

LEHIGH DISPATCH

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Hello from **Tom MacAllister** (as written by his daughter, Dawn MacAllister '84) to the Class of '43. Since our last update, I heard from Neal Wolgin '84, whose father also served in Burma. We were hoping they knew each other, but that was not to be. If anyone has any stories about their family's WWII service, please let me know!

I visited Dad in July. Each night, we watched baseball. "Game on! It's an old game, but it's ON!" We anticipated the start of the shortened season and we reminisced. Dad, a loyal Brooklyn Dodgers fan, remembered learning the game from Red Barber on the radio; afternoon games at Ebbets Field when men wore suits and hats and women wore dresses; Joe DiMaggio ("he ran like a floating gazelle"); Mickey Mantle playing through injury and Jackie Robinson's courageous first season.

"What did you think [of Jackie Robinson], Dad?" I asked in light of the current protests seeking to end racism in our country. "I didn't think anything at all. He was a great ballplayer and we were lucky to have him."

He also remembered Bobby Thompson's "Shot Heard

Round the World" off Ralph Branca in '51. I asked if he was devastated. "No, not at all—that's baseball. We'll get 'em next year." Then the Dodgers beat the Yankees in the '55 World Series—"that was better baseball!"—and then heart-break as the Dodgers moved to Los Angeles in 1957.

Soon I was aboard, and Dad passed his love of the game to me: listening on the transistor radio as the '69 Mets made us all believe; teaching me to throw, hit and field when I played softball; trips to Shea to see the Mets play the Big Red Machine; and acting out the double play perfection of Pee Wee Reese to Gil Hodges to a 20-something sales associate at Model's who (go figure) was a Brooklyn Dodgers fan!

Dad became a die-hard Red Sox fan, and on his 90th birthday we took him to Fenway Park and stood arm-in-arm gazing at the field in the field-level pub. As we turned to go, I yelled above the din, "90-year-old Red Sox Fan coming through!" and a new generation made a path for us, applauding with respect. I announced his milestone on the jumbotron—the photo of which sits near the photo montage of our trip to the Hall of Fame, where we sang "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" and Dad sat (with me this time!) on a bench from Shibe Park in Philly, the

memory of which leads this story full circle.

It all started at Lehigh. Dad took the train from Bethlehem to Philadelphia on Fridays to see the Philadelphia Athletics. These games were the off-campus highlights of his Lehigh years. "I should have spent more time studying," he tells me. I disagree. We never reminisce about time spent in the library stacks, but we sure do talk baseball and the life lessons it teaches us.

I believe the season will be over by the time of this reading, but for now I'll say: Game ON! There may be fewer games, but they are ON! Enjoy the Boys of Summer, everyone. .

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This time I will write a short bio of myself, hoping that some of you will do the same and submit them for publication in future issues.

Attending Ashland School in East Orange, N.J., was a mixture of the "three Rs" and after-school sports, mostly football. The playing field was behind my house and I supplied the ball and the water tap.

At Scott High, a public school of 750 students, I went right through the college prep courses with few electives so that I had time to do my homework in study hall. I ran the mile and became football manager. As a freshman, at age 14, I was recruited to work in the Newark Post Office for the two weeks before Christmas, sorting mail at night and delivering during the day. I did this, without the night work, for the next three

years. In summers I worked on a farm and then on the Lackawanna Railroad track gang.

Near the end of high school, through the kindness of a neighbor, I received an unsolicited offer to attend MIT. I turned it down for several reasons: My father had gone to Lehigh, Lehigh had a football team, Lehigh had a much nicer campus and Lehigh was much closer to home. I was never sorry.

At Lehigh, I enrolled as an electrical engineering major. At an orientation session, Professor Beaver had each of us stand. When it was my turn, he pointed right at me and said, "I had your father," a nice way to welcome a new student. I went out for freshman cross country. We had a winning season. Just before Thanksgiving, I was pledged to Phi Gamma Delta. Classes went very well for me. I was awarded the Wilbur Mathematics Prize after the year was over.

As a sophomore, I became a football manager. That year, for Fall House Party I had a very pretty girl as a blind date. In the spring of 1949, she was crowned House Party Queen. I got my "L" in track.

In my junior year, I switched to mechanical engineering. Also, I started dating Elise Sager, a girl from home. From then on, there was no one else. We were engaged in the spring of 1951 and married that September.

My career with Esso covered the next eight years, with time out for naval service. I worked on refinery design projects and service station construction and then became a commercial salesman. In 1952, I enrolled in the Naval Officer Candidate School at Newport, R.I. I served three years on Newport-based destroyers, becoming an operations officer and officer of the deck underway. There were cruises to the Mediterranean where we protected our carriers, keeping Russian subs

away. Out of Newport we had anti-submarine warfare exercises in the Atlantic, including a successful mock attack on the USS *Nautilus*.

While back at Esso, I was invited to join a high-tech start-up in Cambridge, Mass., which I did. We moved our household, including two young daughters, from Westfield, N.J., to Concord, Mass., where our son was born in 1961.

It took two years for me, with a partner, to start MFE Corp. It grew to become a leading original equipment manufacturer of electromechanical devices including moving iron galvanometers, small recording modules and digital tape drives. For the next 18 years, MFE grew steadily. By 1980, we had more than 400 people with branch plants in Puerto Rico and Scotland. Then we faltered badly developing a floppy disk drive. Our investors panicked and broke up the company.

In late 1980, I bought one of MFE's product lines and formed Allen Datagraph Inc. We made flatbed recorders for the scientific market and then developed a highly successful series of vinyl-cutting machines for the sign industry.

I retired in 1994, and Elise and I moved to Maine. I had a rewarding career, making almost constant use of my EE, ME, IE and accounting training.

In 1994, I bought a farmhouse in Embden, Maine, planning to restore and modernize it. It was built in 1830 of granite with a wooden ell. (An ell is a wooden structure attached to the main house and connecting to the barn. It usually contained a workshop and a backhouse [outhouse] at the rear. The ell was the passthrough to the barn, very important in winter.)

Elise and I moved in some old furniture and started working. The goal was to restore the house to an as-built configura-

tion with conveniences added. We did general repairs and added bathrooms, new plumbing and wiring, and a porch. After seven years' work and enjoyment of outdoor activities, we put the property up for sale. It was pictured on the cover of *Yankee Magazine*. Two more such projects followed. The last one was sold in 2006 when I was 77.

Now it is your turn to write! **Save the date for Reunion 2021: June 10-13, 2021**

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Got an email from **Alan Koppes** in April—no news, just an email address change notice, so I have to assume he is still with us. However, I'd rather get an address change notice than a notification of a classmate's death—**C. Theodore Blaisdell** died on April 3.

Robert Arndt wrote: "I was cleaning out a closet recently and came across an old Lehigh Alumni *Bulletin*—July 1952, to be exact. Must have picked it up right after graduation. It described our graduation. Do you remember who our commencement speaker was? It was Frank Whittemore Abrams, chairman of Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, who spoke on the place of the individual in a group society. I think I dozed through some of it. Degrees were handed out to 581 of us, including **Bruce Reinhardt** (now deceased), who was given special recognition as only the second man in the university's history who had a perfect four-year scholastic record.

"On a personal reflection, Lehigh was the best thing that ever happened to me. I grew up in the Lehigh Valley, never more than 50 miles from home. After Lehigh, I kept very close to my civil engineering degree for my entire working career. My only regret is

not buying 100 shares of something—anything—at graduation. My granddaughter has just been accepted at Syracuse University for a total cost of more than 65 times what it cost me to go to Lehigh! Those shares would have come in handy today."

Dick Schmidt sent me a fantastic letter with so much news I ran out of room here. See the website for photo of the five Lehigh graduates in his family.

A recap of his life: He was married to his first wife for 34 years and had four kids (three daughters); his second marriage to Carolyn added six more girls—a total of 10 kids, 20 grandkids and 18 great-grandkids. They live everywhere! He spent his life in sales as salesman, sales manager, regional manager, sales trainer. He worked first with his dad and then with Executone, specializing in hospital products, about 38 years. Dick "retired" but worked for a local courier service, then started his own service. He has had both knees replaced. Ten years ago, he got bored again and started driving cars for Enterprise.

In his spare time, Dick started and became president of two Jaycee chapters in N.J. He also is president of the Somerset County Auto Dealers Association; is active in local Republican activities; served on the Montgomery Township (N.J.) Parks and Recreation Commission for 16 years and chairman for 10 years; served on the Montgomery Planning Board as advisor and alternate and was a 4-H horse club leader and county 4-H board member.

Dick moved to Arizona, where he was on the Fountain Hills Parks and Recreation Commission for six years, chairman for three. His Arizona license plate reads "LEHIGH." He has been active in whatever alumni club was nearby and served as president of the Arizona Club. He has been to all of our class reunions and also made most

of the undefeated 1950 football team reunions and organized the 65th.

In August, I received a hacked email from **Ralph Fortney**, and when I questioned it and asked for an update, he replied, "I wish I had something of interest to share with my classmates. If my math is correct, many of our classmates are or will become 90 in 2020. So the least I can do is wish them a very happy birthday and best wishes for good health during these challenging times."

Now that COVID-19 has given us all this free time, how about sending me some exciting news? I'm using the extra time working toward my goal of 90 miles by bike the week of my birthday in September.

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I talk frequently with Herb Roemmele. Several years ago, he moved from New Jersey to Palm Beach, Fla., where he married a lovely lady named Joann. They sold their homes and moved a few miles away to a gated community in Palm Beach Gardens. He tries to come north once or twice a year for Lehigh events. Herb talked recently to **Jim Lebo**, who lives in Bonita Springs, Fla. Jim keeps a Lehigh connection with a son, who is Class of '83, and a step-granddaughter who graduated from Lehigh.

Herb also talked to **Joe Moyer** and **Warren Stevens**. Joe's wife died, and he lives alone in Telford, a small city south of Bethlehem. Although he has "bad" knees (football?), he manages several rounds of golf weekly. Warren lives in Moorestown, N.J., where he still helps his son run their business.

I also keep in touch with Nick Gentile. Nick is doing well, although his eyes have deteriorated to the point that he can't drive. He still lives in Franklin

Lakes, N.J.

As you know, we had planned a mini reunion for last June. That was canceled, of course, along with everything else at Lehigh. We do plan to try again. Please put the dates of June 10–13, 2021, on your calendar for our mini reunion (how about 68 years?).

Here in Bethlehem, your officers—Joe Workman, president; **Roger Inglese**, vice president; and **Tony Latour**, treasurer—are your small planning committee for the reunions. As we have mentioned before, if Lehigh does not have your email address, please give it to them by emailing Stephanie Fisher at saf517@lehigh.edu or calling (610) 758-3069. That will get your email address into the system, and we can communicate better.

Finally, let me know of any news happenings in and around your life that we might include in future class columns. You can send them, for now, to Joe Workman at jmw4emw@aol.com. Stay well.

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As this column is being written, the world is in the grip of the COVID-19 pandemic. We can only hope that all are well and will stay well until this column is published and a vaccine is readily available.

Don Kirkpatrick is the “star” of this issue, and I thank him for agreeing to do a column: “For most of us, the story starts at graduation. Mine started the summer after my freshman year when my Nation-

al Guard unit was activated and gave me a long, all-expense-paid ocean voyage to Korea.

“Because of my Korean experience, when I graduated in ’55 with no military obligations, I was immediately able to enjoy flying around the country in search of a career. I picked Eastman Kodak in Rochester, N.Y. I retired from Eastman Kodak 31 years later in 1986.

“Since Disney was heavily involved with photography, I was fortunate to have met Walt Disney several times during my early photo training in Disney World. I helped Kodak with specialty sales that included give-away cameras with two box tops from General Mills cereals. Worldwide military sales responsibility one year took me to an 18-hole experience at St. Andrews. I watched as my partner put a ball through a window at the Jigger Inn on the 17th hole—a feat not duplicated before or since.

“The love of my life, Peggy, and I were married in Rochester in 1981. Peggy and her/our six children have been the best part of my life. (Forty years of married life has flashed by.)

“I retired as manager of Kodak Marketing Development in 1986 but was asked to be Kodak’s marketing expert during the trial of Kodak vs. Polaroid and moved from Rochester to Boston.

“After a few years of golfing and skiing, Peggy and I formed Holi Management Group and managed a condo development at Holimont Ski Slopes in Ellipticville, N.Y., before moving to Naples, Fla.

“For 20 years, we were members of Quail Creek Country Club in Naples, where I became a board member and Peggy enjoyed a twin reputation as a stone sculptor and fused-glass artist. Art Marcantonio ’57, Phi Sig fraternity brother, and Bruce DeSchryver ’57, who worked with me at Kodak, were

also members of Quail Creek.

“I became involved with a barbershop comedy quartet, the Tropical Depressions, and for two seasons performed with the Fort Myers Symphony Orchestra. Trust me: Barbershop harmony is good for the soul!

“Last year, we moved to a retirement community in Westchase near Tampa, Fla., and continue to enjoy our hobbies and life without the need to clean our pool or replace our roof.

“Hope the coronavirus is long gone by the time you read this.”

Save the date for Reunion 2021: June 10-13, 2021

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Yes! Our 65th Reunion is on for June 10–13, 2021, we think (we hope, pending the end of pandemic closings).

Making plans for the events are class president **Arthur Anderson**, treasurer **Jim White**, **Ferd Thun**, **Ed Tkacik**, **Bruce Waechter** and **Bill Burgin**. A highlight of the weekend will be the Saturday night gala class dinner at the Saucon Valley Country Club Guest House.

When you receive a letter from Lehigh with reunion details and a reply card, please return it promptly with your intentions. As the 2020 reunion classes will also be meeting then, it is also important to make lodging reservations early. Hope to see you there!

It was great to hear from **Fred Jackson**, writing from Houston. Fred and Brenda had a colorful year in 2019. On July 4, they were photographed with the iconic Smokey Bear during their annual stay in mountainous Pagosa Springs in Colorado. In September, joined by Sigma Phi fraternity brother Fred Stark ’55 and wife Helen, they journeyed by a Viking

longboat along the Danube River, ending in Budapest.

Each summer and fall, the Jacksons visit a family cottage near a lake in New Hampshire. While there, Fred “prowls through libraries and graveyards” in Massachusetts and New Hampshire, researching his family history and genealogy. He has given a talk on a patriot ancestor who took part in the Battle of Rhode Island.

