAN- CIS TAPON, my notes reporting was made much easier as he passed infor- mation along.

In the past couple of years, MATT AXEL- ROD left and then returned to the U.S. Department of Justice. While he was out, he was a partner at Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll, a plaintiffs’-side class action firm. He returned to DOJ in Febru- ary 2015 to serve as the principal asso- ciate deputy attorney general, helping to run the day-to-day operations of the department. Matt’s wife, Jami, contin- ues her consulting work with Hobson & Co., developing return-on-investment sales tools for tech companies. Their daughters, Emily and Sophie, will both be in middle school this fall, but thank- fully still consent to be seen with their parents in public (at least so far).

PAULA ZERMENO recently made a big change in her life when she left her job of 17 years as a lab manager at Lawrence Livermore National Lab/Center for Accel- erator Mass Spectrometry near San
In August 2014, he met up in New York with southwestern France.

He promotes trade, in-vestment and cultural and educational exchanges with the People’s Republic of China for the Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering Specialists, providing training and education in anti-money laundering/counter-terrorism financing/financial crime. Hue caught up with several classmates this spring, including dinner with Celia Leung in Los Angeles in March. She spent a few days with Nancy Toy in Miami while speaking at a conference in mid-March and met Joyce (Wong) Liu and her family for dinner when they visited Hong Kong in April.

Catherine (Jenson) Griffin still lives in Dallas with her husband and two boys, 12 and 9 years old. Last year, she decided to take some time off from being a veterinarian to focus on the kids. Their favorite weekend activity is going to their weekend house in Clifton, which is the Norwegian Capital of Texas. By coincidence, Catherine and her husband have Norwegian roots. This Thanksgiving she and her older son are going to the North American Falconers Association meet in Lubbock, Texas. If anyone out there is also involved with birds of prey, Catherine would love to know!

Toby Wolf confirmed reports that he is migrating to a Foreign Service assignment as U.S. Consul in Bordeaux, France, the first U.S. consulate established anywhere (1780). He promotes trade, in-vestment and cultural and educational exchanges with southwestern France. In August 2014, he met up in New York and Connecticut with Stephen Rapaglia, John Couture, David Verdin, Shawn Treadwell, Jake Epker (techni-cally ’93, but really ’92), Kevin Drakeford ’93 and Rich Swann ’95. All are doing well, and they had a great reunion that they hope to repeat in coming years.

After several quiet years, Alec Hammond and Amy Stevens offered a family update. They have recently lost: one beloved cat born under their back porch with a litter of skunks, four rats (thankfully born nowhere near their home), a couple dozen fish, a piece of knee cartilage (Amy’s), a piece of knee bone (Christopher’s), pre-adolescence (Max’s) and an ability to find fruitful or interesting employment within 1,856 miles of home (Alec). They have gained two dogs and two kittens; an appreciation for Atlanta, Boston, Toronto, New Orleans and New York; patience; respect for teenage passion and drive; and a knowledge of Zen and the art of piano repair technicians. This puts the family “at—well, truthfully, way over—the legal limit for Los Angeles municipal animal laws, and willing participants in an over-ly full life.” Amy’s business continues to thrive, grow and be filled with enviable content, while Alec’s work continues to be challenging, interesting and remotely located. They are lucky to be able to see Harrison and Miles Sanger, and their parents, often; Drew Garcia-Price and his wife, Katie, not often enough; and other Los Angeles–based Amherst folks they love, way too infrequently. One of the prices of an overly full life.

As Francis continues to travel the world, the world travels to me as my mother, Laura, and I begin our 18th year hosting nature and history enthusiasts at Dunham Farms. So keep me—and your fellow alumni—in the loop of your exciting and expansive lives with updates to the notes.

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1993

There’s nothing that inspires a trip down memory lane like forcing yourself to go through all your drawers and every last shelf in every last closet.

So as I sorted pictures of various James Hall hours of power (keepers, definitely), came upon an orange end-zone marker from a football victory over Williams (no longer in my possession) and tried on various T-shirts (still with me), I wondered what Amherst artifacts all of you had kept for the past quarter century or so—and what you wished you had kept.

Before we get there, however, two more dispatches from our last batch of long-lost/haven’t-been-heard-from-in-atleast-five-years classmates. First, Greg Sabatino.

Greg continues to dwell in, as he de-scribes it, the People’s Republic of Cam-bridge, Mass. His daughters are now 12 and 10, and he works in the software-as-service space (where end users rent software instead of installing it on their desktop machines). He’s at work on a startup that focuses on youth sports.

I pressed him for details in the hopes that the new enterprise would somehow solve the fact that many classmates spend 45 weekends a year and thousands of dollars annually chasing travel teams around, but he must remain mum for now. Watch this space. I recently spoke at a school in New Canaan, Conn., where Mariko LeBaron was part of the committee that hosted me. That prompted an update from MATT LEBARON.

Matt is in year 15 with the same private equity firm, though he spends plenty of time on the road with his kids on the weekends. Recently he had to resist the urge to pull off Route 91 for a slice of Antonio’s on the way back from Ver-mont. He hopes to make it to reunion for more than a few hours in 2018 and to hear from some of you before then.

Erika Myers has been packing for a cross-country move from Ashville, N.C., to Bend, Ore., and her T-shirts (includ-ing some quality Clash of the Classes ones) are gone. The rugby shirts, partic-ularly a hard-won Williams one, are staying with her, though. Seeing the box that contains them inspires her to hum a few verses of old songs that are not suit-able for children.

I have not heard Christine Bader’s twins singing any dirty songs just yet, so she seems to be keeping those lyr-ics to herself as well. She too has kept her jerseys but worries about wearing them. “Donning either runs the risk of being mistaken for an Eph, either one who played for Williams or one who beat Amherst,” she writes. Do Google up the excellent series she wrote for The Atlantic recently on corporate change agents; nobody educated in Williams-town could pull anything like that off.

A Russian literature thesis is tops on the list of Jennifer Signore Beechen. “Given that I ended up on a totally differ-ent career track, I look back at it and it is truly like someone else did it,” she writes. “Will always have a place on my bookshelf as evidence!” By the time you read this, she and her daughters will be back to reality in Colorado after a year of living in Paris.

While searching for an expired passport recently, Michael Lord stumbled across some thesis memorabilia of his own. In a folder, he found a note from his adviser, David Wills, dated Dec. 23, 1992. It had only one brief passage: “The Black Studies Department has unani-mously voted to recommend you for a degree Magna Cum Laude. Congratulations.” Mike read the note to his mother while driving her back to her house. She never went to college; no one in his family had. “It was a nice moment for us to
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Andy Liu ’94 writes from Hong Kong, where “life is wonderful.” Andy and his wife, Emily Chang, have three children: Ashton, Aidyn (twin boys) and their sister, Alexandra.

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The Road to Character column and, further, his recent book, "Having this perspective is the foundation of significantly..."

The oversized jeans! Of course this photo is from 1995. Are you one of these students? Check in with us at magazine@amherst.edu.

1995:

I'm just getting home from our 20th reunion and completing my term as secretary. Since these are the final set of notes from me, I thought I would do something different and give you my personal play-by-play from the weekend. It has been a great five years of connecting with all of you and learning what's going on in your lives, and I'd like to thank as many of you as possible for making this job great and providing awesome updates for our classmates, while giving every last window into the reunion activities.

I need to lead off by thanking KRISTEN SPARGO for putting together an incredible set of activities for our reunion. We are lucky to have her in our class, and my family was well-fed and entertained from her tireless efforts. She and SEAN KELLY welcomed me to the event with a discussion of all of Sean's kids' hockey exploits. I was exhausted hearing about how much he runs around for his three boys!

Kicking off the Saturday morning program, SHREEYASH PALSHIKAR performed his famous Jadoo magic show for the Amherst community. It has been great to see his journey as a magician blossom over these five years, from initial connections with Penn & Teller to seeing the Jadoo show take off.

KATIE GALIE was in full force at reunion, teaching me how she commands the operating room as a surgeon and wills her patients back to health, all while talking trash to her coworkers. I have to thank Katie for by far the most hilarious notes updates these past years. Whether it was finding out you were pregnant while working in the operating room or facing down the challenge of potty training, she made me laugh every time I heard from her.

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This column is brought to you by the songs “Waterfalls” by TLC and “Gangsta’s Paradise” by Coolio, which were number-one songs 20 years ago. I remember playing the former at a volleyball party in New Dorm (crazy times!), and I remember seeing Coolio live in Northampton (Fugees opened and stole the show). We were youthful then. Full of youth.

The email blast referring to our class being the greatest class in Amherst College history did a poor job of generating quantity, but it did an excellent job of generating quality. Read on, fine young-at-heart friends.

DENA MARSHALL wrote in with the super-cool update that she and her family are moving to Cochabamba, Bolivia, for a year. Apparently, Dena began with a

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list of every city outside of the United States and declared that they were going to move to the one with the most spectacular name, regardless of where it is located. Cochabamba it is! Dena encouraged me to visit, by which I am certain she meant any and all members of our distinguished class.

GREG SCHNEIDER reached out from Maine, where he was finishing up his eighth year as head of school at Berwick Academy. Greg’s daughters, at the time of writing, are ages 3, 6, and 8, so the teenage countdown clock still has five years left on it. Greg says living on the sea-coast has been a blessing for his family, which I’m sure is how the Berwick board characterizes their decision to go with a relatively young head of school candidate some nine years ago.

My James-third-floor next-door neighbor of 22 years ago, MICHELLE (DAVIS) BRADLEY, wrote in with all sorts of Amherstian goodness. Michelle and husband Java ’97 recently bought a house in West Orange, N.J., which is just a couple of towns over from our own JOE and KARIMA (THOMAS) RAVENELL.

Between the two families, they have eight children. When I typed that, my eyes bugged out like Michael Keaton’s Beetlejuice. The Bradleys also got together with BETHANY CHADWICK and family last fall. Michelle didn’t mention if Bethany’s husband, Kevin, brought a 100-gallon bottle (estimated) of Jägermeister like the one he produced at reunion four years ago.

After nine years at home with her boys, Meish started working again as a music teacher at a charter school in Newark, and thinking about permaculture, gardening, composting, and posting all things related to living off the land. They might even get chickens! (Seriously.)

And now we’ll have a little interlude for the small group who sent in a lovely response to my email blast … that contained no information I could use in the column. Please play elevator music in your head for CASSIE ABODELEY and JOEY SCHOTLAND. Actually, I could tell you lots about them were it not for the super-strict rules against publishing information about people that was collected publicly. Yes, I have rules! THEY ARE SO RESTRICTIVE. Okay, I’ll just tell you this—Cassie and Joey are wonderful, fabulous people.

BRAD STROH sent in an update from the sunny West Coast, where he is 15 years in and has no plans to return to the land of winters. Brad reports that his 1- and 9-year-olds are better than ever was, and he is preparing them for future Amherst lacrosse glory by working on their off-hand skills. Brad is the co-founder and CEO of Bills.com, which now has over 800 employees and is still growing, 13 years after the firm started. He’s happy to have a few Amherst grads on the team and reports that they are the hard ones to manage. Brad stays in touch with his Amherst alums like DEREK BUTTS, Michael Fitzpatrick ‘97, ELLIOTT DELOACH and Kevin Goldstein ’93, I assume Elliott stands in goal during Stroh family lax drills.

