



Dr. Frank L. Douglas '66 is the recipient of the Dr. Costel Denson '56 Award.

New Program Celebrates Alums

WHAT WAS THE TOUGHEST PART OF creating a new program to recognize Lehigh's most successful alumni? Selecting just six among 85,000!

The Distinguished Alumni Awards debuted Oct. 25 at the Leadership Recognition Dinner during Founder's Weekend. The awards recognize outstanding achievement among alumni, honoring those who had an impact in their industries and communities. A list of amazing candidates was identified by Lehigh alumni and staff, and the recipients were selected by volunteer leaders of several of our advisory boards and councils.

The Young Alumni Award recipient graduated within the past 15 years and achieved extraordinary success in leadership. As director of environmental services and chief sustainability officer for the City of Hoboken, New Jersey, **Jennifer Gonzalez '08 '09G** advances sustainability and resiliency initiatives in priority areas including rainfall flooding, energy, drinking water infrastructure, natural resources and waste management.

The Dr. Costel Denson '56 Award recipient demonstrated leadership in increasing diversity in the workplace and educational institutions. **Dr. Frank L. Douglas '66** is a longtime veteran in the field of health care, pharmaceutical research and entrepreneurial endeavors. He is a Fulbright Scholar; author; and winner of numerous accolades including the Black History Makers Award, the Center for Medicine in the Public Interest Odyssey Award, the National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers Lifetime Achievement Award, the Geoffrey Beene Foundation's Rock Star of Science Award and the American Heart Association's Louis B. Russell Memorial Award.

The Public Service Award recipient made extraordinary contributions in the public sector or nonprofit and civic arena. **Ben Gucciardi '05 '06G** is founder of Soccer Without Borders (SWB), a nonprofit that aims to use soccer as a vehicle for positive change. He was honored as a White House Champion of Change for World Refugee Day 2015. SWB has received the global FIFA Diversity Award, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Sports Award and the Wharton School of Business' Lipman Family Prize.

The Outstanding Entrepreneur Award recipient demonstrated high achievement in the managing of an enterprise. **Patrice Banks '02** is founder and CEO of Girls Auto Clinic, a full-service auto repair center and beauty salon in Upper Darby, Pennsylvania, that caters to women. Her 2015 TEDx Talk was titled *How I Plan on Disrupting the Auto Industry in Red Heels*. Her story has been featured in *O, The Oprah Magazine; Time; Huffington Post* and *The New York Times*, among others. She has appeared on *CBS This Morning, NPR's Fresh Air with Terry Gross* and in commercials for Ford, Dell and Lean Cuisine.

The Excellence in Industry Award recipient demonstrated high achievement in managing a for-profit organization. **Ann Lewnes '83 '22P** is executive vice president and chief marketing officer at Adobe. She has received the American Marketing Association's Hall of Fame award and was inducted into the American Advertising Association's Hall of Achievement. Lewnes is among *Forbes'* 2019 list of the World's Most Influential CMOs and *Business Insider's* list of the 25 Most Innovative CMOs in the World. She also serves on Mattel's board of directors.

The Lifetime Commitment to Lehigh Award recipient demonstrated lifelong leadership and service to Lehigh. **James B. Swenson '59 '15GP '17GP** worked at Price Waterhouse (now PwC) for 34 years, then as a major and principal gifts officer for Lehigh until his retirement in 2018. His passion for Lehigh encouraged countless alumni and friends to reengage or provide transformative gifts. For his dedication to Lehigh, he also has earned the Eugene G. Grace 1899 Award, the Class Alumni Award and the James Ward Packard ME 1884 Award.

Stay tuned to our social media channels for videos of the recipients and more information on nominating your Lehigh classmates next year!

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SPOTLIGHT

ALUMNI EVENTS

All alumni, parents and friends are welcome at Lehigh events. Find the complete calendar online anytime at mylehigh.lehigh.edu/events.

RIVALRY

Nov. 23, 2019

Goodman Stadium and 60-plus locations nationwide

The 155th edition of the most-played rivalry in all of college football will take place at Lehigh. For ticket information, visit LehighSports.com/tickets. Can't make the game? Check the alumni events calendar for a Le-Laf telecast party near you!

GIVING DAY

March 5, 2020

Get ready for the 24-hour-long effort to rally the Lehigh community in a celebration of support for the university.

REUNION REGISTRATION OPENS!

March 16, 2020

Campus
Mark your calendars to register early and get a big discount on this year's Reunion—June 4-7, 2020.



Maida, Shah Awarded Regional EY Entrepreneur Of The Year

TWO PROMINENT LEHIGH ALUMNI, James R. Maida '85 '17P '19P and Sanjay Shah '89 MBA, were awarded the prestigious EY Entrepreneur Of The Year® award for their region in June.

The Entrepreneur Of The Year® program, founded by Ernst & Young in 1986, recognizes the endeavors of innovators in more than 60 countries whose products and services redefine how people work, live and play. In November, the award committee will announce a national recipient among the regional winners who will go on to represent the United States at the international competition in June 2020.

“James and Sanjay are the epitome of what can be achieved when you couple a Lehigh education with a great idea,” said John D. Simon '19P. “We are proud of their entrepreneurial spirit and thrilled that they have received this honor.”

Maida, cofounder, president and CEO of Gaming Laboratories International (GLI), earned the EY Entrepreneur Of The Year® New Jersey 2019 Award in the business services category. GLI has more than 1,300 employees throughout six continents and provides testing and certification services to regulators, suppliers and operators in the gaming industry. Maida was recognized for excelling in innovation, financial performance and his personal commitment to GLI and the local community.

“I am both humbled and honored to receive this most prestigious award,” said Maida, a Lehigh University Board of Trustees member and campaign cochair for GO: The Campaign for Lehigh. “It was a privilege to be numbered among such an outstanding group of finalists, each of whom displayed exceptional entrepreneurial talent and vision.”

Maida earned his computer science engineering degree at Lehigh. He said the university taught him the problem-solving and real-life skills he needed to figure things out on his own. Part of three generations of Lehigh alumni, he and his wife, Sharon, are continuing their family's legacy with a \$5 million gift to name one of the six New Residential Houses on cam-

pus—a project fueled by GO. The Maida family also has supported the Lehigh Fund and launched initiatives to benefit students, including a scholarship fund and an international internship fund. They also helped transform Williams Hall into the university's global hub.

Shah, founder and CEO of Vistex, received EY's Entrepreneur Of The Year® Midwest 2019 Award in the technology category. He was recognized for his development and design of a new category of software, as well as his two decades of leadership in pioneering software that enables organizations to better deploy their products and services through Go-to-Market programs. Vistex has 21 offices and 1,500 employees worldwide.

“I'm honored to be the recipient of this award,” said Shah, a member of the College of Business Dean's Advisory Council. “Vistex started 20 years ago when I saw a void in the enterprise resource planning market. Since then, Vistex has transformed from being the 'largest software enterprise company in Chicago that no one has heard of' to becoming the Midwest's answer to Silicon Valley in enterprise software and technology.”

Shah earned his MBA at Lehigh and is a proponent of life-long learning. In 2017, he committed a \$5 million gift to the campaign to elevate the executive education program in the College of Business. The gift will be recognized in the new Lehigh business facility by the establishment of a space for the Vistex Institute for Executive Learning and Research.—*Dawn Thren '21P*



From left: Ben Gucciardi '05 '06G, Patrice Banks '02, Ann Lewnes '83 '22P, Dr. Frank L. Douglas '66, James B. Swenson '59 '15GP '17GP, and Jennifer S. Gonzalez '08 '09G

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Lehigh Honors 2019 Distinguished Alumni Award Winners

DURING A SPECIAL EVENING AT Lehigh University, six alumni from across the country were honored for the extraordinary achievements and impact they are making while leading lives of consequence. President John D. Simon '19P presented the Distinguished Alumni Awards at Lehigh's first Leadership Recognition Dinner on Oct. 25 to Jennifer S. Gonzalez '08 '09G, Dr. Frank L. Douglas '66, Ben Gucciardi '05 '06G, Patrice Banks '02, Ann Lewnes '83 '22P and James B. Swenson '59 '15GP '17GP. The new awards program recognizes exceptional achievements among alumni in categories that uplift people, programs and industry.

Simon also inducted new members to Leadership Plaza in recognition of their donating more than \$1 million to the university. Several inductees and their family members joined the ceremony held in Iacocca Hall, which fittingly took place during Founder's Weekend. In addition to being recognized during the event, inductees' names have been engraved on the stone benches of Leadership Plaza outside of the Alumni Memorial Building.

"Lehigh's reputation continues to grow because of the impact our alumni are making in their workplaces, in their communities, and on campus," said Simon. "They inspire today's students by exemplifying what's possible with a Lehigh degree."

Dr. Frank Douglas '66, a respected scientist and

entrepreneur in the field of pharmaceutical research, was the recipient of the Dr. Costel Denson '56 Award. Douglas, who received a standing ovation, said he is especially honored to receive the award because it keeps the name of Dr. Denson—the first African American to graduate from Lehigh—from being forgotten.

"I want to thank everyone for this award because you have allowed me to be a torchbearer for those pioneers who came before me," Douglas said.

Lifetime Commitment to Lehigh Award recipient James B. Swenson '59 '15GP '17GP, who has served Lehigh since his graduation, also credited those before him for inspiring him to stay close to his alma mater.

"From the very beginning, I was fortunate to have wonderful mentors to keep me actively involved with the university, to be engaged in a variety of activities, and to stay tuned in to what's happening and what is needed at Lehigh," Swenson said.

Founder's Weekend, which commemorates Lehigh's founder Asa Packer, was expanded into a full weekend of festivities that included the Volunteer Summit; Brown and White BBQ; groundbreaking on the new Health, Science and Technology building; the Family Fest Tailgate and Family Weekend activities.

—Cynthia Tintorri

See page 40 for more information about this year's awards and recipients.

2019 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS

Young Alumni Award
Jennifer S. Gonzalez '08 '09G

Dr. Costel Denson '56 Award
Dr. Frank L. Douglas '66

Public Service Award
Ben Gucciardi '05 '06G

Outstanding Entrepreneur Award
Patrice Banks '02

Excellence in Industry Award
Ann Lewnes '83 '22P

Lifetime Commitment to Lehigh Award
James B. Swenson '59 '15GP '17GP



Watch videos about each of the award recipients at GOCampaign.lehigh.edu/alumniawards

LEHIGH DISPATCH

Editor's note: Welcome to Lehigh Dispatch, where you can find out what your fellow alums are up to. Thanks to our dedicated correspondents for the work you do to keep our extended Lehigh community together. Please send Class Notes to your class correspondent, or, if unsure the class to which the news applies, send to classnotes@lehigh.edu.

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Hank Bauer wrote in April:
"Hello Dick,

"I don't think we ever met while I was at Lehigh so many years ago in the late 40s and for graduation in 1951. I was an exchange student from Germany back in those days and got my degree in civil engineering. I also had help from my uncle who was Dean Palmer of the Arts College. I joined the Eta chapter of the Theta Xi Fraternity while I was at Lehigh.

"I spent 33 years of my life working for Bethlehem Steel Corp., working on locations all over the country, including on the Minot, N.D., missile base. I built bridges and high rises from coast to coast, finally winding up in Baltimore where I oversaw building the largest blast furnace ever built in this country. I am told that it was also the third largest worldwide. Sadly, the entire steel plant in Baltimore was burned up for scrap after the bankruptcy of the company.

"After Bethlehem Steel I spent several years at Morgan State University in Baltimore helping the University with

their ambitious construction program. I also have been a volunteer for many years at a private school: the Waldorf School of Baltimore. I turned 90 a couple of weeks ago and I am in good health and continuing my volunteer work at the school.

"Sadly, I never found time to get married and now at the end of my life it leaves a big hole in my daily activities. Such is life and some of the choices we make as we go along. Not too many of our classmates are left behind, but I look back on my days at Lehigh with fond memories. I believe in 1950 we had an undefeated football season. It was a big event at the time."

In July I received information from **Richard E. Bartholomew**, which came to me in response to a short questionnaire that I sent to a few of you as a test. Bart, as he likes to be called, was my only respondent. He graduated with a B.S. in physics. He spent his entire 36-year career with General Electric, retiring in 1987. He was first a development engineer and then served as systems manager in flight control systems. Major programs included the F-111 and F-18 fighters for the U.S.A.F. and commercial aircraft systems for Boeing. During his GE career he lived in Lancaster, Calif.

In retirement Bart serves as president of a sister cities program in Russia. He has been active with that organization for

27 years. His wife is deceased. He now lives in Kirkwood, N.Y., with his son, Dan.

Note: The response to my mailing was only one for fifteen with two "returned to sender." I'll try again with a larger batch. I don't send to people I have already heard from.

I just heard from Treva Bevier, wife of our classmate, **Lou Bevier**. She writes to remind us that Lou was an IE major. After working for others, Lou struck out on his own, founding Bevco Inc. During Lou's working years, they lived in Dover, Mass., Old Bennington, Vt., Barrington, R.I., and Ocean Reef, Fla. Sadly, for the last three years Lou has been at Grand Oaks Memory Care Unit in Palm City, Fla. Lou suffers from vascular dementia.

Editor's note: Apologies to Tom Dowdell, who we incorrectly reported was a Chi Psi brother. He is a Sigma Chi brother. His phone number is 701-809-5304.

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March 2019: **Tom Balch**, my old roommate (he wasn't old when he was my roommate) called and confirmed that he is alive and well, living in Vero Beach, Fla. Still beating his treadmill to death and trying to beat the stock market. He thinks the market is winning.

Hal Wissmann of Scottsdale, Ariz.: He and wife, Charlotte, are both retired but still practicing real estate agents. Hal survived two years in the Army as a draftee when the Army in its infinite wisdom took note of his B.S. in IE and assigned him to the Chemical Corps. When he escaped, he joined GE and served as an engineering manager for 17 years. Hal spent another 17 years with Honeywell, then retired to Scottsdale to join Charlotte's real estate firm. He is still active and looks

forward to a long, fun life in Arizona. They have a son, daughter and granddaughter, all nearby.

Bill Murray called: He is still in Sugar Land, Texas, fighting neuropathy. After graduation he went to work for Bechtel Corp., but was drafted and spent 11 months in South Korea as a vehicle nursemaid. He returned to Bechtel and earned two patents on pump design. He moved from Houston to Oakland, Los Angeles and Savannah, Ga., before retiring to Sugar Land. In 1993, at 62, he competed in the Master's Diving Competition, diving from the 10-meter board! Bill mentioned that **Jim Reed** is still working as a financial advisor for somebody in Los Angeles and that **Bob Kradoska** is alive and well in the Philadelphia area.

Bob Arndt wrote: "My degree was in civil engineering, followed by a 25-year career with Bethlehem Steel. I worked on several major projects: the Walt Whitman Bridge in Philadelphia, Madison Square Garden and the Metropolitan Opera House in NYC and the Seabrook Nuclear Power Station in N.H. I think that is very good for a guy that started as a 10-year-old kid with an erector set."

May: **David Garden**, St. Helena, Calif.: "I'm still married to my Bethlehem girl and our five kids are all living on our ranch, helping out with all the stuff I can't do as well as I used to. It is great to sit back and admire the next generations. I never made it to CEO status, but feel that Nancy and I contributed greatly to our community and raised a fine crop of kids, grandkids and a really great, great-granddaughter."

June: **Pat Moran** thanked me for giving him a break after 38 faithful years of uninterrupted service. He is doing well.

Elihu Schepps writes that he and wife Joan still live in Boca Raton, Fla., where he spends his spare time with golf and watercolor painting. They visited Lehigh in 2016 for their

granddaughter's graduation and when their grandson became a freshman. He is now in his senior year. They attend the Tower Society meetings in Palm Beach and usually see **Bob Reisman** and wife Toby there.

That's it for this series. What did I learn from the above? Lots of our classmates don't realize we have a website that highlights all of us and what we have done or not done over the years.

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Our 66th mini-reunion held on June 8, 2019, at Saucon Valley Country Club was a great success with 12 classmates and a support group of wives, daughters and grandchildren in attendance. Our banquet took place in the Governor's Room, which was an ideal location with space for our social from 6-7 p.m., and then an outstanding dinner. The following classmates were in attendance: **Chuck Atmore, Jim Cooke, Nick Gentile, Bob Gill, Sam Grauer, Grant Hansel, Roger Inglese, Tony Latour, Tip Mowrer, Jack Platt, Herb Roemmele** and our class president, **Joe Workman**.

It was nice to see our first president, Nick Gentile, and Herb Roemmele, our first class correspondent. Joe Workman served as the master of ceremonies for the evening and asked Nick, Herb, Bob and me to speak about what we have done in the last 66 years since graduation. Other classmates offered their thoughts as well. It was a great evening for all who came! The University came and photographed us all together. (To see photos of Reunion 2019, go to <https://lehighalumni.zenfolio.com/reunion2019>) This is great since we believe a 66th mini-reunion has never been attempted before.

Joe Workman did some

research with Lehigh, and it appears there are 260 members still living, or 45% of the class. He also reported that the Class of '53 Scholarship Fund now has a market value of \$493,000. This money provides scholarships to support the education of two students. The current recipients are Leah Posch '21, a bioengineering major from Easton, Pa., and Erik Schell '20, a mechanical engineering major from Northampton, Pa.

Please keep those cards and letters coming, as Dean Martin used to say. I need as much information as you all can provide to keep us all connected. Please note our reunion committee lost one of its contributing members, **Bill Latshaw**, who passed away this past November. He was a big asset over the years, especially with his ideas for our wonderful 50th yearbook.

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In the beginning of 2019, I tried to call all the officers of our class so I could write about what our class would do at our reunion. I am sad to write that no one responded as they all are now in a better place.

Three members of our class attended Reunion last June. They are: **Albert Michell, William Murphey** and **Ronald Madison**.

However, the Pi Lams came through in their own unique way. **Marty Edelman** has a rare form of blood disease and, as a result, told his classmates that he could not travel to Bethlehem. They responded by saying that they would come to Sarasota and hold their own reunion with Marty. The Zota Hotel, formerly the Hilton on Longboat Key, was booked and the class reunion of the '54 Pi Lams was held in Paradise, as we sometimes refer to Sarasota.

Sam Frohlich lives in New Jersey and spends four to five months in Vermont. **Jay Greenstone** lives in Ocala, Fla., in The Villages. **Larry Skaller** is a year-round resident of Naples, Fla. **Bob Goldberg** lives in Woodstock, N.Y., and spends five months in St. Croix in the Virgin Islands. **Bob Littman** is a tax attorney and lives in Manhattan and spends time on the Massachusetts shores.

The Pi Lams came through for Lehigh and for their president, treasurer and secretary.

In January, we bought a unit on the tenth floor in the South Tower of the Sarasota Bay Club, a retirement home in the northern part of the city of Sarasota. After five to six months of planning, we moved in on July 2. I have a loose-leaf book detailing the renovation of three bathrooms, a kitchen, bar and library/office, the floor. You name it and we replaced it. We have now reduced the boxes packed for the move from 165 to 25 and see the light at the end of the tunnel. It was worth it. We have views of the bridge, the bay and downtown.

On July 4, we watched the city fireworks from our living room. After the third night in our new home, I asked Eleanor how she felt and she said, "I feel I've died and gone to heaven."

If any of you come down to Sarasota, please contact us. We could have a reunion, so to speak.

Kudos to Marty. I am still not sure where my Lehigh file is and his call saved the day.

May God bless.

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I received a letter from **Lou Peters**:

"Reflections on the 65 years since we labored together in chem engineering. My 'campus

life' was rather restricted since I was a 'townie,' commuting daily from Allentown. The second floor of Drown Hall was headquarters for my fellow townies. Many of the townies were the last of the WWII vets finishing their education under the GI Bill. Saturday classes were the bane of our existence. The daily commute from Allentown presented many challenges, but we never missed any classes. The Korean War loomed over all grads in '55. As a result, I married in December of '54 to have time together before facing the draft. As you remember, my wife, Fay, and I visited with you and your fiancée at your parents' home prior to graduation to demonstrate that early marriages do work. The job market for ChemEs in '55 was great and we all had many job offers.

"My choice was Bakelite, a division of Union Carbide in Bound Brook, N.J. This job in the plastics industry had a deferment attached to it. By the summer of '56 we welcomed our first daughter and that coincided with Selective Service deciding that married men with a family would not be drafted. My life in plastics varied from 10 years in R&D to 20 in sales and marketing. I retired from UCC on Jan. 1, 1986. A prime achievement in my UCC time was the development of the yellow crash barriers that are a ubiquitous part of the nation's highway safety system. Various sales and marketing jobs in flexible polyurethanes capped my UCC career.

"My personal life took a sad turn for the worse when Fay died in 1980, leaving me with three young ladies. I remarried in 1982 to Dusty and we have celebrated 37 years together.

"After my retirement from UCC, I assumed the position of executive director of the Polyurethane Foam Association in mid-1986. I finally retired from that position on Jan. 1, 2005. Fifty years of work was fun but

there are other things in life.

"I have attended the class reunions faithfully and helped **Dick Smith**, our president, as his vice president until his passing in 2018. Dick and I were classmates from junior high school all the way through Lehigh. The 65th Reunion is staring us in the face. It will be interesting to see who makes it to the reunion.

"My Lehigh legacy extends to my daughter Missy Thoet '86 '90G, granddaughters Erica Stucchi '05 and Ashley Thoet '13. Daughter Missy married Bruce Thoet '87.

"I am proud of my Lehigh education and gladly show the Lehigh alumni decal in my car window. Leads to some interesting conversations."

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Save the date for Reunion 2020: June 4-7, 2020

'56 **Bill Burgin**, 534 W. Beechtree Lane, Wayne, PA 19087. (610) 688-7374 (H)

A welcome letter from **John Milnor** begins with "Yes, I also want a 65th Reunion for our class."

John agrees with **Bruce Marra** and others who favor this possible event. The last of July found John just back from a trip covering 4,000 miles, 17 days, 13 states and one Canadian province. He visited his sister in Texas and celebrated his 87th birthday.

At home in New Port Richey, Fla., John stays busy serving as president of his condo association and attending a variety of meetings. Regarding the potential Lehigh reunion, he states, "I am ready for the trip north in June 2021."

Bill Bole, LU's associate vice president for development, welcomed the guests at the fifteenth luncheon for "older alums," held in April at the Hershey's Mill Golf Club in West Chester, Pa. Bill assured us that the Lehigh we remember is still the same Lehigh. Principal speakers were Richard

Sause and Shalinee Kishore, directors of the University's Institute for Cyber-Physical Infrastructure and Energy. One purpose of the I-CPIE (for short) is to expand interdisciplinary research.

On hand with us at the luncheon were **Wayne Parker, Ferd Thun, Bruce Waechter, Fred Meckley**, Mickey Simon '57, Bob Hoyt '52, John Kerr '52, Jane Bevan and Adam Selmasska '06.

In June, Janet and Bruce Waechter and their guest, Dick Geyer of Las Vegas, joined Tricia and me for lunch and a theater production in Ambler, Pa. Dick, just in from his Class of '57 reunion at Princeton University, was a fellow student of Bruce's in high school days at the William Penn Charter School in Philadelphia.

As I write, Lolly and **Tom Burgin** are en route to attend the August wedding of their granddaughter, Alison Bougas, to Stephen Swigut in Beverly, Mass. Alison is a fifth-grade teacher and graduate of Elon University. She is the daughter of Charles and Laura Bougas, Tom and Lolly's oldest of four daughters.

I always welcome your news. Cheers for a good fall season.

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It's been a great summer if you like rain, every few days here in Wyckoff. We did get up to campus twice, one visit with my son David's '85 wife and three grandchildren after an afternoon at the Crayola Factory in Easton, Pa. If you have young grandchildren in the 5-12 age range, it is an entertaining day. My second trip was for a campus tour with my granddaughter, Susannah Watson, who will be a H.S. senior at the Canterbury School in Fort Wayne, Ind. She is the daughter of my son Jonathan '90 M.A. Had a great walk around campus visiting the sports hall of fame, business school and art gallery.

Both trips ended up at the Brew Works on W. Broad and Main for an enjoyable dinner. Great stout made there!

George Rosenfeld, whom we have not had in the column for about 40 years, is now living in an old industrial loft in Soho, NY. George related a brief history since graduation starting with a trip to Europe with **Pete Bond**, service in the Army in '58 for six months, a training program at Merrill Lynch, being sent to Rome as a sales rep covering the Mediterranean for Merrill. He left Merrill in '65, lived on a Greek island for three years, met a Canadian lady there and is still married to her. Back in NYC in '65, hired by Goldman Sachs and in '68 bought a membership on the American Stock Exchange and started his own firm that he retired from in '97. Got an M.A. from NYU in history and taught at a couple of colleges and is now chairman of Odyssey House, a national drug rehab organization. He sits on a few boards to keep busy while enjoying living in the City. He was a Pi Lamb for a while and moved over to Sigma Phi for two years, where he became a guest member and remembers a great time living there with **Al Huddy, Bill Stanier, Jimmy Haas, Ned McCann** and **Bob O'Brien**.

Joe Capuano called me to say he's retired from his construction business and still living in Carlisle, Pa. His two daughters, Melissa (Capuano) Rohland '86 and Megan Capuano '91, are Lehigh grads, and he has a grandson starting in the fall as well.

Enrico Stein and his wife, Lenora, are still living in Scottsdale, Ariz., in a house they designed and built 43 years ago. They have been traveling for years in an old '42 Diesel Pusher RV that looks new but sits in the garage now after using it as a mobile home for 20 years to escape that summer heat of Arizona. He has also given up the big Harley after all these years since recovering from a bad fall last year. Enrico was a major

weightlifter all his life and started the Lehigh Motorcycle Club back in his freshman year. Now at 85 he claims to be cutting back on the heavy stuff.

Have a great year. Call or email me with news soon!

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Just after we returned from Wrightsville Beach, N.C., I received a phone call from Claudia and **Jim Horkheimer** that they bought a smaller home in North Charlestown, S.C., after their vacation in March. Wow! It brought back memories of driving back and forth from Orchard Park, Rochester and Lehigh while we composed our 50th Reunion yearbook. What an effort, what a success, what great memories!

Another phone call from Jim and Claudia as they were driving north from South Carolina to Cooperstown, N.Y., in June for a four-day annual Opera Festival that they had purchased last year. They are getting used to the 95-degree weather, a much smaller garden and house, but Jim is still playing the difficult card game of contract bridge and is only five points from achieving his life master designation. Good luck! (He didn't bid eight on trump!) He also related that they have volunteered for 22 years as consultants to the inmates of Attica Penitentiary in Arcade, N.Y., prior to their release to society, and since then they have been called by the inmates for advice. This program is busier and more important now that the second-chance law has been passed! Jim and Claudia have the experience to advise.

Bruce Gilbert called after the annual Lehigh Alumni Spring Luncheon at Hershey Mill, Pa., where he joined with **John Harkrader, Ron Vaughn**, Wayne Parker '56 and John Cunningham '60. Bruce and Sandi ran

the 100-meter race at the Penn Relays again—it looked like a tie between them? They will not make it to the National Seniors in Albuquerque, N.M., this year.

Lee Owens—I hope you have recovered from your ailments. I am still weaning off Prednisone, but two months on medical marijuana had no effect at all. I have changed my pain management doctor and it has worked. He is in his thirties and his first two back procedures—nerve blocking and radio frequency ablations—have removed the pain. Next I must get my legs to work; I have not driven a car since March. I call Anne “Miss Daisy” since she drove over 3,000 miles on our vacation—great job! We stopped in Baltimore for her 60th reunion at Bryn Mawr. Some of her classmates are getting older, but not Anne or Missy or Biggs!