Thanks to Ferd Thun for alerting us to the news that our late classmate **Gene Mulvihill** is the subject of a new book. Gene owned Action Park in Vernon, N.J., which operated for 18 years, between 1978 and 1996 (with a brief reopening in 2014). Gene’s son Andy, along with coauthor Jake Rossen, has written a memoir and tribute to Gene titled *Action Park: Fast Times, Wild Rides and the Untold Story of America’s Most Dangerous Amusement Park*. The park offered extreme rides and water slides.

The book will be the basis for a TV series on Hulu and a documentary on HBO. It has been the source of a board game and a 2018 film, *Action Point*. If you’ve ever visited Action Park, please share your experience in a note to me.

Andy Mulvihill is a 1985 graduate of Stanford University, a real estate developer and CEO of the Crystal Springs Resort in Sussex County, N.J. He is VP of the N.J. State Board of Education.

As a generous Lehigh alum and member of the Tower Society, Gene established the Mulvihill Golf Learning Center, near the Goodman Stadium. Opened in 2008, it is a USGA-qualified indoor-outdoor instructional facility, available to adults and children in the Lehigh and nearby communities. After earning his B.S. degree at Lehigh, Gene served in the U.S. Marines and worked on Wall Street before becoming a developer in northern New Jersey. He died in 2012 and

is survived by his wife, Gail, six children and 16 grandchildren.

Look for more reunion details in the next issue of the *Bulletin*. And save the date for Reunion!

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Catching up with some classmates, I found **Neil Funnell** living in Hilton Head, S.C. He has lived there for 25 years and enjoys the stimulating and active community of HH. His friends, including all his West Coast family, also like to visit. Neil stays in contact with his ATO brothers **Dick Daugherty**, **Don Burgess** and **Clark Riley**. Currently Neil is president of a local investment club and is involved in the Hilton Head Ethics Society and the World Affairs Council of Hilton Head. To keep in shape, he still plays a little tennis, has a major interest in horseback riding and is an active member of a foxhunting club. According to my '57 class list, **Joel Aronson**, **Charlie Strauch** and **Paul Thompson** are also living the good life in Hilton Head and trying to dodge the occasional coastal hurricane.

Ed Carr sent me an update, and after living in Palm City, Fla., for the last 28 years, he and his wife sold their house and moved into a Life Care facility named Sandhill Cove in Palm City. Ed and Nancy often see **Bob Maida** and wife Elaine, who live close by in Martin County, Fla.

Eli "Ike" Eichelberger sent an email reminiscing about his teenage years in York, Pa., where he formed the Gents Hot Rod Association of York. The club tore apart Ford V-8 engines, rebuilt them with racing stuff and then tore up the

local roads racing around York. They hung out at the famed Dean's Garage, owned by Jim Musser. Ike is still living out in Fallbrook, Cal.

Win Applegate is living in Hamilton Square, N.J. He tells me he no longer shaves due to quarantine, and his beard now exceeds four inches in length.

Sadly, my dear friend **Howie Levitz** succumbed to COVID-19 back in April. Howard was still practicing law in Ardsley, N.Y. His wife, Linda, had just published her sixth book of poetry, *Questions for a Modern Angel*. I will miss Howie and his great sense of humor and our occasional lunches in NYC over many years.

Please email updates—always need source news.

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I can't believe that the sad news continues. **John "Harks" Harkrader's** daughter, Linda (Harkrader) Powers '88, related to **Bruce Gilbert** that Harks died peacefully at his holiday house on the beach. He did not suffer from COVID-19, as he feared, or the bone cancer he had been fighting for years.

He leaves so many memories, one of the last being our last Lehigh football game, where we talked privately for half of the game. Harks made me promise not to print anything I heard. Not even the Cuba trip in 1957. Well, **Larry Trerotola** etc., I will keep those secrets. But his last phone call came just after he read the spring *Bulletin* article to correct what **Bob Christie** told me happened at that tailgate. The attractive young lady driver he was with was really Laurie, not LaLa, and it was her red pickup, not his, with the camper and they were headed to Chincoteague before the holiday house. He told me that he was

not a dirty old man, but she was a companion with whom he sailed at the Bay Head Yacht Club. Honest and interesting to the end! Miss you!

As I was talking to **Dick Briggs** about Harks, Louise Briggs told me that she had several dates with him when she was at Cedar Crest before she met Dick—surprise! **Ed Delany** added that he was glad he didn't move into that retirement home or he would have been trapped. At least the library is open. Lastly, Marianne and **Bill Bux** keep the emails coming.

Bill Glose called me again with news about **Tom Kelly**, but this time was about his two-month battle with Guillain-Barré syndrome, a disorder of the immune system, before he passed on Father's Day.

Tom and I got together in fourth grade in special classes and played a lot of basketball, and Tom became the editor of the high school newspaper while I was the sports editor. I think I won because I sat on the football and basketball benches and travelled to the away games when I didn't have swim meets.

His Allentown classmates, including myself, **Jerry Friedman**, **Arnie Finkelstein**, **Mitch Karp**, **Dick Rubrecht**, **Bill Glose** and others passed his house every day on our way to Lehigh.

Tom worked at the Allentown *Morning Call* while at Lehigh but headed to Jacksonville, Fla., after graduation and became sports editor and then editor at the *Tampa Bay Times*. He lucked out with coverage of the '68 Mexico City and '72 Munich Olympic Games. From '73 to '77, he was editor of the *Palm Beach Post*, leading it from a scrappy paper to the best newspaper its size in the country. After 32 years of newspapering, he got to know his wife and boys. He spent 11 years on the editorial board of the Fort Lauderdale *Sun-Sentinel* and as editor-in-residence of the

University of Mississippi, South Florida University and Florida A&M journalism schools. He was married to Donna for 45 years and they had four boys. He was well respected, successful and had a good life. We will miss him!

Bob Ostar called to tell me that **Ron Dominach** died June 5 after a stroke and a long illness at home and hospice with Therese, his wife of 65 years. Bob was Ron's best man in 1955. They reunited in 2002, when Bob and his wife of 55 years relocated to Fairfield Harbor, New Bern, N.C. I remember playing freshman baseball with Ron at Lehigh.

Bob and Andrea were glad the virus did not get here last year. They had their trip of a lifetime—a 15-day Alaska-Holland cruise and land tour. Bob wore his white Lehigh cap all the time. Surprisingly, he was stopped constantly by parents of current students, graduates, some grandparents and some residents of Bethlehem—what a great ambassador! Small world society: The Hurricane Helper Committee from Orchard Park Presbyterian Church went to New Bern twice to help them to repair and recover from the previous hurricanes.

Lee Owens' yearly letter from Australia was a little late, but 2019 was the hottest and driest year there in over 100 years, with the temperature maxing out at more than 110 degrees! It was followed with wild bush fires and tremendous smoke, which we watched during the Australian Open tennis tournament. Now they are having all the problems we are suffering from COVID-19. Millions in Sydney are working from home and late afternoons the children escape and the sounds of play are a joy.

Lee's travels this year included touring the island of Tasmania with the Sydney Male Choir. The itinerary took him to Norfolk, where he taught his first year in Australia (1964). He and Lynne added a week at the Port Arthur

Convict Settlement and the World Heritage Wilderness rainforests.

Midyear brought another choir excursion with the Pacific Pride Choir to Vietnam and Cambodia. They spent a week cruising down the Mekong Delta and visited some silk farms.

It was here that he had a fall, whacking his head and back. A scan at home found a fractured vertebra, so on to the rehab gym. Back to the tour and on to Hanoi and a performance at the National Academy of Music. Then to Cambodia for performances in Siem Reap and Phnom Penh. He visited the Killing Fields, with a 17-story glass memorial that focused 8,000 skulls exhumed from mass graves in the 1970s. Their killing was personal and more shocking, while Auschwitz was industrialized.

Lynne's major walking trip took her to Japan among the volcanoes and up the Holy Mountain, Mt. Hiko, and the many steps to the shrines.

All is well with Lee as he finished the year performing Beethoven's Ninth with the Willoughby Symphony Choir and Handel's Messiah with the Sydney Male Choir in the town hall and a 1,000-person audience. Whew! Perhaps he is in his 80s, but he wished good eyesight to all in this year of 20-20.

Gary's Barbershop finally reopened, and after 20 weeks I got my hair cut. My family called me "Nana" because I looked like my mother with long white curly hair. If there is a football season, the Buffalo Bills are ready. I hope the fans can at least tailgate. The coach's son still goes to Gary's, but this church is still closed—prayers help! Another Buffalo sports occasion is underway. The Toronto Blue Jays are playing their Major League Baseball season in our empty 17,000-seat stadium because the Canadians have closed the border for all American players.

By the way, Lehigh will not play football this year; Bob

Christie will wait until next year.

Welcome to Stella Fisher, new daughter of Stephanie Fisher in the Alumni Relations office and new playmate of Claire McMullan. Greekers to John Harkrader, Tom Kelly and Ron Dominach.

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This year has given a new meaning to the phrase "cancel culture" as we have all seen more than needs be said about missed grandchildren's college and high school graduations, weddings, sporting events, concerts etc. But the one with most impact for your class scribblers was the cancellation of the annual Class of '59 fly fishing, wine tasting and joke telling outing to **Bob Teufel's** Tunkhannock Club in Pennsylvania's beautiful Pocono Mountains. Flying from Boulder, Colo., with pandemic restrictions was too much even for resilient **John Canova.** Hopefully our tradition will be revived next year.

And speaking of traditions, **Dan Bayer** has a streak of attending 77 Lehigh-Lafayette football games and was dismayed when this year's season was canceled. "I had hoped to make it to at least 80 games." Dan mentioned that he and wife Chickie managed to keep their social life intact by hosting socially distant cocktail parties in their basement barroom.

Had a call from Walter R. Allen III '91 that his father, **Walter R. Allen Jr.,** had passed away. Walt was a regular at our early class reunions and offered a unique prize at a reunion auction: a leg of lamb from his Vermont farm. Never figured out if the lucky bidder had to remove said leg himself or if it was

shipped detached and frozen.

Checked in with our class president and reunion chairman, **Leon Harbold,** regarding plans for our 2024 reunion (hey, old guys need things to look forward to). His wife, Lynne, said he was out for his daily walk. Now, this was 4 p.m. in July, the temperature was 94°F and he was doing the 5K Lehigh cross country course. Don't know Leon's background, but that reminded me of the Noël Coward song "Mad Dogs and Englishmen Go Out in the Noonday Sun."

We decided that this issue would feature the brothers of Alpha Sigma Phi, starting with **Bob Woerheide,** who retired after a 40-year career in commercial banking, leaving as a senior vice president. "There wasn't a day I didn't love what I was doing," he says. Post retirement, he served as the treasurer of three nonprofits; restored a 1776 farmhouse in N.H. and a second home in Santa Fe; traveled abroad (this year Croatia) and enjoyed music, theater, skeet shooting, photography and woodworking. Bob reunited with his high school sweetheart after 35 years. They've now been married for 26 years with seven children and 19 grandchildren between them.

"Nuclear Energy" should be **John Ford's** middle name. First job after Lehigh was with Pratt and Whitney aircraft nuclear propulsion program, then to the Enrico Fermi atomic power plant, then to the Atomic Energy Commission, then the Department of Energy and finally the Savannah River nuclear site. In 1960, John married his Cedar Crest sweetheart and has two daughters. He's now retired to New Hampshire (John can help Bob Woerheide tap his maple trees—Alpha Sigma Phi Maple Syrup would be a sure best-seller). He stays active skiing and snowshoeing the White Mountains and hiking Mt. Washing-

ton when the snow melts.

But wait! There's more nuclear. This time with **Bill McCurdy,** whose first job after Lehigh was with United Nuclear. He earned a Ph.D. in nuclear engineering from Penn State, where he met his wife. Then he went to MPR Associates in Washington, D.C., before working on nuclear utilities in Germany, Japan and South Korea. Even after retiring in 2008, Bill continued working part time until 2013. But no idle hands for Bill, as he and his wife are very active in their church's varied volunteer efforts.

After Lehigh, then graduate school, **Norm Rumpf** was off to California to work on a space defense support program ending as the chief engineer designing satellite mission hardware. During the final six years of his career, he was the program manager of the orbital program. He's quite active in retirement, advising his church's K-8 school and involved with his community choral group, plus supporting Lehigh through its Mountaintop Entrepreneurship Program. And the other Alpha Sigma Phi brothers are **Don Foster, Bob Hughes, Tom Kelly** and **Ray Lefever.**

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Hello, classmates. Hope everyone is having a nice summer, although in a subdued fashion as my wife, Gill, and I are having on the Connecticut shoreline.

Received a nice package from **Bob McGovern,** who had been in a two month lock down in Kirkland Village in Bethlehem. At the time of contacting me, he and his wife, Brenda, had just ventured out for lunch for the first time in several months. Bob sent me a page from the June 10 issue of *The Morning Call* that

included a mention of our “emcee,” **Craig Anderson**. The article mentioned Craig’s signing of a minor league contract with the St. Louis Cardinals in 1960 and his career with the Cardinals and Mets.

Carlos “Gene” Bullos sent me a nice message informing me he was in Addison, Texas, staying with a daughter. He had fled Caracas because there was a huge power shortage, making the last American Airlines flight out of Venezuela. Carlos had been planning to attend our 60th Reunion and hopes to be able to make it back next spring. He regularly watches the Lehigh-Lafayette football game, as he normally comes up to Dallas for Thanksgiving and Christmas and goes with some Lehigh graduates to a bar that televises the game. Carlos continues to be busy with Buena Voluntad (Goodwill), of which he has been president for 19 years. It was broke when he joined it and today is the premiere social service organization empowering people with disabilities and placing them in productive jobs. His other volunteer work is with Quereamos Graduarnos (“We want to graduate”) which helps more than 1,000 kids from Caracas get an education. The kids pay it forward by doing social work. Some 40 have made it to college.

I often hear from **John Daniel** when I forward a questionable blurb on Facebook, so I know he is active and alert in Allentown.

I had a conversation with **Bill Ross** as he and his wife, Dottie, extended their stay in Florida until late spring due to the current virus situation. **Tom Bliss** spent the first half of the year in Charleston and hopes to be able to get to his other home in Maine before the summer is over.

That’s all for now. Stay healthy.

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“You could make the case that he was the finest high school football coach of all time.”