Brad somehow heard about Dena’s amazing Bolivian plan and decided that, rather than go with one country, why not try 22? The family “world-schooling” experience will include exploring seven continents, which, if my elementary school experience didn’t lie, means that Antarctica is included. Bhutan is also on the list, but, whatever, I see BOUTON (CHRISTOPHER, that is) all the time. Brad’s hoping to have some serendipity that will result in a few Amherst surprises along the way. My follow-up email was late, so no word yet on whether my application to be adopted into the Stroh family is being fast-tracked.

As for me, as many of you know, I left the corporate world two years ago to pursue my lifelong dream to become a gangsta rap artist. I poured a lot of blood, sweat and beatboxing into the effort, but in the end the old saying proved true: If you’re a 40-year-old dude with no musical ability, no connections and generally no rhythm, the rap game is a tough one to break into. So this past April I returned to the land of investments when I joined Arrowstreet Capital in Boston, where I focus on business development.

It was in this capacity that I found myself in New York at SIMON KRINSKY’s office, trying to be supportive without giggling as he hobbled around on his recently ruptured Achilles. As I told him: “You may be better-looking, but I can go on the team and report that they are doing well, working at a park every day. The same

1997: For Nicky Ozer, life is good in Oakland, but, with 40 approaching, a goal is prioritizing more “get to do” rather than “have to do” things. Nicky is the technology and civil liberties policy director for the ACLU of California but will be taking sabbatical, “Sean and I will celebrate our anniversary and my birthday with our first trip to Japan. Hopefully on the horizon is a return to South Africa to spend my Sabbatical exploring comparative privacy rights while Sean does medical service and Jack lives in a new country before kindergarten.”

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I asked you all how you were feeling about turning 40 this year (if you haven’t already), and I guess I shouldn’t have been surprised that not many people wanted to talk about it. Perhaps it’s making us all introspective? I, for one, believe in my grandfather’s wisdom on the subject—“Beats the alternative”—and plan to do as much celebrating as I can. And speaking of celebrating: I’m writing this after head up to New York City to attend JENNIFER BLUM’s wedding to Eric Rosin. She might as well have called this the Gathering of the Jeffs, given how many of our dear ’97ers I plan to see there. My faithful co-secretary, BRYAN LUKE, wins the distance award as usual, making his way from sunny Hawaii for the occasion. He’ll be joined by PEGGY (PROCTOR) WOODHAM, up from Florida, and KAIDI FULLERTON and MOLLY LYONS from D.C. CHARLIE REED and MARY WHITTLE will be coming in from Pennsylvania, SARA ANDREWS from Boston; AMANDA CASO DASCH is flying in from Houston, and PETER GROSSI from North Carolina. We’re all thrilled for Jen and her fabulous hubby-to-be, and will no doubt celebrate in a dignified way befitting our 40 years (at least that’s what I’ll swear to in these pages…).

JESSICA GREEN is packing a lot of exciting milestones into her 40th year. In January, she started a job at the Prospect Park Alliance, the nonprofit that manages the park in Brooklyn. Jess is leading development and marketing: “It’s a wonderful organization and so fun to go to work in a park every day. The same week I started the new job, I also got engaged to Craig Wilson. We are planning a July wedding and looking forward to celebrating with Amherst friends. And finally, because I didn’t have enough going on in my life, I crossed the river and moved to Brooklyn this spring!” Congratulations, Jess! I hope you have a chance to sleep when you’re 41. However you’re celebrating, Bryan and I wish you a happy 40th. And for my present, all of you lurkers who read this but never write in can email me an update on your life. Hearing from you is a gift.

1998

Here’s the thing: I thought I was fancy getting interviewed about Taylor Swift...
for French Slate, but, as usual, you all are going way above and beyond in multimedia. It’s humbling.

JAMIE HOROWITZ continues to dominate news and sports media. He was recently featured in Variety, which, for those of you not raised on golden-age Hollywood musicals, is sort of the ur-industry arbiter of success. It’s also associated with headlines that (ALL-CAPS) shout things like BOFFO. Extra, extra, hear all about it: Jamie was named SportsNet New England Golden Guru of the Year. We will oversee all programming, marketing and scheduling for Fox Sports 1 and Fox Sports 2. Way to knock it out of the park, Jamie!

Also knocking it out of the park is JEN SHEA LANE. She writes from Middleton, Conn., where she just finished her 14th year as head softball coach at Wesleyan: “It’s hard to believe I’ve been at Wesleyan as long as I was at Amherst (four years as an undergrad and three years as a coach). Last July, I was promoted from adjunct associate professor of phys. ed. to adjunct professor. And this softball season, I achieved my 200th win … ironically, while playing at Amherst.” She and her husband, Jimmy, are busy with their own team of six, including four kids: Julia (6), Andrew (4½), and twins William and Olivia (almost 2). Jen adds, “Now that the college softball season is over, I’m coaching Julia in Little League softball. Quite a change from the college players I’m used to, but just as fun!”

On the West Coast, MARGARET SEILER is the literal embodiment of the Pacific Northwest style of living about which the trend of the 1970s. She just penned a fantastic overview for Portland Monthly of the best moments of the cult TV show The Kids in the Hall. She didn’t mention my favorite character, Gavin, at all, but that’s OK. I’m in the middle of a big bike race! (That’s a KITH joke. Google “Gavin” and “Kids in the Hall” for some amazing sketch comedy, OK?)

Facebook tells me JAMES KELLY is off to business school, and LILA (CORWIN) BERNAN continues to seamlessly merge rigorous scholarship and active culture-vulturizing in and around Philadelphia. You may have seen her comments under the banner of “Really Smart Historian” in the Hana Nagla documentary (catch it on Netflix). How’s that for a title?

SUE (MCWILLIAMS) BARNETT manages to win class notes this edition, though. She has a new book coming out in September 2015, The Best Kind of College: An Insiders’ Guide to America’s Small Liberal Arts Colleges. There are multiple Amherst connections. One: It’s co-edited with her Pomona College colleague John Seery ’80. Two: It features an essay by JEN SHEA LANE on “Athletics in the Liberal Arts.” Three: one of the co-authors of another essay, Cotten Seiler, is the brother of our own MARGARET SEILER.

And four: in this one news item, we see the kind of recursive/reflexive class note mention of others already mentioned, and that’s what makes my gig as class secretary the best. (Also, because no one else accepted the nomination. Keep that in mind for the 2018 class officer election!)

All this news is a mere drop in the bucket, of course. Those of you who were busy reuniting at reunion this summer will have stories to share soon, and those of you who maintain radio silence? Consider making an exception.

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1999

We have just a few mentions this time around. We hope everyone is doing well!

JOSH COHEN and CHRIS WEBB each celebrated birthdays this spring. Josh was quoted as saying, “My wife, Anne, and I are thrilled to welcome the arrival of our second child, Edward Reuben Cohen, on May 3. His big sister, Mimi, doesn’t quite know what to make of him yet, but I think she at least accepts that he’s here to stay.”

In March, Chris, wife Sara and daughter Kalia welcomed Nalani Salvia Ameece Webb. “Sara birthed at home with no meds. She owned it! It was awesome to witness,” notes Chris.

On the job front, we received a press release from the Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland & Perretti law firm in Morris-town, N.J., announcing KEVIN LARNER as new appointed counsel. Kevin’s areas of practice include bankruptcy, business reorganization and commercial litigation. Congratulations, Kevin!

Finally, there were no words to describe the sorrow our class felt after we learned that MELISSA KETUNJU was murdered in her Philadelphia home in 2013. Her college roommates led an emotional, stirring tribute to her life at our 15th reunion last year. The trial of Melissa’s assailant concluded in May with a conviction.

PAM (DIAMOND) ROCK reports: “Am still recovering from the gut-wrenching eight days of sitting in the courtroom during Melissa’s murder trial. It was very painful to listen to all the details of Melissa’s murder and to be in such close proximity to the murderer. Very grateful to the wonderful DAs’, Jennifer Selber and Peter Lim, who did an amazing job presenting all the evidence. It was difficult to make a victim impact statement at the end, but it seemed to touch the whole courtroom. The judge, attorneys, press, etc., got a chance to really hear what amazing things Melissa accomplished in her short time. In the end, justice was served, and her family and friends all got some peace and closure to this nightmare. Melissa’s mom said the verdict will not bring Melissa back but avenges her pain and suffering just knowing that he will never be able to walk the streets as a free man.”

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2000

I wasn’t able to make it to reunion, but, from what I’ve heard and read about it, I missed out on a lot of fun. One thing that caught my attention in the reunion itinerary was a talk by 1985 alumnus Chris Coons, the so-called “accidental senator” from Delaware who initially ran as a sacrificial lamb after the favorite, Beau Biden, passed on the opportunity to go for his father’s old seat. Expecting to lose heavily to longtime Delaware representative Mike Castle, Coons suddenly found himself in the driver’s seat after Castle, the very definition of a political lightweight, was upset by Tea Party- screw O’Donnell (if you don’t remember her, one of her first TV ads was centered on the fact that she was not a witch).

Anyway, I write this the day after Coons spoke at a reunion session. It’s also the day after the man who could have won his seat, Beau Biden, died of brain cancer. It’s strange how history can work sometimes, and how people can be more intertwined than we might think. In that vein, I’d like to take a minute to remember the people in our class whom we’ve lost, as well as others who made our college experience memorable. For MATTHEW HUNT and HANSOO LEE, we miss you and wish you could have been at reunion.

On that somber note… JAMIE GREENTHAL and his wife, Brooke (Duke 2000), welcomed their first child, Hudson Milhaus Greenthal, into the world on Jan. 18, 2015. “Before he was born, we enrolled the expertise of Alex ‘Big Al’ Zywotchenko ’01 to renovate our NYC apartment,” Jamie writes. “He converted a former closet into Hudson’s nursery, among other space-shifting upgrades. Come on by and see our newly redecor home and meet the little guy!”

LESLIE MANACE BRENNAN and her husband, Bobby, also added to their family, welcoming a daughter, Aris Cole, on Jan. 27. “She is the sweetest, happiest baby, and her older brother, Bey, is adorably protective and loving with ‘baby sister,’” writes Leslie. In the meantime, Leslie is back at work at Kaiser Permanente in Oakland, Calif., practicing medical genetics and leading cancer genetics and population-tracking initiatives.

MONICA LEE is also going to need to resume buying diapers. “In April, we welcomed a baby girl, Charlotte Miligan, to our growing family,” Monica reports. “Big sister Emma is mildly amused by her. But disappointed that all baby seems to do is eat, sleep and poop.” Monica writes that she and
her family are living in Austin, Texas, where she serves as chief operating officer of a large charter school. "It’s been a crazy few years there as we’ve doubled in size, purchased and renovated three properties and issued our first bond offering," she says. "I’m loving the city and work, though."

Finally, REI MAGOSAKI concedes that she probably should have written in sooner. "2008 might have been a good year to write to everyone, when I finished my Ph.D. in English at UVA and moved to Southern California as a tenure-track assistant professor at Chapman University," she writes. "Two years ago might have been another good time to write, when I took a leave of absence for a year to live in Florida to write my book as a scholar-in-residence at Florida Atlantic University. I think I wanted to wait until I could say I was done with the very final version of that book, which I can do this year. The book is entitled Tricksters and Cosmopolitans: Cross-Cultural Collaborations in Asian American Literary Production and is forthcoming from Fordham University Press in spring 2016. I’m also happy to say I’ve been awarded tenure at Chapman this year, a huge burden lifted off my shoulders."