My small world society moment is that my cardiologist’s sister, Anne Banas ’97, is working in Manhattan and is a travel editor for the BBC.

Bob Libutti sent me a letter after their fantastic trip to Alaska with Lee Owens. He moved to Eskaton assisted living center in Grass Valley, Calif., in September to help manage his Parkinson’s disease (that was diagnosed in 2004 and has steadily grown). Eskaton is a first-class location, like a cruise ship without water.

He is still active on the board of directors of IX Power Inc., which he founded and which has two great products: first, a water purification technology that removes organic toxins from water created by oil and gas drilling, producing drinkable water, and second, a small 25 MWe nuclear reactor the size of a refrigerator that can power a city of 2,000 people for 10 years. Clean water and energy are their focus! They just closed an \$18 million contract!

Mary has reduced her practice to a few clients, especially those with PTSD. Bob keeps busy with his painting, workshops and

the guitar, but severe arthritis has interfered with that hobby. They have six children (three each), 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Gary’s Barbershop can’t wait for the Bills’ rookie quarterback, Josh Allen, to make his mark in the NFL—could it happen this year? They look good, no injuries!

Greekers to Jim Horkheimer and Bob Libutti!

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59@60 Class Reunion

“Here they come, ladies and gentlemen, the Class of 1959, the few, the proud, the ambulatory.”

So announced **John Canova** in presenting our ambling attendees at the Parade of Classes event at our 60th Reunion. Long gone were the Dancing Raisins, Prancing Mummies, Penske Race Team uniforms and other less sedate themes and costumes past. Reflecting our senior status, our “uniforms” were more sophisticated Lehigh T-shirts and baseball hats. But we did hoist a few themed signs: “’59 Still in Our Prime,” “Stopped Tappin’ Kegs, But Still Got Legs,” “Had 8-O’Clock Classes, But No Pretty Lasses,” and many more.

Most music critics recall that rock and roll became popular in 1955 with Bill Haley and the Comets’ “Rock Around the Clock” theme from the movie *Blackboard Jungle* the same year we started at Lehigh. So, the Alumni Band pounded that as our theme as we paraded past the judges.

Attending the reunion were our classmates **Scott Armstrong, Dan Bayer, Bill Beattie, Jim Blair, Harry Brooks, John Canova, Don Cazer, Gus Chew, Chandler Ford, Don Foster, Beall Fowler, Dave Goddard,**

Ed Hamer, Leon Harbold, Joe Henningsen, Bill Horn, Carl Johnson, George Karr, Glenn Kinard, Mike Kuenne, Gene Mercy, Joe Montville, Bob Noll, Dick Patterson, Paul Prestia, Bob Shabaker, Tony Sousa, Dick Spillman, John St. Clair, Jim Swenson, Don Talhelm, Bob Teufel, Art Walking, Ed Williams, Don Wilson and Bob Zenorini.

Class events started Saturday evening with a cocktail and snacks party at Zoellner Arts Center followed by three outstanding presentations: Wight Martindale ’60 spoke on the debt we owe Bethlehem Steel for all of its support starting in 1924 with the sale of 550 acres of land to Lehigh, which became the Murray Goodman Campus. His presentation included a vintage film of the construction of Steel’s Burns Harbor plant that was truly fascinating in its scope.

Provost Pat Farrell then took us to the future with an inspiring preview of the new College of Health due to open in fall of 2020.

But the duel of the day, bigger than Hamilton and Burr, occurred between classmates Scott Armstrong and Beall Fowler, each taking different positions on climate change. Beall cited irrefutable evidence of glacial melt, sea levels increasing, temperatures rising, CO2 levels at all-time highs. Scott countered that many climate change claims fail the test of scientific rigor and analysis. His presentation can be found on ResearchGate. The audience called the debate a draw!

An all-classes dinner and entertainment followed our class presentations. Held in a huge tent behind the Rauch Business Center, it featured excellent food stations, open bars and lively music.

Saturday’s grand finale was a farewell dinner at Saucon Valley Country Club’s fabled Villa Pazzetti. Choices were filet mignon or salmon, with the filet trounc-

ing the salmon, proving that old carnivores live at least until 82. No paleo, vegan, mung bean, rice milk, sissy food for the Class of ’59. Lehigh Vocal Arts made the evening really special with their beautiful a cappella voices. And it was a special delight when Ed Hamer’s granddaughter, a member of the group, sang a solo. There was many a misty eye as we joined them ending with the alma mater.

Other reunion highlights: George Karr won the prestigious Eugene Grace Award for his continued generosity and commitment to Lehigh. John Canova won the Class of ’59 Alumni Award for his volunteer contributions. Your 36 Reunion classmates won the award for producing the largest percentage turnout of any returning class—11%.

And what did ’59ers think of the reunion?

Bob Noll and his partner “had a wonderful time. We especially liked the bus tour of Old Bethlehem. And the Hawktober Fest: German band, German beer and food. We danced on the grass!”

Mike Kuenne “thought the Reunion was a well-run affair, arranged so you could meet old and new friends. Parade, dinner and beer garden were highlights.” Harry Brooks “only went to the Saturday functions because of grandkids’ high school graduation Friday night. We did breakfast, class picture, class walk, lunch, provost talk, bus tour of Bethlehem and our wonderful class dinner and entertainment. Was very impressed by class turnout. Looking forward to 2024.”

Joe Henningsen and wife Ann “really enjoyed the Reunion. We were able to join several classmate friends and meet some new classmates. We thought the University provided a welcoming atmosphere and well run opportunities to gather and enjoy. Lunch after the parade was a highlight for us as we

enjoyed the company of several classmates and their wives. Dinner at Saucon was excellent.”

Beall Fowler “enjoyed the Reunion very much. Good fellowship, good food, very well organized. And the musical treat at our dinner was outstanding. Kudos to Leon and company.” For Joe Montville “the seminar that Leon Harbold organized about the historical link between Bethlehem Steel and Lehigh. Also, the friendly debate on the science of climate change analysis.”

We had so many great stories from the reunion that we will have to continue our coverage in the next issue of the *Alumni Bulletin*. So, look for it in your mail.

Meantime, the best news from the event is that our class president and Reunion Chairman, Leon Harbold, has agreed to head our 65th: June 6-9, 2024. Mark it on your calendar.

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Hello classmates,

I am writing this in the middle of a nice warm summer on the Connecticut shoreline. Perfect weather for the beach or playing golf.

Our class president, **Jack Kennedy**, is spending his summer on Nantucket but is still thinking about our 60th Reunion next spring. Reunion weekend is June 4-7, 2020, with the class dinner at 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 6. It will be held at Villa Pazzetti at Saucon Valley Country Club. Jack is donating 10 cases of nice aged French red wine for the occasion. I was planning to donate 10 cases of Gallo's Hearty Burgundy, but discovered my sons had drunk it all. There is \$2,100 in our class treasury so I am sure Jack will be able to find some nice white wine to go

with his red. The committee for the reunion is made up of **Tom Bliss, Bob Bevan, Craig Anderson, Bill Ross, Ira Friedman, John Daniel, Harry McNally, John Cunningham, Dave Eyer, Bob Voccola, Bob McGovern, Bentley Offutt** and myself. Hopefully we will have a good turnout.

Dave Eyer passed on the news of **Gene Guidi's** passing. Dave and Gene were friends from their days in the school of mining engineering while at Lehigh and kept in touch over the years as both had a big interest in the theater. Gene worked for Bird Machine Co., which manufactured products for the mining industry and was purchased by Consolidated Coal when Dave was working there.

Myron Olstein wrote that he and his wife, Sherry, have lived in Northern Virginia since 1965. Myron spent most of his career as a consultant to water and wastewater utilities with clients in all 50 states and five other countries. He and his wife volunteer at the Kennedy Center while Myron still does some consulting work. He is an avid pickleball player and is hoping to get a game while attending the reunion next spring. He also acts as the D.C. host for the Lehigh-Lafayette game and would love to see some classmates stop by so he can buy them a beer. He can be reached at 703-200-4201 or 2100 Kings Garden Way, Falls Church, VA 22043.

I had an email from **Bob (Chico) Horn** after the last column was published and followed it up with a phone call. Bob has been living in Edmond, Okla., since 1978 when he went there for a position in cash management with a local bank. Edmond is just north of Oklahoma City. After a few years he went to another bank and then 11 years later to a small private bank that grew into a very large bank. He still fondly remembers his days as a Chi Psi at Lehigh. Bob has

a son who lives in Washington, D.C., and two daughters who both live in Oklahoma. He has five grandchildren. His wife died two years ago and he keeps busy by playing golf, reading and doing volunteer work, including providing financial support to needy students at his old high school in Red Bank, N.J. Bob hopes to go east soon to visit his son and his old haunts in Red Bank. Hopefully he can delay the trip until next spring so he can attend the reunion. He can be reached at 405-348-7224.

Tom Bliss is having some health problems, which have required him to spend about a month in the University of Maryland's intensive care unit. He will be spending quite a bit of time in a rehab situation, hopefully down in his hometown of Charleston, S.C. We are all hoping he recovers in time to attend the Lafayette game in November.

I received a note from Lee Owens '58 regarding **Bob Vernon**, an old Theta Xi fraternity brother of his. Bob recently passed away after several years of sickness. In the late 1960s, Bob traveled to Sydney, Australia and liked it so much he ended up staying. He went into business, married and raised a family there.

If you have any questions on the reunion or wish to volunteer to help the reunion committee, please contact Jack Kennedy at 914-843-2825.

Hope to see some of you at a football game this fall.

[Save the date for Reunion 2020: June 4-7, 2020](#)

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Well, classmates, 2019 is the year that many of us reach the big eight-zero. You wouldn't know it, however, from the looks of the news. No surprise, '61ers just refuse to slow down!

Bob Colonna continues to serve as president and CEO of Innovative Systems Inc., a rapidly growing data management company which he founded in Pittsburgh in 1968 after picking up an MBA from Penn's Wharton School. The firm's expanding international presence took Bob to Saudi Arabia and Dubai last year. He sponsors projects in Lehigh's computer science curriculum and has hired four recent graduates. He and Mary Jane watched their daughter run the NYC Marathon, attended Lehigh's Lacrosse Alumni Weekend, and learned to speak a little German and French on a Rhone River cruise.

Toby James remains strong despite desperate setbacks in his life. You may remember that at our 55th Reunion he sadly reported losing his second wife to leukemia. In September 2017, he remarried, only to lose Betty this year from a stroke. He's still active part-time as a CPA, specializing in individual trust and tax returns. Also, he continues to organize two big televised parades in St. Louis, plus last year's "monstrous St. Louis Hockey Blues Stanley Cup celebration."

No, **Al Richmond** no longer runs the marathon. His lifetime best was in 1982 when he finished in 3:01 hours. In 2017 he was the "last man standing" as his daughter dragged him across the finish line at 6:50. But, otherwise, he has remained so busy organizing a high school reunion, planning the Theta Delt fall get-together and attending three grandsons' graduations that he could spend only three hours last year on his 36-foot sailboat in Chesapeake Bay. Kitty and Al have six children, 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. They live in a remodeled 100-year-old Arts and Crafts house built by Al's grandmother just outside of D.C.

Dave Hapke finally retired from teaching, giving him and Jan more time at their vacation home in Vermont. "The snow

shoeing the day after Thanksgiving was great!” They frequent Maine, New Hampshire and Wisconsin to visit their three daughters and their families. Last September they flew to Madrid and enjoyed a cruise on Portugal’s Douro River.

John McGarry writes to correct my error in a recent article: He graduated from Georgetown, not George Washington University! In May 2015, he finally gave in and retired from more than 50 years in the intellectual property profession. “I am now what I call a climate advocate,” he states, “lobbying for conservation issues with Michigan legislators and congressional representatives.” He works through the Citizens Climate Lobby to advocate for a revenue-neutral price on carbon, and serves on the board of the Michigan League of Conservation Voters. He and Kate are active in the local arts community and have sons in Seattle and Maui.

Wouldn’t you know that elevator consulting business executive **John “Dutch” Van Deusen** would retire to a penthouse floor elevation of 8,300 feet near Vail, Colo.! At least that’s where he and Lois spend six weeks skiing in the winter and five months playing golf in the summer. When back in New York City he serves as an “employee” of the business he sold, “which gives me a salary, perks, and an office to escape to.” I thought Dutch said that he retired!

Bob McGuffey reports that he has been with the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company since 1975, becoming a member of the prestigious Million Dollar Round Table for more than 40 years. He now works out of his home, allowing him to keep up with his part-time avocation of professional photographer. “What other career permits you to keep on going until you can’t? It has been a wonderful life!”

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On one of the hottest days in mid-July, **Ron Johnson** decided to escape the New Jersey heat wave and visit with Sue and **Bob Downing** on Cape Cod, where the temperature was only 95. Ron spent two nights with Bob and Sue at their home in the beautiful Pine Hills section of Plymouth. On the first night Ron prepared a Mediterranean dinner that included an octopus appetizer, tomato watermelon salad, baked branzino with roasted oregano potatoes and appropriate wines. On day two they met Brenda and **Buddy Gitlin** in Sandwich, Cape Cod. Ron, Bob and Buddy then motored on Buddy’s 44-foot *Midnight Lady* for four hours to her berth in Braintree, Mass., providing plenty of time for trading war stories from their days at Lehigh. On Monday, Buddy had to go back to work after two weeks on his boat and Bob and Ron played a round of golf at Pine Hills Country Club. They were fine-tuning their game in anticipation of a golf weekend at Skidaway Island, Ga., with **Jim Morgan, Kent Westhelle, Dave Angell** and any others who can join them. The event is planned for spring of 2020.

Eleanor and **Phil Kinzel** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June with a weekend in Paris followed by an eight-day Viking river cruise on the Seine River in France. The tour included a visit to the beautiful gardens and farmhouse where Claude Monet lived and worked, the setting that inspired many of his masterpieces, a visit to the Church of Saint Joan of Arc where Joan of Arc was burned at the stake for heresy in 1431, and a visit to the hallowed ground at Normandy’s American Military Cemetery and World War II beaches. The

stop in Normandy was on June 4, just two days before the 75th celebration of D-Day, so there was lots of excitement and pageantry.

Bill Schoner, Bob Wittemann and Phil Kinzel attended their 65th grammar school reunion in June. All, including **Grant Anderson**, who was unable to attend, attended K-8 at Livingston Grammar School in Union, N.J., then Union High School and then Lehigh. Twenty classmates returned from Connecticut, Florida, Pennsylvania, Vermont and New Jersey to enjoy an afternoon of reminiscing at a local country club. The committee took pictures of the attendees’ homes from when they lived in Union, and a slide presentation asking “Who lived in this house?” was a highlight of the reunion. The winner got a prize of memorabilia from the old grammar school.

Bill is a retired CPA, and he and Diana live in Windsor, Conn. He was a partner with Haskins and Sells, now Deloitte, and left to take on CFO responsibilities for several large manufacturing firms. Bob and Jane Wittemann live in Belle Mead, N.J. Bob is retired after spending all of his working career as an engineer at Johnson & Johnson. He is an avid skier with a timeshare in Utah. He is awaiting double knee replacement and hopes to return to the slopes this winter.

Chris and **Mike Gennet** (Rancho Mirage, Calif.) keep me up to date on their world travels through Facebook. In May they had a grand time hiking and exploring and living out Mike’s Indiana Jones fantasy with a National Geographic tour to the Middle East exploring Israel and Jordan. Mike reported a visit to “Caesarea, site of some of the most spectacular ruins (of the Mediterranean region) in Israel. A world-class marine archaeologist provided an outstanding on-site lecture on the history of Caesarea, recent excavations and

discoveries, and plans for future projects to learn more about its secrets. We saw excavations in progress, proof of past tsunamis that devastated seaside structures and the viewing stands of a hippodrome where chariots raced near the sea.” After a dip in the Red Sea they crossed the border to Jordan for a few nights in Petra, a historical and archaeological city in southern Jordan. In 2007, the ancient city of Petra became one of the Seven New Wonders of the World.

The Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association (EIWA) Championships will be hosted by Lehigh on March 6-7 and we are looking forward to another Eastern championship with three returning champions. Lehigh had a great recruiting class. At our 55th Reunion, **Doug Baillie, Chuck Moore, Fritz Mueller** and **Al Rieper** agreed to organize a mini-reunion at the 2020 EIWA finals. Bob Downing, our class president, has reserved rooms at the Homewood Suites in Center Valley. A “mini-reunion” dinner is planned with the Wrestling Club. The “mini-reunion” will be a great time to remember “the good old days of the Super ’60s.”

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Thank you to **Alan Barney** who provided the summer column for me. There is not much to report this time. I appeal to my classmates to keep me up to date on anything worthy of inclusion in the *Bulletin*.

As a follow-up to the **Carl Euker III** obituary in “In Remembrance,” one of his fraternity brothers indicated that Carl passed away from cancer at his home in Bel Air, Md. His obituary read: “After attending Towson High School, he graduated from Lehigh, earning degrees in both business

administration and industrial engineering.

“While at Lehigh, Carl was an all-conference attackman for the lacrosse team.

“After working for Black and Decker in Towson for over 23 years, Carl began a second successful career as a salesman for Eagle Sales Company until his retirement in 2010. He participated in and coached all of his children’s sports and activities. As an avid golfer, Carl spent many of his retirement mornings on the links with friends and colleagues. He also sang in his church choir and participated in a barber shop quartet.”

Carl is survived by his wife of 54 years, Susan, three children and six grandchildren.

On August 5, I participated in the Lehigh Valley Wrestling Club’s annual golf scramble with my daughter, Amy (Earley) Morton ’93, and both my sons-in-law. No other ’63ers were in attendance, but I did spend some time talking with Robert Handschue ’75. Bob was an outstanding wide receiver for the Brown and White and was the first Lehigh recruit to play in Pennsylvania’s Big 33 football game. He was the leading Lehigh receiver in 1974, up to the Lehigh-Lafayette game, with 42 catches for 481 yards and six touchdowns. Lehigh passes a lot more today than they did in 1974.

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Fifty-five years! Five more years have passed since our 50th Reunion. That banner year saw a record percentage, 83 out of our 625 classmates, return to Lehigh. Only 25 of us made it to our 55th reunion. But we were indeed a presence, and those of us who came back found the experience “priceless.” Lehigh really significantly “amped up”

the quality of the venue: huge tents, fine foods, high-quality refreshments, multiple bands, quality activities and presentations. It was really well organized and well done! Movement around campus was particularly comfortable since graduation weekend was not concurrent, but held prior in May. The focus was entirely on the reunion! New buildings and construction continue to amaze! Those of you who have not been back for a while would be amazed at the growth of our campus and of the town of Bethlehem. Both are thriving. Lehigh arranged multiple walking and driving tours of both. Lehigh did a great job of providing student-chauffeur transportation around the campus and to and from the hotels. Lehigh has come a long way in arranging the weekend to accommodate 50-plus-year-group alumni.

The Friday night “Soirée Under the Stars” in the Tamerler Courtyard (former Taylor Stadium site) was by all accounts the best we’ve experienced. **Fred Kersens** did a great job planning and organizing the Saturday parade. Our class president, **Lane Jorgensen**, asked me to express a special thanks to our reunion leader, Fred Kersens, for leading a winning parade! Clearly, we won. But due mostly to an insufficient bribe, we were inched out by the Class of ’79, who impressed the biased judges through gender diversity and a dance routine. Our “priceless”-themed entry and the song he wrote for us to sing to the judges should have put us over the top. I mean, how can you not like this: “Welcome to Lehigh family and friends. We’re so glad you’re here. We are the Lehigh Class of 19-64. That was many long years ago. We were here for a few happy years. They were all priceless. This is a great day and now we will par-tay. Lehigh is priceless!” **Chuck Clemens** arranged our class dinner at the

Historic Sun Inn. **Ted Muendel** presented a Class of ’64 check to Lehigh development representatives for \$2.7 million, with donor participation from 120 classmates...both very impressive numbers for our 55th! Ted noted it makes over \$6 million we have given in the past ten years. Clearly many of us agree our Lehigh experience is priceless.

Lane Jorgensen said a few words thanking everyone who helped plan and organize our reunion. He even said some nice things about our class correspondent. It’s been 30 years since I showed up late for our 25th Reunion dinner and found I had been elected to replace **Bill Oskin** and **Chuck Wistar**.

We enjoyed the ambiance, company, conversation and Chuck’s music playlist.

Given all the effort the committee and Lehigh put into our reunion I was disappointed that more of our classmates did not participate. But a respectable number of 25 of our classmates, along with 15 guests, were able to attend one or more of the events.

Dan Franceski came the farthest, having just returned from Slovakia. Dan, who occasionally travels with the Lehigh band, was in Budapest with them earlier and had gone to his family’s hometown to do some ancestry research.

Skip Danielson, with wife Judy, and Jean and **Bob Henning** shared the most courageous honor. Skip, who was in the hospital earlier in the week with early kidney failure, prepared a “pre-obit” just in case he didn’t make it. Bob, who is still recovering from a stroke he suffered two or three years ago, has done a remarkable job recovering his memory.

Taylor Hall would have won the living group attendance award, if we had one, with nine members showing up. Attending from Section A were Dan Franceski, **Al Sullivan** with

wife Judy, and **Jeff Wyand** with Roxanna Wolfe. From Section D we had **Ben Meyer** and Sharon (kudos for Sharon for taking a break from chemo to brave a trip to the campus), and **Bill Valentine** with his wife, Emme. Marlane and **Allen Wurzbach**, Marlene and **Art Hamm**, our parade leader and song writer Fred Kersen and cheerleader Cricket, and **Bruce McClaren** came from E Section.

We owe a special thank you to our dinner planner **Chuck Clemens** and his wife Christine. Other class couples included Margaret and **Bill Hecht**, **Dennis Domchek** with Susan Haymanek ’91G, Barbara and **John Somodi**, Ginny and **Gorden Everstine**, and Charlotte and **Don Jackson**. **Tom Walker** and his wife, Julia, were there as part of a very large contingent of Phi Sig alumni. Tom has completed his move from Wilton, Conn., to Carlsbad-by-the-Sea, Calif., where he is close to his daughter’s family in the San Diego area, and also nearby to Don Jackson in the same coastal town.

Miles Capron, **John Holz**, **George Rushforth**, **Fred Smith** and **Bob Haag** rounded out our field of registered attendees. Of course, **Harold Milton** ’63 ’64 hung out with us as well, splitting his time between Quakertown and South Carolina. Recall Harold hosted our 50th Sunday brunch at his house.

I’d like to give a shout-out to the wives and guests I’ve mentioned who attended and did their best to encourage the marchers and judges.

And a special thanks to Mickey, my wife and cheerleader, for tagging along with me. Mickey and I met Peggy and **Jack Holt** for lunch on Sunday. Jack had a first career with the Bethlehem school system and a second in the insurance business. He and Peggy have lived on a farm north of the city for as long as I can remember. Lane recalls

that he and **Bob Olsen** went to Jack's family house in Lake Placid over freshman winter break and went down the Olympic bobsled run and skied at Whiteface in 25-degree-below temps.

Hip and back injuries that he incurred as a child and aggravated bouncing around Africa with the Peace Corps, playing football at Lehigh, and running and biking extensively until last fall have finally caught up with him. He has difficulty walking. He was able to drop in for our picnic but could not navigate our campus hills. Otherwise he is doing well, and never to give up, will go out to the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota later this summer.

I've written often about Skip Danielson, so won't repeat much of his "pre-obit" but to say, beginning with his Lehigh summers and like his father and his three sons and grandsons, Skip has spent his life supporting law enforcement and disaster preparedness in his community. I'll quote Skip's concluding paragraphs because they seem applicable to many of us at our stage of life: "I am grateful for my solid Lehigh education that I leaned on to make fully defensible, non-political decisions in the best interest of the people I served. I have met challenges head-on with the firm support of Judy and our family. I may be outspoken, but never out-thought, nor without thought and contemplation. I have lived a life of service to mankind and only hope I didn't disappoint Asa Packer."

On a similar note, I'm happy to be able to report that **Gere Grimm** is recovering well from a quadruple bypass he had in May. He was under rehab restrictions, so could not make the drive from Pittsburgh for our reunion. He and Linda have moved from Hilton Head and are now very happy living in the independent living section of The Friendship Village of South Hills,

a Life Space Community near Pittsburgh. Give him a call if you'd like an assessment.

I'm sad to have to report that we lost **Pete Klingensmith** in April. He had been ill for over a year with multiple medical problems. Our sympathies to his wife, Vivian, and family.

We were saddened by the fact that **Dan Huse**, Taylor D, was unable to attend due to the continuing and relentless ravages of Parkinson's, and Al Wurzbach asked that we again lament the loss of **Walter Keith Overgaard** ("Wally Gar"), Taylor E, in an auto wreck in 1969 as "the men of Taylor Hall have done at each reunion since."

As I have collected information for this column, and especially after talking to so many of you at our reunion, I continue to be astounded by the breadth of our endeavors, and the contributions we have made to Lehigh, our country, our families and by our personal success stories. Our Lehigh experience and education was indeed priceless. And like I said in 2014, if you haven't done so lately, take a moment and give yourself a pat on the back and feel good. We're still going strong!

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John Varady reported that he and his wife, Gail, had the pleasure of attending the 2019 Scholarship Celebration this spring as the representatives for our class scholarship fund. "We met and had dinner with our two 2019 recipients. One is an accounting major from Bethlehem and the other is a biochemistry major from Le Roy, N.Y. Both are impressive students with a great future and expressed their thanks and great appreciation to our class."

Rein Mannik reports that preliminary plans are in place

for our 55th Reunion, which will be held next June.

Rein and a committee of **Jim Birdsall, Paul Doxey, Jim Miller, Rick Penske, John Varady, Joe Walton and Ron Workman** have provided the input for early planning. Key elements of the plan are to offer a golf outing Friday afternoon and to have a class buffet-style dinner in the Weyhill Guest House on Friday evening; both at Saucon Valley Country Club. We are planning to participate in the parade, which will be low-key and not require any practice—just marching as a class group with special hats or shirts (to be determined)—and to participate in the University class picture taking. At some point mid-afternoon Saturday, we will have a class gathering at a restaurant in North Bethlehem. This plan allows our class to do what we enjoy the most and reduces the overnight accommodation requirement to one night. John Varady will be in email contact with our past living group leaders to elicit their input about the details of the weekend and to establish a framework for promoting the reunion. Rick Penske and John will develop a plan and goals for our class participation in supporting Lehigh.

Stay tuned in for further information as we get closer to reunion weekend.

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Jeff Gallagher reported that two years ago he was recruited to be the alumni advisor for Theta Xi fraternity. Jeff was eager to devote his efforts to help reverse the trend that fraternities are becoming an endangered species at Lehigh. The Office of Student Conduct and Community Expectations

determined that the Theta Xi chapter should be dissolved for hazing violations through May 2021. However, upon successful appeal, restrictive sanctions replaced the dissolution edict. Jeff has also been very active in instituting a new Greek Alumni Advisors Council (GAAC) to replace the old GAC. They have submitted a vision statement to the Board of Trustees that says the GAAC is dedicated to supporting, nurturing and perpetuating an inclusive Lehigh Greek community dedicated to 1) maintaining a vibrant Greek environment on campus; 2) providing insight, guidance and advice to our undergraduate membership; and 3) serving as a resource and partner with each other, the Lehigh Board of Trustees and Administration in developing policies and practices that will enhance the experience of the undergraduate Greek community and the Lehigh community as a whole.