So stated the in memoriam newsprint reporting the death of **Tom Flatley** of Garden City, Long Island. He served as head coach at Garden City High School from 1985 to 2014, creating a winning culture that drove his teams to 264 victories (with only 44 losses) and seven undefeated seasons. Tom also coached Team USA U19 to a gold medal at the World Lacrosse Championships in 1982. He was an avid fisherman and hunter and even owned a few thoroughbred horses. He lost his wife, Helen, in 2011; like him, she succumbed to pancreatic cancer. Tom is survived by a son, two daughters and nine grandchildren.

Roy Martins remembers fondly the carefree days before COVID-19. It was last March when he, his son Glenn, **Ken Smith**, **Tom Whitten**, **Dick Bookbinder**, Don Peterson ’60 and Jim Wilson ’63 returned to South Mountain to cheer Lehigh to victory in their third straight EIWA “Eastern’s” Wrestling Championship. Coach Pat Santoro was named Coach of the Year. Ken took the group on a tour of the constantly changing and increasingly attractive Lehigh campus, and most of the group attended the Wrestling Club open house in Hellertown and the club banquet after the finals where “the exhausted wrestlers and coaches were shown our appreciation for a great performance.”

Class President **Paul Smith** wrote from Florida, where he was busy with **Ed Watters** working on the joint endowment (611 Scholarship Awards). The pandemic has postponed planned golf outings with **Vic Pratt** and **Phil Mezey**, both of whom live

in Fort Meyers. Paul had lots of news, which I gratefully copy below in his own words:

“**Rich Bradley** was a willing helper both for the 611 and our class reunion. He still is a serious biker. Rich and Linda winter at Grand Harbor in Vero Beach.

“Ed Watters had been playing a lot of tennis. He recently had a leg injury that grounded him a while, but he expects to be back before summer is out.

“For his 80th Birthday, **John Kramer** took his entire family to New Orleans to visit the World War II Museum. He reports that it is a mandatory bucket list item.

“I’ve spent a lot of time chatting with **Jack Davidson**. We reminisced about the Kingston Trio 1 and 2, enjoying [the fact] that Lehigh thought both events were a bad idea, but in the end loved our results. Jack has had both his lower legs amputated but has accepted his situation positively.

“**Roy Cravzow** was shocked to learn he had a heart ailment; for those not familiar, Roy was the consummate exerciser, balanced-diet maestro and vitamin aficionado. After some surgery and good nursing by Wanda, he is totally back and looking forward to the 80-year-old PGA competition.

“Besides the Lehigh thing, I still play a lot of golf and celebrated my 80th [birthday] and 50th [anniversary] with Carol Anne by throwing a party with a country and rock band that the class may get to hear next June. Still biking, working out, two-stepping and dabbling in backing candidates for the fall election. Once the election is over, the reunion will be my prime avocation. Our class party will combine at least with 2011, possibly 1960.”

That will be on June 10–13, 2021. Let’s all start planning to be there for a rousing good time! **Save the date for Reunion 2021: June 10-13, 2021**

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Hope you all found a way to celebrate your 80th birthday. Your columnist celebrated his birthday in May. I invited all my neighbors to join me for a drink. The deal was that they brought their own beverage and remained on their front porch to join in a drink and sing happy birthday. On my front porch we had a band: three of my grandchildren playing the trombone, saxophone and keyboard.

Our class president, **Bob Downing**, organized a Zoom meeting for a group of classmates and freshman students entering Lehigh. The high-tech event was attended by Downing, **Dave Angell** (Savannah, Ga.), **Buddy Gitlin** (Newton Center, Mass.), **Ron Johnson** (Randolph, N.J.) and **Phil Kinzel**. Also participating were Buddy’s daughter, Jocelyn (Gitlin) Deutsch ’89, and granddaughter, Marlee Deutsch ’21. Unfortunately, no freshmen participated, so the old Hawks Zoomed by themselves reminiscing about how it was in 1958.

Ed Otocka called looking for contact information on **Charlie Shubin**. Dr. Shubin died last December. He was a pediatrician at Mercy Medical Center in Baltimore. Dr. Shubin was an associate professor of pediatrics at the University of Maryland and assistant professor of pediatrics at Johns Hopkins University. He joined Mercy Medical Center in 1985. Ed is retired from Encad Inc. (a Kodak Company). Ed and Barbara live in Waxhaw, N.C., about 20 miles from Charlotte. They recently acquired a vacation home in the mountains of Lake Toxaway, N.C., where Ed keeps his small boat and spends his free time fly fishing and bass fishing.

Al Rieper is an active

member of the Military Order of the World Wars, Boston Chapter. MOWW was originally established in 1919 by General John Pershing so officers could continue serving America after their active military service ended following World War I. The organization now serves America's youth by hosting youth leadership conference programs throughout the United States—many at little or no cost to the high school students attending. Al is currently in charge of junior awards for ROTC students. He was a captain in the U.S. Navy and retired after 20 years from the Naval Reserves. His retirement ceremony was on the USS *Constitution*—also known as Old Ironsides—a wooden-hulled, three-masted heavy frigate. She is the world's oldest commissioned naval vessel still afloat. Al is active with the Navy Supply Corps Foundation Greater Boston Area. He is proud of his granddaughter, Mackenzie Fidelak, a junior on the girls' volleyball team at Stanford University. Her team has been the national champion in volleyball for the past two years and three of the last four and is currently ranked second nationally.

We all have stories to tell about our experience dealing with COVID-19. Your columnist only left the house three times from March until August. Technology provided an opportunity to work from home every day during this tax season, which lasted until July 15. Everything was going pretty well until Phil decided to get involved in the kitchen and make linguini with clam sauce. He learned the hard way about what happens when you add white wine to a pan of boiling hot olive oil.

Ron Johnson celebrated his 80th by renting a beach house in Barnegat Light, N.J., with a view of the Barnegat Lighthouse. His three sons and their families joined him for a week of crab-

bining and fishing. Ron reports that he has been able to golf at least two days a week and even enjoy an occasional meal in a restaurant during the pandemic.

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It's the last week in July and we are still hunkered down to avoid getting the virus. I hope by the time you read this we are all well and past the COVID-19 crisis, the election is over, and we are on to fretting about something else. I am sad to have to report that **John Richmond** lost his wife, Sheila, to cancer in June. Our hearts go out to John and his family. But I'm happy to report that Jack Holt and **Gere Grimm** are doing well after having major surgery last year. Jack had both hips replaced at the Rochester Mayo Clinic. He says he is back to about 50 percent. He is riding his bike nearly 20 miles each day and swimming a mile a week. His two sons are progressing in their air force careers. The youngest is a major flying C17s transporting COVID-19 patients. He says it beats bringing our dead home from war zones. The oldest, now a lieutenant colonel, is part of our new Space Command in Colorado Springs doing things we don't talk about. Daughter Gretchen is busy supporting Jack's competitive equestrian granddaughter.

Gere Grimm is also doing well after having his back fused and a quadruple bypass in 2019. Gere and Linda have moved from Hilton Head to a house in the Masonic Village at Sewickley, a life-care facility near

Pittsburgh, to be near to his daughter and grandchildren and many friends from Gere's 30-year career with PNC Financial Service Group. Gere retired as the corporate head of finance in 2003. He's no longer playing golf as often as he did in Hilton Head but still gets out several times a week. Gere says they really enjoy their new environment and the feeling of security they have for making the (early) decision to move to life care. He suggests all of us think seriously about our next phase of life. His advice: "Don't wait until it's too late."

I was worried when I had been unable to get hold of **Lane Jorgensen**, so I reached out to **Ted Muendel** to see if he had any news. Lane is fine but he, Janet and their daughter did contract the coronavirus in March. They all had mild cases and only confirmed that they had contracted the virus when they tested positive for antibodies in June. Lane said he lacked energy for a couple months but is back to golfing a couple times a week.

Ted and Diane are sequestered in Delaware, playing more golf and, like many of us, drinking more wine (low-cal I'm sure). They have avoided COVID-19 but caught the snowbird virus and bought a condo on Tierra Island south of St. Petersburg, Fla. They will winter in the sun. Ted's oldest granddaughter is applying to Lehigh this fall and, if accepted, will become the fourth generation to attend.

On a personal note, I'm writing this in Greenville, N.C. Mickey and I are staying with our two teenage grandchildren while our daughter and son-in-law are at the Jacksonville Mayo Clinic. My son-in-law had a pericardiectomy, a fairly rare procedure to the fibrous sac that surrounds the heart. The kids are great; however, I am about to sell the family dog.

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A quiet quarter for news. I ran into **Mike Bolton** during the summer. He and his wife, Gloria, live in Florida, but rent in Stone Harbor, N.J., for a few months in the summer, having sold his place here several years ago. He happened to ride his bike by our house, and he stopped for a short visit.

Richard Verdier wrote: "Mary and I are fine, if a little bored. We moved to a new, smaller home in an 'active senior' community in Denver, N.C., located about 25 miles northwest of Charlotte. All my boats and airplane are gone, so I don't have any big toys to play with. We amuse ourselves with social gatherings and cookouts with our neighbors."

Antone "Joe" Alber reported that he and his wife, Mary Beth, have been spending a lot of time on their bikes this summer, because other than going to the grocery store there isn't much else to do—a theme with which many of us are familiar. **Save the date for Reunion 2021: June 10-13, 2021**

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As we rapidly approach our 55th class reunion in June 2021, here is a message from our class president, the Honorable Mr. **Harry Brown**. "Yes, the holiday season is close at hand, and I hope you have a great one with everyone important to you. However, note that the 55th anniversary of our commencement is only about six months off, with reunion planned for the second weekend of June. If you have not yet penciled it into your

calendar, there is still time to do so. Despite this being a combined 2021 and 2020 reunion (meaning that our friends from the Class of '65 will be joining in), things have not yet been set in stone. There is still time to get on board! If you have any questions about activities, venues, programs, special events, how to locate someone long lost etc., please reach out to me! (hkbrown3726@comcast.net or 856-780-2689). I will either help you myself or give you the direct contact who can and will. Looking forward to hearing from you, and then seeing you again."

Rich Roca earned a master's and doctorate degree in mechanical engineering from MIT, then worked for Bell Labs and AT&T Labs until 2000, at which time he left to become the director of the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory. He became director emeritus in 2010. He and his wife, Diane, married a year after graduating from their respective undergraduate schools and raised three children. They currently reside in Columbia, Md. They have eight grandchildren and have an interesting plan to take each grandchild by him- or herself on a vacation trip of their choosing when they reach age 14. They have taken six trips so far, which included locations in Germany, Spain, Hawaii, Italy, Ireland, England, and France. Rich and Diane have travelled to many other countries of the world. Rich, a member of the Lehigh Glee Club, has maintained his deep interest in singing by joining choral groups in the locales where they resided. Through these groups he was able to sing at the Vatican and sung a Mozart mass at the cathedral in Vienna. Rich enjoys volunteering at a hospice facility and at Baltimore Harbor, although the coronavirus severely limited that in 2020.

Bob Schmidt went to work for Square D upon graduation and then enlisted in the army in 1967. He served with the test and evaluation command at Aberdeen Proving Grounds. He and Jacqueline, his high school sweetheart, married in 1969, and Bob started a master's in management science at Lehigh. He worked for Westinghouse and the computer services firm STSC. He began his involvement with healthcare services when he joined Wheaton Services in 1983. After a few rounds with start-ups and turnarounds from 1990 to 2000, Bob founded Innovative Healthcare Services Inc., providing health plan services to self-insured employers. Bob and Jacqueline have two daughters and six grandchildren. One daughter, Jessica Schmidt, is a 1998 Lehigh graduate, having played and captained women's lacrosse. Bob is a faithful organizer of Beta golf outings and reunions.

Your humble class correspondent would like to remind you to share some updated information about yourself and recent activities. Educational degrees, employment, careers etc., are generally behind us. So, I would like to report more current information, such as retirement activities of travel, new interests, volunteer commitments, what's your new "fun," and the like. Don't be embarrassed or shy; classmates will find it interesting. My contact information is listed at the top of this column.

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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Dr. Steve Ross practices oncol-

ogy, I think, and is still working! He told me he wrote a piece and sent it some time ago and said I never published it. I'm sorry for that as he has had quite an outstanding career. He was also class correspondent before I came to the position.

Russ Massey writes that the best man at his wedding, Dave Nace '67, was bitten by corona and hospitalized for almost three months. "He is now home and recovering. Many hundreds were praying for him, literally around the world. His wife tested positive but was asymptomatic. His story is not mine to tell."

Russ is well and still working full time for Honeywell Process Solutions as a software engineer. He has been doing software full time for 43 years and with Honeywell for 38. He has seven patents to his name. Without specifying, he says, "It was something my boss and I dreamed up and submitted but didn't really expect it to be granted. Normally a patent takes three years. One of the patent attorneys told me there is a rule that applicants over 60 (I think) get priority consideration. That rule was made a long time ago when life expectancy was lower."

Russ sings in a church choir and plays guitar, favoring folk, gospel and country. "Sometimes people ask me if I ever took lessons." He is basically self-taught while living two years in the dorms getting pointers from other guitar players.

For exercise he walks and rides his bike. In the past six years he has travelled in stages the Delaware Canal Trail from Bristol to Easton and up the Lehigh on the Two Rivers Trail and the entire New Jersey side. He enjoyed meeting a lot of nice people along the way. Classmates can call Russ at his office: (215) 641-4035.

Don Martin wrote, "All is well here." He and his wife, Sue, are doing fine. He can be reached at (603) 279-0057.

Jerald Schragen appears to have an auto reply to emails, and maybe he did not read mine. So I received a business ad reply. He is in real estate in Parsippany, N.J., at (201) 637-1126.

D'Arcy Roper: D'Arcy faced self-imposed isolation after his COVID-19 test. He got a negative result and is COVID free. D'Arcy's wife, Mary, broke her arm the same week D'Arcy felt compelled to get the test. He reports that Mary's arm is mending well and recently they have been enjoying a week's rest at their lake home in southern Virginia."

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After many years volunteering in various positions (class agent, class correspondent etc.) since 1979, I have decided to pass the pen (so to speak) for various reasons. I am sure that a breath of fresh air will be welcomed. I have enjoyed working with the staff through the years, and I thank you for those who have submitted information. I might see you at a production, or a basketball or football game.

Please follow the recommendations from the CDC.

Stay healthy.