That’s the final update from the two of us. I’m sure I can speak for Jen when I say that we’ve genuinely enjoyed writing about all of your impressive accomplishments and additions to your families. Best of luck to our new class secretaries. May you continue to have a wealth of great material to write about for the next five years. It’s been fun writing these notes for everyone. In the words of the great philosopher Bill S. Preston, Esq.: "Be excellent to each other!"

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2001

After a long, hard, cold winter, spring finally sprung here in Washington, D.C. (which means it’s already too humid and buggy to enjoy the outdoors). As the last round of notes was going to print, I was in the midst of maternity leave, enjoying time off with our son Henry, who has currently grown so big that I often forget I’m carrying a baby and not a Cinderella by the recent part-time return to law firm life has been not without its ups and downs. I’ve dubbed this the “Spring of a Thousand Plagues,” due in no small part to the parade of medical maladies that apparently occur when you have a second child, full of ER visits, stomach viruses, pink eye and an apparent dairy allergy in my chubby newborn that means I can’t eat dairy free ice cream all summer. Hopefully, by the time these notes arrive at your door, he will have grown out of that and I’ll be enjoying cheese once again. Until then, let’s hear how everyone else’s spring fanned out. From the sound of it, the operative word for most of us seems to be "busy"!

SARAH (BEIGEBEDER) PETTY wrote in "after years of essentially no news worth reporting," thanks to us on her "busiest last few months." In November, Sarah and her husband welcomed their first child, a son named Lincoln. "About a week before he was born, I was elected to the partnership at my law firm, Wilmer Hale, where my practice focuses on intellectual property litigation. I’m feeling very blessed by both new roles, although I have a lot of learning to do in each of them." Sarah reports that she is in close touch with many Amherst alumni, including ELIZABETH GRENELY, MEGHAN (FOLEY) RUSSELL, SHRUTI RAJU, NELL THOMPSON, ALISON (SMITH) GAREN, Manisha Pai ’99, SAM ENDER, Windy (Booher) Taylor ’02 and Amy Summerville ‘02. She notes that REBECCA GINZBURG, KATIE (BILODEAU) HART, CHARLOTTE TAYLOR and Rachael Burnson ’00 "have all been particularly amazing sources of support in my early attempts to navigate working motherhood."

BECKY (SACHER) WOODS sent in a concise update, noting “in a nutshell, I’ve recently changed jobs and am working in HR at News Corp. My twin boys are now 3½ so keep us pretty busy.”

STACEY BUTTERFIELD also has exciting news on the work front. She recently obtained a big promotion, and writes from Philadelphia to report she is now the editor-in-chief of ACP Hospitalist, a magazine for hospitalist physicians—despite not having taken a single science class at Amherst.

LEIF-ERIK BOHMAN confirms that he has also had a busy year. In February he welcomed his son, Lars. He is completing his neurosurgery residency at UPenn and planning a move to Delaware to practicing with a group at Christiana Hospital. Leif reports that he and his family enjoyed the last seven years in Philadelphia and are excited about starting a new chapter. He also wrote in to say, “Keep up the good work with the notes,” and remind us that our reunion is less than one year away: “I can’t believe the next year is our 15th. That said, I’m looking forward to seeing everybody and having an excuse to spend a weekend in Amherst.” We are too, Leif, and thanks for the shout-out!

ABRAHAM SCHROEDER wrote with another story of balancing work and family. Abraham was thrilled and grateful to have his first book, The Gentleman Bat, featured on Amherst Reads the week after the release of his second book, Too Many Tables! He has been promoting both books as best he can with an almost non-stop 2-year of keeping him thoroughly distracted and exhausted. Abraham writes that, if his son ever gets back on a predictable sleep schedule, perhaps he’ll be able to finish up a few other book projects.

AMY SALZMAN writes with news of the birth of her baby girl Shayna Pearl, who joins big sister Tziporah Lily, 2.

KATIE (BILODEAU) HART and her husband JIM HART, welcomed their first child, Elizabeth, last September. Congratulations on the new wave of future Amherst grads.

In more worldly news, several classmates have written with news of their global feats. EDWIN MACHARIA finally wrote in after a long hiatus with a proud moment: he was recently recognized as a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum. Edwin is "honored to be in such a cool group of folks!" Congratulations, Edwin, on this amazing honor!

A little Facebook birdie tells me that ANTARA GANGULI is relocating from New York City to some far-flung side of the globe, ridding herself of all her possessions in the process. (OK, so I stalk you guys on Facebook. I wouldn’t have to if people wrote in more often!) Antara herself reports that she is still negotiating a contract for her move and will update us all soon with news from the front. We wish her well and hope she writes in soon with stories of all her new travels!

In other classmate stalking news, our class president, PETER BEARDSLEY, wrote in with news on BILAL MALIK, who popped up on Peter’s Amherst College Google News Alert. According to a recent Crimson article, Bilal has just been named a resident dean at Harvard and will also begin teaching in the anthropology department this fall. Read about it at www.thecrimson.com. We hope Bilal himself will write with more details.

OMARI TRIMBLE wrote with an update that he is currently working at Teller Elementary in Denver, Colo., while also pursuing his secondary education teacher certification. He is also the freshman and JV baseball coach at his high school alma mater, Denver East (Angels). Omari hopes to be at the next reunion or upcoming Amherst vs. Williams football game.

My co-secretary, SANAM KHANNEPUR, is also juggling many projects at
on. In addition to the impending celebration of her first wedding anniversary, Sanam has been getting settled into her not-so-new-anymore job doing fundraising for UCLA Lab School, a pre-K–6th-grade school on UCLA’s campus that’s a laboratory for research. On the side, Sanam has also launched a blog that provides fashion inspiration to women who work, called Stylish at Work. Sanam would love everyone to check it out and let her know what you think: www.stylishatwork.com.

We’re once again so pleased to have gotten the responses we did. We do hope more of our classmates will write us in the future, perhaps to reminisce about your summer travels and update us on promotions, moves, weddings, new dogs, new babies and new blogs. As Sanam and I begin our final year as class secretaries, our hope is to reach out to as many classmates as possible before the next reunion. Hope you are having a great summer!

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2002

This is going to be a slightly weak edition of class notes, folks. I need more submissions if you want to upstage the classes of ’01, ’03 and ’04! Also, I was prepping some spectacular updates for CASEY RYAN and MARGARET RUBIN, but ran out of time so you’ll have to wait ’til next quarter. One more teaser for the upcoming issue: JEITA PHILLIPS (that soft-spoken girl who spent most Satur- day nights studying in the basement of Frost) is getting married in July. And not just to any old schmo at any old locale … but to a fellow Jeff at Amherst. Though the lucky gentleman graduated before us ’02s, is easy on the eyes and is a passionate fan of the Hunger Games films, Jeita is not marrying Tony, Emmy and Golden Globe Award-winning actor Jeffrey Wright ’87. You just have to stay tuned for the post-wedding reveal.

Moving on to KAT VONDY’s exciting news: “I am the recipient of the 2015 Davey Foundation Theatre Grant from the Salt Lake Acting Company and the David Ross Fetzer Foundation for Emerging Artists.” Kat’s play, The Fer- mi Paradox, was selected from 50 script submissions received from around the country, and will receive a weeklong workshop at the Salt Lake Acting Company. The organization’s website explains: “The Fermi Paradox juxtaposes universal themes of love and betrayal with contemporary dance competition shows, the work of Italian physicist Enrico Fermi and the awe-inspiring setting of the cosmos to tell a story that is at once familiar and extraordinary.”

AMY ROSENTHAL writes, “This spring, my husband, 2-year-old son and I moved halfway across the country from Washington, D.C., to Chicago, where I accepted a position with the MacArthur Foundation. My work is to support conservation and sustainable development efforts in the Andes Amazon region of South America. In short order, we packed up our house, moved to the city, bought a home and have just moved in. Now, we’re looking forward to summer vacation! And to seeing DIANA CURRIER, Tucker Franke ’04 and their adorable son.”

JENNIFER (KAUFMAN) ASLAN writes: “Finally have something (small) worth mentioning! I’m going to be spending the summer back in Amherst. I got accepted to a program at Amherst, run by the National Endowment for the Humanities, for teachers. The seminar, ‘Punishment, Politics and Culture,’ will be taught by Austin Sarat, with whom I never got to take a class. I’m so excited to show my family the town and teach my Angeleno children what ‘grass’ and ‘walking’ are.” This is great, Jennifer, and not small news at all!

DIANA RANCOURT, my patron saint of the class notes, writes: “Still in Tampa (amazing winter) chugging along toward tenure; BECCA (WOO) LOVENHEIM is in Ithaca (terrible winter) with her two girls and husband Mike Lovenheim ’00; NO- ELLE NOYES and DARREN REAUME are in Florida with their two girls, and Noelle going to do a big data post-doc (Ph.D. in epidemiology and does antimicrobial resistance in food production settings research) before finishing her D.V.M.; JULIE LIPEZ and her husband and son are in Maine doing lawyerly things; and CECILY BREWER loved that I updated for her last time and that I should clarify that she works for the State Department on conflict. Whatever I said last time was out of date, but kind of right (oops).”

MOLLY BURNETT is in the SF Bay Area with her daughter, son and husband (Brian Gilliss ’01), practicing neurology; MAR- TIN KECK moved back to Boston; and BEN KOZYAK and his fiancée are in Philly and getting married this summer.

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2003

As I sit down to draft this edition of class notes, there is one burning question on my mind: does Amherst magazine have the ability to print emojis in the notes section? For the next issue, please email me your updates in emoji form. Using words in lieu of emojis, here’s a taste of what you can expect in the next issue of class notes:

BENJAMIN BAUM is [happy-face emoji] because he has been named director of admissions at St. John’s College in Annapolis, Md. He is leaving Boston and moving to Washington, D.C., which probably makes him a little [sad-face emoji] because he has never lived more than a mile from Plymouth Rock.

And now, in emoji-free news: CHRIS CONDLIN continues to work as an attorney at Cleary Gottlieb in NYC and is lucky enough to take summers off to spend time with his son, Nikita, 10 years old.

STEPHAN HEIN writes that he left Google Creative Lab at the end of 2014 after finishing up work on the global Android campaign. After doing some traveling (Istanbul, Nicaragua), Stephan started at a small strategy and innovation agency, Sylvain Labs. Stephan adds that he is “really liking it so far. Otherwise, still living in NYC and enjoying life here.”

ALEX (PALERMO) HOLT and Michael Holt ’04 welcomed a little brother, Miles (class of 2037), in March for big sister Elodie (class of 2034). “Life is crazy with two littles, but we are enjoying every minute of it.”

TUCKER SOWERS and Alison (Squire) Sowers ’04 welcomed their second boy—Theodore Kemp Sowers—to the world on Dec. 12, 2015. Tucker is the ninth grade dean and a math teacher at Holton-Arms School in Bethesda, Md. Tucker adds that “it is also important to note that JOHN MARVEL and I beat MATT KOZYAK in a friendly game of Thanksgiving touch football for a second straight year. Sorry, Karp. Couldn’t resist.”

JOSHUA PODELL married Emily Kehr Podell in May 2013. Their son, Zachary Ward Podell, was born in April 2015. The family lives in Los Angeles, where Emily works for Disney, “so we look forward to taking advantage of the discounted/free merchandise and going to Disneyland often (starting next year),” Josh tells people develop financial plans, including investments, life insurance and long-term care.

DANIELLE (WILLIAMS) KOWALSKI and her husband welcomed their first baby—a son, Bruce James Kowalski—at the end of April: “He’s not on skates just yet, but I am sure that’s not far off.”