I hope you spotted the article in the spring issue of this magazine that featured our own **Gene Dykes**. The sub headline said "Dykes '66 unofficially set a world record for his age group in December 2018 by running a 2:54.23 marathon in Jacksonville, Fla." His pace was 25 seconds faster than the long-standing record set by famed Canadian runner Ed Whitlock. The race was certified but not sanctioned by USA Track & Field, so the time is not official. Gene reported that at Lehigh he competed in track and field, but was hardly competitive and rarely even got a third-place point. As he grew older, he jogged and stayed in shape, but it was not until his late 50s that he was encouraged by friends to run a race. New York City was his first marathon in 2006. Gene enjoys the challenge of racing, along with the camaraderie that running brings.

After Lehigh, **Glenn Schneider** pursued a medical degree, graduating from Jefferson Medical School in 1970. He served as an Air Force flight surgeon until

1974 with duty in Vietnam, Thailand and Travis AFB. He married Andrea, who was a nurse at Akron Hospital, in 1978, and retired in 2009. Glenn reported that he had fond memories of driving the Psi Upsilon 1928 fire truck. This experience must have led to his later interest in antique automobiles. He is the proud owner of a 1933 Pontiac convertible, 1973 Volvo 1800 ES and 1971 Volvo 1800 E. He is a docent at the Blackhawk Auto Museum in Danville, Calif. He also enjoys competitive free-flight model airplanes.

Also with a medical degree in hand, **Sam Siris** graduated from Columbia Medical School in 1970. He specialized in biological psychiatry and was professor of psychiatry at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and other institutions. Sam says that something good happened to him along the medical school path when he met “Etch” (Ethel), another student one year behind. They were married one day after her graduation, and had a family of two children. Sam’s area of research has been the identification and treatment of affective syndromes (particularly depression) which can occur in the course of schizophrenia. He published over 175 peer-reviewed journal articles or book chapters. Etch, who is the Madeline Stabile Professor of Medicine at Columbia Medical Center, specializes in the field of osteoporosis. This leads Sam to say “It matters not if your break is a fracture or psychosis.... We deal with osteoporosis and schizophrenia.”

Remember to check our Facebook page, “Lehigh University Centennial Class Reunion.” Jeff Gallagher will be happy to approve you for this closed group.

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With deep regret I announce the passing of Mike Levi ’68 in late spring. I want to thank you for maintaining communications

with our class for so long. It is greatly appreciated. **Jeff Grossberg** wrote to **D’Arcy Roper**, who passed this information to me:

“I have the sad duty to report the passing of a fellow Lehigh alumnus. Mike Levi passed away about a month ago. He had been fighting cancer for several years.

“Mike was a 1968 Lehigh graduate (entered Lehigh with the Class of ’67) and a member of Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity. He graduated from Downstate Medical School and had been a pediatrician in New York ever since. Mike received numerous professional honors and awards. In recent years, in addition to his busy practice, he became known for his dedication to helping train a new generation of pediatricians, serving on the faculty of Downstate.

“Mike was dearly loved by many, certainly including his Lehigh classmates and fraternity brothers. I am sure many of his former Lehigh friends will want to know of his passing. He will be missed.”

I also regret to announce another classmate’s passing. Mary Ezra responded to my request for news and informed me that her husband, **Fouad Ezra**, passed on September 24, 2018.

Finally, **Pat Howlett** passed on Memorial Day of this year. Dianne, his loving wife, wrote D’Arcy, “Pat Howlett died on Memorial Day following a tough five-year battle against progressive supranuclear palsy.” During his final days, Pat had been in nursing home care for nearly two months. Otherwise, his wife, Dianne, had loved and cared for Pat for over 50 years, most of those as husband and wife. Pat and Dianne made the effort to attend the Saturday events and picnic during our 50th Reunion. He was greeted by many of his friends and appeared to enjoy speaking to all of them. Many of his fraternity brothers wrote messages of condolence and remembrance of happier days.

I’ll remember Pat running up and down the basketball court for four years as the Lehigh scoring ace during many games and countless practices. He was a skilled and fine athlete. May God bless him and Dianne always.

Russ Massey writes that he has always read the Alumni *Bulletin*, especially the class column. He continued with the following: “I moved from chemistry to software around 1976. I have been working for Honeywell Process Solutions since 1982, primarily as a software engineer.” He is still working! He went on to discuss his work and how much he enjoys working, primarily loving the work and the people with whom he works. He relates, “I’m not the oldest one still working here.” However, I am, at my office.

Russ also says he was awarded his sixth U.S. patent in 2018, for a hardware/software solution to a unique process controller redundancy problem. In addition to inventing, Russ also has played the guitar since his days at Dravo freshman year.

Mike Caruso relates the following. “The biography of our legendary wrestling coach, Gerry Leeman, has been published. It is called ‘Tough Street.’ I was honored to be asked to write the foreword. Regardless of the degree of interest you have in wrestling, it is an exciting, gripping, fast-moving story of a revered man’s life. Much is written about his career at Lehigh. You can find it on Amazon, Barnes & Noble, or the publisher, Cedar Valley Seminary.”

Steven Ross retired from his specialty of emergency medicine after 34 years and has transitioned to a less stressful position with CityMD doing urgent care medicine in NYC. More important, he says, are the four grandchildren with whom he and his wife get to spend regular and special time.

Eric Simonsen writes a short love story on meeting his

wife. He relates that my request for column news arrived two days before a major event in his life. In fall 1966, the LU Glee Club performed its first joint concert of the semester, singing with the women of Wilson College. He then says, “At the traditional post-concert ‘mixer,’ I met Suzanne Lucas, who was a member of the Wilson choir with whom we sang. Tomorrow Sue and I celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary!!” He is happy about that and still much in love.

The happy couple have rented a house in Boulder, Colo., for the summer to visit with their two daughters, their husbands and five grandkids. It has been a whole lot of fun. When they return to southern Utah in a couple of weeks they will start planning their trip to Antarctica for next February.

Eric spent six years on the board of directors of The Blues Foundation (music), serving the final two as chairman. If you love blues music, Memphis is a great place to visit!

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Upon revisiting the bios in the 50th Reunion Yearbook, I was surprised to see that some of the alumni shared the favorite memories of the years at Lehigh as I had. Please send any updates from your yearbook submissions for future publication.

Herbert Ford: After graduation, he attended NYU Law School. He practiced law in New Jersey with various law firms and is a partner in an N.J. firm. He is the founder of the N.J. Jewish Film Festival, which completed its 18th season. He has three children with Caren, two of whom are lawyers. He is blessed with five grandchildren.

Theodore Breton: After graduation, he completed an M.S. in economics at the London School of Economics and

a Ph.D. in economics at George Mason University. He worked in numerous countries in energy policy and project analysis. He published extensively in academic journals about the role of education in economic growth. He also managed an economic journal. He was in the Peace Corps/Inter-American Development Bank. He was an economics professor and researcher at Universidad at EAFIT. He was at EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) in international public policy consulting. He became a member of Baha'i Faith and served at the Baha'i World Centre in Haifa, Israel. He and his wife, Vera, have three children and four grandchildren.

John Miller: Upon graduating John started working for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation in various positions. He authored original software for PADOT pavement management system. He left PADOT to become a partner in an engineer consulting firm. He built a retirement home in Maine and splits time between there and Pennsylvania. He and Cathy have two children.

Stay healthy!

'69 A. Raymond Schmalz, 325 Lowell Ave., Mill Valley, CA 94941-3845. (415) 388-3263 (H), (415) 317-0923 (C); rayschmalz@aol.com Our reunion activities actually started on May 20. Three members of our class participated in the graduation ceremonies for the Class of 2019. **Hal Fittipaldi, Ira Feinberg** and **Bob Kirchberger**, dressed in full cap and gown, marched in following the faculty to be part of the graduation program. Hal, as president of our class, also rang the bell with the president of the class of 2019 at the end of the program.

Our reunion weekend started with the Brown and White

dinner on Thursday evening, June 6, at Iacocca Hall on the Mountaintop campus. At that dinner, four members of the Class of '69 were recognized and given awards. The 2019 Alumni Awards winners for our class were **Scott Belair** and **Tom Spencer**. This award recognizes alumni who have given continuing support to the university, have been instrumental in promoting Lehigh, have given their time and energy and have contributed significantly to their respective communities. **Bob Frawley** was recognized with the Joseph Persa '48 Award for an individual who has made the greatest contribution to an outstanding class reunion. **Lou Benfante** (who passed away earlier this year) was presented posthumously the George Stutz '22 Award, which is presented to an alumnus who demonstrated lifelong leadership and service in diverse volunteer roles within the Lehigh community. Lou's wife, Laurie, along with his daughter were present to accept the award for Lou.

Friday night was a dinner under the tent for all alumni. Our class was well represented.

On Saturday, our class had a great turnout. In all, 82 classmates were signed up for the reunion. Our class had a large turnout for the parade. Our theme was "The Woodstock Generation." Our Burma Shave signs read: We are the /Woodstock generation/we left our mark/ upon the nation/but now we're old/and all we've got/is Medicare and medicinal pot/'69.

Our class won two awards at the flagpole ceremony: the Harleman Award for the 50-plus class with the most members present (82) and the Reunion Cup for the largest percentage of membership present (11%). Hal and Bob figured our percentage was closer to 15%.

Our class dinner was held at the Saucon Valley Country Club. We had a great turnout of 97 classmates and guests. Joe Ster-

rett '76, dean of athletics, was our keynote speaker, Hal Fittipaldi and Bob Kirchberger were the masters of ceremony and **Paul Beck** was our stand-up comedian. The reunion committee was recognized and thanked for their hard work on the weekend. The committee consisted of Bob Kirchberger, Hal Fittipaldi, Tom Spencer, Lou Benfante, **George Ikeda, Doug Dworski, Ray Schmalz, Rich Bond** and **Pete Dane**, with input and consultation from past-parade master, Bob Frawley.

A check for \$2.4 million was presented to the university that reflected class gifts in this reunion cycle. When added to the gift from our 45th reunion, the total was over \$30 million!!!!

We finished off the weekend with a Sunday brunch at the Hotel Bethlehem. Also, as the 50th Reunion class, we had a special yearbook available for the reunion. The alumni office has additional copies for sale.

Alumni from several fraternities had other brothers attend our reunion. **Tony Imhof** wrote us about the Phi Kappa Theta 50-year reunion. They reoccupied the chapter house for a Friday night event that hosted about 35 alumni brothers and significant others. Returning '69ers were **Tony Mendicino, Bill Hoben, John Orloff, Tony Imhof, Sam Wyatt, Terry Burns, John Holden, Bob Elbich, Glen Fontana** and **Bob Straup**. Classes represented were '66, '67, '68, '69, '70 and '71. They marched as a group within the reunion class wearing their commemorative caps.

Tony has lived in San Francisco for over 35 years. He majored in geology at Lehigh, and he worked at Chevron as a geologist/geophysicist. He met his wife, Ellen, at Chevron, where she was also a geophysicist. Their daughter, Andrea, is married and is in a Ph.D. program at the University of Oregon.

At a Lehigh event in late July, Tony shared with me the sad

news that John Holden passed away on July 13 in Williamstown, Mass. John had been the assistant director of facilities and plants at Williams College for 27 years. John leaves behind his wife, Sally (née Imhof, Tony's sister), three children—Barbara, John and Peter—and four grandchildren.

George Ikeda was one of several Theta Chi classmates who attended our reunion. After serving in the Army for two years including a stint in Vietnam, George graduated from Penn Law School. He then served as an in-house counsel for 41 years. George is married to Nina McDaid Ikeda and they have two children, Janis '08 and James.

George and Janis have attended the last seven EIWAs and two recent Nationals. George sees **Wes Gewehr** at the EIWAs.

Wes successfully herded 10 Kaps to the reunion including **Don Wikstrom, John Grabowsky, John Pietrantonio, Dave Van Wye, Henry Maresh, Ev Norbury** and myself.

I will save notes on other classmates who attended our reunion until our next column.

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Reminder: Our magic year 50th Reunion is June 4-7, 2020, and we urgently need living group volunteers to contact classmates; the more the merrier.

It also helps to have stars among classmates, and **Dave Thaler (dsthaler@dsthaler.com)** sure qualifies. Last year he was named the top Consulting Engineer in the U.S.—in addition to a prior election as Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society in London, the leading center for geographers and geographical learning. He recently accepted the NSPE Award as the top Professional Engineer in the U.S. across all disciplines

including academia, military, government, etc. It's the highest honor a Professional Engineer can win, first awarded in 1947 and not awarded every year.

Bob Bartholomay (abartholomay@comcast.net) writes: "In retirement I still teach engineering and robotics courses at Cape Cod Community College. Bill Oskin '64 (wife Ann's cousin) and wife Jane visited our 'B&B' and enjoyed lobster rolls, clams scampi, whale watching, Shining Sea Bike Trail, and Cape Cod League baseball."

Mike Berney confirmed "The (Geriatric) Magnificent Seven" visiting LU for their own McConn House mini-reunion April 16-18. They came from five different states. It's their second "mini" and included **Jerry Cohen**.

Tim Engleman (engleman@zoominternet.net) writes: "I'm mostly retired, working on a retainer basis, averaging one day per week. I walk about five miles a day and spend some time making pen and ink drawings—mostly architecture and animals. A couple of surprising career things stand out: Two companies account for 41 years, with a total of eight years at six others. While my main duties were machine design and engineering management, I also did a lot of litigation support—and enjoyed it!"

Don Forrester (don-forr@gmail.com) wrote from Sacramento: "I've marked my calendar [for reunion] and plan on attending."

Ralph Puerta (ralphpuerta@gmail.com) wrote: "When Jacqui and I were driving our U-Haul rental truck away from Bethlehem after graduation, we were headed to Towanda, Pa., and my first newly-minted engineering employment with Sylvania. The odds were very long that we'd spend most of the next 50 years living in Hellertown and working within sight of Lehigh. We've been in the

metallurgical engineering field for these 50 years, first focused on automotive components, now involved with medical devices and implants."

From **Tom Weigman** (tomweigman@yahoo.com): "Sandy, my wife of 49 years, and I are mostly retired to coastal Carolina in an area outside Wilmington, N.C. Having been a corporate gypsy, we've moved 12 times and owned seven homes, now building one from scratch, a first. A 50-year career has involved the Air Force, sale of automotive plant equipment, marketing of packaged foods and snacks, health and beauty aids, telecommunications and internet services. An extended visit from our four grandkids ranging from 4-8 taught what our energy levels used to be. We're now totally familiar with the Warriors' two-deep, know the words to 'Let it go' and 'Believer,' and have perfected root beer floats. Had great visit about three weeks ago with fraternity brother and roommate **Marty Miller** and wife Linda from Murrells Inlet, S.C."

Paul "Punky" White (paulwhite626@verizon.net) writes: "Vicki and I have gone through some Florida transitions, but are doing well considering how many of our brothers are no longer with us! Vic and I moved from Longboat Key since we got tired after 10 years of seasonal snowbird traffic. We now have an older home in Bradenton, still with a fishing boat out back, porpoises and manatee at our dock, but are done with the seasonal insanity. I look forward to seeing everyone at our 50th. I will definitely find my way back if I am still kicking!"

Save the date for Reunion 2020: June 4-7, 2020

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Gerry Ann and **Eric Flicker** are leaving Pennsylvania and are moving to Savannah, Ga. They plan to winter in Savannah and spend the summer months in Cape May, N.J. He has a UPS Store mailbox in Savannah for all of the mail which will be forwarded regularly to wherever they're calling home at the time. Eric has been instrumental in many local Lehigh and Class of '71 functions. He will be missed.

Joe Kesselring has retired from Ophthalmic Associates in Lansdale, Pa. It looks like I waited too long to have Joe do my cataract surgery. He and wife Barbara have relocated to the Lancaster, Pa., area.

Gary Winston co-founded North Bay Pediatrics in Vallejo, Calif., in 1984. He received his M.D. from Albert Einstein College of Medicine. In his 30-plus-year career he's learned that pediatrics is much more than just getting the correct diagnosis and appropriate treatment. It's also about helping families understand and cope with the other non-illness issues involved in raising children. Gary and wife Susie have raised four daughters. His hobbies include music, reading and water sports.

I had a nice long chat with **Hank Weed** just after the deadline for my last column. We actually both live in the Lansdale, Pa., area. Hank and his wife, Martha, have recently moved into a local retirement community. Hank retired from the water treatment business: Betz Laboratories and its successor names. He currently consults for Solenis, a global industrial water treatment company. Hank and many of his Kappa Alpha fraternity brothers (and one ATO) have been getting together several times a year for 50-plus years. Their summer get-together at Hank's N.J. shore house is typically the same weekend as the Lehigh reunion. Maybe they'll reschedule for our 50th. The group is taking

a Viking cruise on the Danube next June.

Glenn Williman moved to Daniel Island, S.C., after a career as a senior technical specialist with AT&T in Holmdel, N.J. Glenn has an amateur radio license. His call sign is N2GW. I wonder how he came up with that one? Glenn's interest in radio started as a teenager. He spent 11 years with the DoD (Department of Defense) both as an army officer and a civilian employee in the Army's Signal Corps at Fort Monmouth, N.J. Then it was on to AT&T for the next 23 years. Glenn is the proud owner of a 42-foot sailboat on which he and Janice spend a great deal of time.

Lewis Iadarola is president at Plastic Solutions Inc., in Charlton, Mass. The company has more than 20 years of experience offering many lines of equipment to serve the needs of the plastics industry in New England. Lew is gradually phasing himself into retirement.

Al Edwards retired in 2012 after 40 years with Foster Wheeler Corp., in Clinton, N.J. He worked in performance engineering in connection with thermal designs of generators in fossil fuel power plants. Al enjoys reading and travel, so I suspect he and his wife, Margaret, will have a great time on the Viking river cruise with the gang next year.

Bob Jordan found himself in Londonderry, Vt., after Lehigh, working on ski lift construction. Like many of us, his career interests changed and evolved into computer programming consultant. Bob is currently involved in providing wireless internet service in Vermont via radio—his retirement career. Bob's also involved in nonprofit music camps and youth orchestras, thanks to his daughter.

Don Mateyka retired from Delta Airlines in April 2015. Don's pilot training was courtesy of the U.S. Air Force. Seven

and a half years in the Air Force and 35 years with Delta is a lot of flying. Don and Mary-Ellen are relocating to their house on Lake Keowee, S.C., home of the annual September group get-together. They're both diehard Clemson fans.

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Here I go again...relying on my class list...and this time I've extracted the lawyers. Attempting to meet a deadline that precedes your receipt of the most recent column submitted, I'm still waiting to hear from classmates who don't even know I gave them an assignment to respond to some probing questions. There are 31 attorneys to include here, so I'll be able to generate quite a few more such columns. My intent, however, is to "back burner" future barrister issues if I receive personal input from anyone else. So please feel free to do that. It's always best for me to be able to cite from your reports in your own voices. "Speak" to us, gentlemen. (Note that the following are presented in reverse alphabetical order, just to be a little different.)

Michael M. Wilson is identified as managing attorney-at-law of his own firm—Wilson, Fusco, Beyer, Lynch & Taylor, located in New Haven, Conn. He earned his J.D. from the Delaware Law School of Widener College in 1980 and has been practicing in Connecticut ever since.

A mechanical engineering Lehigh grad, **Robert P. Struble** spent a couple of years with OSHA, then enrolled at the Georgetown Law Center, from which he graduated in 1977. His practice has been focused on estates and employee/benefit matters with the Pittsburgh-based firm of Meyer Unkovic & Scott LLP, in the corporate and business law and

employment law sections. He has served on the local school board and as an elder and legal counsel for the Pleasant Hills Community Presbyterian Church. Skip is also an accomplished ultra-marathon runner who competed in "numerous 100-mile runs and the 350-mile Alaska Iditarod Trail Invitational."

M. Stephen Smith III is a civil trial attorney who specializes in defending "mass tort cases involving exposure to asbestos, carbon monoxide, and pesticides...and complex claims arising from commercial and professional relationships." He has tried cases in state and federal courts throughout Florida, Michigan and Louisiana. Steve earned his Lehigh B.A. in economics and mathematics, then attended the University of Florida School of Law, graduating in 1975. He joined the super firm Rumberger, Kirk & Caldwell, based in Miami, in 1983. He has raced sailboats and now likes to stay active swimming and biking. "I ran 10k races for many years until my doctor told me to dial it back to save my knees," but still does "some trail running" and is an avid hiker, especially enjoying the more challenging national park trail systems.

Charles E. Sieger Jr. is an attorney in private practice in Allentown, Pa. He earned his law degree at University of the Pacific—McGeorge School of Law. Charlie's is a general law practice, but he tends to focus on real estate law.

Michael P. Shay is a senior partner of the Bethlehem law firm Shay, Santee & Kelhart. His practice focuses on insurance defense, municipal law, workers compensation cases and zoning law. He is a 1975 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Law School who has provided extensive service and leadership to local bar organizations, law journal publications and professional development organizations. Mike's service to Lehigh and our

class has also been exemplary; he has served as class president, is an Alumni Award recipient and has been a dependable member of the ad-hoc yet functional group of leaders who have regularly supported class fundraising activities and all of our milestone reunion celebrations.

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William Green writes that while he has "not been too in touch with Lehigh" due to his focus on family, work and volunteer efforts, he is proud to have directed 14 students to Lehigh over the years, with "all having great experiences." After graduation, William went to Seton Hall Law School, where he received his J.D. in 1976. He spent 12 years as an attorney, practicing in N.J., N.Y., and D.C., before moving into the role of business executive and investor. William now lives on Daniel Island, S.C., near Charleston. He is a widower with a son, David, and two grandchildren, Matthew, 7, and Charlotte, 4. Retired since 2004, he spends his time visiting grandchildren, entertaining friends and mentoring/tutoring at-risk elementary school kids. William also does real estate investing, business consulting and serves on a few boards. Oh, and there's his golf game. His goal...to shoot his age from the white tees before he turns 70...seriously!

Bill Whitney reports he has been living in Bremerton, Wash., since 2017. Bill and his wife, Laura, made the move from Arlington, Mass., just outside of Boston, to a home on seven acres near Seattle to be closer to their daughter, Rachel. Bill had been living in Arlington since 1985 when he enrolled in Harvard Divinity School to pursue a theological doctorate in Hebrew Bible/Old Testament. He received his Th.D. in June of 1992 and was

appointed director of ministerial studies at Harvard Divinity School. Bill worked in that position until Sept. 9, 1992, when he was struck by a car while crossing a road in Arlington. He spent two and a half months at Mass General and another three and a half months at Spaulding Rehab in Boston. Bill was unable to go back to full-time teaching after the accident because he had suffered severe head trauma and had to relearn the 18 languages which were needed to continue his teaching career. In a remarkable turnaround, Bill was able to relearn those languages. He says, "Hebrew and Greek were relatively easy...but getting the modern ones back was a bit more work. German and French weren't all that hard, but Polish and Russian, and Italian and Spanish came a bit slower." Bill was able to resume his teaching career at several schools in the Boston area, among them Harvard, Episcopal Divinity, Andover-Newton Theological Seminary and the University of Massachusetts. Bill wants everyone to know that all is well and he hopes to make it back to Lehigh for our 50th!

A follow-up from our last column, **Celeste Varricchio** and husband Bob Greenwald, Michelle and **Jim Duane, Ruth Scriptunas** and **Betsy Adams** had perfect weather for their riverboat cruise in France this past April. After meeting in Nice for a pre-cruise stay and side trip to Monte Carlo, the group visited Arles, Tarascon, Avignon, Viviers, Vienne and Lyon during their weeklong tour of Provence. Post-cruise, Jim and Michelle spent time in Burgundy, while Celeste, Bob, Betsy and Ruth boarded a bullet train for a three-day sojourn in Paris. Celeste captured the joie de vivre by saying, "One of the best things about this trip was the chance to spend time with each other and catch up on everything." Adding, "Even better than that was

the wonderful time we all had sharing one another's company and knowing that's why we were friends at Lehigh, and why we're still friends today."

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Our 45th Reunion was a smashing success for those of us (28, plus guests) who attended. It was a thrill as always to reconnect with so many old friends and acquaintances.

We didn't win the Petty Flag for best parade performance with our "Still Truckin'" theme, complete with Mr. Natural T-shirts, but we're told we finished a close second, mostly thanks to the efforts of creative director **Jim Galletly** and the enthusiasm of our participants.

Special thanks are due to 45th Reunion Chair **Rich Noble** and our alumni office guide, Stephanie Fisher. Jim already has agreed to chair our 50th Reunion, and **Rick Ross** and **George Kuczynski** have joined the planning committee.

Our class dinner, at the Ben Franklin Center atop the Mountaintop, was terrific, too. Class President **Gus Gustafson** delivered his usual inspiring address, and a few of us adjourned afterward to his Saucon Valley estate for further refreshments and lots of great reminiscing.

One noteworthy feature at the dinner was a posted listing of our classmates who have passed away. I decided to share it with the rest of you here, since I've only rarely run individual obituaries in the class columns. Lots of good friends here, for me and many others among you: **Greg Balionis, Hall Barker, Alan Becker, David Brode, Dave Brown, Bob Brunner, Bob Bucks, Randy Bujcs, Michael Coughlin, Ted Eng, Richard Gilchrist, Bob Good, Bill Goodwin, Ken Greenberg, Keith Gross, Robert Grott, John**

Hajdinyak, Carl Halye, Raymond Heckenkamp, Francis Kail, Bill Kelly, Mike Kendig, Mary Karen Koltisko, Stephen Krueger, Ed Lettinger, Jim McGee, Roger McFillin, Frank Meluskey, Chuck Merolla, Frank Mikisits, Gary Motyl, Dan Mulholland, Russ Muller, Bill Nell, Roger Nothstein, Gerard Patelunas, James Pearsall, Rehn Peterson, Joseph Pollock, John Powell, Carlos Rawlins, David Reynolds, Jerry Schreppe, Leroy Schroder, John Shegina, David Sinclair, John Slack, Dennis Slattery, Bill Smith, Ron Smith, Jim Sotzing, John Stadnik, Carl Succop, John Tretter, Jeff Vincent and Walt Watkins.

I've already received two great letters from classmates I spoke to at our reunion, and I had promises of several more. The first was from **Tom Johnston**, and the other was from **Ray Buscarini**. I'll share Ray's letter next time.

Tom wrote, "Despite your earnest pleas for correspondence over the 45 years since we graduated, none of our 21 Pi Lambda Phi class members have been mentioned in your column, as none of us ever wrote to you until now. Looking back, perhaps it's because we tended to be somewhat insular in our house at the top of the Hill, not participating in as many Lehigh clubs or wider extracurricular university life as we might.

"What we did pursue with a vengeance was the President's Cup intramural championship, which the chapter won two out of our three years there. Virtually year-round, following daily classes, a large percentage of us would be off to Saucon fields to practice the outdoor sport of the season. While a few of us were relatively accomplished athletes, probably our greatest strengths were enthusiasm and participation, even (or especially!) when lacking individual skill.

"For example, I personally

wrestled all four years (0-4, two pins, a major decision and a black eye), as well as one year of boxing with similar results, yet another black eye.

"Neither were we strangers to a good time. (Had there been a whale's tails tournament, I suspect we would also have been strong contenders.) So, it deeply saddens us to tour our former house, now a sorority, and see the dissolution of our old party room. No bar! No ping (beer) pong table! No pinball! No foosball! And the card room (oops, I meant 'library') is now merely another bedroom.