Editor's note: *Dick Bell has been loyally writing the class column for the last eight years, which rounds out decades of volunteer service to the university. He has also served on the LUAA board of directors and the Parents Council and spent many years helping to plan and fundraise for Reunion. Thank you, Dick, for everything.*

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George Boileau wrote me in March to say his obit would be

popping up soon in the *Asbury Park* (N.J.) *Press*. George told me that he had cancer. George passed away on April 12 in Ocean Grove. After serving a stint in the army and receiving his MBA from Lehigh, George found his way to Atlantic County. After 25 years, he retired as county treasurer. George loved back-country camping. And he was a proud member of Smiley House.

John Morrow called me to provide an update. After graduating, John ended up in Florida, where he sold advertising for TV shows. He now lives in Santa Rosa Beach, Fla., and spends his time on the beach, reading and studying, and looking after two golden retrievers. He stays in touch with his Sigma Chi fraternity brothers.

Peter Dane wrote that he has decided to work full time as the associate director for institutional advancement for Eastern Connecticut State University in Willimantic through the end of the year and then retire. He has already decided not to retire completely but needs to figure out what he might do later, so stay tuned. Pete lives in Colchester, Conn.

Please stay safe, everyone!

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Reminder: June 10–13, 2021, is our new goal for celebrating our big 50th.

Tim Engleman (engleman@zoominternet.net) shared some thoughts about dealing with the painful pandemic: “I have missed visiting our grandchildren, lunch out with my wife and church in person. Some of my time was occupied by a significant design assignment. My retirement work schedule went from one day to four days a week for a month or so. More time on the golf course has improved my

scores to better than bogeys, aided by finally moving up to the senior tees. I bump into **Barry Lehman** (a prolific writer and photographer) on Facebook. The WLRN/WLVR page reconnects me with him and a number of former staffers.”

For us in Millville, Walda’s daughter, Carol, forbade visits at first—at either house—but her girls (7 and 9) now blissfully enjoy our pool a couple times a week (no pool parties). The grandsons less often (9 and 13), while we keep safe distances. Her son, Jim, a partner with BDO in Philly, has sat on the front porch with Walda, seated apart, with distance narrowing.

My big outings: serving as “The Lone Ranger” (our masked grocery shopper) and the large amount of time I spend watering our backyard stuff to keep it from burning; relief offered by thunderstorms. I’m reading a ton, from Coban to Baldacci to Bolton, while publishing my *LUWrestlingNews* the standard once a month from April through September.

Is this pandemic impact unprecedented for us? Medically, sure, but I recall turning on my TV on a September morning in 2001, just in time to see the second plane hit the World Trade Center; in September ’89, I had the bizarre experience of watching the Loma Prieta earthquake live as my Giants played in the World Series. Since I had been in San Francisco 30 times, I realized sooner than the announcers did that they were showing silent helicopter footage of the collapse of some highways and ramps. On a business trip two weeks later, I learned about sophisticated building techniques for SF skyscrapers—as I stood (swaying) on the 44th floor of the Transamerica Pyramid. Not all momentous experiences are planned.

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Our 50th Reunion is June 10–13, and it will be here before you know it. The Class of ’70 will also be celebrating their 50th that weekend. If you’re coming in from out of town and planning to stay overnight, I suggest you make hotel reservations sooner rather than later. More details about the reunion will be forthcoming from both the University and our reunion committee, which has assigned an affinity group leader to contact you.

I managed to catch up with **John Burling** in my quest to find classmates to write about. While pursuing his MBA at Lehigh, John found out he could make more money working as an hourly employee at Bethlehem Steel than as an accountant at Air Products. After graduation, John spent 20 years in facilities management at Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock in Virginia followed by several other employers, including Booz Allen, Great Atlantic Management and Ashe Facilities Services. He and his wife, Connie, retired to Statesboro, Ga., several years ago. Two years ago, an opportunity to escape retirement presented itself at Georgia Southern University, where John is now business manager in the University Housing Department. Needless to say, this became a very challenging job since mid-March.

Jim Laubenstein retired from First Union Securities in Bethlehem 16 years ago for health reasons. He had been diagnosed with leukemia, and the prognosis was not good. Fortunately, Jim participated in a successful drug trial for AMN107 at MD Anderson Cancer Center at the University of Texas and had a subsequent bone marrow transplant. After all that, Jim coached

baseball at Liberty High School in Bethlehem for 10 years. He and his wife, Janet, have recently welcomed their first grandchild to the family. Jim has a summer home in the Poconos where he enjoys fly fishing and golf.

Bert Trucksess (“Doc” to his Phi Delta Theta fraternity brothers) recently retired as chairman of Saia Inc., a leading trucking transportation company. With a name like Trucksess, is it any surprise he spent 36 years in the trucking industry? Bert gets back to Lehigh a few times a year as an advisory board member at the Center for Supply Chain Research. He is on the board of directors of two theater groups, one in Kansas City, Mo., and the other in Seaside, Fla.; a trustee of the Destin Charity Wine Auction Foundation and a member of a hospital advisory council. John and Sue were married in the Lehigh chapel 49 years ago and now have four children and 12 grandkids.

Jim Cote moved to the Peoria, Ill., area in 1994 as VP of sales and marketing at Rohn Industries for what he thought would be only a few years. He and his wife, Karen, are still there 26 years later. Jim worked for several industrial supply companies. He retired in 2017 as senior vice president at BlackHawk Industrial and started JRC Business Consulting. Jim has served on the board of directors of several volunteer organizations and has been a member of the Peoria Rotary Club for the past 16 years.

Bob Asher escaped the cold and income taxes when he retired to Winter Park, Fla., in 2014. Bob spent his entire career in property and casualty insurance. He started as an actuarial assistant in NYC and retired from Travelers as a senior product director, personal lines. Bob and Christine have four grandchildren, two in the Philadelphia area and two in the

LA area. Even though they live on a golf course, Bob doesn't play golf. Tennis is his sport.

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This is the third installment issue about the lawyers in our class, being presented in reverse-alphabetical order. I inadvertently skipped two of them last time when jumping from McHale to Maloney, so they are first now; sorry about that, gents!

George E. McGrann earned his law degree at the University of Pittsburgh, with Order of the Coif honors. He began practicing as an attorney with the firm of Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP, which he served in Pittsburgh, New York, Texas and California, then returned to Pittsburgh as managing partner. He has been identified by peers as a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer and included in Best Lawyers in America. George and his son, Owen—also a Pitt Law grad—are now McGrannLaw, in Wexford, just north of Pittsburgh. They have an impressive website, with a great self-description of that firm: "We do not serve as national counsel for Fortune 100 companies (although in past lives, we did), but rather leverage our experience at the highest levels for the benefit of our community members and businesses. ... Just because your legal budget doesn't have lots of zeros in it doesn't mean you shouldn't have exceptional counsel."

Alan Margolies has been in private legal practice in Massachusetts since 1975. His J.D. was conferred that year by New England Law|Boston. The offices of Alan I. Margolies, Esq. were first located in Dedham, and are now in neighboring Canton, Mass.

Both of those are quaint New England towns just about 15 miles southwest of Boston. His practice has focused on civil law specialties, including civil and probate litigation; collections; elder law; landlord/tenant/real estate sales and litigation; consumer issues such as "lemon law" cases concerning autos and a variety of animal rights issues. On his LinkedIn profile, Alan explains, "I work with clients to explore animal rights in domestic settings and prepare pet pre-nup agreements that provide for the care, custody and visitation of pets in the event of divorce or disputes [and] negotiate pet disputes with dog handlers and between owners."

The recipient of Lehigh's Outstanding Student Leadership Award in 1972, **I. Blakeley Johnstone III** graduated from Duke University Law School in 1975. My class list reports that he served as president/partner at Johnstone, Skok, Loughlin & Lane, in Westfield, N.J. He, too, is a Super Lawyer for multiple consecutive years, according to his peers and independent reviewers. His specialty involves him as a defense attorney in civil litigation, professional liability and medical malpractice cases. Blake is now affiliated with Methfessel and Werbel PC, in Edison, N.J. An internet search also identifies offices for him in downtown Philadelphia and New York City. I never knew that he had another first name. Any guesses what that "I" abbreviates? Are you willing to share with us, Blake? I probably have an extra 1972 reunion T-shirt for the first of you to guess correctly (pink for the 40th or brown for the 45th—depending on size availability). Of course, I'd also like a personal update about yourself.

Jerald P. Hurwitz shows up on Lehigh's roster as counsel/commercial/consumer finance, Law Office of Jerald Hurwitz, Plainsboro, N.J. Per LinkedIn,

he is the senior vice president and assistant general counsel of Citi Commercial Bank. A different Jerry Hurwitz? I think not; that listing also states that he is a 1972 high honors economics graduate of Lehigh with a 1975 honors J.D. from University of Connecticut School of Law.

I have just enough room left here this time to encourage you all to mark your June 2022 calendars "Hold for LU Reunion!" We only get one 50th, my friends.

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Since you are reading this column at the beginning of the holiday season and, for many, the skiing season, I thought it appropriate to start with correspondence received from **Jim Buonincontri**. Jim, who is retired and lives in Scotch Plains, N.J., reported he and a group of his brothers from Delta Sigma Phi celebrated 30 years of skiing together in 2020. The tradition began in 1990 when Jim and Roger Vellekamp '71 ventured to Butternut (in Vermont) and Jiminy Peak (in Massachusetts). In 1993, they were joined on their annual trips by Rick Hendricks '70 and **Darrell String** at Elk Mountain, Pa. In 1997, the group ventured to the challenging slopes of Killington, Vt., where they were joined by **Jeff Dreibelbis** in 1999, **Joe Zelechowski** in 2000 and Harry Spagnola '71 in 2001. The brothers ventured to Utah in 2004 and hit the slopes of Mt. Tremblant, Quebec, in 2005. In subsequent years, they returned to the slopes of Stowe, Sugarbush, Killington and Okemo in Vermont, where **Bob Nester** joined them in 2006. In 2016, all eight brothers went to Mt. Snow, Vt., where they met a 90-year-old skier. According to Jim, that chance meeting squashed any talk of ending

their annual brotherhood experience until at least 2041!

In nonskiing news, **Gene Smar** wrote to say he is retired and living with his wife, Mary Ellen, in Rockville, Md. They have three married daughters: Christina, a William & Mary and College of Charleston graduate; Rachel, a University of Maryland graduate; and Tricia, a University of Maryland and University of North Carolina graduate, who "tied the knot" this past June. The Smars have two grandchildren, Fiona (5) and Jack (2). During his career as a telecommunications and electric utility engineer, Gene worked in Haiti, helping to build their first cellular telephone network. He also designed cellular networks for Germany and the former Soviet Union. Gene also reported, rather cryptically, that he has worked in the White House and at "an undisclosed location." Cryptic indeed!

Andrew Knoll admits the most important thing that ever happened to him took place on the steps of Memorial Hall in the spring of '71, when Marsha Craig, a freshman in the visiting Connecticut College chorus, stepped on the back of his foot. Andy related, "We started to talk and, well, we celebrated our 46th wedding anniversary this past June along with our two wonderful kids! Everything else is secondary." After Lehigh, Andy developed an interest in how life and its environment interact, and how each has influenced the other. Upon completing his Ph.D. at Harvard and spending five years on the faculty of Oberlin College, Andy returned to Cambridge as a professor of natural history in 1982 and has been there ever since. "Field research has given me the opportunity to see the world," he says, "with research sites across the Arctic, in the Nama and Kalahari deserts of Africa, and the Australian

outback.” He has also served on the science team for NASA’s MER rover mission. Andy’s many awards include the International Prize for Biology, which enabled Andy and Marsha to meet the Emperor and Empress of Japan in Tokyo. Andy plans to retire next spring but says he is going to continue doing science, with better hours and without the nuisance of committee meetings.

Reminder: Our 50th class reunion is less than three years away. Let’s have the biggest turnout in Lehigh Reunion history!

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You might think that with so many of us stuck at home all spring and early summer, some of you would have seized the opportunity to send me updates on your lives.

No such luck.

So we’ll have to content ourselves this issue with a tidbit about a neglected classmate.

I ran into **Jeff Kemmerer** recently at Costco—it’s hard to recognize each other with masks on—and we chatted about our daughters, whom we coached together in fast pitch softball.

Jeff and I helped coach the Lehigh Valley Vipers some years ago. His daughter, Alexis, and my daughter, Kelsey, both pitched on the team. We had a lot of fun for several summers traveling around the Northeast for tournaments, with Jeff among other things serving as chief statistician. He and wife Penny also have a son, Jeremy.

One thing we never did was discuss Jeff’s work career in any detail, although I knew he was a world traveler. But I can tell you via Facebook and LinkedIn that he is global product manager at PANalytical, still working, and that he and Penny have at least three grandchildren.

Jose Arencibia promised me a letter, but I hadn’t heard back from him by the time I had to send this in. If he follows through, I’ll write about him next time. Jose is one of our former reunion chairmen.

I know several more of you have promised me correspondence at reunions and other events. It’s time, folks. In case you haven’t noticed, we’re old. Don’t go to your grave unacknowledged in the *Alumni Bulletin*.

I confess one of my goals in my 46th year as your class correspondent is to receive an actual email or letter from **Donald Wasson**, whom I have written about since we were students, in every case, not to put too fine a point on it, lying.

Don and I were high school classmates and fraternity brothers. We played high school football together. I made the guy a household name among early ’70s Lehigh students. So, it would be nice to write about something he actually did just once before I hang it up.

To paraphrase Dr. Evil, throw me a frickin’ bone here, Don.

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Because of these difficult times, it is more uplifting than usual to hear news about classmates. I heard that **Phil Kline** (our own “Dr. Phil”) has recently been appointed president of the Medical Society of New Jersey. For sure, Phil’s appointment is the result of his extreme dedication and hard work to improving medical services throughout the Garden State.

I inquired of **Dave Vinson**, my freshman hall-mate from Richards 2A, who reported that he obtained a B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. in chemical engineering from Lehigh. Dr. Dave spent 35

years working at Air Products. After retiring, he taught for three years at Tufts University and now has his own consulting firm. Dave and Janet, his wife of almost 45 years and sister of his Zeta Psi brother Don Vansyckel ’73, have three grown children and two granddaughters. They moved to the Woodlands, north of Houston, to be active grandparents. When he returns to the Lehigh Valley, Dave can often be found playing his trumpet with another Zeta Psi brother Tom Daniels ’76, jammin’ jazz standards.