ANDREW COHEN is not dead. Last summer VIKEENA (BONETT) WOLFE and her family moved to the New Jersey ’burbs and welcomed their second child, “a daughter who is in so much love with her big brother.” Another big change is that Vikeena left private practice and is working at Teach for America as chief of staff to the general counsel.

CHIDIOZIE UGWUMBA recently graduated from the Johnson Graduate School of Management at Cornell and will be spending three months in Switzerland with Partners Group before joining the firm’s New York City office.

After three years in Paris, BRETTE BREHM returned to Chicago this past fall to defend his dissertation in comparative literature at Northwestern University. Brett is happy to report that the
defense was a success, and he got his Ph.D. in comparative literature this past winter. Currently, he is teaching French at Northwestern. Brett was fortunate to be able to visit Amherst this spring to hear the Amherst College Jazz Ensemble perform and to catch up with his good friends and former jazz band members BRIAN HOCHMAN and Adeyemi Cole ’02.

TATIANA GRIGORENKO writes that she had a solo show of her work in Toronto, to great reviews and also had a group show in Paris. Tatiana is still living in Paris, and, in June when the class notes were submitted, she was expecting a baby “in a few weeks.”

CHRISTOPHER VECSEY, LISA GLAZER and their two daughters, Ellaria (5) and Nadia (<1), will be moving from the Philadelphia area to Saratoga Springs, N.Y. Chris just finished up two years as a visiting assistant professor in the Biology department at Swarthmore College and will be starting a tenure-track assistant professor position within the neuroscience program at Skidmore College. At Skidmore, Chris will teach “a variety of fun neuro-related courses on topics like Learning & Memory, Sleep and Neurogenetics, and will run an undergrad-focused lab studying sleep regulation in fruit flies.” As for Lisa, “due to some unfortunate tomfoolery from the New York State education system, Lisa was unable to transfer her current middle-school math teaching certificate, so she will be jumping through lots of hoops to get certified during our first year there while spending some quality time with Nadia.”

That wraps up this edition of class notes, which were quite entertaining [confetti emoji, fireworks emoji] and not at all [heaping-pile-of-feces emoji].

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2004
Happy summer! It’s hard to believe that just a year ago we celebrated our 10th reunion!

We’ve got another slim version of the notes, as we suspect that you all are off being just as busy as we are, but we would love to hear about what keeps you busy!

And now, to the chase: BEATRIZ WALLACE is a digital humanities fellow at Duke. She writes, “I’m working as a programmer and studying computer science and getting my M.F.A. My latest project is a web database that publishes the text of women philosophers that ‘seeks to recover the lost voices of women who have been ignored in standard narratives of the history of modern philosophy.’ I was the lead front-end developer. Our site is built for use in institutions of higher education in order to expose undergraduates to women philosophers so that they may pursue careers in math, science and philosophy. My work is heavily influenced by my time at Amherst. Because I was able to study math, science, language, literature, poetry, art and photography, the site and the research I do at Duke is possible.”

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Community College Foundation. We

did manage to see Steve Vladeck ’01

and his wife, Karen, when they were in

town, for some great food, and I got to

check in with JON EDWARDS when I was

back East visiting family in late March.

As always, please let us know if you’re

in Seattle. We’d love to see you! Blake

will share his updates in the next edition.

Caitlin (Farrell) Echelbarger


2005
Time took a decade from us without so much as a word of notice. But, for one hallowed spring weekend, we came together from near and far to make a great big show of stealing it back. And a show it was. For several days and two deathless nights in May, the campus gleamed for us again as we took arms against time and fate, twisting and dancing beneath the tents and the warm twilight. It was reunion. And it was a ringing success.

Let’s begin with the essentials. First, a show requires a venue, and our reunion chair, ROZ FOSTER, prudently secured us a spot on the Seelye lawn at a safe remove from the lowly, bacchanal fifth-year tent but well within striking distance of Antonio’s and Bart’s. Second, a show requires music, and on that score, even with several key figures absent, we found ourselves with an embarrassment of riches—from the nostalgic harmonies of PETER HARPER and Jason Blynn ’04 to the eclectic musings of disc jockeys CHARLIE HOXIE and KERRY HARWIN. Third, a show requires spirits, and CUSHING DONELAN made sure that we never went wanting. After a good-humored and impressively authoritative lecture on Donelan Family Wines, Cush donated a case full of chardonnay, pinot and his family’s breathtaking Syrah to keep
By the time she appeared at the tent for dinner, she was wearing a ring.

a couple of other creative endeavors in the offering that might be more worthy of salute. Currently he is producing a 12-episode documentary series on outsider communities across India. And he is writing a book on guns, transvestites and the offing that might be more worthy of the good news was not. We clink our flutes to MARGARET CAHOON, who writes to announce that she will be married to Derek Linkous on June 13 at the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Mich. The couple met in Chicago at the Boston Consulting Group. The wedding will take place next May in Ajanta’s home state of Alabama. In the meantime Ajanta will continue her fellowship in pediatrics at the University of Chicago.

Back to the party. While his heroes as DJ on Saturday night would have been more than enough to warrant a celebration bottoms-up, it turns out that KERRY HARWIN, still based in New Delhi, has Carter (Hamil) and BRADLEY BACKUS, who made the trip up with baby Beau. For Cristina, for me and from, appearances, for the rest of us, it was a dream-like, indeed an enchanted, reunion. It had me wondering if Amherst had always been so full of magic, only we were too young, too saturated to do much more than sip the froth. In any case, all we have left is to look forward to our next reunion, now five years into the future. The distance auras a Sunday-sunny hope to the mood not unlike the one that Adam Stanton feels at the end of All the King’s Men. “But that will be a long time from now,” he grieves, “and soon now we shall go out of the house and go into the convulsion of the world, out of history into history and the awful responsibility of Time.” And so we go. But at least we go with the knowledge that in five years we will gather again beneath a tent on our little campus to demonstrate against the unscrupulous power of time. And nothing will have changed.

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2006

All right, classmates. Please take a moment to write in an update! Don’t make us Google you and write mostly true updates on you....

YABI MARCOS is working as a country officer/award manager for the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation’s programs in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. She is based in Washington, D.C., with trips to the DRC every three to four months.

JEN (SO) GODZENO and ROB GODZENO welcomed a beautiful baby girl, Maya Lucille Godzeno, on April 10, 2015. Mom and baby are doing great. They were happy to see classmates MIKE CAHILL, MARIE FRITZSCHE, JESSICA CHUNG, J-NET LYDECKER and CRISTINA MORALES at the baby shower in early March.

AMANDA (MATT ED) RATHBUN and Ben nett Rathbun ’07 welcomed a wonderful baby girl, Willow Marie, to their family in February 2015. Willow has already been visited by many of her Amherst “aunts and uncles”! Willow will be getting ready to join Julie (Radziewicz) Wargo ’09’s twin baby girls on the Amherst Women’s Hockey line in 2033!

MIKE CAHILL and MARIE FRITZSCHE welcomed their daughter, Arabella Evangeline Cahill, born April 17, 2015, at 5:11 a.m. (7 lbs., 3 oz., 19.5 inches).

Bitten by the travel bug in a big way, MI-CHAE L KOHL has been seeing the world in between music gigs. So far he has hit the British Isles, New Zealand, Brazil, Peru and Argentina. He spent early summer 2015 in China and Japan. Next on his wish list is Scandinavia. Michael was also a competitor in this year’s O. Henry World Pun-Off Championship, improving on his 2013 outing (in which he sang a song consisting entirely of chicken puns) with a monologue based on African country name puns. His routine earned a solid score of 36 out of 40, proving he will make a great, weird uncle/grandfather someday. You can see the video by googling Michael Kohl pun-off. His touring band, Cloudwalkers, going strong, just released an original album called Take Off, showcasing 12 harmony-filled songs of hidden love, unavoidable loss, prepositional phrases and fancy wine. You can follow their exploits at www.WeAreCloudwalkers.com.

MATTHEW “Capt. NQUOMOFF got married in January 2015 to Elizabeth Donne (Mount Holyoke ’07) after 10 years of dating. Matthew recently learned that he passed the New Jersey Bar Examination. He moved with Elizabeth and their three adorable cats to New Jersey in July 2015, where he will start practicing law after working for an angel investor in New York City.

SARAH SORSCHER lives in Washington, D.C., and recently enjoyed unleashing her two little ones, Wiley (age 3) and Rose (9 months), on the home of Maria Jones ’05, where they gleefully scattered dirt across the balcony and ran from imaginary bees while mom munched on muffins with Jennifer Brown ’05, Douglas Norton ’05, Emmalie Dropkin ’07, David Eng ’03 and ELANA SAFRAN.

The party was graced with a surprise visit from Isuru Seneviratne ’04, who recently returned from a sojourn in his ancestral homeland of Sri Lanka and is currently living in NYC with his wife and two children while he cunningly plots his next move to become the ruthless manager of his own successful energy hedge fund.

SCOTT NIICHEL and HAE JINKIM shared a table and a few champagne toasts at SUNJU PARK’s wedding in Rye, N.Y., in May 2015. Sunju, who is finishing her ophthalmology residency in NYC, met her now-husband in medical school. While they toasted Sunju, Scott impressed Hae Jina with his work at So theby’s Impressionism department. Hae Jina and Rachel King ’03 reunited on Memorial Day weekend at a pediat rician meeting, reminiscing about Amherst while touring Crivus glass exhibits. Hae Jin, MIRANDA KIM and Jasmina Cheung-Lau ’07 met up in Buffalo, N.Y., to catch up over Settlers to catch up over Settlers
2007

It has been a busy year for the class of 2007. We’ve had career changes, marriages, travel, babies, graduations and many other exciting milestones.

JAKE THOMAS is entering his last year of anesthesiology residency at the University of Pennsylvania. He was married on June 13, 2015, in Iowa City to Brady, a neonatology fellow at The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. Several Jeffes were in attendance. The bachelor party was down in New Orleans, hosted enthusiastically by OREN KRINSKY, AVI DAS, MARCO LOCASCIO, NOAH ISSELMAN, GARRETT SMITH, HAO TSCHANG and Bill Taylor ‘09 were able to attend. Mudbugs, Halo and jazz music were enjoyed by all.

Congratulations also go out to MARISMA MALECK, who wed her best friend, Tom Johnson, on June 6 in Washington, D.C. KONRAD TURSKI attended. Marisa began her new job as a law clerk to Justice Clarence Thomas of the U.S. Supreme Court in July.

MARTA MILLARD is living in Boulder, Colo., now—getting out, climbing, biking, trail running—you name it. JONA-TAN ETTINGER came out for a ski trip, and they got a chance to catch up with MATT MEKRAM. Maria writes, “In true Amherst fashion, they’re both doing good things for the world and looking great while doing it.”

MIKE WOHL has discovered that Seat-Gek is the easiest and most reliable way to find ticket deals to concerts and sporting events. This came in handy during the 2013 NBA playoffs, which he also discussed on a nightly basis with JARED BANNER and CHARMEL MAYNARD. MIKE SALERNO and Wohl participated in the Triple Crown, and Salerno proved on video that he still can box-jump higher than the thoroughbreds. Another name for a horse or thoroughbred is a stallion, so that kind of makes sense.

BENNET RATHBUN and Amanda (Matte) Rathburn ‘06 are the proud parents of a beautiful baby girl, their first child. Willow Marie Rathbun was born healthy and happy in New York City on Feb. 15.