"The cohesiveness that grew out of our intramural and social activities has endured to this day. This likely explains why, at the 45-year reunion last June, we enjoyed a 50% turnout of the surviving members of our class; with three having sadly already passed: Gerry Patelunas, John Stadnik and Neal Cowley '76.

"Those in attendance in 2019 were **Sal Alfano, Doug Brugler, Tom Good, Nat Hager, Paul Humbert**, Tom Johnston, **John Nuss, Steve Rituper and Gerry Weimann**. Five years earlier, for the 40th reunion, we had 13 attendees, with **Jim Giammarva, Al Mick, Gerry Cleaves, Frank Sorosky** and Neal Cowley also attending.

"As for me, I retired 10 years ago from the Hartford as their chief actuary. I worked there for 36 years. I rejoined the workforce eight years ago, as a part-time consulting actuary for Ernst and Young. My wife of 42 years and I have two wonderful daughters and one precious granddaughter. One daughter is a neurologist (Lehigh 2008), and the other is a late-blooming math nerd working toward a master's in applied data analytics. One has even left our cell phone plan!

"The majority of my career was in Hartford, Conn., but it also included 10 years in Boston and two years in the U.K. We now live in Franklin, Mass., and

spend a great deal of time at our home on Cape Cod. Despite the abundance of golf courses and longer playing season on the Cape, I still am a lousy golfer."

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I was fortunate to hear from three classmates who have had impressive careers serving the public.

Rob Hill recently retired after practicing emergency medicine for 34 years at St. Luke's Hospital. Can you imagine how many Lehigh students Rob helped? Thank you to Rob and his family for their service to Lehigh and the Lehigh Valley community. Rob and his wife say they are fortunate to live on a beautiful eight-acre property in Hellertown with woods and streams. Rob enjoys gardening, hiking, swimming and reading. Rob expresses his gratitude to Lehigh for providing a great undergraduate education.

Ron Askin and Jackie (Smith) Askin have lived in Arizona for 34 years, the last 13 in Phoenix. They are now working their way toward retirement. They recently returned from a three-week trip to Germany. Jackie retired for the second time, this time as senior fellow for finance and campus management with the National Association of College and University Business Officers. Ron will soon transition to half time at Arizona State University where he is a professor of industrial engineering. They were back at Lehigh two years ago when Ron received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the industrial engineering department. Jackie was also in Bethlehem recently to lead a workshop for the Lehigh Valley Association of Independent Colleges. Many thanks to Jackie and Ron for their contributions to higher education. They have two children: Ken, an attorney, and

Amy, a project leader for nuclear nonproliferation programs, who both live in California.

I have been working with Lehigh's Development Office to establish an endowment for an annual award for excellence in teaching in the College of Arts and Sciences, with the award to be named after Joseph Dowling, our beloved professor in the history department and who headed the American Studies program. I had the privilege of taking numerous courses taught by Joe at Lehigh and of staying in touch with Joe until his death a few years ago; we even met once in Belgium and traveled to Bastogne, the site of the famous battle of the 101st Airborne and 10th Armored Divisions after they were completely surrounded by the Germans. Joe had taken Lehigh students on summer study to Bastogne many times and I was fortunate enough to give something back to Joe by showing him some sites around Bastogne that he had not seen before. If you are interested in contributing to the endowment fund for the Joseph Dowling Excellence in Teaching Award, please contact Jen Nelson '90 '92G in the Development Office at jlj490@lehigh.edu. We are close to the minimum amount we need to fund this award, but are not there yet and need more funds.

Our 45th Reunion will be in June. We hope that it will be the best yet. If you are interested in serving on our reunion committee, please contact me and we will be sure to get you involved in the planning of the reunion.

As always, please send me an email about what you are doing, so I can include you in the next class column. Your classmates would love to hear about you. Don't forget to like our class Facebook page run by **Jeff Sherman**. It can be found at facebook.com/lehighseventyfive?fref=ts.

Save the date for Reunion 2020: June 4-7, 2020

'76 Mark E. Goehring, 10 Princeton Drive, Shamong, NJ 08088. (609) 841-0389 (C); MarkGoehring LU76@gmail.com; Look for me on Facebook! Greetings from the Jersey Shore. I love driving through Ocean City, N.J., and seeing all the Lehigh flags hanging high, though I must admit, Villanova has us easily two to one! I know there are a lot of Lehigh in OC, you need to go online or visit the campus store and get your flags! Where we eat dinner at the shore, and thanks to some of our Villanova friends, we have met Nova's basketball coach Jay Wright and wife Patty...what an accessible classy guy and couple.

Drew Brown and wife Merri are in OC a lot and we have tried to connect, but Merri is a true OC girl and knows so many people it's been tough for us to get together. Merri and my wife partied a little bit on the stage of the Band at our reunion...funsters! Yes, Somers Point Anchorage is still open, but instead of seven for \$1, it's one for \$7!

For those who missed it, on Sept. 26 *The Brown and White* celebrated 125 years at Zoellner, and featured **Marty Baron**, the executive editor of *The Washington Post*. I had spent some time with Reid Wilson of *The Hill* about a year ago, and he insisted that Marty is the best editor in the U.S.A.

After 22 years in the Marine Corps, **Paul Loschiavo** retired as a colonel, and after 30 years (10-year overlap with Marines), he retired as a senior vice president at Merrill Lynch. Here is where the story takes a bad turn with an inspiring ending that Paul calls "you play the cards you're dealt." In 2016, while heading home on his motorcycle in the Jupiter/Palm Beach area, Paul was T-boned by a person not paying attention, possibly texting! They nearly pulled the plug on Paul. With his wife, Jill, not taking "no" for an answer, and that Marine Corps training, Paul

survived after losing his kidneys, his walking and numerous other challenges...not to mention his vision and Coke-bottle glasses!

Stay tuned. This is where your faith in people makes your heart pound with pride. Classmates **Dan Ggurich, Kurt Rolf** and **Dave Auperin**, along with six others, offered to donate a kidney, and all went through the complicated testing, only to get rejected. Finally a random young Marine, Corporal Samuel Rice of California, heard through Facebook and "jumped on a hand grenade for Paul" and donated his kidney.

Today, Paul gets around well and insists he and I will go get beers when I am in Palm Beach Gardens. He drives, resumed working for a while and even passed a flight physical and resumed flying. Amazing! His plans are to get up north, see some friends and head to Lehigh. If anyone wants his full write-up, as I only scratch the surface, drop me an email. On that note, drive safe, hug your family, connect with your friends. See you at Lehigh-Lafayette!

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If you haven't been to Bethlehem lately, you may not know that Martin Tower in Bethlehem was imploded to make way for other development (retail, medical offices, restaurants, hotel, 528 apartments in \$200 million redevelopment). It was the Bethlehem Steel former world headquarters. We could see it from our dorm rooms as a tall "black" building.

Thanks to **Pat Bodenstab** for alerting me to this—and on a recent trip down there it was quite obviously missing from the skyline. Some fun facts Pat passed along: the 21-story building was the area's tallest building and it stood vacant for a dozen years.

Explosives took out the inner steel supports of the 47-year-old building in 16 seconds.

Keith Wilson may have a record...he assembled his 14 grandchildren for a photo at their shore home in Seaside Park, N.J. That is quite a feat! He loves being a grandparent and says "spoiling them is the best." I agree!

News is scarce.... Take pity and drop me an email!

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Hello classmates! I've heard from four of you since submitting my last column—one for the first time.

Tom Castle reports that he has lived in Northeast Ohio since 1983 and has four grown sons. He retired after 38 years in the steel industry (manufacturing and process development middle management) and now spends his time teaching guitar and playing in a band, with some travel thrown in for good measure. He sent me a gorgeous photo from his trip to Italy last year and plans another trip to Europe next year, in addition to "visiting friends wherever they may be found." He'd love to hear from his Lehigh friends via Facebook (he's Thomas Arthur Castle) or by email at tacas-tle56@gmail.com.

How do you get to Carnegie Hall? **Dennis Sprick** knows! In June he joined his fellow New York City Gay Men's Chorus singers and members of 10 other LGBTQ choruses from around the nation—over 500 singers in all—to perform "Quiet No More: A Choral Celebration of Stonewall" at that iconic performance venue. The new suite of songs was co-commissioned by NYCGMC and the Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles to commemorate the 1969 uprising that launched the modern-day LGBTQ rights movement.

Dennis has been singing with the NYCGMC since January 2012.

In April, **Stephen Dill** wrapped up a one-year contract creating a marketing department for Cottey College in Nevada, Mo. After a two-week break, he jumped right into a new one-year contract marketing a venture capital-backed, cloud-based healthcare software startup in downtown Boston. Also this spring, he joined over 60 other alumni of Lehigh's choral arts department to sing at the 150th Anniversary Celebration concert in the Zollner Arts Center. He says that connecting with young alumni of the glee club and choir was "wonderful fun!"

Also in April, **Rob Nahigian** and a colleague won the James Felt Creative Counseling Award from the organization Counselors of Real Estate (CRE). The award celebrates outstanding achievement and ingenuity in real estate counseling. Rob previously received the Felt award in 2009. This time he was recognized for a project mentioned in this column about a year ago, involving converting a World War II-era Army ammunition building in Boston's burgeoning Seaport District into a design, fabrication and manufacturing facility for JC Cannistraro LLC. Rob helped the company consolidate operations from several locations into a renovated Art Deco building, relocating existing employees and anticipating growth of up to 200 jobs. Rob is the principal of Auburndale Realty Co. in Newton, Mass.

That's it for this issue. If you have news you'd like to share, send it to me by snail mail, email or Facebook message. Keep in mind that the class columnists have three deadlines a year, and our columns are published about four months after we submit them—so expect a four-to-eight-month delay between contacting me and seeing your news in the *Bulletin*.

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Thank you to the more than 70 classmates who helped make our 40th Reunion a rousing success. Because of your generosity, our class gift to Lehigh totaled \$1,854,604. Photos from the reunion are posted both on Lehigh's website and on the Lehigh University-Class of 1979 Facebook page. (lehighalumni.zenfolio.com/reunion2019)

Proving that our 2014 tie for first place in the Parade of Classes was no fluke, we won the Petty Flag outright! Much practice was required and **Kal Chany** emailed each of us multiple instructional videos of a line dance from *Saturday Night Fever* ("Night Fever"). Despite our whining at the rehearsal on Saturday morning, we came together and pulled off the win. **Julie (Cassidy) Schiefer** managed the wardrobe distribution so we'd all be properly outfitted. As part of the subterfuge, many of us were planted in the crowd (with T-shirts covered up by windbreakers) waiting for the cue to rush the area in front of the judges' podium and begin dancing. You can view a video of our parade performance at pages.today/parade79. Thanks to Kal and his IT support for making this video available.

At the Brown and White Awards Night, **Amy (Wenhold) Silva** received the Lehigh Alumni Award in recognition of her many years of service to Lehigh and our class. Helping to plan class reunions is one of her specialties! President Simon joined several of us for a photo since he is a '79er from Williams College.

Jim Esch was one of the first classmates I met at the reunion. He owns BrandComet, a promotional marketing firm, which was very helpful when the reunion committee was sourcing our parade T-shirts. Jim said he currently lives in Florida and had

not been back to campus since 1980. I think he made the most of the weekend, as I saw Jim at every event I attended.

I enjoyed much laughter with **Tracy (Ernst) Samuelson**, who has a great sense of humor. She shared that with each passing year, puttering in her garden is looking more attractive than heading off to work in the morning. Many of us share that same feeling.

At the "Soirée Under the Stars" on Friday evening, a large contingent of Gamma Phi Beta sisters were present and enjoying a great time of fellowship. **Peggy (Lewis) Houghtaling** shared that she has been singing alto in an audition-only choral group. Peggy said that both men and women sing in this group and they tackle very challenging choral music works.

Ann (Pinto) Newberry brought her entire family, and they enjoyed playing games that were set up at the event. **Susan (Ernsky) Long** discussed her career transition from engineering to becoming a licensed nurse practitioner. Later in the weekend Susan tried to recruit me for a photo involving coffee that could be shared with **Warren Hall**, who couldn't make the trip from Texas. As noted in an earlier column, Warren creates daily coffee-themed posts on Facebook.

Barbara (Brake) Petroske was recovering from a knee replacement, but she didn't let South Mountain stop her from celebrating with our class. Marching and dancing were out of the question, however, for this reunion.

Our class dinner was thoroughly enjoyable. It was great to see my past partners in crime **Jodi (Smith) Capps**, **Lori Southworth**, **Gail Price** and the ever-present **Caesar Gorski**. I also enjoyed discussing volunteer work with **Pete DeLuca**. Our DJ brought props for us to use. While others were dancing, some of us played inflatable musical instruments. This was a new twist on playing air guitar.

I couldn't attend every event,

so I may have missed talking with some of you at the reunion. Please contact me if you'd like to share an update with our classmates. For those of you who couldn't attend, please block out the first weekend in June 2024 and get ready to show everyone that there's nothing finer than a '79er.

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David Beard and **Mike Connor** joined **Ray Trevisan** to celebrate the graduations of Ray's daughter and son from college and high school, respectively. David has temporarily retired and is enjoying sailing and his shore house in Long Beach Island, N.J. David also enjoyed the music of Mike and the Retro Kings at Reunion with members of the Class of '79: Robert Cortright, William Bast and Richard Earl. David can't wait for our Class of '80 record-setting reunion!

Mark Rittmayer obtained permanent Hong Kong resident status. Things are good for Mark, and he speaks regularly with several Lehigh classmates as he navigates uncharted waters in the technology sector in Asia. Lehigh soccer coach Dean Koski visited Mark, and they played some squash and had a good steak. Mark's new squash racquets are out for 2019, and if anyone from Lehigh would like one, please stop by for a game in Hong Kong and pick up a racquet for free. Mark joined the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club Squash Team, based on Kelllett Island for the 2019-20 season. Mark asks all to feel free to drop by anytime if you are in Hong Kong. Mark's email is mark.rittmayer@cscasiapacific.com.

John Speer was elected to membership in the National Academy of Engineering. Congratulations to John for making Lehigh proud!

Jim Merrill has set a goal to ride 1,000 miles in six months on his bike this year. Jim is at 500

CELEBRATIONS



1. The Class of 1953 celebrated their “mini-66th Reunion” at the Saucon Valley Country Club. In attendance were (from left): Chuck Atmore, Tip Mowrer, Grant Hansel, Jack Platt, Roger Inglese, Joe Workman, Nick Gentile, Jim Cooke, Sam Grauer, Herb Roemmele, Tony Latour and Bob Gill. **2.** Future MountainHawk Ryder Logan Schiff was born to Ashley Weiss Schiff '09 and Adam Schiff in April 2019. **3.** Harper Brielle Adair, daughter of Gwendolyn (Ferdinand) Adair '09, shows off her Lehigh spirit. **4.** Matthew Schaner '08 and his wife, Pamela, announced the birth of their first child. Archer Ethan Schaner was born on June 3 and his parents have already submitted his application for early admission to the College of Engineering! **5.** To celebrate their 60th birthdays, members of the Class of 1981 took a group trip to Nashville in April 2019. Pictured from bottom left and around are: Carol (Ehrens) Gordon, Mary Alice (Panerello) St. Clair, Kim (Thompson) Zdon, Donna (Karasic) Davidson, Fran (Sturiale) Bartlett, Alisa Kauffman, Donna (Farkas) Hoffman, Linda (Taylor) Ferguson, Bonnie (Lewis) Torcivia Rutan, Gail (Schargel) Powell,

Val (Lychak) Thomas, Hayedeh (Sepahpur) Scott and Karen (Siegler) Sandler. **6.** Celebrating their 69th wedding anniversary, Blanche and Donald Stires '51 (seated in front) are joined by their children (back row from left) Craig Stires '89, Dave Stires '85, Pete Stires '80, Lori Stires (Yale '77), Todd Stires '82, Donald Stires Jr. '73 and Kim Stires (Dickenson '76). **7.** Lou Peters '55 with his granddaughter, Ashley Thoet '13. **8.** Unable to travel to campus for their 65th Reunion, members of Pi Lambda Phi from the Class of 1954 reunited in Long Boat Key, Fla. From left: Larry Skaller, Bob Littman, Bob Goldberg, Jay Greenstone, Marty Edelman and Sam Frohlich. Marty wrote: “Suffice it to say that the passage of time continues to enforce our bonds of friendship. The years at Lehigh were fabulous and helped lay the groundwork for our individual futures.” **9.** Stacy Sommerfield '08, Frances Downey '08 and Lauren Fuhry '08 spent part of the summer hiking in the Swiss Alps. **10.** Rebecca (Long) McLoughlin '09 and Joseph McLoughlin '09 with their daughter, Lucille Quinn.



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already, not bad given the travel that he continues to do for Ernst and Young.

Jim Flanagan and Ellen (Marshall) Flanagan enthusiastically attended graduation at Lehigh in May with their daughter Emily '12 and Emily's husband, Grant Ward (West Point 2012), to applaud their youngest, Liam Flanagan '19, who earned a double major degree from the College of Business. Jim can state that his family can count two Lehigh alumni parents, two Lehigh alumni kids and four Lehigh degrees. Jim asks if this qualifies him for a discount on merchandise at the Bookstore.

Finally, I ask all of my fellow classmates to consider coming back to Lehigh in 2020 to participate in our 40th Reunion. I had a fabulous time at our 35th Reunion. It was a great time with all my '80 classmates, some I knew when I was in school and some first met at reunion. We were all one happy group enjoying each other's company and fun times. 8-O! GO! GO!

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Anne Kline: Anne shared lots of great updates. Her Alpha Gamma Delta sister, **Daphne (Veras) Jordan**, was elected to the New York State Senate representing the district including Saratoga, known for horse racing. Daphne lives in Clifton Park, N.Y., with husband Phil. Anne pointed out that this is the year most fellow 1981 grads are turning the big 60. That milestone includes her fellow Lehigh University trustees **Phil Sheibley, Jack Vresics** and **Mark Yeager**. Additionally, she reports that **Fred Schaufeld** serves on the Wolf Trap Foundation Board for the Performing Arts. Fred served as Student Activities Council Concert Chair while an undergrad at LU.

Anne enjoyed celebrating her first Lehigh University friend **Linda (Taylor) Ferguson's** birthday with her in Connecticut. Anne and Linda both lived in Carothers. Another one of Anne's friends, **Meredith (Wehner) Luckewicz**, made an exciting relocation from the Jersey Shore area to Denver, Colo., this year. Anne has been busy being involved with LU's GO Campaign, having connected with **Tom Wocklish** and Dave Szablowski '82 on the Intrepid in NYC during Lehigh's GO Campaign launch last October. There is no denying her loyalty to Lehigh—she has only missed two Lehigh-Lafayette football games since 1977! Very impressive!

Linda (Taylor) Ferguson: Linda had a great time on a group 60th birthday celebration trip to Nashville this past April. Fellow birthday travelers were: **Carol (Ehrens) Gordon, Bonnie (Lewis) Torcivia Rutan, Donna (Farkas) Hoffman, Kim (Thompson) Zdon, Gail (Schargel) Powell, Val (Lychak) Thomas, Hayedeh (Sepahpur) Scott** and **Karen (Sieglar) Sandler, Mary Alice (Panerello) St. Clair, Fran (Sturiale) Bartlett, Alisa Kauffman** and **Donna (Karasic) Davidson**.

Hyde Miller: Hyde weighed in with a great update. He holds a B.S.E.E. After 35 years in the semiconductor industry he chose to try something different. He joined SAS Institute as a systems engineer, which is a data scientist selling and supporting JMP Data Discovery software. His wife, Candy, works in the sales organization Renesas Electronics. They reside in Indialantic, located on the Atlantic Coast of central Florida. Their daughter, Mackenzie, is a nursing major at the University of Alabama. When they are not in Florida, Hyde and his family enjoy spending time in the mountains of North Carolina and on the coast of Maine.

Richard Zwirn: It was great

to hear from Richard. He and his wife, Kay, live in upstate New York where Richard is a counselor at a rural school in their area. They breed and raise thoroughbred racehorses on their small family farm. They are thrilled to report the birth of their first grandchild this year, Ryker Martin. He added that he is fortunate to occasionally see some of his Sigma Alpha Mu brothers.

Joseph Bonassar: It was a time of change for Joseph in the spring of 2018—he had a great opportunity to create a legal department at Dymax, a small specialty chemical company. He explained that he has served as general counsel for a couple other companies but that this opportunity was especially interesting to him because it was a throwback to his old Lehigh engineering days. This job sends him to Shanghai where he has had the chance to be integral in the building of a new manufacturing plant. He is additionally enjoying having input with the company's R&D team.

George Karr: George and his wife live in Austin, Texas, and enjoy the lake life on Lake Travis. He is proud to share that he recently finished a 2,000-square-foot man cave for working on cars and projects. He's been working for BHGE as lead technical support engineer. However, by the time of this publication, George may have retired. George and his wife are enjoying three grandchildren and went to Toledo, Spain, for a wedding in June 2019.

Eva Cwynar: Dr. Cwynar is fully engaged as an endocrinologist and metabolic specialist in Beverly Hills, Calif., associated with Cedars Sinai Medical Center and UCLA. She and her husband, John Kohut, are very proud of their two daughters. Danielle graduated from Dartmouth College in May 2019 and Nicole attends Columbia University.

Editor's note: Our thanks to



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Patrice for her service filling this space with interesting information about the Class of 1981. You've been instrumental in keeping your classmates connected with each other and Lehigh. Thank you. Please welcome Wayne Shurts (wayneshurts@gmail.com) as he takes on this volunteer role as your correspondent.

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Thomas Hammond enjoyed my column regarding fraternity nicknames and writes in with a few more from Sigma Chi: Whippet, Schmick, Blither, Krat, Buano, Meetch, Loco, Otis, Zippo, Titar, OT, BEEF, Psycho, E-rock, Big Dong, MAMMY, TAMMY, Dad, Deke, Scully, Chobby, Harry and Cheese. Tom's family is well. His oldest daughter, Caitlin, had lead roles in two films featured at the recent Soho Film Festival—*The Last Reunion* and *In a New York Minute*. Her future looks bright. Tom's oldest son just graduated from James Madison University and is applying to veterinary school. Tom's younger daughter is entering her junior year at Virginia Tech, while his youngest son just graduated from Gonzaga High School and is joining his sister at Virginia Tech in August as an engineering major.

Peter Schuyler, my former freshman hall mate in Taylor 2 West, checks in with news that his son, Cortlandt, graduated from Lehigh in May '19. He was a dual-degree graduate with one degree in mechanical engineering and one in the IDEAS program. Cortlandt was also a wrestler with the Lehigh program, qualifying for the NCAA tournament twice. Pete's daughter, Sarah, graduated

from Endicott College a year earlier and taught English at the middle school level in Budapest, Hungary, this past year. Sarah's son finished kindergarten in Hungary as well. Both Cortlandt and Sarah are applying for jobs locally now. Peter's last two boys, Malcolm and Braden, are still in high school. Pete coached wrestling at Navy and Franklin and Marshall, and has owned a tree care business since 2012. His lovely wife, Dorianne, is a physical education teacher at Steelton Highspire H.S., outside Harrisburg, Pa. And, of course, Pete was an outstanding wrestler for Lehigh as well, finishing as high as third in the NCAA tournament. Pete's senior year, wrestling at 134 pounds, he went 24-2-1. I still swear the stalling point that year against him in the semifinals (with eight seconds to go against the kid from Iowa) was a bogus call by the official. Pete was also a two-time EIWA champion.

Now, when Pete was turning in early on weekends to gear up for his wrestling meets, I was out on the Hill, Making Getting Blotto Great Again. Usually, at 3 a.m., fortified with beer courage, I would return to Taylor Hall and pound on Pete's door, telling him I was finally going to kick his butt in wrestling. What followed was Pete bursting out his door and tying me up in a pretzel with an arm bar in the hall—my ensuing screams of agony awakening the entire hall. Freshman year Pete encouraged me to cut weight from 172 to 150 pounds to enter freshman wrestling intramurals. I had never wrestled before. Six weeks later, drawn and gaunt, I made weight and realized I had drawn a regional or district Pennsylvania wrestling winner named Tim Burns '84. I cursed Pete, but he swore to teach me some secret upper-body Bulgarian wrestling moves that would handily defeat a wrestler of Burns' prowess. The big day rolled around at Grace Hall and with all my

Taylor 2 West mates watching, I entered the mat with Pete as my coach. Just 54 seconds later I was flat on my back after Tim got me in a fireman's carry. Wrestling career over.

Todd Stires sent a photograph from his parents' 69th wedding anniversary celebration. They are definitely in the running for most legacied Lehigh family! His parents are Blanche and Donald Stires '51. Their seven children include five Lehigh alumni (Donald Stires Jr. '73, Pete Stires '80, Todd Stires, Dave Stires '85 and Craig Stires '89). They have four grandchildren who've attended Lehigh plus a nephew (Mark Stires '84), niece-in-law (Betsy [Barmat] Stires '83) and their son, Nate '11.

Stan King writes in from Georgetown, Cayman Islands, where he lives with his wife of 32 years, Ingrid Sue (Cedar Crest College '83), when they are not spending time in their second oceanfront abode on Barnegat Light, N.J. Stan's career suffered a bit of a blow when in 2008 Lehman Brothers went under while Stan was stationed in its Canary Wharf, London, office. Stan rebounded to form his successful Cayman-based distressed asset fund, Zero Point Zero Capital Management LLC, that also specializes in tax shelter income reduction strategies. Stan recently got his old college fraternity band back together—Stan King and the Social Blastoffs.

Harry Stamateris and I made a road trip to see Stan's band play a few weekend gigs in Long Beach Island, N.J. We enjoyed a few of Stan's catchy new original songs: "It's 3 a.m. (Who's Still Delivering Pizza)," and "Charlie Don't Surf (But We Do)." Rock and roll will never die, and neither will Stan.

Farid Salloum was at Wrigley Field catching a Cubs game with **Jodi Abbott**. Jodi is working in Chicago on equity healthcare at the American Medical Association. Farid owns a Mediterranean café in Baltimore named Baba's Kitch-

en (babaskitchen.net). Check it out if you are in Baltimore.

I did a few Maine runs this summer, the Gooserocks 5K in Kennebunkport on July 4 and the Beach to Beacon 10K in Cape Elizabeth on Aug. 3. As an Irish and European Union citizen, Joan and I scouted out Malta for a possible retirement location if Bernie Sanders wins in 2020—plenty of sun there and all speak English. Got to keep moving.

More on **Michael T. Luckewicz** in In Remembrance. He passed away on May 27, 2019. Michael and I also attended Seton Hall Law School together, and his family lived in Basking Ridge near mine since 1996. Inspired by Henry Miller and Charles Bukowski, fluent in French, food, wine and culture, Michael resided in Paris from 1987 to 1993, always promising to write the Great American Novel. We spent more late nights out than I care to remember (if I could), or dare to repeat. Michael once spent an entire Paris afternoon bar-hopping with actor Bill Murray. Mike was known by many monikers, including Lucky, Bama, Jet, Bumpy and Ole Luke. Fond of quoting movies, Michael knew by heart lines from *Cool Hand Luke*, *Scarface* and *The Verdict*. "No man alive can eat 50 eggs," but he almost did one winter night in 1985 at the White Horse Tavern in Greenwich Village. Michael was married for 30 years to Meredith (Wehner) Luckewicz '81 and is survived by three stellar children—Tyler, Emilie and Camille. He was most recently director of tax for Booz, Allen and Hamilton. Au revoir, old sport.