Scott Kress reported that, after a 36-year career in sales and marketing with Mack/Volvo Truck Group in North America, he retired in 2015 and found that the first six months of retirement were great, spending lots of time with his three grandkids. Scott was convinced by Gus Gustafson, the president of the Class of ’74 and managing director of the Enterprise Systems Center at Lehigh University, to get involved mentoring Lehigh students on business projects. Scott described volunteering with students as “a truly great experience!” Eventually a call came from an old friend who owned a number of Mack/Volvo truck dealerships in Pennsylvania, and Scott helped his friend reorganize his company’s sales teams. After 2 1/2 years flew by, Scott retired for the second time at the end of March and looks forward to giving this retirement another try. Scott and Diane, his wife of 45 years, are now enjoying the beauty of the golf course and, of course, their grandchildren.

After some prodding, **Ann Schmoyer Story**, who was active in ROTC at Lehigh, shared that she was the first woman commissioned in the military directly from Lehigh. Ann and her husband, Steve, retired from the Air Force in a rare dual-retirement ceremony

in 1996—five years after they were married. During her military service, Ann was stationed in California, Italy, New York (where she earned an M.S. from SUNY-Binghamton), Hawaii, Alabama, Germany (a NATO subordinate command on a British garrison in West Germany) and Virginia. Temporary assignments also took Col. Story to Goose Bay, Cape Cod, Japan, Korea, Okinawa, the Philippines, numerous states and various countries throughout Europe. She even visited the DMZ in Korea and twice experienced East Berlin. She and Steve were in Germany when the Berlin Wall fell. Ann’s Air Force jobs were varied, but mostly were as a logistician (supply, production control, materiel control, and logistics plans), an executive officer to a general, a NATO staff officer, and a doctrine writer specializing mainly in military peacekeeping operations. In 1982, the division that Ann led was named the Eighth Air Force Outstanding Logistics Plans Division. Ann attended the Air War College, Armed Forces Staff College, Air Command & Staff College, Combined Air Warfare Course, and Squadron Officer School. Ann and Steve moved to Colorado, where her post-retirement work included 15 years as a tax preparer, overlapping with nine years as the payroll specialist for a public K-12 charter school. For the last four years, she has kept busy serving as the financial secretary for her church, where she sings in the choir. Ann and Steve frequently retreat to the mountains, where they enjoy staying in a family cabin and clearing their land.

We thank Ann and Steve for their service to our nation. And thank you to Phil, Dave, Scott and Ann in sharing your life’s journey with your classmates.

Please send me an email about what you are doing. Do

not be modest. Your classmates want to hear about you. Also, don't forget to "like" our Class Facebook page run by our great classmate **Jeff Sherman**. It can be found at: facebook.com/lehighseventyfive?fref=ts.

Everyone stay well!

'76 Mark E. Goehring, 10 Princeton Drive, Shamong, NJ 08088. (609) 841-0389 (C); MarkGoehringLU76@gmail.com; Look for me on Facebook! Our 45th Reunion is June 10–13, and due to COVID-19 this past spring, 2020 Reunion was postponed to 2021. To me this is

an additional incentive to attend, as many of us had friends and mentors from the Class of '75. I hope by then I can give all of us a special waiver from social distancing! It will be a weekend to renew friendships and remember our parade motto one year: "What happens at Lehigh stays at Lehigh!" COVID-19 has changed us and will continue to change us. This 45th Reunion is a must! See you there.

Episode 1, Spring; March 29, 2020: During my last episode, COVID-19 had just forced my son, Bryant Goehring '07 '08, to cancel his wedding to Heather Hurley. It was a large event with

people coming from all over the USA, plus Japan and Europe. I left you hanging in my last column—when will they marry, will they marry, will the government let them marry, will all those crazy Lehigh friends and spouses be there?

Episode 2, Spring; June 13, 2020: Two weeks prior to June 13, Heather and Bryant called Mary and me and asked if we can drive or fly or otherwise make our way to Florida for a mini-gathering and marriage in a park in Palm Beach. The answer is obvious: We arrived, and the day for this mini wedding was perfect. Heather did

an unbelievable job arranging this day. Bryant's only job was to get someone to marry them, and to be ready on time! A small group of friends and handful of immediate family very spaciouly gathered (no groups) on a perfect sunny day in the perfect park setting. They were married by a very good friend, Will Taylor, who drove with his wife Britney from Dallas/Fort Worth. As those who were there know and still taunt me, I was emotional! Just when you are wondering what is happening to the world, and to your friends and neighbors and even strangers, and how long all of

CELEBRATIONS



1. Andrea Lauer Rice '90, president of the Hungarian American Coalition, was elected U.S. president of the Hungarian Diaspora Council. **2.** Kay (Murphy) Anderson '10 and Charlie Anderson '10 welcomed Gordon Laurence in April. **3.** Lee Owens '58 visited Vietnam with the Pacific Pride Choir. **4.** Annie Henry '18 raised funds for coronavirus relief by making tie-dyed and bleach-dyed sweatshirts while under state-mandated stay-at-home orders. **5.** Christie (Sterrett) Piascik '09 and John Piascik '08 welcomed a baby girl to their family in May. Their daughter, Anneliese, joins brothers Nicholas (age 4) and William (age 2). **6.** Billie Jean Pinheiro '10 and husband Jim Blaney '08 '10G had future Lehigh engineer Leon James Blaney in May.

this will last—Bam! Something awesome happens! “Happiness lies in the joy of achievement and the thrill of creative effort.” It was 100% effort and a day to remember. Mary and I got into Florida from N.J., and out of Florida by air right before the surge. I did get a big steak at Florida Capital Grille “indoors.”

Episode 3, coming in 2022: Back in March, I said the big wedding celebration would be changed to November 16, 2020. Looks like COVID-19 wins again, so for a number of reasons the celebration of their marriage will be in Florida at the Pelican Club in March 2022. Keep the faith.

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I had a most delightful call with **Rich Allen** in the spring of 2020. Rich is recently retired. After graduation, he went to Price Waterhouse (now PWC) in NYC and then spent 18 years with RJR Nabisco. After Nabisco, he went on to Snapple as CFO, which he described as the best job he ever had. He was at Snapple for 10 years. His career paths all included a lot of very interesting travel. Not one to stay still, he is using his retirement wisely and volunteers with four organizations, all of which are “at-risk youth” centered. He also took up piano and guitar. Maybe you can play at our next reunion, Rich!?

Rich and his wife of 22 years (who is a playwright) live in West Chester, N.Y., and have a 22-year-old daughter at Columbia University. Rich also has two sons from a prior marriage (ages 29 and 26) who both live in the NYC area. Rich and his Delta Upsilon brothers take annual ski trips, having just returned

from a trip to Vail before the COVID pandemic hit.

Rich reported that **Chad Paul** is president and CEO for Ben Franklin Technology Partners Northeastern group in Bethlehem. BFTP has provided both early-stage, technology-based firms and established manufacturers with funding, business and technical expertise, and access to a network of innovative, expert resources.

Chris (Cardillo) Modero and her husband, John, have two adult children (a son in the D.C. area and a daughter in NYC). They love to travel as much as they can!

Dale (Lerf) Spillane is living in Watchung, N.J., and continues working in the financial sector. Her son, Nick, moved to Denver last year.

You all know my email address. Please stay in touch!!

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Well, classmates, the four months since I submitted my last column (April-July 2020) have been ... interesting. Our nation is dealing with a health crisis, an economic crisis, racial unrest and a nasty election campaign. Presumably at least the last of those will have been resolved by the time you read this. Meanwhile, I’m just grateful not to have received news of any COVID-19 deaths in our class. Here’s the news I do have:

Craig Rynier decided to check in for the first time since graduation. He reports that he retired in 2019 from Case New Holland (formerly Sperry New Holland and Ford New Holland), where he worked for 41 years in various accounting and finance positions. When his two kids were growing up, his family went to several Lehigh football games, and they still enjoy going to wrestling matches every year.

He also tries to attend alumni soccer and baseball events (he played both at Lehigh) from time to time. He has three grandchildren.

Steve Senzer is still working and “has hit the 36-year mark as a rocket scientist,” having worked on more than 100 satellites, including Iridium cellphones. He spent 12 years at a research lab in Palo Alto, Calif., 21 years in Sunnyvale, Calif., and then a year in Orlando. When he finished in Florida, he was asked to relocate to Colorado. His first thought was no, even though his two daughters were there. However, as fate would have it, the same week he got a relocation package, his older daughter informed him that he was going to be a grandpa! That definitely tipped the scales in favor of yet another move, and in 2019, he bought a house in Littleton, Colo. When he’s not shuttling between Denver and New York for business, he enjoys spending time with his daughters and grandson and traveling. He still follows the New York Mets and had planned to go to London for the Cards-Cubs game, but alas, that trip was canceled because of the pandemic. Maybe next year, Steve!

Steve also provided news of his college roommate and best man, **Dr. Jeffrey Ogorzalek**. Jeff and his wife live in Columbia, Md., just outside Baltimore. Jeff was the head of pathology at Bethesda Naval Hospital but is now retired. He has three adult children.

That’s all the news I have on hand, so please bring me up to date! You can reach me by snail mail, email or Facebook ([facebook.com/groups/Lehigh1978](https://www.facebook.com/groups/Lehigh1978)) to refill my tank.

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Not much new news has dribbled in lately! For those readers

I am not connected to on social media, I would love to hear from you so I can share your stories with our classmates.

Andrew Straw writes that he retired on January 1, 2020 after 32 years in optical fiber communications with Corning. This was his second retirement, as he also retired from the Army Reserve in 2008. He is now spending most days in his automobile restoration shop with his collection of antique and sports cars. Andrew shared that this is an ideal avocation for the shelter-at-home environment. His current projects include a 1922 Marmon and a 1932 Detroit Electric. His wife, Anita, would like to work for several more years, but Andrew notes that they plan to remain in Hickory, N.C., after they both are retired. Andrew also shared that he enjoyed returning to Lehigh for our 35th Reunion. He missed the 40th because he was invited to be the commencement speaker at his high school. Andrew is looking forward to seeing us at the 45th Reunion, and I hope to see many of you there as well!

Hans M. Haupt, M.D., posted just after my last column submission that he earned his M.S. in mechanical engineering from Lehigh in fall 2019. Otherwise, he is busy raising three teenagers and practicing cardiothoracic surgery. Hans said he loves Lehigh, which is why he worked there on the master’s.

If you are on Facebook, please look for the Lehigh University Class of ’79 page and join us. You’ll be among friends, and it’s a good source of classmate news! At last glance we have 118 members and are growing.

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David Barnes retired after 10 years as CFO of West Valley Construction Company. After three years in the petroleum exploration business, six years in

the restaurant business, and 32 years in the San Francisco Bay Area in high tech and construction operations and finance, David is ready for the next challenge of fly fishing, golf and a steady string of projects. **Scott Andres** stopped by Morgan Hill, Calif., to visit David when he was in San Francisco delivering a paper at a geology conference. David would like to give a shout out to **Jim Bloomfield**, exploration geologist, and **Aram Terchunian**, owner of First Coastal Corporation, as well, with fond memories of their last reunion out in the Hamptons a few years ago. David keeps up with friends via Facebook or LinkedIn and really does appreciate the opportunity to do so.

Joe Burke noted that one highlight during the pandemic has been the music of his dear friend **Mike Connor**, a former Lehigh trustee and class correspondent. With technical support provided by Mike's wife, outstanding journalist Lee Ann (Lusardi) Connor '79, Mike played several virtual coffee house solos via Facebook reminiscent of his captivating performances back in the days at Lehigh. The names of Facebook followers from our Lehigh era would fill two pages, but many had also made it in person to celebrate Mike's birthday and see his band, the Retro Kings, just before the shutdown. Notable Fiji brothers **Dave Beard**, **Rick Manning** and **Ray Trevisan** were there along with one of Lehigh's coolest Gryphon couples, Jocelyn (Ochs) Hughes '78 and **John Hughes**. Joe and wife Kathy were there too for the rock-solid performance. He enjoyed it so much that midway through he could feel his hair growing back and his waist getting smaller. The last part was just his imagination, but Mike's performances were the real deal and gave us all a bit of relief from the challenging issues facing our

society and the world. By the way, it was Joe who introduced Mike to Lee Ann.

Dr. Robert Meyer is a principal of Greenleaf's drug and biologics group. Bob contributes a rich knowledge, gained through 25 years of regulatory and academic leadership, of the important issues facing the pharmaceutical sector today. Bob was previously the director of the Virginia Center for Translational and Regulatory Sciences at the University of Virginia School of Medicine and will continue at UVA as an associate professor of public health sciences while at Greenleaf. Before joining UVA in 2013, Bob held research leadership positions at Merck Research Laboratories and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Bob currently sits on the board of Translate Bio, which is developing a COVID vaccine with Sanofi Pasteur. Bob knew President Simon peripherally at UVA. Last year he did have the chance to greet and congratulate President Simon on his appointment to Lehigh. I wish the best to all my classmates as we mark 40 years. '8- O! GO! GO!

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'81 Wayne R. Shurts, 9304 Old River Ct. W, Montgomery, TX 77356; wayneshurts@gmail.com Hello, '81 classmates. What a crazy year 2020 has been. I hope you and your families are all healthy and well.

I just saw **Rob Pehnke** and wife Julie at Lake George in upstate N.Y. Rob and I grew up together in the summers at Lake George before we headed to Lehigh together. We were freshman roommates in Richards 2A and then fraternity brothers at Delts. Rob's son, John, is a 2016 Lehigh graduate and now a CPA working in Long Island. His daughter, Lau-

ren, graduated from Worcester Polytechnic Institute and lives and works in Boston. Rob runs the family's insurance business in New York.

Mark Yeager will be an empty nester this fall with two daughters heading off to college. Mark remains very active with Lehigh and is happy to serve on the Lehigh University Board of Trustees with fellow '81 classmates **Anne Kline** and **Phil Sheibley**. That is fantastic '81 representation on the board! Mark is busy in commercial and multifamily real estate development in northern New Jersey and keeps in touch with a lot of his old Chi Psi brothers and ATO friends.

I would love to hear from you. Please send an update to wayneshurts@gmail.com. **Save the date for Reunion 2021: June 10-13, 2021**

'82 John P. Belardo, 152 Berkeley Circle, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920. (973) 425-8755 (B); jbeldardo@mdmc-law.com. On Facebook, like "Lehigh University Class of 1982."