ALEXANDER BRIDGES let us know that things are well in the Pacific Northwest. Leslie Moclock ‘09 and Alexander camped on the Columbia River with Jeffrey Tucker ‘09 and Tatiana Butler ‘10 recently. They have two extremely well-groomed dogs. It sure is a mighty river.

Amherst couple MATT MASCIOLE and JANET HAI let us know that they are well. They’re enjoying the spring, especially with their daughter, Jiyon, who is now nine months old. After nearly five years in Indiana, they’ve now departed. They’ll spend the summer with family before moving to the Bay Area in the fall, where they hope to continue to see many Amherst friends.

Thank you to those of you who took a moment to share your good news. Keep it up by sending in notes.

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2008

Did you know that every time I start to write the notes, I think, “Let’s get down to business,” to the tune of “I’ll Make a Man out of You,” the classic Mulan showstopper? I guess in this situation, your updates are like Huns, but instead of building a wall to keep you out, I cherish each of your updates and welcome them with open arms and heart.

ERIN SIMPLER is living in D.C. and will be marrying Michael Kellett ’10 this fall. They will be celebrating with many Amherst friends, some of whom will be in the wedding party. They will miss NURY YIM who, sadly, anticipates being a little busy with his new residency program. Erin also went to Michael’s five-year reunion earlier this summer—please pass along any amazing ideas we can steal for 2018.

ANDREW VASTA just graduated from medical school. He will start an emergency medicine residency at Rowan in South Jersey this summer. First, though, Andrew is headed off on his honeymoon, hiking and cruising in Alaska. What a great summer for Andrew!

PAWEL BINCZYK and his badass wife, Erin, are doing great in up in Washington State (please let the record show Pawel actually called her a badass three times in his update, but editing decisions had to be made). By the time you read this, though, they might already be in Germany, where Pawel has been transferred. Pawel was most recently at Fort Lewis, where he was assigned to an infantry brigade playing dual roles as a prosecutor and also chief operational law adviser. He balanced a full courtroom felony docket and was also required to regularly hop around training areas in a Stryker with his Brigade Commander (please let the record show Pawel called it bopping: I guess that is the technical term?). Erin just became a family nurse practitioner, and has been working for a practice in Tacoma that she really loves. Pawel and Erin will be in Germany for three years. Pawel will be working as an attorney for the Army’s trial defense service (their public defenders, essentially). If any Amherst people find themselves wandering through the French/German border regions, Pawel and Erin will have a guest bed in Landstuhl, and they and their dog, Laika, will welcome you gladly.

KEVIN HOPKINS finished up a season as the coaching coordinator with the Santa Cruz Warriors (the NBA Development League team for the Golden State Warriors). They won the NBA Development League championship. Kevin was the only member of the coaching staff who had previously won a championship (both with Amherst, once as a player and once as a coach). His experiences at Amherst of what it takes to win a championship were an integral part of their coaching staff’s preparation for their championship season.

CASSIDY FITZPATRICK is still living and loving the Miami life! She was recently promoted to director of community engagement for the New World Symphony, so she spends her time building in-person relationships and acting as the best damn chauffeur she can to the musicians! Cassidy is starting a part-time professional M.B.A. program at the University of Florida this summer, so she’ll be trying to do it all for two years. Good luck!

LAWRENCE HAMBLIN is halfway done with grad school at Syracuse. He has finished most of his core courses, so now he gets to start taking library and information science classes now. Lawrence got six wisdom teeth pulled in March just before going to the AAS annual conference in Chicago, but everything went better than expected. He got a new computer at work, so you would think that everything would be looking up for Lawrence, but he is also apartment hunting, which he reports is the worst. Hope you have found a good place by the time this runs, Lawrence!

DAN CLUCHEY had some big news in February, when he and Miriam Becker-Cohen ‘11 decided to get married. Dan declines to give a prorated account of the details, but the short version is that they got engaged while out on a run to the Lincoln Memorial, which seems like a situation that might cause a much different result for some couples. They were so excited, they had to literally get out of town; Dan and Miriam are moving to New Haven in August so that she can start law school at Yale. They are making the most of their last few months in D.C., which includes seeing as many Amherst people as they can. In May, ACE ROESCH came to crash on their air mattress, and they had a crazy time. In Dan’s words: “First, we ran into Bill Clinton, just walking down the street, which was awesome. An escalating series of dares ended with Ace attempting to scale the fence outside the White House—some secret service agents stopped her, but rather than get in any serious trouble she managed to talk her way out of it, and ultimately even convinced them to make small donations to Amherst. That same morning, we went to the Smithsonian; we split up so that I could see the replica of Julia Child’s kitchen, and when I found Ace again she claimed that some of the exhibits had started coming to life just like in that movie. I didn’t see that happen. After we left, I found $300 just sitting there on the sidewalk. As I said: crazy times. (Note: Ace is actually visiting next week, but since class notes usu-
ally comes out a couple of months later and this will have already happened, I’m just estimating what it’ll be like.

After receiving his Ph.D. in mathematics education from Columbia University, Benjamin Dickman spent the 2014-15 academic year as a postdoctoral fellow at Boston University’s school of education. He accepted an extension that will keep him at BU SED for 2015-16, which will enable him to continue his work on math and math education courses for pre-service and in-service elementary school teachers. Dickman also reports that he had the opportunity to visit Hannah Zhang’s ’10 Chinese immersion classroom at Avenues during a trip to New York City, where he spoke Mandarin with some of her extraordinary first-grade students.

Katherine Chen is now married to fellow Jamaican Peter “Brick” Abrikian. They tied the knot in April, but will be celebrating the main event this October. Brick went to Middlebury, but Katherine is getting married to her and his wife moved to Philadelphia for residency in radiation oncology at Penn. (Ray Hu also moved to Philly for an internal medicine residency, so they’ll be co-interns their first year.)

Katie Coffey just got married. The ceremony was in Northampton at her childhood church and the reception was at the Log Cabin in Holyoke. She had a lovely bridal party of 15, including Kate Bentley ’09, Kate Moriarty ’09, Jenny Muller ’07, Anna MacLean ’09 and Kara MacLaverty ’09. Other Amherst attendees include Sarah Marks ’09, Lindsay Harrington ’09, Rhea Ghosh ’10, Keith Zalaski ’06, Josh Rilla ’06, Alanar Darling ’09, Natalie Ferraiolo ’09, Molly Pri- edeman ’09 and Livia Rizzo ’12. What a crew!

Simone Burke’s update was short but sweet: she’s headed to business school at Stanford in the fall.

Brendan Horton and his wife, Tiffany, are still in Houston, and it is starting to heat up (again). At the tail end of last year, they traveled to London to visit some expat friends. The most remarkable part of that trip was that they got to spend the solstice with a bunch of (literal) druids in the (literal) center of Stonehenge. Needless to say it was just absolutely beautiful.

Brendan’s looking to scale Denali, and I have to argue with that? Brendan recently transitioned to his new role at Chevron in the mid-continent business unit. He still works unconventional and loves every minute of it. He spends most of his day trying to explain geology to non-geologists and repeating, “It’s actually a lot more complex than that. …” It’s just a dream job, and to top it all off, he has a sit/stand desk. How cool is that? [I too have a standing desk, and I too think it is pretty cool but also, if you are considering it, get comfy shoes.]

Chris Gillyard visited in July, which seems very brave, though I suppose the D.C. area is not exactly known for its pleasant, non-muggy summers, so he probably did fine!

Matt Dunleavy is doing OK.

2009

We’re pumped to report the latest round of notes from our amazing classmates.

Jonathan Salik graduated from Columbia University Medical School in May and will be starting his internal medicine residency at Massachusetts General Hospital. Even more exciting, he and Hillary Haimes got engaged last month in Amherst after a beautiful hike to the top of the Notch! Hillary graduated from Mount Sinai Medical School in May and will also be moving to Boston to start her residency in pediatrics at Boston Children’s Hospital.

Justin Wiley became engaged this spring to his girlfriend, Sara Yoffe! The proposal took place in Central Park and involved a guitar, a cover version of Savage Garden’s “Truly Madly Deeply” and a pair of tear-away snap pants.

Saskia Fabricant was on the NPR news quiz show Wait Wait… Don’t Tell Me! on April 25 with guest Bruce Eric Kaplan and panelists Amy Dickinson, Peter Grosz and Aparna Nancherla ’05E. The episode is available online (wait-wait.npr.org) for anyone interested in listening.

Sam Cutler and Monty Odgen are working with the citizens of Sioux Falls, S.D., to prepare the city for a bid for the 2014 Summer Olympics. They already have the commitment of one city council member to endorse the bid, and they remain cautiously optimistic that a second member will soon follow suit.

Donatella Galella completed her Ph.D. in theater at the CUNY Graduate Center. You can find some of her dissertation work on musicals and race in Continuum and Theatre Journal. Although she will miss the East Coast, she’s thrilled to become part of UC Riverside as an assistant professor this fall.
Congratulations to Laken King ‘11 and Carlissa King ‘11, who launched a Kickstarter for their doll company, Elle & Cee World Girls. Wishing you the best of luck in your venture!

MICHAEL CHERNICOFF graduated from Boston University with master’s degrees in both physics and science education. He will be teaching high school physics in Boston this coming September.

GREG CURRERI graduated from Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University with an MBA this June, after spending the year hanging out with Jack Baer ‘10 and Katherine Black ‘10 at school. This summer he’s planning to travel across Asia, including a visit to Dean Chung ‘10 in Korea, before moving back to New York and starting a job with the Boston Consulting Group in August.

TED PUDLIK is finishing up his penultimate year of physics grad school at Boston University. He’s spending the summer in Palo Alto, Calif., as an intern at Palantir Technologies. Ted is looking forward to catching up with any ‘ops in the area!

RAJ BORSELLINO has been binge-watching documentaries on Netflix. Not to be outdone, AYYAPPAN VENKATRAMAN recently cleared his morning schedule so he never misses an episode of his favorite show, Fox & Friends.

That’s all for now! Be sure to keep sending in your updates!

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2011

Man, there are a lot of “congratulations” going around. So many things to celebrate!

Congratulations to ISAAC GENDelman, who will be joining his sister, Hanah ‘13, at Tufts Medical School this fall. Isaac also spent July in Haifa, Israel.

Congratulations to RACHELEGAN, who moved to Washington, D.C., in August to start medical school at Georgetown.

Congratulations to ALVARO MON CURENO, who is moving up to Ithaca in the fall to start law school at Cornell.

Congratulations to MIRIAM BECKER-COHEN who is enjoying her last couple of months in D.C. and preparing to move to New Haven this summer to begin her first year at Yale Law School. Miriam has seen countless familiar Amherst faces during her visits to Yale, but the highlight of her spring was a wonderful visit from KATHERINE COLE, ABBY MURRAY, RYANDROST, SAMANTHA SCHNELL, Graham McKee ‘09 and Caroline Dreyssop ‘12 to help Miriam and Dan Cluchey ‘08 celebrate their engagement.

Congratulations to ANDEE MCEVOY who is saying “Peace out!” to the admission office at the Blair Academy. She’s staying at Blair, but will be working as an associate dean of students this year.

Congratulations to NATASHA SMITH, who has been accepted to Ohio University’s Playwriting MFA program, so she’s moving once again and will start the three-year program this fall. Arizona Theatre Company presented a reading of her play Catapult in November; she is completing the second year of an artistic internship with the company. Catapult was also a semi-finalist for the 2013 Bay Area Playwrights Festival. Natasha has also connected with TOM MCCINTOCK, whom she did not know while at Amherst—nothing like being the only two 2011s in Tucson to bring you together!