Keep the emails coming on your latest news.

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Happy fall, Class of '83! There was not much news this time.

Please remember that you

can always email me (nancyliulehigh83@gmail.com) with any news and I will include it in the column. I am always excited to hear from fellow classmates. You can also send a picture that will be included in the *Bulletin*. If I see you at a Lehigh event or anywhere else, I will mention you in the column.

News from the Inbox

Marc Garrett wrote that he self-published a true story of a dear friend who survived the Holocaust. Marc wrote it so his friend's story would not be forgotten; it is both harrowing and inspirational. His friend passed away not too long ago and Marc's goal is to get his story out. You can find the story of Leon Sperling by searching for "A Survivor Remembers the Holocaust" on Amazon.

Sightings at Lehigh events

It was a pleasant surprise to meet up with Sue (Escott) Post '81, my Dravo A-4 gryphon, at a recent Lehigh Girls Auto Clinic event. She attended with her daughter, Haley. Sue is a lawyer working with her husband in their firm, Post & Post LLC, in Berwyn, Pa. She keeps in touch with Pam Proctor '81 who was the gryphon on Dravo A-2. Sue mentioned that she has such fond memories of the girls on Dravo A-4 and wants to know what everyone is up to. So that's a hint to the Dravo A-4 ladies. I have heard from Sandy, Tricia, Patty and Carol. How about the rest of the hall? Britt, Maryellen, Valerie, Debbie, Lori, Karen, Stephany (Sam), Arlene, Dee, Barb...I would love to hear from you.

Reunion Alumni Weekend

Although it was not our reunion year, some of our classmates attended. **Kira (Cauwels) Mendez** and **Steve Mendez** attended the Brown and White Awards dinner. Kira, Steve and my husband, Scott Freedman '84, were excited to see their old electric engineering professor, Professor Donald Talhelm, '59, '60G, '78P, '80P, '05GP. Yes, Professor Talhelm has his own legacy dy-

nasty with two children and one grandchild who have attended Lehigh. **JC Cole** was at the '84 dinner with his fellow Zeta Psi brothers: Michael Smerconish '84, Carl Sammarco '84 and wife Jill, and James Durkin '84.

I enjoyed reconnecting with attendees, especially those who I have not seen in over 35 years.

Tom Whelan '84 and his wife, Kimberly, traveled from Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Jay Bergman '84 and his wife, Donna, came from New York, N.Y., and Kevin Kettler '84 from Austin, Texas.

Others that I want to mention that I had a great time catching up with were Kathy Hutnik '84, Martha Mahoney '84, Cindy Davis '84, Ann Marie Murphy '84, Susan (Greenbaum) Gross '84, Susy (Eckert) Shea '84, Patty (Burke) Savage '84, Marian Nalitt '84, Beth (Kendrick) Wanrow '84 and Suzanne (Taylor) Thompson '84. Suzanne shared exciting news that her daughter Samantha will be a Lehigh freshman in the Class of 2023. Congratulations!

Enjoy your fall and winter, and please send me your news. I will be attending football games in the fall and invite you to stop by our tailgate in the reserved lot. Hope to see you there.

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Greetings, classmates. This is my third class column and I am still very happy to be bringing the news of the Class of 1984 to you. For the writing of this column, I have decided upon a set of guidelines that I would like to share with you: 1) there is no old news. If we have not heard about your participation award from 10 years ago, it is news and we want to hear it; 2) the best time to submit news is when you first think of it, the second best time is now; and 3) you are good enough, smart enough and doggone it, people like you.

The 35th Reunion was a great success, and we set the new record for attendance at 75 people. The welcome reception event at STEPS was a great lead-off for the weekend. The beer and wine flowed copiously and the conversations of the 51 people attending the event became more and more animated as the time went by. I saw **Mike Smerconish** attending, and I thought I could get his information for this column. Mike deftly, almost imperceptibly, shifted the conversation back on to me, showing what a great interviewer he is. I was in awe. You can listen to Mike on SiriusXM's POTUS channel 9 a.m. Eastern weekdays and watch his eponymous show on CNN 9 a.m. Eastern on Saturdays.

The parade performance on Saturday was to the sound of Billy Joel's "Allentown" with great lyrics by our own **John Compton**. One of the highlights for me was **Gregg Merksamer's** voice leading us. Who knew he had the voice of an angel? After the parade, I talked to **Maxine (Nebus) Lane**, who lives in Clear Lake, Texas, who has not missed a reunion since graduation!

The class dinner in the newly renovated Williams Hall and mixed-class after-party in front of Packer Hall were fantastic. **Scott Freedman** put together a slideshow with excerpts from the Freshman Register and old photos from classmates that was very entertaining. I saw Jill and **Carl Sammarco** enjoying the festivities. Carl is a veterinarian (great profession) living on the Jersey Shore. Carl and Jill have two kids, both in college this fall. Commenting on the reunion, Carl pointedly enjoyed the free chauffeurs!

The Lehigh Class of 1984 Facebook page continues to be a good source of class news, pictures and discussion and I recommend you join up if you are on Facebook. I regularly beg for news on the page and occasion-

ally get a payoff. To wit: **Janice (McPherson) Caccavone** writes me that she is living in Delaware and has an axe-throwing hobby. She participated in two leagues at Battle Axe (the local axe-throwing place in Newark, Del.) and was in the beginner league this past winter. She took second place in the tournament and was in the advanced league in the spring. She even owns her own axe. How cool is that?

In early July, **Jim Hart** and **Robin (Cohen) Hart** hosted Robin's former Trembley roommate and fellow Palmer freshman **Jane (Gallace) Kessler** and her family. Trembley roommate **Paula (Dobranski) Devlin** and her husband were also there. **Bill Glaser**, who was a friend of Jane's from way way back in high school, joined them (bearing a humongous bottle of Prosecco). They enjoyed telling Jane's kids all the good stories about their mom, although they forgot the best one, "that time she set the kitchen on fire making popcorn" (not an uncommon event at Trembley in my memory). Paula and Robin are hoping to return the visit and see Jane in Schenectady, N.Y., during the year.

In mid-July, Robin was lucky enough to be roommates with Paula again, when she spent a week puppy-sitting for her brother in Atlanta and he was kind enough to tell her she could invite a friend. When Betty the Corgi napped, they hit lots of restaurants and shops in the Kirkwood neighborhood and in nearby Decatur. They were also lucky enough to catch up with Robin's daughter, Mackenzie (in her third year of a doctoral program at University of South Carolina), and her boyfriend, who is stationed at Fort Benning, Ga. Jim and Robin's son, Connor, will soon begin his sophomore year, also at University of South Carolina, and has been prepping with lots of gym and pool time over the summer. Jim and Robin and the gang are looking

forward to our next “reunion” at the tailgate tent, 10:30 sharp, on Aug. 31 and at every home game thereafter!

On July 31, I attended the Philadelphia area First Year Student Sendoff at **Susy (Eckert) Shea’s** house. Susy has been hosting this event at her beautiful home for the past seven years. Over 100 parents, freshmen and alumni gathered to talk about Lehigh life, academics and activities. **Dr. Steve Fleisher** was in attendance and he talked with many of the freshmen and their parents. The freshmen were very impressive—brilliant to a person—and their parents were very interesting as well. It was a very successful event, and if you have not attended a sendoff, I would suggest you do. Meeting these bright young people is a shot in the arm and gives you hope for the future.

In the spirit of practicing what I preach, I have to tell you that I took the position of subject matter expert—rotating equipment at Arkema Inc., a French chemical company, in May 2019. I am very happy to be joining Arkema at the U.S. headquarters in King of Prussia, Pa. In other employment news, **Bill Bear** has accepted an AGILE coach/trainer position with Boeing starting in August 2019. Bill is an Air Force veteran, having retired from the Reserves a few years ago, and I can think of no better place for him to practice his craft. Good luck, Bill, and best wishes for your continued success.

Again, I would like to thank all of you for sending me updates. This column could be written without them, but it would be a boring mess. Your information makes it so much better.

See you at the Lehigh-<L-word> game!

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I caught up with **James Maida**. He and his wife, Sharon, have

generously donated to both the renovation of Williams Hall and the building of Maida House, a new on-campus housing building for undergraduates located on the Hill, just inside the Sayre Park gates (Sigma Nu was located here when we were students). When we spoke, the Maidas had just signed the last beam that went into the construction of the new building. In addition to serving as a Lehigh trustee, James is the founder and president of Gaming Laboratories International. After graduation from Lehigh, James went to work for the state of New Jersey, testing gambling equipment in Atlantic City. He then attended law school at Rutgers University and founded his company with a childhood friend. James and Sharon live in Bucks County, Pa., and have four children: Nicholas, Lindsay, Lauren ’17 and Alexis ’19. James has remained in close touch with **Sean McGee**, who did such a great job organizing our 30th Reunion. The Maidas and McGees (Sean’s wife, **Sue [Weber] McGee** is also our year)

Steve Link just returned from 30 days exploring the Dalmatian Coast, Greece and Japan. The Croatia portion of the journey was inspired by a 94-year-old donor he worked with in his role as senior philanthropic advisor at Georgetown University. She emigrated to the U.S. in 1961 to escape communism, married a survivor of the Holocaust and spent her life as a seamstress in their tailor shop. Never allowed to complete her studies in Croatia, she is dedicating her estate to giving Croatians the opportunity to come to Georgetown to earn a graduate degree and return home to help continue rebuilding a civil society there. Steve observed that “her homeland is every bit as beautiful as she remembers—despite the civil

war with Serbia, the waters are beautiful and warm, the islands which predate Christianity are gorgeous, the people are friendly and engaging, the music and dance dazzling, and the food and wine delicious!” From Croatia he flew to Greece to visit two grad school classmates who have remained lifelong friends since they met in Belgium back in 1991. Steve then headed to Japan where he spent 11 days in Tokyo, Osaka, Hakone, Kyoto and Hiroshima. He reported that the history there is “every bit as captivating and sobering. The reality of warfare and recovery is woven throughout human history and more striking than anything were the similarities, not differences in humankind, and arc of history. [This] reinforced the importance of friendships from Lehigh and beyond, and the need for our world to reach beyond our borders and different cultures for common ground.” I’m quoting Steve directly here; this is such a beautiful sentiment.

Beth Berns, husband Larry Bressler, and their daughter, Elena, took a break from their Virginia and North Carolina college touring to enjoy lunch in Chapel Hill, N.C., with Lynn Anne Miller and her son, Christian Phillips, who were touring North and South Carolina colleges. The kids enjoyed hearing stories about their mothers’ college days, and Beth mercilessly teased Lynn Anne as she attempted to photograph every fraternity house on the Chapel Hill campus. Next college stop for them is Lehigh.

In July, **Lynn Miller** flew from her home in Pacific Palisades, Calif., to New York, for a week of partying with some of her former roommates and DG sisters. **Clare (Crabtree) DeNicola** and Patty von Schaumburg ’86 joined Lynn for an amazing overnight glamping expedition on Governor’s Island, where they enjoyed stunning views of the

city and the Statue of Liberty. **Anne (Howey) Carson** and Lynn Anne Miller joined the party at Beth Berns’ beautiful Fire Island beach house, “LaLaLand.” This is the first time the six DGs have all met up since July of ’17, when Lynn Miller hosted them at a classic Hollywood Hills home. Who knows where they’ll be in July of ’21? In any event, they hope to reconnect with many other classmates at the Lehigh-Lafayette game.

I’m sad to report that **Chris Thalacker**, affectionately known as “Cheese,” passed away after a brave two-year battle with ALS. Please see the “In Remembrance” section of this magazine for more information.

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“I don’t wanna know your name, cause you don’t look the same, the way you did before. OK, you think you got a pretty face, but the rest of you is out of place, you looked alright before (Sweet).” Okay, fox on the run....

Without hubris, **Dave Huber** retired as Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey’s CFO, now focusing on advisory work, board service and nonprofit endeavors. Dave and wife Ellen’s son, Derek, graduated Lehigh with a computer science and business degree, while daughter, Jessica, graduated Northwestern. The family celebrated Derek’s graduation with a trip to Zermatt and Paris. The Hubers are Red Bank, N.J., to Sarasota, Fla., snowbirds, but when in Red Bank, still pub crawl with **Doug Grierson, Mike Keenan, Sue (Peper) Boudreau** and **Ellen (Villegas) Rudel**.

“When the working day is

done, oh, girls—they wanna have fun (Cyndi Lauper).” Speaking of pub crawls, I just got wind of an off-off-very-off campus Gamma Phi party, from spring 2018, where 60, 1983-1989 Gamma Phis had a three-day reunion in Port Jefferson, N.Y., where activities were held that, by today’s standards would get you a trip to the Office of the Associate Dean of Students, but by our standards were considered... fun. Port Jeff was not chosen by chance, as its mayor is **Margot Garant**, who just won her sixth, two-year term in June 2019. Margot organized the event, which included ’86ers **Marie (Bradshaw) Sonde**, **Jodi Friedman**, **Wendy (Kallos) Nixon**, **Mary Anne (Way) Rutkowski**, **Patty (Weber) Perry**, **Mia (Bartuska) Finkelston**, **Laura (Levison) Microulis**, **Brenda (Mullen) Sampiere**, **Kathleen (Wilson) Katzmann**, **Jennifer (Moore) Benn**, **Jill Lovecchio**, **Sandy (Bevan) Ritchey** and **Diane (Moyer) Horn**.

Sueanne Schulman celebrated 30 years as wealth manager at Morgan Stanley and earned a promotion to senior vice president and senior portfolio management director.

Sigma Alpha Mu’s **John King** has been known to engineer potent chemical mixes, but his daughter, Elizabeth “Fluff” King, just graduated Lehigh with a degree in chemical engineering. For those keeping score at home, that’s “two down, and two to go” for John’s kids’ graduating college. The Sammy boys look forward to “Fluff’s” continued presence at Leh-Laf tailgates.

Susan (Kotek) Sprague is a senior associate with Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, a firm she’s been with for the last thirteen years, specializing in sewer rehab design and bridge inspections, and has very important letters after her name: PE, CCS, CBSI, FNSPE. Susan is a member of, and she’s actively

involved with, the National Society of Professional Engineers. “How involved is she,” you ask? Susan will be their treasurer and serve on the executive committee for the next two years. Thinking “time and tide wait for no man,” Susan is planning on 2020 for retirement. Congratulations, Susan, and, “As we say in the sewer, here’s mud in your eye (Edward L. Norton).”

“Take me to the bridge (James Brown).” “Where’s that confounded bridge (Led Zeppelin)?” Well, let’s ask **Matt Cummings**, who was named president and CEO of T.Y. Lin International (TYLI) Group, following 26 years at AECOM. Matt is tasked with creating an affiliation of global infrastructure companies, all of them under TYLI’s parent company, the Dar Group, that can compete with the world’s largest firms for the world’s largest projects. TYLI does half its business in China and Southeast Asia, but is California-headquartered, with offices throughout the Americas and Asia. The firm, old and prestigious, has a sterling brand, particularly in the field of bridge building. Now, Matt, maybe you can answer this musical question, “Why did Billie Joe McAllister jump off the Tallahatchie Bridge?”

“Fly by night goodbye my dear (Rush).”

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It has been an interesting spring and summer as I have traveled the East Coast with my son on college visits. We have been as far north as Maine and as far west as St. Louis. We have traveled in heat waves and downpours. I have racked up at least 8,000 miles on my car and listened to many books on Audible. Through it all I have hiked the hills of college campuses,

viewed first-year dorm rooms and tried out the food in dining halls. With almost every school we visit I do a comparison and usually end up saying, “It’s not as pretty as Lehigh” or “Why are we going to travel 18 hours by car for a school that is just like Lehigh?” I am not sure where this journey will lead to in the end, but I do know that Lehigh is a special place after my travels to over 30 high academic schools. Many of the places I have visited simply don’t measure up.

Lehigh friends have been very helpful in this process. My son would like to play football in college and I have spoken to Lehigh alumni with kids who have played college ball. Thanks to Lynn Miller ’85, **Anne (Slack) Kenyon**, **Meg (O’Brien) Briggs** and **Maureen (McPartland) Nicolai** for their words of wisdom. Maureen’s son and Lynn’s son played or are still playing football at MIT and Anne’s son is to start at Muhlenberg this fall. Meg’s son played at Washington University in St. Louis. Through my talks with these football moms and others, I have learned the ins and outs of DIII football. I follow teams, coaches and players on Twitter. I have sat in the hot sun in football stadiums, packed ice and Pedalyte in coolers, spent \$60 a week on coconut water and learned about the benefits of pickle juice. It’s a world I never knew about and not sure I will be involved with again.

I was not an athlete at Lehigh, but through this process, I have gained respect for those that were student-athletes and the student-athletes that I have met along the way. I never realized the commitment required and the expectations. I am impressed by the students who take challenging academics, attend daily practices and/or lifts, travel to athletic events, recover from the event and then repeat the next week. Balancing academics and athletics, their achievements are admirable.

I am looking forward to one last season of *Friday Night Lights*, overseeing the application process and waiting for the results. There is something about having your oldest apply to college that makes you wonder at least once a day, “where has the time gone?” We are definitely old.

Kudos to all of you who have been through this process before me and good luck to others navigating for the Class of 2020. It truly feels like I have come full circle.

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A huge shout-out to **Beth Brinkman** for writing the last column and doing such a great job! I know there are other guest columnists lurking out there.... Take the plunge and volunteer to be a guest columnist.

At this writing, I’m a week late with no news. No one calls, writes or emails with news anymore—I guess that’s the result of social media; everyone assumes I already know, and as such, I have nothing to report. The only classmate I’ve seen all summer is **Keith Curtis**.

Actually, I misspoke. I do have one piece of news which I think is beyond fabulous—both **Jamie (Sorcher) Finley Pitzer** and **Jill (Koslowsky) Neff** have finished their teacher training and are certified to teach yoga. Kudos to you both and I look forward to taking a class with each of you this fall. Perhaps we might add yoga to the next reunion weekend?

As we are on the home stretch of summer, I have enjoyed seeing where everyone’s summer vacations have taken them, who graduated from where, who’s celebrating their 20th or 25th anniversary, where kids are off to college, who’s retiring, and through it all, I’m thinking, “When did we grow up?” and “how did we get to be middle-aged?” Time

is flying and it appears everyone is doing well. I would have loved to write a column full of wonderful interesting news, so my apologies for being lazy and not tracking down more information. I thought about just skipping the column, but I didn't want to deal with the backlash and I refuse to rehash my FB feed again. I hope to see many of you at Parents' Weekend or Lehigh-Lafayette!

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Our 30th Reunion was an overwhelming success in every way. If you didn't make it, it's a priority to join us for our 35th. Thank you to Penny and **Tony Caciolo** for their incredible generosity hosting our insanely over-the-top, Saturday night New Orleans-inspired party. **Jay Canell** and **Neil Canell**, you guys are the real deal. Thank you for your calls, emails, dinners and help getting as many people as possible to our event. **Jenn (Gans) Blankfein**, thank you for being my wing woman always, letting me bounce the many decisions necessary to make this all happen. I think we all agree your spot as parade songwriter is secure. I can't even begin to tell you how much I loved reconnecting with my old friends and meeting many new people. There is no mistaking our very tight-knit community of incredible people doing amazing things.

Greg Keyser and his wife, Judith, live in Sammamish, Wash., with their three kids: Heather, Harrison and Holly. They will celebrate 22 years of marriage. Greg is a software engineering manager in the Xbox group at Microsoft and will celebrate 29 years this year. Greg's daughter, Heather, is fourth generation at LU. Greg keeps up with many of his Lehigh friends including **Lex**

Panos, Michele Scaringella '90, **Jeff Baker**, **Pete Smith**, **Danielle LaTourette** and Joe Daly '90.

Kate (O'Connor) Saltonstall joined the Boston office of Brown Advisory as a portfolio manager where she will construct custom, discretionary investment portfolios to help the firm's complex and sophisticated clients manage their strategic investments and asset allocations. She brings more than two decades of experience in the wealth management industry and was previously the chief investment officer at Sandy Cove Advisors.

Rich Sherman has lived in Skillman, N.J., with his wife, Jennifer Herron '91, for 23 years. After graduation he went to Officer Candidate School and was a Navy officer for almost seven years. He received his MBA from Georgetown University in 1995, working as a research analyst for various boutique investment firms. A source of great pride is Rich's photography business (richardshermanphotography.com), a "certified veteran-owned small business" that provides artwork to the healthcare, hospitality and corporate sectors. His photos can be found in more than 20 VA medical centers around the country.

Jason Enoch is happily married to Krissy and has three beautiful daughters. He is still with Deloitte, as a partner in the power and utilities group, which has him out of town serving clients primarily in the Hartford, Conn., and Boston area. A third of his time is on the road for work, a third at home in Charlotte and a third at their second home in North Litchfield Beach, S.C. If anyone finds themselves in the Carolinas, please look him up!

Diana (Kittredge) Sajer and her husband, Scott, live in Summit, N.J., and have four boys. One of the boys goes to Lafayette, but we will not hold that against her.

Judy (Bernstein) Schwartz is still in NYC working for Verizon doing media training and development. She has two daughters, Olivia and Bella.

Allison (Mack) Bennett and her husband, Tim, are once again back in Atlanta after four years commuting to her job at JP Morgan in NYC where she is the head of customer experience. They have two boys who are in college and are enjoying being empty-nesters.

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Fred Cost reached out from North East, Md., located at the northern tip of the Chesapeake Bay. He married Stacey in 2000 and his home now includes two teenage daughters, two dogs, three horses, two goats and four black angus steers for their annual beef sale.

The humans in his family enjoy RVing, as well as traveling, including a trip this past summer to the U.K. Fred has been working the last year toward a private pilot's license, so the adventures will surely continue!

In September 2018, Fred retired from the military at the rank of colonel after 28 years in the Army. He returned to the full-time workforce in March 2019 as the director of facilities for the Delaware Army National Guard (the same position from which he had retired).

Along the way, Fred received an M.S. in materials science and engineering from the University of Delaware in 1998, as well as a master's of strategic studies from the U.S. Army War College in 2014.

Fred attends church with avid LU wrestling fan Ron Hartman '65, and together they attend several matches each year. The two alums have also started collaborating on collecting water samples around some of the local

Chesapeake tributaries in order to help save the bay.

Bill Rossi sent word all the way from Singapore. He moved there in 1996 and, with the exception of a five-year stint in Australia, he has lived there ever since. Bill described the island city-state's weather as similar to New Jersey in August. That does not sound conducive to many good hair days.

With his management degrees from RPL, he is a VP of marketing at Nordic Aviation Capital, leasing aircraft to airlines around Asia.

Bill married his "darling" wife almost 20 years ago and they have raised two children, Hana (17) and Jerica (15), who currently attend St. Joseph's Institution International School in the city. Last year they met up with friends and family to celebrate Bill's 50th birthday in a lovely villa outside of Rome.

When he is not sipping chianti in Italy, Bill enjoys biking to work, boxing training on the weekends and baking bread with his family. He also volunteers at Project Daily Bread to help those less fortunate.

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Lots of news this time, so let's get to it.

Lee Iacocca, 1945 Lehigh graduate and former CEO of Chrysler (now FCA—Fiat Chrysler Automobiles) died July 2, 2019, at the age of 94. Mr. Iacocca was the mastermind behind the headquarters of the Chrysler Technology Center (CTC), which opened almost 30 years ago. Cumulatively, **Mark Kirschmann**, **Mark Levine** and **Ted Sawdon** have over 75 years of work experience at FCA and all work at CTC, along with Mike Seventko '89 and

Jessica LaFond '95.

Mark Kirschmann is currently responsible for coordinating FCA's global long-range plan and global greenhouse gas compliance. In 27 years at Chrysler, he has held positions in vehicle safety development, chassis engineering, vehicle cost engineering and program management over several vehicles including the PT Cruiser, Pacifica Minivan and Viper. He lives in Oakland Township, Mich., with his wife, Kristi, and two sons, Andrew (18) and Alex (16).

Mark Levine is responsible for advanced automatic transmission and innovation projects. During his 25-year career at FCA, he has also worked in powertrain and chassis quality and spent over eight years as a resident engineer at the Indiana Transmission Plant. He currently lives in West Bloomfield, Mich., with his wife, Joelle, and their shih-tzu, BamBam. They enjoy playing tennis and traveling. Mark and Joelle have two college graduates, Brooke (24) and Adam (22).

Ted Sawdon currently works in Advanced Concepts Engineering, responsible for occupant packaging and vehicle layout. In his 24-year career at FCA, he has also worked in safety and restraints engineering and climate control development. He currently lives in Rochester Hills, Mich., with his wife, Jen, and their three children, Zoe (17), Emma (14) and Jack (13), and black lab, Scout.

Joel Eckhause, his wife Melissa and 5-year-old daughter Alessandra recently relocated to Marina del Rey from the San Francisco area for Joel to assume a role as COO of Spring Labs, a financial technology start-up. Here he reconnected with several LA-based Lehigh alumni, including: Soma Samanta-Buck '93 and **Steve Buck**, as well as Lynn Miller '85, all of whom are doing well.

Jarrold Kaufman is the president of Hernia Repair for the Underserved, a nonprofit orga-

nization that does humanitarian work in the U.S., and Central and South America, as well as Africa. They provide free hernia surgery to under-served children and adults in the Western Hemisphere, practicing the preferential option for the poor. They also educate, train, mentor, develop and support local general surgeons who will serve as trainers and future leaders in these communities, empowering them by assisting the hospitals and public health authorities in creating self-sustaining hernia repair teams that can care for the local community. He has also just become clinical affiliated faculty at the McGowan Institute for Regenerative Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh.

Kevin Kane tells us that his family was hanging with **John Landy** and Yasmin (Dos) '93 Landy, and **Ed O'Reilly**, and their families at the NCAA Lacrosse Finals in Philadelphia this spring. Everyone is doing great and they look forward to doing it again next year!

Bob Hamilton reports that he continues his "two-year plan" since 1994, living on Cape Cod with Melissa, who visited Lehigh many times back in the day, with his teenagers—Kate (19, at Virginia Tech) and Jack (17, rising high school senior). He still works at Woods Hole Group, doing coastal, ocean and climate environmental work, and occasionally keeps in touch with a variety of Lehigh people from Fiji, the lacrosse team, his M&M dorm, the grueling engineering classes and, of course, various people met on the Hill.

Kerry (Kirkendall) Barrett recently switched jobs, joining the professional services firm Advanced Group as COO. The firm is based in Chicago, but she will continue to work from her hometown of San Francisco, where she lives with her husband and three children, ages 13, 9 and 9 (twins).

Colleen (Doherty) Balkan lives in Madison, Conn., with her husband and 15-year-old

daughter. She works for Oracle as a product architect. She recently got together with fellow classmates **Kristine (Turville) Delano**, **Maria (Stabile) Monaco**, **Dora (Hoag) Cousineau**, **Heather (Racki) Wold**, **Ann (Hickey) Shankroff**, **Sue Aschenbach Spengler** and Christine Beaver '94 (along with eight other Delta Zeta sorority sisters from other years). They met for brunch in NYC and saw the Broadway show *Pretty Woman*.

Alicia Brown-Weinstein lives in Hoboken, N.J., with her husband, Jim. Her twin girls are going to college this fall, Columbia and Washington University in St. Louis. Her son is in high school. She states that they have spent a lot of time following Portland and rooting for CJ McCollum '13 and even got a Lehigh jersey on eBay. She still hangs out with **Julie (Rosen) Simon** and **Melissa (Kauffman) Degenhardt**. Still active with the College of Arts and Science, Alicia hopes to visit campus soon and get someone in her family to attend! She is teaching ESL and studying bilingual education.