From **Susan (Kelly) Archer**: "In January I started teaching (statistics and accounting) at Mitchell College in New London, Conn. This is the college where my parents met in 1948 or 1949. I successfully defended my dissertation for a Ph.D. in aviation from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in late April, so I graduated in May, but due to COVID-19 the official graduation ceremony will be in December. I'm on schedule to finish master's degree No. 5 (M.S. in business analytics) in September. Alpha Gam alums from the 1970s and 1980s got together for a Zoom chat in April, organized by Ruth (Hinz) Plucinski '79. We were able to catch up with everyone (for some of the sisters this was the first time we'd seen them in 40 years), sisters recalled 'interesting' stories about living in SMAGS, and Deirdre (Trabert)

Malacrea '83 even had us singing an old chapter favorite song."

Beth Fraikorn recently stepped down as the chair of the Nonfiction and Documentary Committee and was then elected to the Producers Council Board of Delegates of the Producers Guild of America. Beth is currently the head of content at Transform Films.

Stan King writes in from the Cayman Islands to crow that spending time down there during COVID is not the worst thing in the world. Stan has been bone fishing and scuba diving with his wife, Ingrid Sue. Stan boasts the bars never closed on Cayman Brac so he is good to go. If you're in the Caymans, Stan asks all to stop by.

Debbie and **Mark Tarby** moved from Edison, N.J., to Equestra in Howell, N.J., in March 2016. Mark has been a self-employed engineering consultant for 15 years and works from home. Most of his clients are manufacturers of jet engine rotation parts for the military and commercial aircraft. To say that the Tarbys are a musical family is an understatement. Mark played cello all through high school and at Lehigh, and he still plays the euphonium in the Colts Neck Community Band. Debbie is an elementary music teacher in Colts Neck and a private piano teacher, a church organist, and vocal and handbell choir director. She has recently started studying the harp. Their eldest daughter, Briana, is a professional oboist with one of the premier military bands, the U.S. Coast Guard Band in New London, Conn. She also performs with regional symphonic and operatic orchestras in New England. She is married to Nick Citro, who is a professional violist and string teacher at the Hartt School of Music. Debbie and Mark's younger daughter, Rebecca, is an elementary music teacher in Edison, N.J., and sings in the professional choir at the

5th Avenue Presbyterian Church in NYC.

Prior to COVID, Mark had accepted an invitation to sing at Carnegie Hall on November 21, 2020, as part of the Distinguished Concerts Singers International under the direction of composer Eric Whitacre, who will premiere his "Gift of the Magi" work. He has previously performed under Whitacre's direction in David Geffen Hall (Avery Fisher Hall at the time) at Lincoln Center in April 2014. In addition, he has participated as a singer in several of Whitacre's Virtual Choirs. He performed in Virtual Choir 4, "Fly to Paradise," which premiered at Queen Elizabeth II's 87th birthday at Buckingham Palace. In October 2015, Mark sang in the bass section of the MidAtlantic Opera Chorus in the "Prayer for Peace" concert series in Carnegie Hall. Locally he has sung with the First Presbyterian Church of Hightstown, Colts Neck Reformed Church and the Ocean Grove Auditorium Choir. When Mark is not busy singing or playing his horn, he enjoys hiking, especially in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. He has recently hiked the entire N.J. and N.Y. sections of the Appalachian Trail.

Until next time, be well.

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Happy fall, Class of '83! With everybody stuck at home, I have no news to report. I hope everyone is keeping safe and healthy. During this time, like most of you, there was lots of cooking, baking and binge-watching. Please let me know what you have been up to during this crazy time.

I have stayed engaged with Lehigh, attending various Zoom meetings, and I am impressed with the university leadership's focus on making

Lehigh a diverse and antiracist institution. Also, I recently participated in several virtual sendoffs with incoming freshmen who are very excited and eager to start their freshman year on campus. They are looking forward to getting out of their parents' house and living on campus. These kids want the whole college experience. Don't you remember the excitement you felt on your first day on campus?

Please email me (nancyliulehigh83@gmail.com) with any news and I will include it in the column. I am always thrilled to hear from fellow classmates. You can also send a picture that will be included in the *Bulletin*. Hope to see anyone who is not my husband soon!

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Hello, Class of '84! The world may stop spinning, economies may crumble, the Lehigh-Lafayette game may be canceled, but the Lehigh Alumni *Bulletin* abides forever.

Got a great update from **Dr. Steve Fleisher**: "My wife, Lynn, and I had the great fortune to get together with Katie and Brian Durkin '84, Eva and Jeff Amtman '82, and Kathy and Pete Marri '83 at Bel Mar, N.J., for a weekend at the shore in early July. A great time was had by all. Pete and Kathy are fantastic hosts. Special thanks to Jeff for the great wine. As hard as we might try, we could not go back to the antics of old. I am reminded of the Little Feat song, 'Old Folks Boogie': 'When your mind makes a promise that your body can't fill.' However, at one point there was a lot of discussion and physics being employed as to how we might be able to actually swing from a chandelier. The biggest unknown variable was whether

it could bear the weight of one of us. I am not saying who that one of us was. The weather was perfect, and we all made it home safely.

"On a more somber note, my Sigma Phi Epsilon big brother, Chuck Breder '83, is having a health challenge. If you know Chuck, please send him an email to let him know you are thinking of him. If not, say a prayer, as your prayers can be very powerful.

"Even though there will be no football this season, I am still moving ahead with plans for a tailgate for the Lehigh-Lafayette game this year. I may be the only one in the parking lot, but I will have plenty of beer, some food (not a necessity) and maybe a tent. Traffic should be at a minimum and parking plentiful. I hope you can join me." Thanks, Steve, for the information!

My freshman roommate, **Benjamin Blinder**, dropped me a line to tell me that Nadine Caputo '82 had passed away. I know many of you '84 Marching 97 alumni will remember Nadine. She was on the executive committee our freshman year and I remember her as kind and reassuring to this gawky freshman during auditions. We had seen her over the years in the Lansdale, Pa., area and in the Alumni *Bulletin* when she got her MBA in 2012. She was a lovely person and will be missed.

Thanks for reading this column. Please continue to send me updates on our 1984 classmates and see you next time!

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We weren't able to hold our traditional 35th reunion this past June, but those members of our class who lived in Stoughton as freshmen carried on via Zoom with truly impressive

attendance. **Jodi (Landau) Ryan** organized the event by first reaching out to those she was connected to on Facebook and asking them to try to track down others. Those who participated included **James Maida, Lori (Litman) Ehrlich, Megan (Evans) King, Tina (Trovato) Oravetz, David Okun, David Myerson, Dave Neuschulz, Yasutaka Sajima, Dennis Alloy, Lorraine (D'Amato) Paton, Andrea (Hutsko) Gerwig, Neil Gerwig, Bill Scarlett, Anthony Guaracino, Anne (Markward) Cerula, Mike Morton, Nancy (Galella) Ciasullo and Chris Ansoff**. The group shared memories of their time at Lehigh and updates on life since, complete with photo sharing.

Mary (Swatek) Hudson has been working to support the congressional campaign of our fellow Alpha Phi Chris Bubser '86. Chris is running in California District 8, which comprises a huge geographic area—the largest congressional district in California. I'm incredibly proud of and excited for Chris. More details about Chris in Dave Polakoff's '86 column following mine. Mary has recently gotten her real estate license and is working in commercial real estate with Newmark Associates in New Jersey. She continues to support Safetycord for donations and private family storage of newborn umbilical cord blood, which is rich in stem cells. Her daughter, Aly, graduated from Columbia University's Engineering School in May and her son, Branden, is a rising sophomore at Elon University in N.C.

Marc Levine just brought his youngest child, Emi, to Lehigh to begin her freshman year and enjoyed showing off the campus to his family. He and his wife, Robin, have two older sons, Benjamin and Joey, who both graduated from Wake Forest

University School of Business. Marc has practiced orthopedic reconstructive spine surgery in New Jersey for more than 22 years and lives in Bucks County, Pa. His family stays active summering at the Jersey Shore and skiing through the winter. In addition to his clinical practice, Marc stays active academically as well as politically. He remains in close contact with fellow Theta Xi brothers **Paul Decain** and **Ben Segal**.

Our son, Matthew Sheehan '19, is headed to graduate school at Cornell this fall. I remembered interviewing our classmate **Craig Benson** recently and how he mentioned he loved Ithaca and that his son was a professor at Cornell. His son, Austin, ended up helping Matthew with decisions about housing. Gotta love our alumni network!

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'86 Dave Polakoff, 400 E. 71st St., #3K, New York, NY 10021. david@dpolakoff.com. Look for "Lehigh University Class of 1986" on both Facebook and LinkedIn. "Don't stand, don't stand so, don't stand so close to me" (The Police). Hope everyone is faring thee well in our current "The Twilight Zone" and "Groundhog Day" mash-up.

The Police were the first band I saw in concert (at Madison Square Garden, the World's Most Famous Arena). The yellow seats cost me \$9.50—certainly not the ticket price when I attended the last pre-COVID, MSG concert, March 10, the 50th Anniversary of the Allman Bros. (First time I ever saw ABB: Greek Week, our senior year, outside Rauch Field House). **Jon Daniels** was at both shows, too, but unfortunately, we didn't coordinate this time (not that we were coordinated in 1986). There's "One Way Out," and Jon

mamboed out of Manhattan, post-concert, back to Pennsylvania. The summer of 2020 was Jon's 34th consecutive summer playing softball.

Wendy (Kallos) Nixon said, "Kiss my (shrimp and) grits" (quasi Flo Castleberry). After spending half her life in Rowayton, Conn., she moved to Charleston, S.C., where she earned her South Carolina real estate license. **Joy (Rosenberg) Horstmann** and **Carl Horstmann's** son, Sam Horstmann '15, got married this summer, with a reception planned for 2021. No news as to whether the honeymoon also had to wait.

Speaking of Sam, my Sammy fratre, Montclair, N.J.'s **David "Greenie" Greenbaum**, is foregoing Greekers for a buckeye nut and cheddar sandwich, as his daughter attends Ohio State University and his son is a frosh at University of Wisconsin. In addition to his design and art businesses, David was recently named an adjunct professor of design at the New Jersey Institute of Technology's Hillier School of Architecture and Design, and he serves as a town commissioner (though not like Commissioner Gordon).

"Politics, Politics, Politics" (Comicus). **Chris Bubser**, a biotech adviser and engineer, seeking her first elected office, emerged victorious from California's 8th Congressional District's 2020 primary, and at the time of this writing she was headed for the November 2020 general election. Go, Chris.

Dr. Alf Kennedy was promoted to interim director of pediatric surgery for the Geisinger health system, Danville, Pa.

Frank Munero and **Rich Bastian** each cycled into franchise businesses. Frank, wife Mary and daughter Sarah have a spring 2021 opening planned for Amazing Lash, which is evidently a beauty salon focusing on eyelash extensions and eyebrow

sculpting and has nothing to do with hazing rituals, I learned. Frank, a partner in his firm, is in his 30th year recruiting for federal IT sales professionals. Frank's other daughter, Olivia, graduated magna cum laude from the University of South Carolina. Rich opened a Cape May, N.J., Pedego (e-bicycle) store in July, and his first sale was to none other than one of my frosh roommates, **TJ Higgins**, and wife Gayle (Fay) Higgins '88. Rich has more stores planned for the Philly and South Jersey region. Rich retired from J. Am-brogi Food Distribution but was still hungry and wasn't totally done peddelling wares.

Kendall Park, N.J.-based **Regie (Buchsbaum) Roth** is development operations manager at Climate Central, an independent organization in Princeton, N.J., researching and reporting about the public impact of our changing climate. Regie is also the founder of a nonprofit giving circle, Action Africa, which raises money to fund grants to African NGOs serving vulnerable women, children and families. Empty nesters, Regie and Jeff Roth '85 have two sons.

Robbinsville, N.J.-based **Marietta (McVeigh) Grother** got in a ski trip pre-COVID, but plans to visit Mt. Everest Base Camp, Hong Kong for Chinese New Year, Antarctica and South America during her 2020 Roche sabbatical got derailed by COVID. Instead, she's quarantined with her two 20-something sons. There's a sitcom there somewhere called "Tragically Hip."

"You made me cry, you told me lies, but I can't stand to say goodbye" (Ozzy Osbourne).

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Would you ever have thought that we would have been locked down for four months wearing masks and that all sports would be canceled? No Lehigh-Lafayette for the first time in 124 years. Mail-in elections. The year 2020 has been one for the history books, but many just want to fast forward and get it over with. I know I do.

DJ Jefferis helped me out by updating me on the latest with the Alpha Sig contingent. Alpha Sig's **Vince Izzo**, **Jonathan Lauer** and DJ got together with their wives—Sharon (Hendren) Izzo '88, Nancy (Sexton) Lauer and Catherine Mooneyham, respectively—in Roswell, Ga. The Lauers were in from Washington to drop their youngest child, Evan, off for his freshman year of aerospace engineering at Georgia Tech. The Lauers just moved into a house on Lake Washington in Kirkland, Wash. (yes, that Kirkland—first recorded COVID-19 deaths in the USA).

The Izzos still have two children at home: Mathew, a computer engineering sophomore at Clemson University, and Elizabeth, a senior in high school this year.

Cat and DJ are still riding and competing horses and running the Green Creek Fox Hounds. DJ has 45 horses but no kids. John was excited that Evan joined Alpha Sig at Georgia Tech ... even though they are no longer at Lehigh.

Many of the Class of '87 members are still in the midst of the COVID nightmare. My son just graduated from high school this spring and had no graduation except for a drive-by parade and then an in-person ceremony in July with masks. Now he is headed for college and the school decided at the 11th hour to not allow kids on campus. Trying to figure out as of this writing if he will be taking a gap year, getting an apartment or learning online from home. So sad to see the college campuses locked up and the kids have to take online classes

in their rooms. Many other class members, including **Kathy (Reichert) Koenig**, whose daughter heads to Emory this fall, and **Andrea (Worth) Robik**, who has a daughter heading to Binghamton, and others are dealing with the uncertainty in higher ed due to the COVID situation.

My son's friend is headed to Lehigh, and it looks like they have a good plan with only freshman coming back to campus and outside tents set up. Feel bad at all of these schools where certain classes cannot go back on campus. Let's hope it all works out.

On the professional side, **Deena "Muffy" Pegler** was happy to get back to dentistry with all her PPE and gear once things opened up in NYC. We kept company on Facebook during the quarantine. We are all getting used to the protocols in the medical field.

Mary Ellen Walker has continued her hiking adventure and recently was hiking the Adirondacks.

Would love to hear from you about how you handled quarantine and the new COVID world. I hope it is over soon. I am sick of Zoom! How about you?

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Chris Seymour shared that her daughter, Samantha Seymour, just started her senior year at Lehigh! She is a chemical engineering major and is the president of the Outing Club.