Congratulations to JARED CRUM, who will start at Stanford Law School in the fall. For Jared, this means he can stop being a law school application hermit and rejoin humanity in New York before moving west. Jared is really excited about being reunited in Palo Alto this fall with SAUMITRA THAKUR, who is at the business school at Stanford.

Congratulations to JENNIFER KIM, who graduated from University of Missouri School of Medicine and is heading to UT Southwestern in Dallas to start her anesthesia residency training. KELLEY TRAPP and Jen’s sister, Miranda Kim ‘06, went to her Match Day, and Jen is forever grateful that they were with her! Jen also studied abroad a quarter in Italy and saw Zak Lerner ‘09 in London; sent a shout-out to MORITZ KENOING, who left Munich the only three days she was going to be there; and then got to go to the Holy Land and snuggle and noms hummus with NATASHA BROWN.

Congratulations to CAROLINE STERN, who graduated from Harvard Law School in May along with Spencer Vandervight ‘10, Caroline’s cousin, Tufts Medical School this fall. Caroline moved to Brooklyn over the summer and will be working in the litigation department at the law firm Davis Polk in New York. She is really looking forward to traveling for a few weeks in Japan with TOM BURNEETT in between the bar exam and starting work, and can’t wait to be back in the same city as fellow ’11s such as MALU DEE, MATTHEW ROSENBRAUM, CAMILA SARMIENTO and MADDIE WINKARTEN.

Congratulations to LAKEN KING and CARLISSA KING, who launched a Kickstarter for their doll company, Elle & Cee World Girls. Wishing you the best of luck in your venture!

ROSELENENAHAN is taking a year off from grad school to teach math at St. George’s School in Newport, R.I., where Alison Forrester ‘12 also teaches. From philosophy to math, Rose, you are one smart cookie.

GIGI MATURO is still working at Epic with a chunk of Amherstians. She’s currently working on a project in Denver, so she gets to see JULIE SANTOSUSSO every other week. Last time she was down there they ran into Wyatt Davis ‘13 while shoe shopping. Gigi was also super-excited to attend KRISTIN HICKEY’s wedding in May on the Cape. Congrats, Kristin! Gigi is also hoping ALEX CHANG will plan the next NESCAC mixer in their area. Alex’s update is that he will get right on that.

Fellow M.B.A.-er ANDREAS SHEPARD finished his first year at Wharton and spent the summer in Bangalore, India, working for a peer-to-peer lending start-up. He sees Amherst folks pretty regularly, most recently SAUMITRA THAKUR, HALEY CASTRO, Nicol Zhou ‘10 and Mason Bradbury ‘10.

TRACY HUANG is moving to Spuyten Duyvil, and her cat (Charley) and boyfriend (David) are both doing well. Tracy offers props to anyone who can properly pronounce “Spuyten Duyvil.”
I was fortunate enough to receive an update from David Zheutlin, who is always entertaining. David and Mike C.K. Smith met in Beijing on March 14 for a two-week jaunt to the Far East, and oh boy, did some weird stuff go down. According to David, China was fascinating, mysterious, fun, but Eastern toilets remain a mystery to these two Western mates. After a week, they headed across the bay to Japan, where they met up with Walker Peterson. More, or more accurately, the remembered Walker’s Japanese alter ego, Pita, a muffin-fro’ed American man shockingly fluent in the culture and language of Japan. A few days into the Tokyo ramen-and- karaoke tour, Mike and David were walking down the street to meet Pita for lunch when, out of the blue, standing on a Shinjuku street corner was Alex Coburn, who had hightailed it from Cambridge (UK) to join the adventure for its final stretch—a voyage to the imperial city of Kyoto and a pilgrimage to Amherst’s sister college, Doshisha University. Let it be known that Mike shockingly fluent in the culture and language of Japan. A few days into the Tokyo ramen-and-karaoke tour, Mike and David were walking down the street to meet Pita for lunch when, out of the blue, standing on a Shinjuku street corner was Alex Coburn, who had hightailed it from Cambridge (UK) to join the adventure for its final stretch—a voyage to the imperial city of Kyoto and a pilgrimage to Amherst’s sister college, Doshisha University. Let it be known that Mike shockingly fluent in the culture and language of Japan.

Peter Jablin ’76) married Josh Haswell 13 (son of David Haswell ’79) in a small beach ceremony in the Outer Banks. The couple lives in Rochester, N.Y., where Katie is working as an account representative for Centrad Healthcare and Josh is attending medical school at the University of Rochester. When not working, they can be found playing outside with their giant Newfoundland puppy, Drogo, or planning vacations to meet up with other Amherst alums.

Ophelia Hu and Hayli Kinney ’14 got engaged in Paris! Ophelia proposed to Hayli through song at Toad’s Place in New Haven with the help of hundreds of voices. In April, Christopher Lim and Nathan Nash threw them an engagement dinner to celebrate. The team of 125 at Yale—Christopher Lim, Nathan Nash, Becky Ojserkis and Julia Eichenfield—have founded an Amherst “Brunch Bunch” at New Haven (except only Nathan knows that it’s called that and said they had actually only done that once as of the time of writing this column). For the next couple of years, they hope to sample the best banana pancakes and mimosas Southern Connecticut has to offer (and maybe to graduate). It’s going to be tough to beat Sunday morning Lone Wolf runs, but they’re optimistic!

The New Haven ’12s group is excited to welcome newcomers Catherine Ro-thacker and Luke Menard this fall! Catherine and Luke are both entering a master’s of environmental management program at the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. Catherine spent three years in D.C., first interning at the White House Council on Environmental Quality and then working at the Meridian Institute, a nonprofit that specializes in multi-stakeholder collaborative problem-solving around environmental issues. “It will be hard to say goodbye to wonderful D.C.-based friends like Britt Calder,” she says, but she is looking forward to seeing Luke in class and visiting her sister Julia Ro-thacker ’16 at Amherst.

Catherine Bryars was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship in March for the upcoming academic year. Catherine just completed her master of regional planning at UMass Amherst and is preparing to move to Mexico to begin her independent research on the topic of “ecological sanitation for sustainable peri-urban development and public health.” Justin Patrick graduated from law school in May. He then moved to Houston to clerk for a judge on the Fifth Circuit.

Taylor Haney also graduated in May, with an M.S. in journalism from USC’s Annenberg School. He’s starting a career in public radio with a summer job at KPCC in Pasadena, working for their science and environment desk. He’s always looking for tips on stories to tell in Los Angeles!

After working for three years in India, Alabama and California, Sarah Schear will be starting medical school at the UC San Francisco-UC Berkeley Joint Medical Program in June. She spent the past year living with Taylor Haney and Brooks Turner in L.A. (Those who lived on the third floor of James our freshman year will appreciate our floormates sticking together!) Traveling for her medical school interviews led to joyful reunions with Ethan Baloley, Tim Clark, Aftaab Demir, Rachel Cameron ’10, Analena Alcabes ’13 and Ayyappan Venkatraman ’09. She also got to hug Alexa Russo on a carefully timed layover in her current hometown, London! She would love to see Amherst folks in the Bay Area, which will be her home for the next five years.

Evan Fiddle is working in Manhattan at CBRE (NYSE: CBG), the world’s largest commercial real estate services firm. He is a tenant representation adviser and has been in his current role for two years, with longterm plans to stay and grow at the company. Evan’s roommates include Taylor Barrison, Greg Kutzin and John Dantzler ’13. They live near Union Square in Manhattan, which Evan says provides a nice change of pace after each workday. He looks forward to staying in touch and seeing everyone soon!

Since graduating, Mark Menendez has been working at Booker, a software company in the Financial District of NYC. The company makes all-in-one cloud-based systems that salons and spas can use to run their businesses (“if anyone in NYC has ever booked with Drybar, that is our system,” he says). Mark is on Booker’s enterprise implementation team, working with hotels that have spas opening, and also with GolfNow, which is using their platform to provide an online tee sheet and CRM for golf courses around the country. For the past two years, Mark has been living in Sunnyside, Queens, with a high school friend. He has also started refereeing high school football in the city with hopes of working his way up to the college level and beyond. Over the winter, Mark rescued David Bradshaw from the harsh Boston weather, and they spent some time on the beach in Rincon, Puerto Rico. He and Julian Camacho were also eagerly awaiting Wesley Waterman’s return to the city after a few years living in Tokyo.

Olivia Chase moved back to New York City from the UK last August. She worked at a translation agency for several months before deciding that she wanted to teach. She is currently teaching English at a charter high school in the Bronx and loves it! She plans to begin a part-time master’s degree at Teachers College at Columbia next year. She recently moved in with Philip Menchaca and Rebecca Eppler-Epstein in West.
Success in the Sciences

**2012:** Christopher Lim finished his first year of his Ph.D. in the biological and biomedical sciences program at Yale. He is joining Yong Xiong’s lab to study how HIV uses its viral proteins to evade host defenses using biochemical and structural techniques. He was fortunate to be awarded the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, which grants three years of his Ph.D. funding. Chris spent the summer spearheading a brand-new summer undergraduate research fellowship focused on retention of underrepresented minorities in the sciences, dubbed the BioMed SURF @ Yale.

Brian Watson ’13. That said, she is looking forward to more beach time in lieu of blizzard-induced states of emergency, and will prepare for the deluge of visitors who warned that they may show up, unannounced, at her doorstep in January or February.

This summer KATE FARRELL moved from Singapore to Cape Town, where she will be teaching high school math. While there, she enjoyed outdoor happy hours with LUKÉ MÉNARD and KATE BERRY before they left for school, and was also looking forward to seeing CHRIS ERICKSON, who is in Baltimore for the summer. Previously, in one week in this past spring, Becky saw SIOBHAN MCKISSIC for zoo adventures in Chicago, had dinner with CAROLYN SPALLUTO in NYC and reunited with EJ MITCHELL for the second time in New Haven.

ROBERT SUITS is attending the University of Chicago in the fall to pursue a Ph.D. in history, and plans to study Native Americans in the western United States. JENNA COLAZZI also moved to Chicago and is working for a software company. After Jenna’s move, she, JAYPEON CHOI and XUANJI WANG got together for dinner. Jaeyeon is in Chicago for a master’s program in integrated marketing communications at Northwestern University and Xunaji just completed her first year of medical school. Xuaji regularly spends time with NOLAN FAUST, who finished his first year of medical school as well at University of Chicago.

In May, BETHANY (BROWN) GODSON moved from Florida, where she had been since graduation working as a middle- and high-school teacher for at-risk teenage girls, to Denver, where her husband will start his Ph.D. in neuroscience in the fall. In June, Bethany visited her sister, who currently lives in Turkey, and in July she started her new job as an enrollment counselor for Colorado Christian University. She is excited about this new season!

This summer LENNARD KOVACS paused his consulting career at Monitor Deloitte in Munich to move to London, where he will start an M.B.A. at the London Business School in the fall.

MEGAN CLOWER finished her first year of business school at the University of Wisconsin—Madison and secured an internship with MetLife on their real estate equity investment team over the summer. She looks forward to her second and final year, which starts this fall.

Three years in, BENJAMIN LIN is starting to miss school a lot and “all the flexibility and free time [he] had to work with!” He is still recovering from being buried in the Boston winter and is hoping to fit in some travel this summer.

Work-wise, EJ MITCHELL has committed to another year working as an educational counselor in Beijing. Personal life-wise, EJ will be joining an expat capella group, has hired a personal trainer and is also dating. He had fun celebrating his 25th birthday in May, although all his Amherst friends were out of town. EJ returned to the United States in July for a respite before kicking off year two in China.