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I was delighted at the number of responses to my recent plea for alumni updates. We received so many that they will span at least the next two issues of the *Alumni Bulletin*.

Igor Borshansky writes that he has been living in West Chester for the last 10 years, after his career in the financial industry took him from New York to Chicago, and now the Philadelphia suburbs. He is married and lives with his three kids and his wife, Karina. About his kids, he writes, "my oldest son is only two years removed from college and that is a scary and at the same time exciting thought. My youngest daughter is 4-years-old, though, so in a year, I will have a senior in

high school and a kindergartner, and all of that keeps me very, very busy."

Jennifer (Kochenthal) Pagliaroli is the assistant director of marketing at Moravian College and lives in Bethlehem with her husband, Tony, and two boys, Max and Luca. Her family time is action packed: they all enjoy snowboarding and travel, and Tony and Max race motorcycles on weekends. In June 2019 she spent time in Colorado with **Joanne O'Callaghan**, her roommate all four years at Lehigh.

Brian Baker wrote in that he has been married for almost 20 years to Maureen (Kelly) Baker, from his hometown of Rockville Centre, N.Y. He has four kids, three girls and a boy, ages 17, 16, 15 and 12. He moved with his family to Raleigh, N.C., from New Jersey 14 years ago and has "never regretted it for a moment." He runs the equity trading desk at Sterling Capital Management and his wife is a professor of nursing at UNC Chapel Hill. He has a sports family—especially soccer, basketball and field hockey—and they all enjoy traveling and the beach.

Winning the prize for the most far-flung alumnus to respond, **Renzo Maldonado** reports that he is currently working in Peru and was able to visit Lehigh with his kids in late July 2019.

Great to hear from **Alberto Siblesz**, who said he has been happily married for 22 years with a son, 10, and daughter, 14. He founded two firms in the financial industry, Scala Capital and Glide Capital, both of which are based in Miami. While at Lehigh, Alberto played on the tennis team and has been an active tennis player since 2010, currently ranked in the top 20 in the U.S. and top 100 in the world! He won the bronze medal in the 2016 ITF World Senior Tour in doubles in Umag, Croatia. He has met with several Theta Xi brothers every summer in New York City for the past 10 years.

Mitz Niwa is one well-traveled member of the Class of 1993!

Since graduating with a B.S.E.E. from Lehigh, he has spent most of his time living in Boston, but also spent a year living in Montreal, and four years living and working in Tokyo. He has been an engineer in the videoconferencing industry since 1997, working for several different firms. His time in Montreal made him enjoy traveling and experiencing different cultures from around the world, and he has spent extensive time traveling for work and pleasure, including through Italy, Japan, the U.K., Germany, Israel, China, Singapore, India and Malaysia. Mitz reports that **Rob Klamka** and **Andy Feldman** remain two of his closest friends, and both live in the greater Boston area.

Steven Napolitano lives in Mahwah, N.J., with wife Claire and three children, Gabriella (13), Christina (12) and Steven (10). He is a principal with SNS Architects & Engineers in Montvale, N.J., designing commercial and industrial facilities throughout the United States. He has a small farm on which he and his family raise chickens, ducks and rabbits and make their own maple syrup during the winters, and also spends time in Naples, Fla.

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I heard that our 25th Reunion was a huge success! I have a great excuse as to why I didn't attend, but I don't recall the excuse I was using. A huge thank you to **Dana Moyles Eberle** and **Jill Triani** for all their hard work in planning a terrific weekend. It was great to see everyone's photos on social media. More than 60 of our classmates attended the weekend festivities, which of course included an event at the Ho! The entire patio (yes, that's new) was reserved for our class. Remember the best booth in the place? In the back—larger than

the other tiny booths? Basically, they blew the back wall out and have outdoor space now. Which means they removed all the carvings of our names in the walls and table. Lame. The next day the entire class (the ones not completely hungover) made it to the class parade. Have no fear, **Andy Twigg** brought a wagon stocked with plenty of booze. (Fiji is also not on the Hill anymore, no surprise.) On Saturday night, there was a class dinner, which again, included too much booze. And of course, a second trip to the Ho. Basically, a routine weekend from 1990 to 1994, but this time with old people.

Michelle (Leonard) Cuddeback and **Brad Cuddeback's** '93 daughter, Katherine, will start this fall at Lehigh as a freshman, as will **Samantha (Churgin) Bennett** and **Andy Bennett's** daughter, Sarah. Thankfully, both girls have mom's academic skills. **Jill Triani** and **Jamie Flinchbaugh** have lived in Springtown, Pa., with their three kids for the past ten years. Jill recently finished her term as the LUAA Board President, despite the fact that she still lets me write this column. Their oldest, Emma, is looking at colleges... wonder where she winds up?

I ran into **Brian Bober** this summer in Nantucket. He recently completed an unaccompanied bike ride from New York City to Montreal—almost 400 miles over five days! I watched his social media posts daily—it was pretty amazing. He and his wife, Dana (Lombardo) Bober '92 live in Westchester, N.Y., with their kids Brett (15) and Reef (14). I saw **Rachel (Bixenholtz) Phillips** and **Rob Phillips** at Jared Horowitz's '95 son's bar mitzvah last fall. They were in the middle of planning their twins' (Andrew and Julia) b'nai mitzvah. Plenty of Lehigh classmates in attendance including **Jimmy Nissenson** and **Dori (Elton) Nissenson** '92, **Kim (Phillips) Baron** '92, **Jared Horowitz** '95,

Nicole White, Robin (Forman) Rose '95, **Susan Zweig** '93, **Leslie (Bixenholtz) Pettersen** '00, **Shana (Baer) Teitelbaum** '93, **Becca (Hanna) Chasen** and **Rachel (Bernstein) Miles**. Rachel told me about an AXO reunion which was held in NYC last summer. There were over fifty women from about eight different graduating classes.

Renee (Tukiendorf) Szalkowski and her husband, Richard, live in Rumson, N.J., with their daughters, Annika (11) and Janin (9). Renee is an SVP at Locktom, running the M&A transaction liability practice. **Greg Steinmetz** is a family physician in Rhode Island, where he lives with his wife and two daughters. **Andy Frishman** wrote to me to tell me not to write about him.

Hope everyone is well!

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I always enjoy reading the emails that arrive after sending out a call for news.

Bret Garwood (B.A. architecture) was named CEO of Home Leasing, a development and construction company headquartered in Rochester, N.Y., that specializes in affordable housing in New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland.

Lori (Montemurro) Goldstein, former editor-in-chief of *The Brown and White*, released her third young adult novel, *Screen Queens*, from Penguin Random House in June. The female empowerment novel tells the story of three tech-savvy girls who compete in an app competition in the male-dominated world of Silicon Valley. In September, Lori spoke at the Zoellner Arts Center as part of Lehigh's Notations Series.

Keith Tessler started working at American Wedding Group two days after graduation (24

years ago) and a month ago he sold the company.

Jeffery A. Spirko (B.S. '95, Ph.D. '01) has been promoted to professional associate professor of physics at Texas A&M Corpus Christi, which takes effect in the fall semester.

Elizabeth "Beth" (Holcombe) Spirko is president of Nueces Master Gardeners and also serves on the board of Corpus Christi Area Garden Council, striving to educate about nutrition, sustainability and regional environmental issues.

Bridget O'Connell (B.A. '95, M.A. '98, Ed.D. '07) dropped her daughter, Sophie, off at Lower Cents this summer for a two-week residential engineering camp. When Bridget crossed the threshold she was instantly transported to her freshman year because the dorm furniture remains exactly the same (sturdy, wooden, functional, stackable) and there was no air-conditioning. As beads of sweat started rolling down Sophie's face (not sure if from nerves or temp in the room), Bridget wanted to launch into dorm life stories from her freshman year, but instead ran to Target for an oscillating fan. Sophie survived her first taste of dorm life and had a great camp experience.

Hopefully there will be a dorm or two open during our 25th Reunion weekend coming up in the spring so you too can step back in time to your freshman year.

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Hello, Class of '96!

I hope all of you are well. I was lucky enough to get two updates for this *Bulletin*! I know I'm a broken record, but hon-

estly, you are reading this right now, as are our fellow classmates. Please send me an update and let us all know how you are doing. My last memory of many of you is sitting in class or partying on the Hill. I'm sure something has changed since then!

It's always good news to hear about nuptials of our fellow classmates! **Danielle Carpino** married Jonathan Lowthert (not a Lehigh alum, but we'll let that one little imperfection slide) on March 9 in Orange County, N.Y. Guests included bridesmaid **Abby (Hunsberger) Danforth, Tara (Rodgers) Sharrer, Randy Sharrer '97, Laura (Anastos) Taylor, Lori (Stoneback) Koch** and photography by **Carrie (Steffy) Kizuka**. Danielle crossed her fingers all winter for decent weather, which she luckily got so that Carrie could take pictures outside. After a brief ceremony officiated by a friend, they celebrated with about 90 friends and family from across the country. They even had the DJ play some songs that were throwbacks to parties on the Hill! The celebration continued back at the hotel for the after-party, where the daylight savings time change made it look like we were partying like we did in school. The newlyweds got one more chance to see everyone at their farewell breakfast Sunday morning, before they had to grab their suitcases and head to JFK. They flew out the day after the wedding for two amazing weeks in Italy, visiting Rome, Parma and Venice. The trip was really all about the food, with two food tours and a pasta-making class, and more pictures of food on Danielle's camera than anything else. They returned to their home in Stamford, Conn., where Jon is a software engineer and Danielle is celebrating 20 years in her job at AIFS (American Institute for Foreign Study). Congratulations Danielle and Jon!

Colleen (Conway) MacClay reports: "Every time I read the column, I swear I'm going to sit down and give an update, even if it's brief. Well years later here I am, and it took our first born going off to college to make me do it. It got me thinking about my Lehigh experience, the life lessons and how blessed I am with the friends I made. Some I see at Olive Garden quarterly lunches: ("Who has a coupon?") **Donna (Hoerlein) Gallagher, Doreen (Howard) Peterson** and **Susan (Fredricks) Clement**, and others I see at our annual Christmas gathering. This year's Christmas picture was in Theta magazine for the 25th-year pledge class anniversary. None of us in the group have been able to figure out how it actually got submitted because it wasn't us! The annual gathering brings **Christine Carroll Tobias, Janine (Gallagher) Kurz, Stephanie Walkup, Lisa (Rio) Dugan, Heather Humphrey Stewart** and the Olive Garden Crew. We have missed our summer family gatherings the last two years but hope to bring that back. This great group of women really rally around each other when things get tough. I have enjoyed seeing all of our kids grow and know the 'Lehigh Aunts.'

"JJ is 18, Garrett is 16 and Callie almost 12. They keep Joe and I very busy and we feel blessed. I am still working as a family practice PA in Bucks County. Here's to hoping all of our children are as fortunate with their post-high school lives. My best to everyone in the Lehigh family. P.S. I have lived on Lafayette Drive for 20 years—go figure."

Thanks to Danielle and Colleen for the updates. Remember to send yours to me at jen@keensense.com. Cheers!

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'98 Gregory Kuklinski, gjk4@alum.lehigh.edu
I hope that all of you had a great summer and are enjoying fall, which means it is almost time for the 155th meeting of Lehigh-Lafayette in football. The game will be held at Goodman Stadium on November 23, 2019, at 12:30 p.m. For those of you that have not been back to campus, Southside Commons, Lehigh's newest residential facility, is set to open this semester. I will post some pictures to our Facebook page.

Kate Holekamp writes that she and her husband welcomed their second daughter, Gilda, on June 3, 2019. Their oldest daughter Olympia, 2, is a proud big sister. Kate is enjoying maternity leave and the hiking trails near their home in the Oakland hills with her newborn. She returns to her job as VP of merchandising at Sephora in early October 2019.

Aliza Stern shared that she was made director of didactic education at Boston University School of Medicine's Physician Assistant Program. She has been a physician assistant for the past 16 years.

Jon Babek moved to Hong Kong with his wife, Lawren, and two small children last year. He said that it continues to be an amazing adventure, particularly to see history being written in the streets.

Scott Fedor shared that he wrote a book that was published in July 2019. The book is called "Head Strong: How a Broken Neck Strengthened My Spirit". It is available on Amazon and most major book retailers. Scott is the founder of Getting Back Up, a nonprofit that assists those with spinal cord injuries and an advocate member of The Adversity 2 Advocacy Alliance, which promotes turning personal challenges into service to others. He currently lives in Cleveland, Ohio.

Keep sharing that news and make sure to check out our Facebook page for the latest information about our class.

Class of 1998 Facebook Page: facebook.com/groups/Lehigh98/

My Lehigh (Class of 1998): mylehigh.lehigh.edu

'99 Karen (Smith) Fischer, kms5lehigh@gmail.com

Hello, Class of 1999!

I hope this column finds you all healthy and happy. I know I'm happy as I have lots of news to share with you!

Josh Kline was unfortunately unable to attend our 20th Reunion but reached out to share an update—thanks!! About three years ago, he and his wife, Jessie, moved from the suburbs of Philadelphia back north to Providence. Josh sold his international marketing and business consulting firm and focused the last three years on managing his venture fund and spending his days with his children, Bayla Chaya (8), Yisrael Matan (6), Yehuda Nadav (3) and Sarah Golda born in February 2019. Congratulations!! Josh is now focused on building a new startup in the health and medical marijuana software space. He recommends that everyone take a year off and spend time with your children.

Speaking of reunion...my family and I had a wonderful time and hope to see even more of you for our 25th!! During our class dinner, I had the opportunity to catch up with many classmates and I'll be including updates from them over the next few columns—I need to plan for a slow news cycle.

For this column, a big thanks to **Julie Pentz** who pulled together a group update for us all! Julie writes that she, **Christy Haldis Albrecht, Kelly Beam, Lisa (Zamensky) Lambert** and **Katie (Daley)**

Salerno left their kids and significant others at home and had a fantastic time celebrating their friendships that started at Lehigh! They visited Smiley and loved touring the new Kappa Alpha Theta house on the Hill; they walked the campus while sharing stories from Lehigh and all that has happened since graduation across their families, careers and travels. Julie has been at Merck since graduation and lives in Three Bridges, N.J.; she is celebrating nine years with her husband, Bryan, and loves keeping busy with their two boys (5 and 7). Lisa and her husband, **Jason Lambert**, have two children and live in Connecticut. Lisa is a stay-at-home mom who enjoys volunteering at their children's schools. Katie is currently the director of accounting for the Cynosure Medical Aesthetics division of Hologic and has been with the company for the past 13 years. Katie and her husband, Eric Salerno '97, live in Chelmsford, Mass., with their two children, Dean (12) and Julia (10), who keep them extremely busy with their active schedules involving sports and scouting. Kelly has been with Deutsche Bank for 20 years and lives in NYC, but is frequently traveling the globe, most recently in Argentina. Christy manages the customer satisfaction and market research program at Ellucian, a higher education software company. She lives in southeastern Pennsylvania with her husband Nick Albrecht '96 and two sons. The reunion was such a wonderful time that they have already started plans to return and celebrate our 25th, and they expect the Zetes from '79 to be there!

In the meantime, please email me any news you'd like to share with our class.

Wishing you all the best!

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'01 Sabrina McGuigan, sabrina.mcguigan@gmail.com

And just like that...we are in our next season and closer to ending 2019. Where does the time go?!? Anyway, it is always exciting to see what everyone is up to!

Brian Hetsko let us know that he has been appointed an adjunct professor of computer engineering at York College of Pennsylvania. His role started in the spring and he is truly enjoying it! Way to go, Bri!

In other exciting news, **Andrea Vardaro**, who recently started a new role as vice president, financial planning and analysis at Compass, was engaged in February and is set to marry her love and partner-in-crime, Brad Thomas. Congrats, Andrea!

Good friend and fellow classmate **Eudora (Weaver) Weedman** and her husband, Chris, welcomed a new bundle of joy this past April. Future legacy, Elenore Alexandra, will surely steal some hearts...I know she's stolen mine.

As for myself, besides work and renovating a house, I was recently accepted into the online MBA program with Johns Hopkins. Looking forward to working some neurons!

Until next time...stay classy, Bethlehem.

'02 Laura (Schwamb) Carino, lcarino@att.net

Greetings, fellow Class of 2002 alumni.

Hope you're doing well and had a great few months since my last update! Here's some news about two of our '02 friends, so let's dive right in!

Jeff Schoenberg and **Nathalie Gali-Alfonso** have been married for the past 10 years

with two lovely boys, August (6) and Graham (4). Jeff is entering his 12th year practicing general dentistry in Rockefeller Center in New York City and is studying in Chicago for a diplomate degree in dental sleep medicine. Nathalie is a bilingual speech pathologist and enjoys helping middle school children with speech and language issues. They recently bought a house in Glen Ridge, N.J., and have enjoyed skiing, swimming, camping and playing soccer together as a family.

I am always looking for updates to share, so please, please reach out and share what's happening in your part of the world! Feel free to contact me at LCarino@att.net or on Facebook at **Laura Schwamb Carino**. I can't wait to hear from you! Have a wonderful few months and stay tuned for more updates.

'03 Safiya (Jafari) Simmons, 5621 Cary Street Road, #503, Richmond, VA 23226; safiya_jafari@yahoo.com

Hello '03ers! I hope this edition finds you all well, living life, kicking butt and taking names. I'm ecstatic to share that I actually have an update this go-round.

J.P. Matychak has been busy! This year he earned his Ed.D. in administrative and policy studies in higher education from the University of Pittsburgh.

Currently, J.P. serves as the associate dean for student experience and services at Boston University Questrom School of Business. He, his wife, Jennifer, and their two kids, Abby and Andy, live outside of Boston.

Congratulations J.P.!

Want us to celebrate you, too? Shoot me an email. I'd love to shout you out in my next column.

Until then, be well, live well and give with intention!

'04 Lloyd Henderson, lloydjr04@gmail.com

Kudos to all those who made it to our 15th Reunion. I heard everyone had a great time. To all those who are in the place they envisioned themselves to be back in 2004, keep on enjoying life. To all those who have had their dreams and aspirations delayed, I leave you with this quote from George Eliot: "It is never too late to be what you might have been."

'05 Jessi (Schimmel) McMullan, jessi.mcmullan@alum.lehigh.edu

I was able to catch up with two members of our class who are doing great things in the community for this column.

Jon Trengse came across my newsfeed as he has recently been appointed the head coach of the wrestling team at Parkland High School in Allentown, Pa. (You might recall he was a three-time All-American wrestler at Lehigh, as well as three-time EIWA champ and finished fifth in the 2004 Olympic trials.)

I reached out to him to ask what he's been up to since graduation.

"After I graduated, I started a post bac [professional studies certificate] for education. I worked construction for a year while coaching Lehigh Valley Wrestling Club (LVWC), Brandywine H.S., and taking those classes. After a year, an assistant coaching job opened up at Lehigh, so I became Greg Strobel's assistant for two years while completing my master's in ed at Lehigh. After two years I applied for a teaching position at my alma mater, Parkland H.S. I coached as an assistant for Parkland for seven years while getting a second master's degree in advanced geoscience for educators through Western Governors University. Then I started a Beat the Streets pro-

gram in Allentown for inner city youth. We tutored and coached the kids after school. It is a very meaningful and rewarding program. I ran that program and went back to coaching the Lehigh Valley Wrestling Club at Lehigh. I also started a wrestling club called LVWC Athena, which is for female wrestlers.

“This year Parkland needed a head coach and I was the most qualified candidate and eager to help. The kids are creating a great culture within the program and I hope to build them into fine young people and wrestlers. I continue to teach earth science to ninth graders and astronomy to upperclassmen.”

Another of our classmates, **Lauren Manduke**, has recently taken over the presidency of the Lehigh University Alumni Association (LUAA) Board of Directors.

“I’m really looking forward to this upcoming year with LUAA. There is a lot of excitement around the GO! Campaign and all of the innovative things Lehigh is doing. This year, LUAA will continue to support Lehigh as ambassadors to the alumni and provide the most up to date information to the alumni body about the happenings on campus and the GO! Campaign in particular. LUAA will also continue to interface with the Board of Trustees to continue providing support and feedback to the trustees and Lehigh. I am also excited to welcome eight new directors to the board—each of whom are extremely strong additions to the Board of Directors with diverse talents and skills.

“What I would love the Class of 2005 to know is that next June, 2020, is our 15-year reunion and we need to have an amazing turnout! The Class of ’05 also needs to crush the parade of classes during reunion weekend! So, everyone should put it on their radar for next June and keep a lookout for more information about reunion.”

I reported on Lauren a few years back, but she keeps on doing great work at Cole Schotz law firm as a partner, and was named a Rising Star lawyer in New Jersey. She and her husband also welcomed their third daughter in October 2018 (Emmie), who joins Adeline (3) and Brooklyn (5).

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Hello, friends! I heard from a few of you this past summer and am excited to share the following updates.

Stephanie (Martorelli) May and her husband, Bill, welcomed their second child, Jacob, in September 2018. He joins big sister, Miranda, who loves her “new job” as sister. **Brian Regan** and his wife, Lisa (Neyhart) Regan ’09 ’10G, celebrated the birth of their second daughter, Emily Mae Regan, this past February. **Pat Hamer**, wife Krista (Jamieson) Hamer ’05 and daughter Emilia welcomed Hank Jamieson Hamer on Valentine’s Day. The family is happy, healthy and running out of space in their NYC apartment!

Deidre Martin is now on the Board of Trustees at Lehigh as an alumni trustee. Her term began this past July and runs through the end of June 2022. **Aneesh Varma** has been living in London since 2007. Any alumni from our year in London or nearby cities in Europe should reach out as she is looking to build up the Lehigh alumni network there. **Lucius Clay** and his wife, Jesse, moved to New York City from Minneapolis.

Hopefully these notes remind you all to email me any updates you might like to share—be it family, career, moves, vacations or anything else you’ve been up to lately!

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My wife, **Francesca (Muras-ko-Blank) Roth**, and I were delighted to welcome our second daughter, Emery, this past May.

’08 Katie Noon,
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In the latest from the class of ’08...

The Lehigh family is growing. **Alexandra (Burtoft) Gilroy** and Shane Gilroy ’09 welcomed their first child, a baby girl, Rylan Dorothy Gilroy, on May 4. **Matthew Schaner** and his wife, Pamela, also announced the birth of their first child. Archer Ethan Schaner was born on June 3 and his parents have already submitted his application for early admission to the College of Engineering!

The Lehigh family is still working hard. **Ellyn (McFadden) Enderlin** landed a tenure-track faculty position at Boise State University. She began as assistant professor of geophysics in the department of geosciences in January. She, husband Peter and son Winston are all excited to be living in Idaho!

The Lehigh family is traveling. I received a postcard with the following note: “This summer, **Stacy Sommerfield, Lauren Fuhry** and **Frances Downey** spirited away to traverse the Swiss Alps on foot. Their senses were seduced with aromas of wildflowers, entrancing melodies of cow bells and the intoxicating patter of cascading waterfalls. The adventurous trio celebrated fifteen years of friendship, in spite of living far apart—Barcelona, Santa Rosa, Calif., and Washington, D.C. Lehigh alumnae hanging out on a mountaintop, can you say cliché?”

You can share your news, career or educational milestones, life events, adventures and new ventures at [Kaitlyn-](#)

[Noon@gmail.com](#). Please feel free to share a photo with your updates. Thank you for staying connected.

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Very glad to hear from so many of you, and I hope you enjoy the updates from your classmates! Also, if you talk to your fellow ’09ers who attended, reunion was a blast and capped off by an awesome dinner at the Goosey Gander in the Gander Room. If you didn’t come back for our 10-year reunion, definitely mark your calendar for our 15th!

Lots of birth announcements in this column and I am so happy for the proud parents!

Congratulations to **Leah Nash** and Greg Alvarez ’08 on the birth of their son. Kurt Harry Alvarez was born on July 11, 2019, in Washington, D.C. **Patrick Cucci** and his wife, Nicole (Montegary) Cucci ’07, welcomed their first child “and future Mountain Hawk,” Willa Margot Cucci, this past winter on December 19, 2018. **Annie Feldman** and Mathew DeLano ’08 are happy to announce the birth of their second child, Eli Max DeLano, on July 26, 2019. Their first, Ruben, became a proud big brother. They currently reside in Needham, Mass. **Rebecca (Long) McLoughlin** and **Joseph McLoughlin** are also excited to announce the arrival of their first child, Lucille Quinn McLoughlin, born on May 13, 2019. **Sarah (Serwo) Falk** and her husband, David Falk ’07, welcomed their second daughter, Ella Madeline, on July 18, 2019. **Gwendolyn (Ferdinand) Adair** and her husband welcomed their second child, Harper Brielle Adair, on April 3, 2019. Finally, **Ashley (Weiss) Schiff** and husband Adam Schiff welcomed baby boy Ryder Logan on April 25, 2019. **Allison Porman** is currently

engaged to be married to John Swain (non-Lehigh alumnus, but we won't hold that against him), and they are due to be married in September of 2019, in Loveland, Colo. Allison also reports that she is a postdoc at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus. She also had a chance to take on a lecturer position teaching a molecular biology lab at the University of Colorado Denver Campus. She is now putting together her first paper as a postdoc (congratulations!). **Ted Boyer** is working as an assistant professor in neurology at University of Vermont in Burlington, Vt. He recently bought a beautiful large farm and modern home in the Lake Champlain islands and is due to be getting married to Ms. Whitney MacMartin on September 21, 2019, at Jay Peak, Vt. **Martha Miller**, currently working at Ketchum in Washington D.C., a global communications consultancy, was recently promoted to vice president. In her current role, she oversees the Clorox account and helps support growth within the CPG sector.

Ashley Pritchard sent a note from her travels in Peru, and it looks like she had an amazing time sandboarding in the dunes there! **Jessica Latona** recently completed her general surgery residency at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia. She will be continuing her medical training there as a critical care fellow. As luck would have it, **Andrew Brown** and Jessica were co-residents during their six years of residency!

'10 Nick Anderson, Nick.Anderson@alum.lehigh.edu
Mark your calendars! Our 10-year reunion is set for June 4-7, 2020, on campus in Bethlehem! More details to follow from the class officer group.

First, let's welcome some new additions! **Nora (Diehl) Molloy**

and **Nolan Molloy** welcomed their first son, Norbert "Bert" Molloy, in July 2019. **Madison (Bluhm) Spangler** and **Nate Spangler** welcomed a baby girl on May 8; Elliot "Ellie" Mae Spangler hopes to join Lehigh as a member of the Class of 2041. **Amanda Howland** welcomed Gemma Jasmine Teskeredzic on December 27, 2018, with husband Dino Teskeredzic. **Josh Anderson** and his wife welcomed their first baby, Theodore Alexander Anderson!

Next—there's lots of wedding bells this time around! **Benjamin Thomas** married Emily Casciano on August 24. He also started an executive MBA program in May with plans to graduate in 2021. **Chris Pflum** married Rachel Weinstein in May 2019. **Kevin Ackler** married Z'hara Green '12 at the Marigny Opera House in New Orleans. **Jeremy Selwyn** married Alicia Jaramillo on September 6. The couple lives in Chicago. **Jolene Gordon** married Kyle Scheiner. Jolene also finished her dental residency and is now an official dentist in Westchester, N.Y. **Jaclyn Weissman** married Zach Grauman on August 17. Jaclyn also launched her startup "The Verticale," a platform that curates and identifies your new favorite direct-to-consumer brands. Follow it on @theverticale on Instagram. **Zack Ingerman** was also married in September.