Rich Rosier reported a fun little 1989 Lehigh connection: Rich, **Judy (Bernstein) Schwartz, Mark Lesnik** and **Michelle (Panick) Tamaro**

all have daughters in the same sorority at Maryland. Such a small world!

Sarah (Hayward) Lynch moved from Baton Rouge, La., to Dothan, Ala., this summer. She is still working as a metallurgist for Nucor Steel (North America's largest recycler!). Due to COVID, they were unable to take a planned trip to Nova Scotia to celebrate her 20th wedding anniversary.

Now it's my turn to brag a bit, but not about my kid for the moment. My fabulous roomie, **Jill (Seibert) Schelling**, and her husband, Dave, have one very talented son. Following a breakout six games in the spring of 2020, Tommy Schelling '22, who plays for Lehigh men's lacrosse team, was added to the final Tewaaron Award Watch List. The Tewaaron award is presented annually to the top player in college lacrosse. Unfortunately, due to COVID, the awards ceremony was canceled, but that does not diminish the excellence that Tommy showed on the field and in the classroom. Per the Lehigh website: "Schelling led the Mountain Hawks in goals (22), assists (11) and in points (33). ... Schelling finished 12th nationally in points per game, 15th in goals per contest and 42nd in assists per game." On top of all that, I can attest he is one of the nicest kids around.

Let the bragging continue. My other roommate, **Julie (Kime) Traina**, and her husband, Mike, are thrilled that their son, Luke, will be joining Lehigh's men's basketball team as a freshman this year. In addition to being an incredible athlete, it's no surprise that Luke is an incredible human being. In his high school classroom, he finished with honors and was the chair of both a local Christian faith club and a Black students club. He also founded an entrepreneurship club alongside a friend and served as chair of

a community-based volunteer service that aims to help underprivileged youth with pressing problems of police brutality, mass incarceration, drug abuse, budgeting skills and growing up with a single parent. A remarkable young man for sure!

My daughter, Marlee, is a senior at Lehigh this year, majoring in economics with a minor in marketing and graphic design. She is a member of Gamma Phi Beta and has worked in the photography department of *The Brown and White* since freshman year. It has been an absolute joy seeing her thrive at Lehigh, and I head to Bethlehem as often as possible to spend time on campus. I am still happily working at Retirement Learning Center for our friend **John Carl**. John's son, Jack, will be a freshman at Maine running track and field, specifically excelling in the long jump with a personal best of 22 feet, 1.25 inches. Another talented young man and a terrific kid!

Wishing everyone a safe back to school, health and happiness. This has been a challenging time for everyone, but with optimism, perseverance and caring for each other, we will come out the other side.

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Dr. Robert Krukltis is on the COVID-19 frontline battle in the Lehigh Valley and has been in the local news on a regular basis since the virus hit in March. Dr. Krukltis has a M.D./Ph.D. in critical care medicine and pulmonology, which puts him in high demand during this pandemic. He is also the medical director, VP of transformation at the Lehigh Valley Health Network and vice chair of clinical programs in their Department of Medicine. After graduating from Lehigh with a B.S. in biochemistry and

molecular biology, Robert headed to the Georgetown University School of Medicine before a fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania and wrapped it all up with an MBA from the University of Massachusetts Amherst. However, Lehigh is still a special place for him and his family—son James is in the Class of '21 and daughter Karilyn was accepted into the Class of '24!

Missy (Katz) Kreinices shared that "one of the few benefits of quarantine is catching up with old friends." This summer she was able to have a socially distanced lunch with her freshman roommate, **Beth Herling**, who left NYC when it shut down and made a run for Long Island to stay with her sister. It was the first time in many years they were able to meet up because as Missy so aptly put it, "life gets in the way."

Last November, **Andrea Lauer Rice**, president of the Hungarian American Coalition, was elected U.S. president of the Hungarian Diaspora Council. U.S. residents represent the largest Hungarian diaspora community in the world, and in this new position, Andrea is one of six global leaders for the council. The primary objective for this organization is to promote public understanding and awareness of Hungarian American issues.

Andrea has long been passionate about her family's Hungarian heritage and the roles they played as Freedom Fighters in the Revolution of 1956. Throughout her professional life, she has focused on creating educational materials and using technology to teach the next generation about the culture, history and heritage of Hungary.

Andrea lives in Roswell, Ga., with her husband and two sons, who are "occasionally used as guinea pigs for her latest creations."

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And now Scott can add book author to his impressive list of accomplishments. "Lessons from the Titans" tells the story of various successes and missteps of the world's largest industrial companies, such as GE, Boeing and Honeywell, and offers battle-tested survival tactics to be learned for today's technology giants to take from those experiences. A worthy read for sure, but don't take my word for it—it's receiving positive reviews from notable current titans, and Amazon readers are rating it five stars.

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This is my first column since the pandemic has struck. While it's all we read about and think about and worry and wonder and ask questions about, I want to take this time to celebrate the good in the world. There is much to be thankful for and to honor and to acknowledge amidst all of the unknown. I feel for each of you as you navigate this time.

And for your seniors who didn't get proper graduations and proms. And for your college kids who won't get to have freshman roommates (who hopefully will turn into lifelong friends) and big Eco 1-type seminars with naked pledges running through the aisles. Hopefully, life will return to normal sooner rather than later, and hopefully, you're all staying safe and healthy. And when you have some news to share, drop me a line. I'd love to hear from you!

Marisa (DeFilippo) Peek and her husband, Jeff Peek '93, live in Sudbury, Mass., with their two children. Their son, Connor, just accepted an offer to play baseball at Holy Cross in their Class of '25. Jeff was the captain of the Lehigh baseball team in 1993 and Connor will be playing in the Patriot League as well! Their daughter, Courtney, is a sophomore at Merrimack College in Andover, Mass.

Great news from **Marcy Roth**, taken from the website of her new employer, the Ecklund/Gomes Team at Douglas Elliman Real Estate: "One of the top agents on the Westside, Marcy works with sellers and buyers throughout Los Angeles, with a focus on Brentwood, Bel Air, Little Holmby, Westwood, Wilshire Corridor and Beverly Hills. Her ability to guide her clients through the most complex transactions is informed, in part, by two decades working as a Fortune 500 senior marketing executive. With an undergraduate degree in International Economics from Lehigh University and an MBA from Emory University's Goizueta Business School, she has a unique understanding of the financial markets and market trends that affect real estate and can impact her clients' decisions. Raised in New Jersey in a family of commercial real estate investors, Marcy gained an early appreciation for resourcefulness, honesty, passion and hard work. Those

continue to be her watchwords, along with her compassion, unconditional trust, transparency and love for real estate. ... While her credentials and achievements are impressive, it is her approachable, get-it-done energy and cooperative style that consistently draw attention and praise—and yield results for her clients. Adaptable to the changing real estate landscape and the unique needs of each client and each property, Marcy Roth is a straightforward communicator and a fierce negotiator on behalf of her clients' interests."

Marcy lives in LA with her partner, Bill, and super-energetic 5-year-old, Brooke. Let us know when you'll be on *Million Dollar Listing* again, Marcy!

Melissa (Peller) Eydenberg has made the Dean's List again (4/4) at Pace University School of Law—and all the while, she has kept her fellow friends on social media updated and aware of the craziness going on in our world. And congratulations also to Melissa's daughter, Sophie, who just graduated from Union College. Melissa's son, Zack, is working for Designory in Chicago and also just released a new album, *In Transit*, with A Small Bird. You can find it on Spotify or Apple Music.

Beth (Matonis) Gilfeather had two graduates this year. Her twins, Skyler and Lindsay, had virtual high school graduation and will be heading off to Tufts and Wake Forest. **Kelly (Andrews) Sweeney** also has twin high school graduates. Emma and Jack will be going to Fairfield and UVA. **Brenton Karmen** and Megan (Ayer) Karmen '92 celebrated two milestones this summer: their oldest son, Will, graduated from high school and is going to the University of Richmond in the fall; their youngest son, Colin, celebrated his first communion. And let's not forget Kate, their daughter who had a quarantine sweet 16! **Libby Schnepf Deter's** daugh-

ter, Sam, also graduated from high school and will be attending Yale in the fall.

Carla (Goldberg) Green-grass has plenty to celebrate at the moment. Her son, Ethan, graduated from high school and is going to Rutgers in the fall. And Carla is recently officially certified as a professional life coach with iPEC. I know there are a lot of lucky clients in Carla's future! **Save the date for Reunion 2021: June 10-13, 2021**

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Greetings, Class of '93! I hope you and your families are healthy and well. It seems that several of you have freshmen in Lehigh's Class of '24. Though their college experience may be quite different from ours, I believe their choice to attend Lehigh during this unprecedented time will help these kids hone or develop important skills and qualities that will last a lifetime: resilience, creativity, flexibility and compassion for the needs of others, just to name a few.

Here are updates on some of our classmates.

Great to hear from **Jeff Peek**, who wrote in from Sudbury, Mass., where he lives with his wife of 22 years, Marisa (DeFilippo) Peek '91, and their two children. Their son, Connor, accepted an offer to play baseball at Holy Cross in their Class of '25, which means Connor will be following in his father's footsteps—30 years later—in Patriot League baseball. Jeff was the captain of the Lehigh baseball team in 1993. Their daughter, Courtney, is a junior at Merrimack College in Andover, Mass.

It was fun to reconnect with **Don Steele**. Don and his wife,

Jen (Owczarek) Steele '92, have a daughter, Erica, in Lehigh's Class of '24. Erica is studying business and is on Lehigh's field hockey team. Don stays up to date with his friends in Beta Theta Pi at an annual golf outing hosted by **Chuck Wiltraut**. I imagine the beer cart employee can retire after the Betas play a round!

Trisha (Pepe) Lauden is living in Saucon Valley with her husband, **Andrew Lauden**, and their four children—two girls, two boys—who range in age from 5 to 14. Andrew owns ITR, a global predictive maintenance company based in Bethlehem that he purchased several years ago with **Jonathan Davis**. Trish and a partner launched a business two years ago called ROOT Crafted. It started from regular Friday night family gatherings where Trish and her friend and neighbor, also a mom of young children, enjoyed making high quality cocktails together. However, they found that finding fresh, organic, natural mixers for these cocktails was next to impossible. Even when they had the rare night out at a restaurant, they were often disappointed by syrupy, substandard drinks. They knew they could do better. Their motto is "Two moms, a shaker, and a dream." With zero experience in creating and distributing this type of product, Trish and her neighbor—now her business partner—created a line of several mixers that are available in state stores in Pennsylvania, several regional outlets and select restaurants, and they are currently working with Whole Foods Market and Publix to widen their reach. Root mixers are certified organic, with juices and ingredients sourced from all over the world, and the formula for making the perfect ROOT drink is simple and delicious: two parts mixer, one part spirit. Trish likens the increased interest in fine cocktails to the craft beer explosion that began

in the '90s. The coronavirus threw them a bit of a curveball with the closing of state stores at the beginning of the pandemic, but thanks to social media, online sales took off and kept them going until commerce began to return to normal. And for those of us whose cocktail intake has increased dramatically since March 2020 (no judgement!), make sure to check out their website (rootcrafted.com) and give them some business.

Be well and send updates!

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As summer comes to an end, the Lehigh campus should be welcoming students back—and getting ready for freshman orientation. Sadly, things have changed due to the ongoing pandemic. Obviously, the Class of '20 did not get to have the farewell they hoped to have, and the incoming Class of '24 will have a very different orientation.

I remember freshman orientation like it was yesterday. I am certain that I'm not the only one who remembers when a hypnotist did a show at Lower Grace. He was so good that he convinced a number of freshmen (I definitely remember **Matt Berman** being one of them) that it was so hot, they should take their clothes off. Matt got down to his boxers.

I met lifelong friends in those first few weeks, as did most everyone else I know. I remember meeting **Jenny Edwards-Kaye** and **Julie (Sandler) Ferrara** in some kind of mixer at M&M; **Brian Lapin** and **Jeremy Weitz** at a party on the Hill; **Meredith McGowan**, **Michelle (Leonard) Cuddeback** and **Sara Smith** at some other mixer at Dravo. I can tell you where almost every single person lived in M&M, by floor and room: **Rob Gutman** on the first floor, take a left, second

door on the right; **Tracy (Costaldo) Gardner** the first door on the left on the first floor; **Becky Rimmer Antczak** and **Nicole Engles** in the last door on the right on the third floor; **Tracy Rowley** on the first floor, take a left, second door; **Carlos Romeu** and **Lucas Altman** directly across the hall from Rob Gutman; **Hilary (Brown) Tabish** on the second floor, take a left, second door on the right; and **Mike Mrvica** and **Nick Losavio** on the third floor. (I can't tell you what room they were in because we hated each other freshman year. I have a feeling a girl was involved, but who knows.) In any event, that first week was one of the most memorable in my life.

Just as important as that first week at Lehigh was, so was the last. To think that the Class of '20 didn't get to experience Senior Week in Stone Harbor/Avalon is just as depressing. My fraternity brothers and I rented a dump of a home—which we proceeded to trash. But what a great week it was. Every night 'til 2 a.m. at Jack's. And I will never forget the road trip to watch the Preakness Stakes in Maryland. **Melissa (Muendel) Hartley** offered up her parents' home for the night to Andy Donaldson '95, **John Tomaszewski**, **Rob Freud**, **Dan Carter**, Tim Marshall '95, Hilary (Brown) Tabish, **Naomi Metzger Daniels**, Tracy Rowley, **Amanda McNear Jacobs** and **Meredith (Robb) Ruckh**. (Blame my advanced age if I left you out.) I can still hear "Round Here" by the Counting Crows playing in Rob Freud's car in the long ride back to Stone Harbor. Graduation at Stabler Arena was a week later, but it wasn't half as memorable as that week on the Jersey Shore.

I hope that the classes of 2020 and 2024 have the same great memories of their time at Lehigh that we did. While I am certain that it is different, I hope they remember those times just as fondly. I hope that you and

your families are safe and well—and have found the time during this pandemic to be thankful for all that you have. And maybe you have found some time to write to your favorite class columnist.

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Lori (Montemurro) Goldstein has channeled her experience as editor in chief of *The Brown and White* into her newest novel, "Sources Say," released Sept. 8, 2020, from Penguin Random House. Dubbed "Election meets Gossip Girl," it's a timely look at fake news and political mudslinging via the lens of a high school student council election.