Since graduating from Amherst, EUGENE GOLUBITSKIY has tried to immerse himself in as many different languages and cultures as he can. He taught English for a year in Marseille, France, and another year in Palma de Mallorca, Spain. He is now finishing up his third year as a teacher, currently based in Madrid. In between, Eugene has managed to do quite a bit of traveling, including spending two months in Iceland, where he supported himself with a part-time job at a hostel. After a three-year break from academia, Eugene is excited to be starting a master’s program in peace and conflict studies at Uppsala University in Sweden this fall.

CAROLINE DREYSPOLLO and I have enjoyed the visits of MELISSA GREENBERG and RACHEL LUPIEN, and we’re hoping to see more Amherst folks in NYC this summer! Caroline spent the summer working at a law firm in the city and will spend the fall in London before returning for her final semester of law school at Columbia in the spring. Nothing much is new with me—I’ve finished my second year of my doctoral program in psychology and am excited to soon have a master’s degree to show for it as I continue the academic trek. Now that I’m done taking classes, I’m looking forward to the extra flexibility and hoping to bake, craft and see friends more.

It was so great to hear from you all this time around! I find myself quite nostalgic at the three-year mark (does anyone else miss Val or is that just me?) and am enjoying this position more and more as time goes on, since it allows me to keep in touch with such great people. I hope you are enjoying our classmates’ updates as well! Here’s to the next year and figuring things out together.

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**2013**

Before getting to the news, we’d like to congratulate the class of 2015 and welcome them to the alumni family. We are very proud to share that the class of 2015 elected an African American class
Henry Weaver ’13 recently left Amherst, after helping to coach the crew team this year, to travel around the world in 84 days.

Speaker. It was just as moving to hear Katherine Pond’s ’15 speak as it was to see our former classmates cross the stage to claim their diplomas.

Many of us were present for commencement weekend, including BRENDA BURKE, LINDSAY STERN, DEXTER PADDYACHEE, TANIA DE SOUSA DIAS, Adrianna Turner ’14, Madeline Hong ’14, Kasope Aleshinloye ’14, Criss Guy ’14 and Juan Gabriel Delgado Montes ’16. The group gathered to cook, make drinks, play UNO, and swim at Puffer's Pond. HENRIK ONARHEIM was on campus to attend the last orchestra concert of the year and say goodbye to the orchestra seniors. Madeline Hong ’14, Dana Bolger ’14, TANIA DE SOUSA DIAS, ELIAS HOWE and JISOO LEE, who made the trip from China, also used Amherst as a meeting point this spring.

LAURIELLE HOWE, who is now a member of Northwestern School of Law’s class of 2018; SHAMARI SYLVAN; JEREMY SIMON; JAKE SAMUELS; IAN JOHNSON and CLON SLABY all came back to campus for reunion, which was filled with singing, dancing and music making.

HENRY WEAVER recently left Amherst, after helping to coach the crew team this year, to travel around the world in 84 days. Dexter will also be leaving his position at Amherst to travel. He will be heading to Europe with CRYSTAL WILLIAMS, Madeline Hong ’14, EWURADOJA GADZANKU and SEPHATI ONIYANGI.

In NYC, ALEJANDRO SUCRE started a new job in March as a corporate banking analyst at Citigroup. ALEX SONDAK, who is doing well and working hard, hosted TANIA DE SOUSA DIAS while she visited high schools in Manhattan. They played Jenga at EIRENE WANG and KAR- EN MONTANERO’s apartment. While in NYC Tania also met up with DANIELLE AMODEO. The two attended the Tribeca Disruptive Innovation Awards and conference with Saumitra Thakur ’11 and Andreas Shepard ’11. Danielle and Tania led a roundtable conversation about the future of libraries with Tony Marx at his NYPL office.

It seems that Amherst alumni are disrupting industries all over the globe. KASPAR ZHOU joined a Thailand-based e-commerce startup called Pomelo (www.pemelofashion.com), which was founded by David Jou ’08. Kaspar was an early VC investor in the company and is now working to grow the business in Indonesia. Kaspar also wrote that William Greene ’06 joined Philippines-based mClinica, which is yet another one of the companies in which he invested. State-side, JOHN YARCHOAN has just started a company called Sky Mutual. He is based in Philadelphia and welcomes Amherst visitors.

Amherst alumni are also killing it in academia. DEIDRE NELMS is leaving NYC to begin a Ph.D. program in philosophy at Georgetown, SARA LITTLE will leave her job at Boston’s Children’s Hospital to pursue a Ph.D. in pathobiology at Texas A&M, and ZACHARY BLEEMER is starting up his Ph.D. in economics at Berkeley. He and JULIA RODI are moving to the Bay Area and hope to be in touch with Amherst alumni there.

NOMI CONWAY reports that Amherst field hockey has reunited in San Francisco. She is practically neighbors with Carly Leahy ’11 and Haley Douds ’10, and they’ve been able to spend time together with Sarah Canning ’14, Rachel Egan ’11 andTierney Healey ’10. Nomi sends her deepest apologies to Coach Carol for the inundation of selfies and again welcomes Amherst folks in the area to reach out to her.

ERIC SULLIVAN has tons of good news to share from Chicago. He is starting medical school at the University of Chicago, where he will join several recent Amherst alumni.

KRISTEN MOLTOUN, JESSICA NORWORTH and ZACHARY WEST along the way. Before they head to Italy, however, Eric and Irene Hickey planned to spend the month of July traveling through Italy, where they expected to meet up with KENNY MCLAUGHLIN, LAURIELLE HOWE and ZACHARY BLEEMER.

Finally, we have reserved some of the happiest news for last. MATTHEW FERNALD and SHENGLAN QIAO were married on May 2, in Johnson Chapel, surrounded by family and friends. NEHA WADIA, CELIA OU, MIZUHO OTA, JAKE SAMUELS, DANNY PATIEL and Jeremy Koo ’12 were in the wedding party, while LESTER HU officiated the ceremony with Mallorie Chernin. The Zumbys performed an integral part of the ceremony and entertained the crowd at the cocktail hour.

They say that they always feel incredibly lucky to have each other, but it meant the world to them to have so many people there to help them celebrate. We send Matthew and Shenglan all the best wishes for a happy future together!

Special thanks to the entire class of 2013 for making the task of writing these notes so interesting and for opening up to share your special moments with us.

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2014

It has officially been a full year since we graduated, and, though the very thought of that may still be hard to grapple with, it’s been wonderful getting to catch up with so many of you in person as you stopped by to visit the Valley lately. Here’s what you’ve been up to:

In early May, COLBY JANTZEN visited Amherst from Boston to run a half marathon with Alexandra Coston ’15. He returned during commencement weekend to see some other 2013 friends graduate, as well as to deliver his class notes to me in person: he is preparing to spend a second year working in Cambridge, Mass., and hanging out with other recent Amherst grads.

Among those recent grads in Beantown is TINSAE ZERIHUN, who was back on campus for commencement as well and captured his emotions in the following statement upon his return home: “I am doing alright. Enjoying the warm weather in Boston. I was excited to see my Amherst alums.” In his characteristic way, he also specified that we should “feel free to refer to [him] as the swag master” in these class notes.

During reunion weekend I spoke with JUS- TIN HENDRIX, who is still consulting in Boston and was looking forward to a trip to Europe with colleagues in June. Another reunion involved NIKKI TAKEMORI, who met up with SYLVIA LI, KIMBERLY BAIN and SYLVIA NGO. She saw her DBJ Dance crew friends perform at Asian Night and had a blast. Nikki reported that she is moving to a new home with a chef friend and will be starting online courses to prep for physical therapy schools in Boston.

FADI HAMATI sent in his first class notes ever, saying he’s been doing research at McLean Hospital, interviewing patients, and dissecting human brains on the side. He’d been living with Evan Braun ’10 but was moving in with Amherst alumnus from the class of 2000 at the time of writing. Fadi is applying to medical school and hoping for the best. “The boys will soon be reunited with that terrible dude also known as PHILIP HENDRIX,” he added.

Indeed, though PHILIP HENDRIX had been working in Shenzhen, China, as a public middle school English teacher for other recent Amherst alumni from the class of 2000 at the time of writing, Fadi is applying to medical school and hoping for the best. “The boys will soon be reunited with that terrible dude also known as PHILIP HENDRIX,” he added.

Specifically, Ribbeck’s Drug delivery

After a little research I managed to understand Jacob’s poem, so here are the Cliff’s Notes: he has joined the lab of Dr. Ribbeck at the MIT Department of Biomedical Engineering, and will be researching drug delivery. Props to Jacob’s creative writing plus lab skills! I’m impressed.

MADELINE HONG is happy she gets to
meet up and travel with friends before she heads to Cambridge, Mass., for grad school. During the summer, Madeline is Europe-bound with Crystal Williams ’13, Dexter Padayachee ’13, Sephiat Oniyan-gi ’13 and Ewuradjoa Gadzanku ’13. She hoped to catch up with NICA SIEGEL and AUBRIE KIRKPATRICK CAMPBELL in Paris. At the time of writing, she was also excited to visit MALENA GATTI and BRIAN BRADY in Cape Cod and was hoping to snatch ALDA CHAN in Boston along the way to join. Madeline is “super-excited for August too because SOO KIM returns from Korea. Yay!”

NANCY YUN TANG returned to Amherst in early May for the wedding of Sheng-lan Qiao ’13 (her first-year RC) and Matt Fernald ’13, where she reconnect ed with SUNNY YANG XIAO along with friends from the class of 2013. She got to see RUODI DUAN during a weekend in Philadel phia and looks forward to catching up with VASIMA MARTIN when she comes to her Fullbright orientation in D.C. In August, Nancy will join the class of 2018 at Yale Law School with Claudia Wack ’13, Aubrey Jones ’13 and David Walchak ’15, where they are among a sizeable group of Amherst alumni.

Two other 2014s are joining Nancy in their studies at Yale: PERSEI QULIMA will be leaving the IT department in Amherst to pursue an M.P.H. in health care management, and NICA SIEGEL is excited to be starting her Ph.D. in political theory. Nica hopes to run into Nancy in various coffee shops all over New Haven.

Nica might also be running into HAYLI KINDER in New Haven, where Hayli will be starting a new job as a middle school math and science teacher at Hopkins School. “I’m thrilled!” Hayli says. Over the summer Hayli is tagging along with Ophelia Hu ’12 in Albuquerque, N.M., while Ophelia completes a summer internship. “I’m having a fantastic time exploring some rockin’ towns and parks, and, of course, geology.” We wouldn’t expect anything less from Hayli.

New Haven seems to have become a hub of 2014s, but New York is still pop- pin’. ALVARO MORALES, longtime reader but first-time submittor of class notes, wrote that he’s living in Brooklyn and really enjoying his living situation as well as his work, which keeps him entertained. “Overall, this year has been the most relaxed year I’ve had since high school, and I am really appreciat- ing not being in school anymore.” Alvaro, LOUIE ZUNIGA and DANNIEL RIVERA-LANAS made a trip out to Amherst for commencement weekend. “We bunked up in Seligman, BBQ’d at the Octagon and hung with new and old friends. A highlight of the weekend was spending the night at Mica’s place in NoHo.” The group also stopped by my tag sale in NoHo and promised me a full year’s worth of class notes, so you’ll be hearing from them again in the coming issues!

During the summer Alvaro is road-tripp ing up the California coast with GUS GREENSTEIN and JASON BARNES, about which he said, “I am stoked.”