Soon to be married: **Lisa Boyd** got engaged to Alex Smith. **Lara Perlstein** got engaged to Mark Creedon. **Samara Persky** is now engaged to Daffyd Chandler, and the two are getting married November 8, 2019. **Cathy Bigelow** is also now engaged to Sean Ford. The couple plans on getting married in March in Sun Valley, Idaho.

Finally, as with most Lehigh grads, people are doing some cool stuff in the world: **Hillary Stires** recently took a position in healthcare consulting at

Avalere Health in D.C.

Brittney Harrison graduated medical school and began residency in psychiatry at Allegheny Health Network in Pittsburgh, Pa. And **Rich Paul** has been accepted into the master's in social work program at the University of Central Florida (UCF) in Orlando, Fla., and began this fall.

Go Lehigh—Beat Lafayette!
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'11 Sri Rao, sridevi211@gmail.com
Hello, Class of 2011! We are just a year and a half away from celebrating our 10-year reunion, so make sure you are planning to attend in 2021. We want to make sure we have a good turnout and provide a fun weekend of events for you to reconnect with your fellow classmates. A big thanks to my fellow class officers, **Brittany Bartlett** and **Andi (Lucas) Schmerin**, who helped me collect the updates in this edition. **Heather (Megivern) Schenk** and her husband, Steven, welcomed their daughter, Madeline Riley, on June 14, 2019.

Chauchy Dixon moved to Portland, Ore., for a role as an associate publisher for Tiger Oak Media.

Kaye LeFevre moved to Atlanta, Ga., to become a project manager at Jeta Builders LLC specializing in retail and hospitality.

Ariana McAvoy is the chair of the math department at her institution.

Nicole Baum began her third year of residency as a physician at the Christiana Care Health System.

Kara Werner started a new job as the director of commercial operation at Tempus, a health tech company in Chicago, and recently got engaged.

Michelle Gee is a vice president at Citibank and also recently got engaged.

Jacqui Snyder and Chris McGuire got married on May 18, 2019, at the Ryland Inn in Whitehouse Station, N.J.

Andi (Lucas) Schmerin moved to a new home in her childhood hometown of Wayne, Pa. She is keeping busy with her almost 2-year-old son and enjoyed spending time with him at the beach last summer. She recently started a new job at BINTO, helping to ensure women are getting access to high-quality supplements and medical education.

Marc Rubino self-published his first children's book, which he illustrated, and is already hard at work on his next. The first book is a rhyming book with scientific themes! It is titled *How the Earth Became Round* and is available on Amazon.

Paul Gancitano recently wrote that he was a competitor on the Discovery Channel show BattleBots! His team's robot's name is Shatter.

The more submissions, the better this column becomes. So please share any news including graduations, career milestones, new adventures or any life updates with me at sridevi211@gmail.com.

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Class of 2012, hope you're all doing well! I don't have any updates this time around; please reach out to me with news!

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Hi all! Hope everyone had a great summer and is ready for the fall (aka Lehigh-Laf season)! Per usual, please continue to send me texts, emails and social media messages about any updates related to you or any other Class of 2013 alum!

In matrimonial news:
Nathan Hunt and Hannah

(Street) Hunt '16 recently celebrated their first anniversary by moving to Melbourne, Australia! They got married on September 8, 2018, at Packer Memorial Church. **Leo Balsom** and Casey Leathers (a fellow Patriot Leaguer!) got married on July 20 in Newport, R.I. **Amanda Taylor** and **Josh DiDio** got married on June 29 in Asbury Park, N.J.

In engagement news: Mark Zaziski '11 proposed to **Emily Dickman** on June 22 at the Surrey Hotel in NYC. They are very excited to celebrate their love next fall in the Hudson Valley!

Congratulations to everyone on their accomplishments and keep up the great work! I am looking forward to hearing all about what the fall has to offer!

'14 Mike Ronan,
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I've been super busy this summer with an MBA internship and international travel, but have two updates to share: **Chris Stapleford** married Shelia Sullivan on June 29, 2019, in NYC; and **Elena De Santis** passed the New York State bar exam in 2018 and is currently an associate at Weil, Gotshal, and Manges LLP in NYC.

'15 Kerry Mallett,
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Happy fall, everyone! Members of the Class of 2015 had some exciting life updates over the summer. **Kristen Goodman** moved to Denver, Colo., and is working as a private banker at JP Morgan. She has been hiking nearly every weekend and is loving the transition to the mountains from New York City.

Michelle Sanabria got a promotion this year to senior consultant at Revint Solutions and Greg Jacobs '16 got a new computer development job in Washington, D.C., and they bought a new home outside of the city! They also took a trip

with 25 other Lehigh choir alumni to Central and Eastern Europe this past May.

I enjoyed vacations to New Hampshire and the Pacific Northwest, including Portland and Seattle, this summer and am looking forward to coming back to campus for Lehigh-Lafayette in November!

Save the date for Reunion 2020: June 4-7, 2020

'16 Kelsey Leck,
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Rachel Sholder, rachelsholder@gmail.com

Hi all! Hope everyone had a great summer. On July 9, President John Simon came back to my workplace, the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab (APL), for a return visit along with Provost Pat Farrell. We had a great day filled with discussions about partnerships between APL and Lehigh. Young alums in Baltimore enjoyed the opportunity to have dinner with both President Simon and Provost Farrell.

I traveled to Houston for a conference at NASA's Johnson Space Center where I presented research on the cost drivers of electronic parts. I have done lots more travel for fun: Mexico (Playa del Carmen and Mexico City), Portland/Acadia National Park, Austin (with **Devon Gallagher** and **Samantha Kay**) and Miami.

Rachael Miller graduated from Rutgers Law School in May. She started working for the Hon. Richard Wischusen in the New Jersey Superior Court, Union Vicinage, in August.

Chris Ruhl returned to Lehigh in August to pursue his Ph.D. in mechanical engineering.

Kyle Garland is now a Ph.D. candidate in chemical and biomolecular engineering at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn. He is currently working on developing novel immunotherapeutics for the treatment of solid tumor

cancers. Kyle recently first-authored a scientific paper titled "Microparticle Depots for Controlled and Sustained Release of Endosomolytic Nanoparticles." The paper was published May 3, 2019, in *Cellular and Molecular Bioengineering*.

'17 Mark Schatzman,
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'18 Megan Olivola,
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In September 2019, **Klaudia Jazwinska** finished the first of two degree programs as a Marshall Scholar and earned a M.S. in computational and data journalism from Cardiff University, Wales. She has started her second program at the London School of Economics and is pursuing an M.S. in media and communications (data and society).

Combined with her Lehigh B.A. degrees in journalism and global studies, her graduate education will allow her to combine her passions for journalism, social science, technology and human rights, and pursue a career in tech/algorithmic accountability reporting. Her objective is to use investigative and data journalism practices to explore the social, political and ethical implications of technological development.

Jazwinska is the first Lehigh student to win the Marshall Scholarship in more than 40 years.

'19 Sabrina Morawej,
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This year, Lehigh has graduated yet another outstanding class comprised of ambitious, hard-working, innovative and skillful individuals. I am honored to have grown up and studied by their side; their achievements demonstrate how much hope we can have in the future leaders of our society. I would like to take a moment to highlight some

members of the 2019 class by sharing their exciting post-graduation plans.

Allison Kundrik has accepted a job offer from Consolidated Edison in New York City as a management/GOLD associate within their rotational IT program. She says it is considered a "growth opportunity for leadership development" which gives the associates the opportunity to complete three six-month rotations throughout the company. Currently, Allison is working in cyber security, and then she will be in management and engineering. Allison credits landing her position to Lehigh for securing a solid background for such a job and training her for technical interviews. It was at the career fair that she was connected with ConEd for an internship, and now she says, "I'm excited to work on new technologies to secure New York's power grid!"

Nia Baker will be starting a five-year sociology program at the University of Virginia with a focus in gender and sexuality this fall semester. Her interests include hookup culture, race and queerness, and changing sexual behaviors of college-aged people. She has also started a blog at <https://feministdesire.home.blog/> which she says will "generally be about sexuality and feminism. I'm using it as an outlet and to be a better writer, but I'm hoping that others will gain something from it as well."

Gray Schick learned about his current position with Sanofi Pasteur, a pharmaceutical company that specializes in vaccines, through Lehigh's Career Center, which connects students with the local, high-profile company. He started the co-op with Sanofi Pasteur during his junior year, and it differed from a typical internship because he had two rotations that totaled nine months and was still able to graduate in four years. Gray has just started his role as an indus-

trial operations associate where he will rotate around four different departments crucial to site performance. He has started in quality systems, which oversees internal auditing and inspection readiness, and the next rotation will be a technician on the floor manufacturing the flu vaccine—two very different job roles. Gray adds, “I’d like to thank the co-op program especially. Without my undergraduate experience at Sanofi Pasteur, I would not have known about the rotational program!”

Mariah Kozub has accepted a job offer at Langan in Philadelphia, Pa., as a site/civil staff engineer. Her civil team works on site plans, permitting plans, utility plans, grading and storm-water mitigation. Additionally, the team at Langan has a slight focus on work for hospitals and universities.

Sam Bencheghib has recently made headlines for planning to run coast-to-coast in order to bring awareness to the issue of ocean plastic pollution. An avid surfer, Sam spent much of his time on the beach and noticed how much trash piled up. He and his brother organized beach clean-ups and became passionate about keeping the oceans clear of plastics, which led them to create their own organization to promote environmental consciousness. In 2017, the brothers gained major attention for their video in which they built a boat made of plastic bottles and sailed the Citarum River in West Java, Indonesia. The video’s goal was a success; Indonesian President Joko Widodo made a public commitment to clean up the river within seven years (source: ABC News). Along the way, Sam plans on stopping at college campuses and city halls to garner support for his cause and have local governments sign a no-plastic pledge. His run started on July 26 and he plans to finish in January.

Congratulations to everyone, and best of luck to all the members of the 2019 class. If you have any news you’d like to share with the rest of the Lehigh family, send me an email at my new Lehigh address, sem219@alum.lehigh.edu.

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’21 Amy Chai
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Welcome back to school, classmates! Last column, I updated about **Emily Tasik** as she was preparing for her study abroad internship in Vienna. Now, she is back from her trip and ready to share the best parts of her experience. Emily interned at the Pathological Anatomical Institute of Vienna, which is a museum and one of Europe’s oldest buildings for mental patients. She worked alongside doctors and biomedical researchers analyzing the preserved specimens and acting as a part-time tour guide for school class visitations. Emily had quite the job location as the museum held a collection of preserved human specimens that were used for aid in medical diagnosis at the time when medical diagnostic technology had not reached the level it has today. There are many specimens with diseases and anomalies, including the full, stuffed body of a child that died of a skin disease.

Emily states that the time spent immersed in the economy, culture and society of Vienna really opened her eyes to some of the flaws of the American system. For example, she explains that although Vienna has high taxes similar to the U.S., the difference is that everyone in society is cared for and given free universal healthcare, free college education, paid maternity leave and paid holidays. Most importantly, Emily states that with rising concern of global warm-

ing, Vienna runs on mostly wind power-driven energy. Overall, living in a different country made her a lot more passionate about positively changing the U.S. for the better.

What stories are you waiting to share? I hope to use you for my next column, so be sure to email me at amc321@lehigh.edu.

’22 Gabi Falk
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Greetings from your newest columnists!

Get to know Gabi: Hi! My name is **Gabi Falk** and I’m from Westchester, N.Y. I’m majoring in journalism and planning to minor in political science and marketing. On campus I’m an associate editor for the lifestyle section of *The Brown and White*, as well as a sister of Pi Beta Phi. I love the journalism department and working for the paper; all my classmates and professors are so inspiring and motivating. Over the next few years at Lehigh I’m hoping to join the ski team as well as study abroad for a full semester (hopefully in Australia!). I’m currently training for a half marathon in Bethlehem with one of my best friends. Fitness has always been a passion of mine, and I can’t wait to achieve this goal!

In my free time you can find me going for walks at The Steel Stacks, scoping out the best ice cream in Bethlehem, running an Instagram account for my adorable goldendoodle (@mollyfalkthedog) or watching Bachelor in Paradise.

I can’t wait to continue writing for the *Bulletin* and use this opportunity to connect on a deeper level with my classmates and the larger Lehigh community!

A look at **Leidy Iglesias**: From olive green to red maple leaves, the chilling tempera-

tures have painted the trees ginger and ushered in our sophomore year.

As a native of the shimmering city of Miami, the shifting of seasons has always been alien to me. Winter alternatively taught me how to surf and apply generous layers of sunscreen. Coming to Lehigh has not only redefined my concept of fear through skiing, but allowed me to blast country music in a setting that makes sense.

Last year, I was stunned to be cast in the Mustard & Cheese Drama Society’s production of Shakespeare’s “A Midsummer Night’s Dream.” This year, I have been cast into the world debut of Liz Duffy Adams’ “The Broken Machine,” as Jane, an officer in a post-apocalyptic world.

It’s been hard to narrow down my interests with such an ocean of career possibilities, but I have anchored my sights on journalism and graphic design with minors in creative writing and German.

Weekly horse riding with Lehigh’s Equestrian Team allows me to feel the wind on my neck and de-stress with a view of the hills. As a reporter and associate editor for *The Brown and White*, I spend time reaching out to people, learning what propels and perplexes them, whether it be in Congress, sports or student life.

More importantly, I carry around a packet of mayonnaise wherever I go in case of emergencies.

Get to know Andrew: My name is **Andrew Isaacson**. I’m from New York City. I’m a double major in journalism and political science with a possible marketing minor. My campus involvement includes being the associate sports editor for *The Brown and White*, working with the sports communication department, the community service and philanthropy chair for Phi Sigma Kappa, a peer mentor for academic support services

and a club tennis member. My favorite part about Lehigh is hanging out with my friends whether it's on or off campus, my work with *The Brown and White*, and all the amazing events and activities.

My hobbies include watching and playing sports, going to the movies, traveling and hanging out with my friends and family.

I hope to continue to form strong friendships with my peers and professors for the remaining time here at Lehigh. Also hope to study abroad at some point, whether it's an entire semester or a few weeks in the summer.

The school has allowed me to discover my passions and will

help solidify my post college career, whether it's editing a newspaper or filming and providing commentary for a sporting event.

I can't wait to be a member of the *Bulletin* and form deeper connections with the rest of my class.

'23 *Editor's note: To share your news or if you would be interested in becoming your class's correspondent, reaching out to classmates and writing a column three times a year, please contact the Alumni Office at (610) 758-3069 or classnotes@lehigh.edu.*

GRADUATE

Please submit your news to classnotes@lehigh.edu.

College of Education **Dr. Peter Langman's '00G**

research on mass killers has made him a sought-after expert. In 2018, he became a researcher with the National Threat Assessment Center of the U.S. Secret Service. In April 2019, he presented "Desperate Identities: A Bio-Psycho-Social Analysis of Perpetrators of Mass Violence" at the National Science Foundation workshop on "An Evidence-Based Approach to Understanding and Countering Mass Violence

in America." In May, he was the inaugural speaker for a new series at FBI Headquarters where he presented "Inside the Minds of Mass Killers" to over 1,800 federal agents, law enforcement officers and other professionals. In June, he presented "Psychological Insights into American Jihadis" at the Homegrown Violent Extremists Counterterrorism Practitioners Conference at the National Counterterrorism Center.

IN REMEMBRANCE

The alumni and university communities extend their sympathy to the families of the alumni listed. Obituary sources include relatives, alumni and friends. Send details to Advancement Services, 306 S. New St., Suite 500, Bethlehem, PA 18015-1652; 1-866-517-1552; askrecords@lehigh.edu. The following were reported to us as of Aug. 31, 2019:

1940s

Malcolm D. Ware '40, Pinehurst, N.C., May 27, 2019. As a student, Mr. Ware played baseball and was an Alpha Tau Omega brother. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He worked for Frigid Freeze, Rheem Manufacturing and NL Industries, where he spent most of his career and rose to assistant director of corporate purchasing.

Richard R. Bright Sr. '42, Wayne, Pa., June 12, 2019. Mr. Bright was captain of the fencing team and a brother of Chi Phi. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He worked as a sales engineer for several companies, including

Eastern Controls. His father, Jacob Bright '10, brother, James Bright '39, and son, Richard Bright Jr. '75, are members of the Lehigh family. He was also a member of the Tower Society.

Austin T. Hunt Jr. '45, York, Pa., June 2, 2019. Mr. Hunt served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and the Naval Reserve after that. He was an owner and retired chairman of Three M Tool and Die Corp. His brother, Thomas Hunt '42, was a member of the Lehigh family.

William W. Doniger '46, Richmond, Calif., April 23, 2019. Mr. Doniger entered with the Class of 1944, but was drafted and served clearing mines in support of Patton's Third

Army during World War II. A Pi Lambda Phi brother, he was a sales representative for X-Acto Inc.

Colon H. Smith '46, Newtown, Pa., April 27, 2019. A Lambda Chi Alpha brother and soccer player, Mr. Smith served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He spent most of his career with Mobil.

Richard R. Walling '47, Hudson, Ohio, April 2, 2019. A veteran of the U.S. Navy during World War II, Mr. Walling was a partner in the patent law firm of Baldwin, Egan, Walling, and Fetzter.

Mark R. Hontz '48, Venice, Fla., May 24, 2019. Mr. Hontz was a Theta Xi brother. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II and retired at the rank of major in the Air Force Reserve. He spent 36 years with Public Service Electric & Gas Co., in New Jersey. His brother, Arthur Hontz

'48, was also a member of the Lehigh family.

Alan F. Jones '48, M.A. '50, York, Pa., April 29, 2019. Dr. Jones was a brother of Pi Kappa Alpha and a member of the concert band and baseball team. He was a medical corpsman in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a teacher in the Bethlehem School District, college professor at Eastern Montana College, assistant superintendent for the Meadville School District and superintendent for Sayre School District.

Benjamin M. Shaner '48, Bethlehem, Pa., Aug. 20, 2018. A Delta Sigma Phi brother and World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy, Mr. Shaner worked for Bethlehem Steel, retiring as the manager of employee benefits.

Albert H. Torongo Jr. '48, Yardley, Pa., April 26, 2019. Mr. Torongo was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps, serving during World War II. He was an

industrial designer for Donald Deskey Association, retiring after 39 years. His children, Janet (Torongo) Bacon '76 and Michael Torongo '81, as well as his brother, Edward Torongo '48, are members of the Lehigh family.

Frank B. Flower '49, Oyster Bay, N.Y., Aug. 10, 2019. Mr. Flower was a U.S. Army Air Force veteran of World War II. He worked for many years at the family oyster business, Frank M. Flower and Sons, until 1964 when he accepted a teaching position in environmental science at Rutgers University. He was a member of the Tower Society.

James H. Lenhart '49, Tucson, Ariz., Jan. 26, 2019.

Carl B. Norberg '49, Ithaca, N.Y., April 2, 2018. Mr. Norberg was a Delta Upsilon brother.

Donald R. Werley '49, Allentown, Pa., Aug. 4, 2019. Mr. Werley was a veteran of the U.S. Army during World War II. He worked for 37 years for PP&L and retired as a principal engineer. He volunteered for many years greeting visitors to campus in the Alumni Memorial Building.

1950s

John Hacik Jr. '50, Basking Ridge, N.J., June 15, 2019. A veteran of the U.S. Navy during World War II, Mr. Hacik was a member of Tau Beta Pi honor society. He spent 36 years at Merck & Co. in project planning and management. His grandson, Matthew Meyers '09, is a member of the Lehigh family.

Gerald D. Nepon '50, Naples, Fla., March 23, 2018. Mr. Nepon was a Tau Delta Phi brother and member of the football team. He retired as the president of Transport Logistics Inc.

Robert N. Bond '51, Reisterstown, Md., June 15, 2019. Mr. Bond interrupted his schooling to serve in the U.S. Army during World War II. While a student, he played

soccer and was a brother of Beta Theta Pi. He worked at Wilson T. Ballard Co. for over 65 years. He served as the town engineer of Sykesville for 40 years.

Stephen P. Duffy Jr. '51, Hopkins, Minn., May 1, 2019. Mr. Duffy retired from Our Own Hardware and Norwest Bank.

George H. Gruber Jr. '51, Pitman, N.J., June 16, 2019. Mr. Gruber was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He worked for DuPont and Gloucester County, where he retired after 20 years as assistant county engineer.

Paul J. Kozero '51, Northampton, Pa., May 29, 2019. Mr. Kozero served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

F. Allen Mink Jr. '51, Augusta, S.C., Jan. 6, 2019. Mr. Mink was a brother of Phi Sigma Kappa and a member of Tau Beta Pi honor society. He worked for E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Co..

Robert R. Moore '51, Annandale, N.J., Aug. 13, 2019. Mr. Moore served in the Pacific Theater during World War II. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He worked as an actuary for Home Life Insurance, retiring as the CFO for the group division.

Victor H. Cohn '52, Kensington, Md., March 15, 2019. Professor Cohn was a member of the concert band and Marching 97, as well as the Mustard and Cheese Society, Tau Beta Pi honor society and a brother of Pi Lambda Phi. He taught pharmacology for 35 years at George Washington University School of Medicine.

Alfred C. Feickert '52, M.A. '54, Kill Devil Hills, N.C., May 12, 2019. Mr. Feickert was a Psi Upsilon brother. He worked as a district manager of the National Federation of Independent Businesses.

Paul Krenitsky '52, North Andover, Mass., May 4, 2019. Mr. Krenitsky served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He retired from the Mitre Corp.

in 1993, as a specialist in radar. He was founder and president of the Interfaith Housing Corp. of Greater Lowell, a nonprofit volunteer group that secured federal funds to purchase, rehabilitate and sell homes to middle-income families. His grandson, Matthew Krenitsky, is a member of the Class of 2010.

Ogden W. Link '52, Basking Ridge, N.J., May 18, 2019. An Alpha Sigma Phi brother, Mr. Link had a career in the aviation insurance industry, ultimately retiring as vice chairman of AON Aviation.

Ray E. Omholt '52, '53, Kennett Square, Pa., June 12, 2019. Mr. Omholt served in the U.S. Air Force. He earned 49 engineering and software patents worldwide over the course of his life.

Neil C. Randall '52, Gwynedd, Pa., July 12, 2019. Mr. Randall was a Delta Sigma Phi brother as well as a member of the Interfraternity Council and Tau Beta Pi and Eta Kappa Nu honor societies. He worked for Philco and Delta Information Systems his entire career. He was also a member of the Asa Packer and Tower societies.

David R. Steetle '52, Galveston, Texas, Aug. 7, 2019. Mr. Steetle worked for Texas Instruments in the geophysical services. He served in the U.S. Army Chemical Corps from 1955 to 1958. He then founded Digicon Geophysical Corp. and is credited with designing the first successful digital marine streamer for off-shore oil exploration. He was also a member of the Tower Society.

William B. Young '52, Cheswick, Pa., Aug. 19, 2019. Mr. Young served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He worked with Gulf Oil Research for nearly 30 years, testing oils and lubricants.

Richard C. Harmon '53, Sheffield Lake, Ohio, June 2, 2019. Mr. Harmon was a Kappa Sigma brother. He served in the

U.S. Air Force Reserve during the Korean War.

Richard P. Perry '53, Amherst, N.H., April 19, 2019. Mr. Perry was a member of the football team. He worked for Mitre Corp., where he was a pioneer and inventor of the modern signal processing used in Aegis and other multifunction phased array radars.

Richard F. Selig Jr. '53, White Plains, N.Y., May 8, 2019. Mr. Selig was a brother of Pi Lambda Phi. He worked as a financial advisor.

Thomas H. Buttling '54, Albany, N.Y., July 20, 2019. Mr. Buttling served in the U.S. Army directly after graduation. He worked for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

David A. Fisher '54, Hanover Township, Pa., Aug. 13, 2019. A Theta Chi brother, Mr. Fisher was also a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He worked for PP&L for nearly 40 years.

Thomas W. Gregory '54, Palos Verdes, Calif., July 9, 2019. Mr. Gregory played tennis and was a Lambda Chi Alpha brother. A veteran of the U.S. Army, he worked for Mobil Oil for 33 years.

H. Dale Held '54, Manlius, N.Y., July 27, 2019. Mr. Held served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He retired from the Laboratory of Nuclear Studies at Cornell University as the director. His brother, Richard Held, is a member of the Class of 1956.

William E. Mitman '54, Whitefield, Maine, April 20, 2019. A Phi Gamma Delta brother and Glee Club singer, Mr. Mitman served in the U.S. Naval Reserve during the Korean War. He owned a specialty metals company selling high-temperature alloys to the experimenting engineers in the aerospace industry. Upon his move to Maine, he purchased The Squire Tarbox Inn on Westport Island.

Robert E. Aston '55, St. Augustine, Fla., Oct. 9, 2018. Lt.

REMEMBERING Emeritus Professor Russell Y.T. Chou

‘An Intellectual in the Best Sense’

Russell Y.T. Chou specialized in ceramics materials and processing

Col. Aston retired from the U.S. Army after 20 years of service. He then taught at Ohio State University and served with FEMA for some time.

Ralph Hamilton '55,

Willow Street, Pa., April 23, 2019. Dr. Hamilton was a brother of Alpha Sigma Phi and a member of Omicron Delta Kappa and Tau Beta Pi honor societies. He practiced plastic and reconstructive surgery at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Presbyterian Medical Center and Children's Hospital of Philadelphia until retirement in 1996. At Penn, he became professor of surgery in 1974 and associate chief of plastic surgery in 1980.

Herman E. Kiefer III '55,

Lancaster, Pa., March 13, 2019. Mr. Kiefer was member of Tau Beta Pi honor society and a brother of Delta Phi, where he was president his senior year. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1956 to 1984 and retired as a lieutenant colonel. He flew 701 combat missions in North and South Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. His grandfather, Herman Kiefer 1892, father, Herman Kiefer Jr. '24, and son, Rupert Kiefer '05, are members of the Lehigh family.

Alexander S. Liddie '55,

Yardley, Pa., May 15, 2019. A Kappa Sigma brother, Dr. Liddie was a professor in the English department at the College of New Jersey. His brother, Donald Liddie, was a member of the Class of 1952.

William Swider Jr. '55,

M.S. '57, Bedford, Mass., June 14, 2019. Dr. Swider spent 33 years at Hanscom Air Force Base where he specialized in ionospheric modeling, critical to the development of reliable terrestrial and satellite communications. He retired as the deputy director of the space physics division. His children, Sarah (Swider) Kramer '85 and Michael Swider '86, are members of the Lehigh family.

RUSSELL Y.T. CHOU, 95, PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY July 16, 2019, with his daughter Vivian by his side at Longhorn Village, Austin, Texas.

Chou, who was the New Century Fund Professor of Materials Science and Engineering, retired in 1995 after 27 years at Lehigh. He specialized in ceramics materials and processing including crystal growth, superconductivity and superelasticity. He received the Joseph and Eleanor Libsch Research Award in 1974. A fellow of the American Society of Metals, he authored or coauthored more than 140 technical papers.

“Russell was a wonderful colleague, incredibly sharp, and always willing to turn his attention to new areas of study such as laser irradiation of ceramics, or ceramic superconductors,” said Helen Chan, the New Jersey Zinc Professor of Materials Science and Engineering at Lehigh. He also had an engaging sense of humor, she said.