LOUIE ZUNIGA wrote his own notes, let- ting us know that he renewed the lease for another year in New York City. At the start of the summer he bumped into plenty of Amherst people in New York, in Boston and even more in Amherst during commencement. “Crazy to think a year has passed already, but it’s been a great, very full year, and I foresee another one around the corner. Wishing everyone well!”

CHRIS FRIEND has been living in NYC as well, where his job is still enjoyable, and CAITLIN NIESEN BLANK will be visit- ing him every few weeks this summer. Chris recently attended a party held by LAURENCE PEVSNER, MIKE MILOV, MATTHEW ECHELMAN & Co., in Brooklyn “and then...” fun, “even though they now live in an even harder-to-get-to place.”

When Chris isn’t working, he spends time walking around Central Park, vis- iting the Whitney with NICA SIEGEL and even came back up to Amherst to see Jessica McMillin ’13 graduate!

JORDAN BREWER is working on her master’s in social work at Columbia University. She is enjoying her grad school program and living in New York City, which she says is very different from Amherst: “So many more cultural event opportunities here... I have two days of classes a week and spend three days a week at a field placement. I’ve been placed at an elementary school in the south Bronx (P.S. 43), where I work out of the guidance office, providing students with mandated at-risk individual and group counseling/therapy.” In addition, Jordan is a member of the Co- lumbia club tennis team, where she can practice with other high-caliber players, allowing her to ward off withdrawals from college tennis.

After finishing up the year as a gradu- ate associate in the music department and assistant director/conductor of the Amherst College orchestra, BEN MULLER headed to NYU to attend a summer film scoring intensive. After that, he was planning to go road-tripping with IAN STAHL to Los Angeles, and then head back to the East Coast with SYLVIE RAMIREZ. Ben has been a freelance composer/audio producer on a number of projects, including an upcoming pod- cast for UsAgainstAlzheimer’s. In the fall he will move to Washington, D.C., with CONRAD KARSTEN and MAJA COLE. “Excited for the adventures to come!” says Ben.

DANNIEL RIVERA-LANAS has been living in D.C., where he is “enjoying his gig” and seeing Amherst faces all the time. He was looking forward to a Euro trip with his brother this summer.

JULIA WEATHERLY is working for KPMG’s Federal Healthcare Advisory in Washington, D.C., while wearing “practical heels” and “trying not to day- dream about what life would be like if I just opened that hotdog truck down in Georgetown. Nostalgic about the days I could roll over in bed and say ‘not today’ and drink more than two beers at a bar without craving some Antone’s. Living the dream and ‘doing the smart thing’ by rooming with Danila and Mark (shout-out to the ‘rents) but loving life all the same. Terras Iraudent!”

IAN STAHL returned to Amherst for the first three months of this first and refreshing post-gra d year living in her homeland of Bra- zil, “crucially reconnecting with family.” She spent the next five months interning at a free school in South Florida called Sunset Sudbury School: “The experi- ence completely challenged everything I’ve known/bound to education and learning and, I am so eager to con- tinue.” In May, Luisa was back in the Northeast, where she got to see and hug AEGISER NIELSEN, Julian Hilary Cul- len Budwey ’13 and BENJAMIN MENDEZ again (and only barely missed CHERRY KIM, “but it’s kuz we keep each other updated thru email’). Luisa was also at commencement, about which she said, “It was awesome to spend senior week with some radiant souls from the class of 2015 and to see them all join us in the ‘real world’.” At the end of the summer Luisa will be moving with Jeffrey Feld- man ’15 to D.C., where she looks forward to working at a Sudbury school in Mary- land (Fairhaven School).

In Maryland, CECILIA PESSOA writes that she will be staying in Baltimore for the foreseeable future and is interested in meeting other alumni in the city. “I’ve seen an Amherst flag hanging outside a window,” she says, “so she knows you exist. Get in touch!”

We have a few 2014s spread through-out the Midwest. CAITLIN (BLAIS) KAAKE just finished up her first year of grad school studying mental health counseling. She’ll be interning in a counseling center at a local church next year. ANREW KAAKE continues to make Caitlin into more of a coffee and tea snob daily, and he’s even mastered latte art. JENNI- FER GAIDA is happily living in Chicago, working in retail marketing at Blick Art Materials, and is engaged to Alex Gum- port ’11.

SARAH DUFFY has yet to hang up her cleats in Madison, Wis. She plays on various soccer teams with WILL LONG- BROUGH, Sandy Shepherd ’13 and Gigi Maturo ’11 in an attempt to balance her exercise against the brats and beer and cheese. Going on one year working at Epic (“Wow, that went fast”) Sarah still kicks it with her co-workers BRYSON ALEF, SETH HELLER, DANIEL CARRIZA- LES, Peter Kaasila ’13, Geoff Ainslie ’12 and Alex Chang ’11 when she’s not travel- ing to Miami Beach for work. In June, Sarah visited Boston and got to chill with
LIZZY LINSMAIER and SARA ABRAHAMS, among other Amherst pals. She’s looking forward to another NESCAC beer pong tournament in which she is confident Amherst will triumph (“I mean, check out that Madtown crew listed above,” she says).

Our lone 2014 contributor from the South, JOSEPH WINESTAD HIGGS III, wrote to us from Texas for the last time, as he is moving to Spain in September to teach English. He will join HANNAH GREEN. He has been having a blast in Spain and earning a modest living playing games with schoolchildren. It probably won’t surprise you to hear that she has decided to renew her contract and stay in Cáceres for a second year. Hannah had only one Amherst run-in since the last round of notes, but it was a really good one, she says: “I got to spend my birthday in Logroño with AUDREY CAMPBELL, and I got to meet her adorable/goofy cat, Michi.”

This summer, Hannah spent all of June in the United States (NYC, Boston, Portland, Seattle, Vermont) before heading back to Spain.

DYLAN DRISCOLL has been living in Stockholm and playing baseball in Sweden’s top league for the Stockholm Monarchs. In addition, he’s been chosen to play for a North American all-star team that will play against the Swedish National Team. Dylan is working to develop the game by putting on baseball-orientated gym classes at various schools in the Stockholm area, teaching at camps and coaching youth teams within his club. In June his team headed to Antwerp, Belgium, where they played in a European Cup qualifier. Best of luck, Dylan!

Speaking of Dyns, DYLAN VASEY finished up his year as a Fulbright ETA in Morocco by giving and grading 238 exams. He returned to the United States on July 3rd and, at the time of writing, predicted that he would “probably die from shock on July 4 due to sudden American overload.” He was most looking forward to seeing his adorable nieces and nephew again.

Further south, BENJAMIN BOATWRIGHT visited JASON ADAMS in Cape Town, South Africa, for a week over the winter holidays. Among other things, they hiked up Lion’s Head and Table Mountain, saw the penguins, ate ostrich burgers and visited Jason’s alma mater, the Wynberg Boys’ High School. Ben also enjoyed warm hospitality from Jason’s mother and grandmother. Jason has now started a consulting job in Johannesburg, while Ben has just finished his first year as a Ph.D. student in the department of earth and planetary sciences at Harvard.

LOUIS LU met up with BEN BOATWRIGHT and COLBY JANTZEN for burgers before he headed home to Shanghai. He was in his home city for two weeks before going to a two-month language program in Yokohama, Japan: “It’ll be a fun adventure!”

CRYSTAL YAN was in Shanghai in May, where she met up with Jisoo Lee ’12: “We went to the Myo art district, caught up on postgrad life over hand-pulled noodles and went for a walk on the Bund! I also ran into HOLDA ANAGHO on the street the weekend of the Embassy open house.”

ANTONIO MADRID is still in Saigon, Vietnam, working as an English teacher. He’s been there since February, and has been having a blast so far, enjoying all the sights, sounds, people, motorbikes and most of all the awesome food of Ho Chi Minh City. “However, I am dearly missing all of my Amherst friends,” he said, “especially those from Crossett 303/305.” Shout-out to Crossett (which is soon to be torn down!)

Finishing up her Watson year abroad, MEHNGA SIRDHAR has been having an impromptu week in Bali, Indonesia, where she was staying at a beautiful little French villa and spending her days observing Balinese dances and prayer rituals, as well as “processing the year that has passed, in a journey of incredible ups and downs and growths that has taken me from ashrams in Cape Town to temples in Madrid to community meetings in Australia to palaces in Thailand. The past few months have been spent getting on the backs of strangers’ motorbikes to explore temples and ruins in dusty Cambodia and little golden wats tucked in sunny green mountains in hilly Laos. The highlight of my year may have been teaching myself how to ride a bike, however.”

DANIELA CHAMORRO sent a note from Nicaragua, where she is “enjoying family (most of the time) and working hard at Fabretto Children’s Foundation (most of the time). The 8-to-5 lifestyle is so not for me, you guys…” When she’s not working, Daniela is taking online classes towards a degree in writing for entertainment, and hopes to transfer to their Orlando, Fla., campus in a couple months. She’s also writing a vigne-style book, the first draft of which she’s hoping to finish soon. As for Amherst connections, CRYSTA SONG visited Daniela in April: “We swam in an extinct volcano crater lagoon, went zip-lining, saw (and smelled) an active volcano up close, cuddled with my dogs and ate much delicious Nicaraguan food. It was so great getting to see a fellow Amherstian. And in just a couple of weeks, ANDRE LUCAS ANTUNES DE SA is also visiting, hoping across the border after the glee club’s tour in Costa Rica!”

ANDRE LUCAS ANTUNES DE SA submitted some class notes of his own, saying he had a great time watching his friends graduate during commencement weekend, and his visit to Amherst was an incredible nostalgic trip. Over the summer, he’s on tour with the cho- ral society in Costa Rica and has been having a great time. He was excited to visit Daniela in Nicaragua while he was in the area.

Lastly, amid the 2014s abroad, MOLLIE MCDOWELL wrote that she is excited to start graduate school in geology at the University of British Columbia this fall.

Bringing it back to the Valley—JACKIE COSSIE is in her second year of grad school at Smith College’s School for Social Work this summer. In the fall, she will be working full-time at the California Institute of the Arts (college mental health). She’ll also be writing her master’s thesis this year, looking comparatively at neurobiology and psychodynamics theory, likely through a focus on psychopharmacology.

DIANA BABINEAU decided to stay on with The Common for another year (“maybe two, if possible?”), and GABRIEL OWEN is working his way up in the Town Hall of Amherst (right now he’s in the IT Department). This spring, Diana and Gabriel spent an impromptu week in Milan, Italy, learned a teeny bit of Italian, and discovered that coffee, gelato and prosciutto are all much, much better in Milan than they are here! This summer they are moving from a tiny apartment into a quaint little house in Hadley. They’ll also be busy planning for their fall 2016 wedding and dog-sitting for an Amherst professor.

WILL SAVING, my Admission Fellow counterpart, is leaving the office to pursue grad school in music in Michigan. When prompted for more personal updates for these notes, she submitted: “Please give me money.”

As for me, I spent a lot of time planning for the arrival of our six summer interns. They’re a lovely, energetic bunch. In terms of life plans, I’ve decided to continue working in the Amherst admission office for a second year while I apply to grad school programs in higher ed administration or related fields. My community house in Northampton continues to be one of the best decisions I ever made. Loving this great town and these wonderful people!

Hope to see some more of you stop by the Amherst area. Don’t be strangers.

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Celebrate the CCE

The College’s Center for Community Engagement held a banquet in Lewis-Sebring in 2014. Notice the photos within this photo: the centerpieces made of snapshots of other CCE activities.