Born in Zhenjiang, his father, Chou Chih Hung, was a renowned metallurgist in China. Chou continued that interest with a B.S. in metallurgy (1945) from National Chung King University and then left China for Pittsburgh to further his studies.

Working as a researcher at the university laboratory and as a laborer at the open-hearth furnaces of U.S. Steel, he earned his M.S. in metallurgy (1954) and Ph.D. in mathematics from Carnegie Mellon University. He then joined U.S. Steel as a scientist at the Edgar C. Bain Laboratory in Monroeville, Pa.

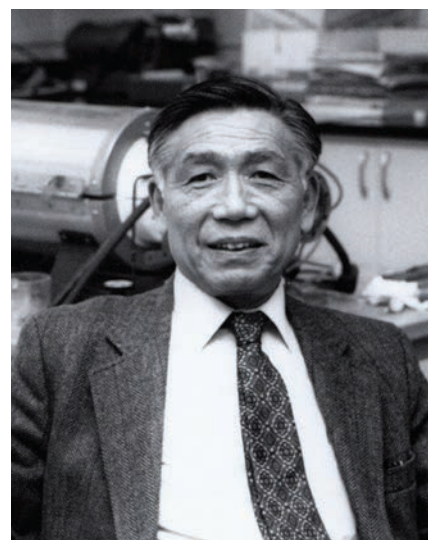
In 1958, he married his perfect match, Hedy SH Chou, who managed the family to allow the then associate professor (1968) at Lehigh, to explore new worlds, both physical and scientific, not only at Lehigh but through appointments as visiting consultant or professor in Cambridge, UK, and Taiwan; MIT, Stanford and Brown; and others too numerous to mention.

With that openness and dedication, authoring/coauthoring around 100 research papers, came recognition from U.S. Steel (Fellow), American Society of Metals (Fellow), Advanced Materials Science and Engineering (Blackall Award), National Science Council (Professorship, Taiwan) and the Mineral, Metals and Material Society (Fellow) as well as a U.S. Patent. In 1995, Lehigh appointed him the New Century Professor, Department of Materials Science and Engineering, and Professor Emeritus.

“Despite his accomplishments, Russell was always modest and unassuming,” said Helen Chan. “He shied away from the limelight. He was an intellectual in the truest and best sense.”

A lifelong academic, at the age of 74, he became an adjunct professor at the University of California, Irvine, which left little time for his enthusiasm for sports and music. What was always present was his humor, knowledge and love for his family.

He is predeceased by his wife, Hedy, who died in 2013. He is survived by his sister Yi Jig, daughter Vivian (Eric) Wilson '80, son Ken (Jing) '85, grandsons Brian and Kevin and granddaughters Kelly, Kaitlen and Khloe.



Charles R. White '56, Victor, N.Y., Aug. 24, 2018. A veteran of the U.S. Army, Mr. White worked in the Rochester City School District for 31 years. His daughter, Susan (White) Hercek, is a member of the Class of 1985.

William W. Fearon '57, Miramar Beach, Fla., May 28, 2019. Mr. Fearon began his career at Jeffrey Manufacturing, while also serving in the U.S. Air Force Reserve. He retired as president and CEO of Kinetics Noise Control Inc. after 34 years.

Ted J. Kowalyshyn '57, Stroudsburg, Pa., Aug. 14, 2019. Dr. Kowalyshyn was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He practiced internal medicine, retiring from the Lehigh Valley Health Network. His brothers, Russell Kowalyshyn '40 and Stephen Kowalyshyn Jr. '41, and his son, Alexander Kowalyshyn '97, are members of the Lehigh family. He was also a member of the Tower Society.

Lewis M. Soars '57, Melbourne, Fla., April 25, 2019.

Stewart W. Spetz '57, Lynchburg, Va., Aug. 18, 2019. Mr. Spetz worked for Framatome Technologies for 43 years, becoming an expert in reactor core design and fuel cycle designs.

John W. Ramsay '58, Cincinnati, Ohio, May 8, 2019. Mr. Ramsay was the president of Delta Upsilon fraternity and the captain of the golf team. He served in the U.S. Army after graduation. He went on to become president and cofounder of Ramsay Equipment Co., Ramsay-Cohorn Mechanical Equipment Co. and Custom-Flo Inc.

Charles G. Interrante '59, M.S. '62, Ph.D. '63, Norristown, Pa., May 21, 2019. Dr. Interrante was a member of the track team as well as the Gryphon Society. He served in the U.S. Army. He worked for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Leonard A. Sonntag '59, M.S. '67, Allentown, Pa., May 12, 2019. Mr. Sonntag worked as an industrial engineer at the former Western Electric Corp., retiring from Lucent Technologies. His daughter, Denise Sonntag, earned her graduate degree from Lehigh in 1999.

Lee A. Wian '59, Mechanicsburg, Pa., May 14, 2019. Mr. Wian was a brother of Theta Xi Fraternity. He served two years with the U.S. Army, then entered civilian federal service, working at the Mechanicsburg Navy Base for over 31 years, retiring as a supervisory computer specialist.

1960s

J. Temple Black '60, Auburn, Ala., May 16, 2019. Dr. Black was a brother of Delta Phi as well as a member of the swimming and tennis teams. He was a professor emeritus at Auburn University and will be remembered professionally as lead author for "DeGarmo's Materials and Processes in Manufacturing" and for his passion in metal cutting and lean manufacturing systems education and research.

James A. Stinner '60, Allentown, Pa., July 30, 2019. Mr. Stinner served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean conflict. He was an accountant for Richardson Vicks.

Joseph R. Jadamec '61, Mystic, Conn., April 28, 2019. Mr. Jadamec was a civil servant working for the U.S. Coast Guard Research and Development Center in oceanography. He also taught at the University of Connecticut and supported Westco Scientific.

Philip A. Merenda '61, Emmaus, Pa., June 15, 2019. Mr. Merenda worked as a supervisor in the accounting department at Mack Trucks for 30 years. In his retirement, he drove school buses.

Frank Pelcyger '61, Avon, Conn., Aug. 20, 2019. Mr. Pelcyger served in the U.S.

Army Reserve for six years. He worked as an actuary for Aetna Insurance Co.

Eric P. Welsch '61, Thornton, Colo., Dec. 17, 2018. Mr. Welsch was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He spent 28 years with the U.S. Geological Service as a chemist in Colorado.

David G. Cooper '62, Asheville, N.C., April 8, 2018. Mr. Cooper was a brother and president of Alpha Sigma Phi. He worked for Guardian Life Insurance Co. of America. His brother, Peter Cooper, was a member of the Class of 1957.

John G. Hazard '63, New York, N.Y., July 14, 2019. Mr. Hazard was a Delta Sigma Phi brother.

Pete R. Landrieu '63, Hanover Township, Pa., May 3, 2019. Mr. Landrieu worked for PSEG. He served on the Parents Council from 1992 to 2004. Three of his children—Eric Landrieu '93, Christopher Landrieu '96 and Laura Landrieu '04—are members of the Lehigh family. He was also a member of the Tower Society.

Frank R. Moore '63, Bethlehem, Pa., July 29, 2019. Dr. Moore was a Sigma Nu brother and member of the Mustard and Cheese Society and Tau Beta Pi. He spent his career with IBM, retiring as the vice president of development at IBM Headquarters. He also served as the vice president and CIO of New School University and vice president of informational resources for Columbia Medical School.

Frederick J. Kass Jr. '64, New Windsor, N.Y., July 13, 2019. A Delta Chi brother, Captain Kass served three tours in the U.S. Navy in Vietnam and in the Naval Reserve, including tours in Korea, Desert Storm and Bosnia. He also served a term as commander of the New York Naval Militia for Navy, Marines and Coast Guard. He also owned several electronics stores.

Stephen Orlando Jr. '64,

Somerset, N.J., July 10, 2019. Mr. Orlando was a brother of Delta Tau Delta and a member of Tau Beta Pi honor society. He worked as an attorney and mortgage broker.

Douglas P. Allcock '65, Mentor, Ohio, July 10, 2019. A veteran of the U.S. Army Chemical Corps, Mr. Allcock worked as a sales executive with G.E. Plastics.

James S. Handler '65, The Woodlands, Texas, May 27, 2019. Mr. Handler worked as programming manager for Shell, MW Kellogg, Automated Systems Corp. and SNG Offshore. He retired from UTMB-Galveston.

David H. Roush '65, Westminster, Md., Aug. 27, 2019. A Phi Delta Theta brother, Mr. Roush was also a veteran of the U.S. Chemical Corps. He worked for Lehigh Cement Co. for 28 years before becoming the Carroll County commissioner.

Jay R. Engel '67, Morongo Valley, Calif., June 17, 2019. Mr. Engel was a veteran of the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He was a partner at Classic Auto Consultants, specializing in antique cars.

Richard S. Holtz '67, Daytona Beach, Fla., Feb. 10, 2019. As a student, Mr. Holtz worked with *The Brown and White*. He started his own company, InfiniSys, which is a nationally recognized leader in multi-family housing technology. He was also a member of the ISE Advisory Board.

Patrick D. Howlett '67, M.A. '69, Northampton, Pa., May 27, 2019. Mr. Howlett was a Beta Theta Pi brother as well as a member of the basketball team. He went on to become a teacher, basketball coach and school administrator.

James R. Bruno '68, Plains Township, Pa., May 5, 2019. Dr. Bruno was an Alpha Tau Omega brother and member of the IFC, class cabinet and Glee Club.

He practiced medicine in the Wyoming Valley for more than 40 years.

Michael A. Levi '68, White Plains, N.Y., Oct. 18, 2018. A Sigma Alpha Mu brother, Dr. Levi was a founding partner at Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine, of Manhattan's Upper West Side and Scarsdale. His daughter, Nina Levi, is a member of the Class of 2006.

Richard P. Pocalyko '68, Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 21, 2019. Rev. Pocalyko was ordained to the Episcopal priesthood at Washington National Cathedral in 1972 and served the Church throughout his career.

Ronald Biamonte '69, Windsor, Conn., May 29, 2019. A member of Phi Eta Sigma honor society, Deacon Biamonte worked as an actuary for nearly 40 years. He also served in the Catholic Church.

John C. Holden '69, Williamstown, Mass., July 13, 2019. Mr. Holden was the assistant director of facilities and plants at Williams College for 27 years. He was also the owner and operator of Focus Facilities.

1970s

Frederick W. Alcaro '70, Kingston, Pa., May 20, 2019. Mr. Alcaro was a veteran of the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He worked as an attorney in private practice.

Gary L. Zimmerman '70, Lower Paxton Township, Pa., May 8, 2019. Mr. Zimmerman was a brother of Delta Sigma Phi and a rugby team member. He worked for 29 years with AMP Inc., retiring as director of global engineering practices in the international division.

Gary R. Kershaw '71, Fort Collins, Colo., May 28, 2019. Mr. Kershaw owned and operated Fort Collins Landscaping.

Noel F. Dudley '72, '83, Virginia Beach, Va., Dec. 7, 2018. A Theta Xi brother, Mr. Dudley served in the U.S. Peace Corps, the U.S. Navy and worked for

the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

W. Hall Barker '74, Carlisle, Pa., Jan. 17, 2019. A brother of Sigma Chi, Mr. Barker spent his career in finance and accounting for the banking industry.

Christopher N. Brennan '76, Manhattan Beach, Calif., June 18, 2019. Mr. Brennan was a Sigma Phi brother. He worked in investment banking for Merrill Lynch. His brother, William Brennan, is a member of the Class of 1980.

Peter J. Rocco '76, East Northport, N.Y., May 22, 2019. Dr. Rocco was a Sigma Phi Epsilon brother and worked in chiropractic medicine in private practice for over 30 years.

Pam Crawford '77, M.A. '81, Jacksonville, Fla., March 17, 2019. Dr. Crawford taught mathematics at Jacksonville University.

Keith G. Mattern '77, Forty Fort, Pa., May 12, 2019. Mr. Mattern worked for PPL at Susquehanna Steam Electric Station Nuclear Power Plant for 38 years.

William J. Reeves '77, El Cajon, Calif., June 12, 2019. Mr. Reeves worked for General Dynamic Convair Division and as a small-business owner.

Benjamin A. Bailey '78, Rumson, N.J., May 10, 2019. Mr. Bailey was a veteran of the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. He worked as president of Bailey Refrigeration Co., Inc.

Bert R. Lyon III '78, Suffern, N.Y., Aug. 8, 2019. A Beta Theta Pi brother, Mr. Lyon taught mathematics at Suffern High School.

1980s

Michael T. Luckewicz '82, Basking Ridge, N.J., May 27, 2019. Mr. Luckewicz practiced law and most recently worked as the director of tax for Booz, Allen and Hamilton. He was a member of the Lehigh Lawyers Association.

Denise A. Verleur '82,

Shelburne, Vt., July 9, 2019. Dr. Verleur had her own obstetrics and gynecology practice.

Bruce R. Culp '83, Gastonia, N.C., July 15, 2019. Dr. Culp was a brother of Kappa Alpha. He worked in family medicine for 32 years.

Michael E. Curewitz '83, Port Arthur, Texas, July 31, 2019. Mr. Curewitz was the goalie of the Lehigh hockey team as well as a Pi Lambda Phi brother. He worked as a mechanical engineer and certified financial planner. He retired from Honeywell.

Andrew R. Bernard '84, Mercerville, N.J., July 21, 2019. Mr. Bernard was a lawyer. His son, Robert Bernard, is a member of the Class of 2018.

Dennis C. Marlatt '85, Cuyahoga, Ohio, May 2, 2019. Mr. Marlatt was an Alpha Tau Omega brother and member of the rugby club.

Christopher P. Thalacker '85, Stamford, Conn., July 31, 2019. A Sigma Chi brother, Mr. Thalacker worked for Morgan Stanley as a first vice president of wealth management. He was also a member of the Wall Street Council.

Stephen D. Mellin '89, M.S. '91, Danbury, Conn., May 3, 2019. Dr. Mellin worked in the engineering department at Collins Aerospace.

Erik L. Sonstebly '89, Sellersville, Pa., June 15, 2019. Mr. Sonstebly was a brother of Phi Sigma Kappa.

1990s

Kimberly A. McAllister '96, Forks Township, Pa., May 15, 2019. An Alpha Gamma Delta sister, Dr. McAllister was a practicing psychologist.

2000s

Joseph C. Siple '03, Morristown, N.J., Aug. 4, 2019. Mr. Siple worked for Scion Capital as director of equities and special situations.

GRADUATE

Randolph P. Dominic M.S. '49, Beaufort, S.C., March 25, 2019. Mr. Dominic served in the U.S. Navy and Naval Reserve. He spent much of his career with Titeflex Corp., which made fabricated flexible hose for aerospace and industrial applications. He also taught in the cooperative education department of Belfast ME High School for 10 years while selling real estate in the summer.

John W. De Groot Jr. M.S. '50, Lancaster, Pa., June 2, 2019. Mr. De Groot served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He continued on in the Naval Reserve. He worked for Armstrong World Industries in research and development, and plant management.

William J. Murphy M.S. '51, Ph.D. '55, Shadyside, Pa., May 2019. Dr. Murphy's grandson, Christian Murphy, is a member of the Class of 2019.

Edward S. Sebring M.Ed. '51, Allentown, Pa., June 12, 2019. Mr. Sebring was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a teacher and school administrator.

John A. DeSilva M.A. '52, Trumbull, Conn., June 4, 2019. Mr. DeSilva was a veteran of the U.S. Navy during both World War II and the Korean conflict.

Justin M. Carisio M.A. '53, Bethlehem, Pa., June 9, 2019. A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, Mr. Carisio spent 35 years as a teacher in public schools.

Anna Smislova M.A. '53, Washington, D.C., May 18, 2019. Mrs. Smislova worked in subject cataloging at the Library of Congress for 44 years.

Frank J. Cain M.S. '58, Potomac, Md., July 22, 2019. Mr. Cain worked as a civil engineer and manager with Bechtel Corp. for 32 years.

Lloyd J. Newbaker Jr. M.A. '58, Ed.D. '70, Delaware Township, N.J., July 18, 2019.

Dr. Newbaker was a teacher, principal, superintendent and executive director of the New Jersey School Boards Association. After retiring, he worked as an educational consultant to O'Brien-Kreitzberg and Associates.

William A. Connor M.A. '59, Ed.D. '72, Trucksville, Pa., April 26, 2019. Dr. Connor was a teacher before becoming president of Sussex Community College, where the Connor Green is dedicated to him.

Robert T. Foreman M.S. '59, Hilton Head, S.C., April 27, 2019. Mr. Foreman worked for Bethlehem Steel for 27 years.

Alma H. Schlenker M.A. '59, Bethlehem, Pa., Aug. 12, 2019. Dr. Schlenker was a teacher and administrator in the Bethlehem Area and Southern Lehigh school districts, and at Kutztown University.

M. Glenn Smith M.S. '60, Phoenix, Ariz., May 27, 2019. Dr. Smith was a child psychologist and former professor of special education at Keene State College. In his retirement, he was granted a position of faculty emeritus at Arizona State University.

Gloria B. Fisher M.A. '61, Bangor, Pa., May 18, 2019. Mrs. Fisher worked as a teacher for IU 20 for many years before retiring.

Evan E. Richards M.A. '61, Coaldale, Pa., July 17, 2019. Mr. Richards was a guidance counselor and a football coach at Emmaus High School.

Burton A. Babb M.S. '62, Richardson, Texas, June 8, 2019. Mr. Babb served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He worked for Varo Engineering, where he developed night vision goggles for the military. He founded Babb Speaker Co. and produced high-end speakers. He holds numerous patents.

Constantine P. Loupos M.Ed. '62, Bethlehem, Pa., May 4, 2019. Mr. Loupos served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He taught high

school English and special education for 38 years, as well as GED night classes. In 1987, he received the semiannual American Spirit Award, the second-highest civilian award issued by the Air Force, for his Statue of Liberty fund-raising efforts.

John E. Roth M.S. '63, Clifford Township, Pa., May 26, 2019. A veteran of the U.S. Navy, Mr. Roth had been employed by PP&L for 38 years. Prior to his retirement, he was vice president of PP&L's Northern Division.

David H. Fry Sr. M.Ed. '64, Claymont, Del., July 6, 2019. A veteran of the U.S. Army National Guard, Mr. Fry was the elementary principal at Francis Harvey Green School.

Douglas H. Headley M.S. '64, St. Mary's, Kans., March 23, 2019. Mr. Headley worked for 30 years for Bechtel in Australia, France, Spain and Taiwan.

Jean (Klinikowski) Burrows M.Ed. '65, Catasauqua, Pa., July 8, 2019. Mrs. Burrows taught fourth grade and served as a guidance counselor in the Catasauqua School District.

Charles S. Canning M.Ed. '65, Allentown, Pa., Aug. 12, 2019. Mr. Canning was a social studies teacher, head wrestling coach and guidance counselor in several Pennsylvania school districts. He published a book titled General Trexler's Masonic Legacy.

John J. Love M.A. '69, Cornish, Maine, July 15, 2019. Mr. Love was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and U.S. Naval Reserve, where he spent 40 years. He was an English teacher and worked as a superintendent in several school districts.

Victor M. Catano M.S. '70, Ph.D. '72, Halifax, Nova Scotia, May 10, 2019. Dr. Catano was a professor at Saint Mary's University for 46 years. He was a leader in the field of industrial/organizational psychology and his textbook is used in universi-

ties across Canada to this day.

C. Kendall Clarke M.S. '70, Ph.D. '73, Ray, Ariz., May 5, 2019. Dr. Clarke worked for the military division of Boeing aircraft. Later he opened his own consulting practice.

Roy C. Claypool Ed.D. '72, Huntingdon, Pa., July 13, 2019. Dr. Claypool was a veteran of the U.S. Naval Reserve, Army and Army Active Reserve. He worked as district superintendent of schools at Owen J. Roberts School District. He taught at Lehigh as well as the University of Pennsylvania.

Patricia (Quigg) Derrico M.Ed. '72, Annandale, Va., July 9, 2019. Mrs. Derrico worked for the Bethlehem Area School District for 35 years, first as an elementary school teacher and later as a principal at Asa Packer Elementary School.

Michael P. Gosnell M.S. '72, Gaines, Pa., June 28, 2019. Dr. Gosnell was a veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard during the Korean War. He was an equine veterinarian in Wind Gap for 15 years. Prior to that, he was vice president of research and development at Follett for 28 years. He was also a co-owner of Bit-By-Bit Equestrian Center.

Van R. Reiner M.S. '72, Bel Air, Md., June 5, 2019. Mr. Reiner spent 30 years of his career with the Bethlehem Steel Corp., holding increasingly senior positions in the Lackawanna and Burns Harbor plants. In 1998 he was named president of the Bethlehem Lukens Plate Division. After leaving Bethlehem Steel, Mr. Reiner was named president and CEO of the Maryland Science Center in Baltimore's Inner Harbor.

Joan (Highfield) Sheldrake M.Ed. '72, Naples, Fla., May 8, 2019. Mrs. Sheldrake worked as a social worker and elementary school teacher. She was also known as the Voice of Musikfest as a volunteer since its inception.

Francois D. Song M.S. '72, Stateboro, Ga., July 26, 2019. Dr.

Song worked as the director of environmental safety at Georgia Southern University.

Cheryl (Gahman) Feldman M.Ed. '73, Hatfield Township, Pa., Jan. 29, 2019. Mrs. Feldman worked as a librarian for Faith Christian Academy.

Frank D. Heifer M.Ed. '73, Ed.D. '81, Punta Gorda, Fla., May 27, 2019. Dr. Heifer was the superintendent of the Pottstown School District. His wife, Nancy (Strohl) Heifer, earned her graduate degree from Lehigh in 1976.

Kathleen (Milunec) Huttie M.Ed. '74, Lehigh, Pa., May 15, 2019. Mrs. Huttie taught at Christ the King School for 25 years.

Carl R. Madtes M.Ed. '74, Slatington, Pa., July 4, 2019. Mr. Madtes served as an elementary school guidance counselor in the Parkland School District.

Judith D. Miller M.Ed. '76, June 4, 2019, Easton, Pa. Ms. Miller was a special education teacher with Intermediate Unit No. 20 for many years before retiring.

Richard E. Bulls II Cert. '78, Ed.D. '83, Bluffton, S.C., Aug. 1, 2019. Dr. Bulls was director of reading programs for several school districts in the state of Delaware, adjunct professor of reading at West Chester University and a reading specialist at the University of Illinois, Chicago Circle Campus.

Georgi (Zeitschel) Siefring M.S. '80, Bridgewater, N.J., June 29, 2019. Mrs. Siefring was employed for AT&T in Bedminster as an engineer for over 25 years. She later continued her career at RVCC as a department assistant. Her husband, Timothy Siefring, also received his graduate degree from Lehigh in 1980.

Elizabeth (Ehrhardt) Howell M.S. '81, Ph.D. '82, Knoxville, Tenn., April 9, 2019. Dr. Howell taught biochemistry at the University of Tennessee, where she was the first female member of that department. Her work explored the fundamentals of enzyme catalysis and protein

A Formidable Ally

Eric Varley was a dedicated Lehigh faculty member for 46 years

folding and function. She was also a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Her husband, David Howell, is a member of the Class of 1960.

Ruth (Elkins) Hirschberg M.Ed. '82, Glen Cove, N.Y., May 12, 2019. Mrs. Hirschberg worked in private psychology practice for many years.

Janet M. McGowan M.Ed. '87, Colorado Springs, Colo., Aug. 4, 2019. Ms. McGowan worked in special education, spending many years at Doherty High School.

Patricia (Deutsch) Snyder M.Ed. '87, Bath, Pa., May 2, 2019. Mrs. Snyder was a math and science teacher at St. Ursula's Catholic School and Northampton Junior High School. In 1985, she and her husband started Clark Media.

Courtney (Stackhouse) McMonagle MBA '92, North Wales, Pa., May 10, 2019. Mrs. McMonagle worked for Merck.

Christine (Gross) Dietrich Ed.D. '93, Wernersville, Pa., Aug. 16, 2019. Dr. Dietrich taught in public schools. She especially liked working with special needs children. Her husband, Douglas Dietrich, is a member of the Class of 1966.

Stanley T. Saeger Jr. MBA '96, Upper Saucon Township, Pa., Aug. 14, 2019. Mr. Saeger worked for Guardian Life Insurance Co. His wife, Lynnette Saeger, received her graduate degree from Lehigh in 1984.

Elsa Vazquez M.Ed. '98, Allentown, Pa., May 17, 2019. Ms. Vazquez was a social worker and pioneer in issues involving community mental health when she single-handedly launched Bet-El Counseling Services PC.

Jacob Campbell MBA '08, New York, N.Y., May 24, 2019. Mr. Campbell worked as the director for academic financial planning and analysis at The New School. He was a member of the Lehigh Alumni Pride Association.



ERIC VARLEY, A PROFESSOR IN mechanical engineering and mechanics at Lehigh until his retirement in 2013, died Feb. 5, 2019, in Bethlehem. He was 84.

Born in Derbyshire, England, on May 29, 1934, he was a son of the late Cecil and Edith M. Varley. His mathematical skills were evident at a young age; in his teens, he transferred to an English grammar school (academic high school) where, if a mathematical question arose, the headmaster would always say, “ask Varley.”

A full professor at Lehigh for 46 years, Varley joined the university in 1967 as a member of the Center for the Application of Mathematics. He subsequently was invited to join the department of mechanical engineering and mechanics in 1981. His college education was at the University of Manchester, England, where he

obtained a B.Sc. (Hons.) in mathematics (1955) and an M.Sc. in mathematics (1957). He received his Ph.D. in applied mathematics at Brown University (1961).

After leaving Brown, Varley was at the Courant Institute in New York before returning to England in 1962 and serving as a senior research fellow in the Mathematics Division at the National Physical Laboratory. In 1964, he moved to the University of Nottingham as a lecturer in the department of theoretical mechanics. At the instigation of Ronald Rivlin, he came to Lehigh in 1967 where, apart from numerous summer and sabbatical appointments, he remained for the rest of his career. He was a life member of Churchill College, Cambridge.

Varley produced a large number of technical papers in fluid mechanics, continuum mechanics, applied mathematics and solid mechanics. Much of his work was devoted to novel approaches in attacking grossly nonlinear phenomena that arise in the physical sciences. Applications and other interests included viscometric flows, non-Newtonian fluids, nonlinear wave propagation and geophysical flows. Much of this work was published in leading journals.

As well as his technical interests, he was known for his love of classical and modern operas. His family and colleagues can attest to the volume at which he played them and that he usually “sang along.” If the opportunity arose, he would enthusiastically demonstrate his tap dancing abilities. In his younger days, he was an avid squash player.

Wherever he and his family lived, Varley did his best to modify the surroundings: ambitious gardening, reworking drainage and sewer systems, and, in an early excursion into solar engineering, heating a swimming pool by running water across his slate roof tiles.

Those who knew him would likely agree that Varley was a forceful character who held firm views on many topics. In personal matters, he was kind, generous and helpful. His family remembers him as a loving husband, father and grandfather.

His friends were glad they had him as a formidable ally who provided much technical assistance and advice. Varley was always enthusiastic about collaborating with graduate students and colleagues; he took particular pleasure in working with “fifth floor” graduate students on their projects’ theoretical aspects.

He is survived by his wife of more than 60 years, Sheila; daughter Ann Herbst and her children Jessica, Tyler and Katie; daughter Sue Osborne, wife of Michael Osborne, and their children Natalie and Jack. He was especially fond of his five grandchildren.