Isabelle Irani is living in London working in philanthropy and often catches up with **Johnny Collins**, James McDermott '91, **Maggie Melvin Schooley** and Paul Schooley '93, who are all doing well. **Alex Ward** (married to Marty Droney '91), living in N.J., **Pam Parasugo**, living in N.Y., and **Hy Saporta**, living in Conn., and Isabelle are still very close and often try to see one another despite the distance.

For those of you with school-aged children, I wish you all the grace and patience you need in navigating the first few months of school. I am in my 10th year as a school district superintendent and a parent of four school-aged children, so I understand your concerns for the health, safety and education of your kids. As an educator, I want to share that we have grown tremendously in our profession in our knowledge of and ability to provide virtual learning opportunities for a wide variety of learners. As a parent, I recognize and thank the teachers, administrators and support staff that educated my kids last spring as they were simultaneously juggling the

upheaval caused by COVID-19 in their own homes.

Thank you also to our classmates that have focused their efforts in supporting us through this pandemic, from our health-care workers and scientists working on effective treatments and vaccines to those in the IT world making remote work possible and those who work to support individuals and families that have suffered loss during this time. Thank you!

I remain an optimist, so, while Lehigh football is not occurring this fall, I look forward to seeing you at tailgates in the fall of 2021!

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Greetings, Class of '96! I hope this *Bulletin* finds you well. Over the past few months, I've had the pleasure of reconnecting with some of my teammates from the track and field team. More than 20 years have gone by, but we can all still remember some of the stories like they were yesterday. It's been great to reminisce and find out what is new in their lives. Shout out to my old roommate, Jen (Wawzonek) Sacchetti '97, Kevin Hazzard '97 and Alex Weimer '97. There have also been other cameo appearances from later classes. I'm looking forward to continuing our new bi-monthly Zoom tradition.

There is only one piece of news that I've received to report. **Danielle (Carpino) Lowthert** reported: "In April, I was laid off from my job due to the pandemic. Like many people, I started baking in all of my newfound spare time. Biscotti were my go-to, since I've given them as Christmas gifts for nearly 20 years and they're second nature to me

now. After a lot of research and biscotti sampling, I'm excited to announce that Biscotti Road is open for business! I'm shipping nationwide, so please visit **BiscottiRoad.com**." I for one can't wait to try these delicious-looking creations. Congratulations on your new venture, Danielle!

Please send me an email at jen@keensense.com with some updates so I can let our fellow classmates know!

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I hope that all is well as of this writing and you are staying safe and healthy. It is great to hear from many of you and about your endeavors. Keep sharing the news, and don't forget that pictures are welcome as well!

Natalie (Cantor) Gros writes that she has been living in London for the past five years with husband Simon and two sons, Charlie (10) and Micah (7). Her family has taken the opportunity to drag the children around Europe and Asia. "Overall, life is good," she says, "and I can't complain."

Brian Aronson sent greetings from Puerto Rico. He has been living there since 2012 and started a real estate brokerage (Clubhouse Real Estate) that focuses on the coastal area of San Juan, which has become the largest firm with the highest volume in the market. Brian has recently been admitted into the Leading Real Estate companies of the world ("Leading RE") and likewise into Luxury Portfolio International. He recently sold a San Juan home to Scott Graeber '99.

Brian is a member of the board of directors of Warrior

Angels Rescue and had an integral on-the-ground role after Hurricane Maria distributing supplies and aid to remote communities and evacuating people with high-risk medical needs on charter flights. They saved more than 100 lives.

Jason Styer writes of the birth of his son, Isaac Emanuel Styer, who was born in Allentown on July 29 weighing in at 7 pounds, 10.8 ounces. Jason reports that everyone is doing well but just a little sleep deprived.

Jeanette (Stambaugh) Roman shares that she is living in Quakertown, Pa., with her husband, Jeremy Roman '99, two kids (aged 15 and 19) and their pet dogs. Jeanette works in the vaccines division of Merck Research Labs. Her current hobbies include camping, traveling, reading and motorcycle riding.

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

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Hello, Class of '99!

Once again, I hope you and your loved ones are staying healthy and happy. I have not received any emails recently, so I'll take this time for a gentle reminder and request—I really would love to hear from you.

As for our family, as many of our friends have done, we took this rare opportunity of consistently being at home to grow by four adorable feet. Our new addition is a mini golden-doodle puppy we named Koda. She is the cutest, in our humble opinions, and she's brought much joy to our family—once the initial new-puppy-mommy shock wore off.

When you have a chance, please drop me an email to fill us in on your lives. Wishing you all the best!

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Greetings, Class of 2000! It's shocking to think about how much the world has changed since our last column. COVID-19 has impacted the world in a way we never thought possible. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you, especially those that have lost a loved one.

Personally, I have learned a lot about myself during this pandemic. Namely, I am not meant to be a kindergarten teacher.

Since our last column, **Jim Balcerek** checked in to let us know how he is doing. In September 2019 he married Erin Ryan. For the last 13 years, Jim has worked at Brooks Instrument in Hatfield, Pa. The newlyweds reside in Lansdale, Pa. Wishing you a lifetime of happiness!

Now more than ever it is important for us all to feel connected to each other. Please take a few moments to contact me with an update about yourself or about a friend in our class. Feel free to send me an email or text, or check out our Facebook page. I look forward to hearing from you soon!

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Greetings, fellow Class of '02 alumni. I hope you are all having a wonderful fall! I don't know about you, but I am ready for 2020 to be over. Next year can't come soon enough!

I have an update from Sugar

Land, Texas. **Jake Borbidge** has spent close to 20 years there, most of them married to an amazing woman, Georgia, and working for Invesco, where he is currently a senior portfolio manager running a few investment teams across Houston, London and Hong Kong. They are proud parents to Grayson (12), Scarlett (10), Hazel (the good dog) and Rosie (the bad puppy). They recently celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary and Jake's 40th birthday this past February with a surprise bash that would make Chi Psi cocktails an afterthought.

Please reach out and share what's happening in your part of the world! Contact me at LCarino@att.net or on Facebook at **Laura Schwamb Carino**. I can't wait to hear from you! Stay healthy, have a wonderful few months and stay tuned for more updates next year!

'03 Saftya (Jafari) Simmons, 5621 Cary Street Road, #503, Richmond, VA 23226; saftya_jafari@yahoo.com Hey, fellow '03ers! I'm excited to share that I do actually have some news this go-round.

Patricia Nugent was promoted to vice president, public relations at Mower. Mower is one of the largest independent marketing, advertising and public relations agencies in the U.S. Patricia has been with Mower for 16 years and oversees several of Mower's premier travel and tourism accounts, working with iconic brands and destinations such as Lufthansa Group, Pebble Beach Resorts and Westchester County Tourism. Congratulations, Patricia!

OK, folks! I know you're doing amazing things in life and at work. Send me an email and tell me what you're up to. I'd like to share your successes, too! Until next time, be well.

'04 Lloyd Henderson, lloydjr04@gmail.com

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

During such uncertain times as we are currently living through, I love a good story of a fellow alumna doing great things.

A few months back, my mom had a routine doctor's appointment. She and the doctor got to talking and it came up that Mom had moved to the Lehigh Valley to be closer to my family. One thing led to another. "She's a Lehigh alum." "So am I!" And the next thing you know, we find out that the doctor is **Becca (Sharim) Storace!**

After graduation, Becca went to the Temple University School of Medicine. She did her internship in psychiatry at Albert Einstein in the Bronx and her residency in internal medicine back at Temple Hospital. She completed her fellowship in rheumatology at the Hospital of Pennsylvania. She's been practicing as a rheumatologist ever since, for a few years at Temple and then in Atlanta before moving back to the Lehigh Valley, just a few miles from campus.

She met Mitch Storace while doing her internship, and they married and have two daughters, Natalie Rose and Zoey Magnolia.

Thanks for sharing your story, Becca, and for being an awesome doctor in our community.

Becca's kept in touch with **Jill (Racketa) Davis, Krissy (Blaston) Roszell, Amanda (Warrick) Kirk, Jennamarie DeVito and Jessie (Simons) Fields**. So now, I invite any one of you to reach out to share your stories. Tag, you're it! **Save the date for Reunion 2021: June 10-13, 2021**

'06 Katie (Murray) Pennline, kpennline@gmail.com

Hi, everyone! Hope you're all safe and well. I've spent these past few months working remotely (from the U.S.) for my U.K.-based company, and from what I hear the City (London's financial center) is still a ghost town. My family and I hope to return to London this fall, but in the meantime, we've been enjoying spending time with family here. My daughter, Emi, will be two this fall. She's toddling around and loves to swim, so we've spent a lot of time in pools and at the beach this summer. Exhausting, but so much fun!

Here's what some of our other classmates have been up to. **Phil Fusacchia** and his wife, Erica, recently moved to Villanova, Pa., and welcomed their second and third children into the world: Camila and Hugh. **Morgan Volkart** married Eric Guest in November 2019 in San Francisco. **Laura (Gray) Edelstein '06 '07G** and husband **David Edelstein** had a baby girl, Nina. Nina joins her brothers, Graham and Reid. Everyone is healthy and stuck at home.

Rebecca Resnick was recently named to Chicago's Jewish 36-Under-36 for her inspiring teaching skills. She shows up to the classroom with a positive attitude and encourages her students to give back in any way they can. In her free time, Rebecca mentors breast cancer patients through Imerman Angels and Gilda's Club Chicago, both organizations that offer free support to patients in Chicago. In addition, she is a member of the Jewish United Fund Youth Leadership Division Community Service Committee and a LEADS program leader.

Vera Partem is currently serving as a diplomat at the U.S. Embassy in Warsaw, Poland. After her first year in Poland, Vera transitioned to work in the

ambassador's office as the executive office staffer. Vera previously served with the Department of State at the U.S. Mission to the United Nations in Geneva, in Kazakhstan and in Washington, D.C. Vera has been an avid young alumni volunteer for Lehigh and currently serves as a member of the LUAA Board.

Lastly, remember back in 2004 when **Troy Letters** won the NCAA DI national wrestling championship at 165 pounds? Certainly a year to remember both for Troy and for Lehigh. Fast forward to recently when a youth wrestler asked Troy if he had a title ring, which hadn't even occurred to him! But the situation is being remedied. Joe Sterrett '76 is having the ring made and it will soon be on its way to Troy. Better late than never!

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'07 Brian Roth, lehighclassof2007@gmail.com

I hope this finds everyone healthy. I'm excited to share some great mementos from our class over the past few months. **Bryant Goehring** tied the knot with Heather Hurley on June 13 in a beautiful ceremony on Palm Beach Island in Florida. They are looking forward to an expanded celebration later this year.

Beth (Sterling) Garbrant and **Drew Garbrant** welcomed daughter Ann Rickets. Ann was born May 28, weighing 7 pounds, 7 ounces and 20 1/2 inches long. Grace and Skip are eager to show their little sister the ropes.

Jaclyn (Shor) Margolis '08 and **Josh Margolis** have had a busy start to the year. Shortly after getting settled into their new home, the couple welcomed Lenni Margolis on July 16. She weighed 5 pounds, 12 ounces. Dad confirmed that she did have a height but wasn't willing to reveal it (or more likely couldn't remember).

'08 Katie Noon,
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'09 Bobby Buckheit,
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First off, I hope everyone is staying healthy and safe. It's been an interesting year, and it was great to hear from many of you for the class column. As always, feel free to email any updates for the next column to LehighClass2009@gmail.com.

Special congratulations to **Elizabeth (Ginsberg) Michael** on the birth of her son, Lochlan Michael, born February 23, 2020, in Austin, Texas.

Christie (Sterrett) Piascik and John Piascik '08 also welcomed a baby girl to their family in May. Her new daughter, Anneliese, joins her two other children: Nicholas (age 4) and William (age 2).

Ali Keen Thacker and her husband, Andrew, welcomed a daughter, Clara, at the end of January. Clara joins older brothers, Luke (5) and Aiden (3).

Matt Libbey and his wife, Lisa, are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Madeline "Minnie" Jane Libbey. Born on April 17, 2020, in Providence, R.I., Minnie surprised her parents a month early—and during the pandemic. Her sister, Georgie (age 3), is excited to have a little sister and the family of four is happy to report they've moved back home to NYC.

Proud parents **Adam D. Smith** and **Emily Hausmann Smith** are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Sutton Adam. Sutton was born on December 16, 2019, in Annapolis, Md., before the family relocated to Missoula, Mont., in February 2020.

Kyle Dunleavy reports that he "has taken this COVID downtime as an opportunity to pursue his real estate license in N.J.—so please let him know if

you are looking to buy or sell!"

That's all for the reports in the column. Stay safe, stay healthy and we will talk again soon!

'10 Nick Anderson,
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Well, it certainly has been an interesting year, but despite the global pandemic, several of our classmates have been very active and have been generous enough to share those life updates.

Lots of baby news in the past few months! **Brianne (Moses) Robbins** recently welcomed her second daughter, Brynn, in May. Both Brynn and big sister Hailey are doing well! **Kyle Sharaf** and wife Emily celebrated a new baby girl, Poppy. **Samara (Persky) Chandler** and husband Daffyd welcomed a baby boy, Rowan. **Billie Jean Pinheiro** and husband Jim Blaney '08 '10G had future Lehigh engineer Leon James Blaney in May. **Kay (Murphy) Anderson** and husband **Charlie Anderson** welcomed Gordon Laurence in April. And finally, **Paulo Hersan** and wife Stefanie also welcomed son Hendrick Elliott in May.

As you might expect, this has been a tough year for weddings, but in the face of the pandemic, **Lisa Boyd** adjusted her wedding plans for a romantic elopement with husband **Alex Smith** in Yosemite.

Finally, a number of our classmates are on the move. **Laura Schafer** recently completed OB-GYN residency at Doctors Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, and will be practicing as an attending OB-GYN physician in Dayton, Ohio, starting in the fall of 2021.

Natalie Krane recently moved to Kansas City, Kan., to begin a fellowship in facial plastic and reconstructive surgery. And in a huge relocation, **Steve Shuldman** recently moved Down Under to Sydney!

That's it for now. Keep the

updates coming! As you all likely saw, our reunion has been postponed until 2021, which should be fun as an opportunity to reconnect with some of our friends from the Class of '11 as well!

Stay safe out there. Nick
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'11 Sri Rao, sridevi211@gmail.com

Hello, Class of '11! Since this edition is pretty light, I thought I'd include my own update. I graduated in the summer of 2020 with my Ph.D. in higher education from Pennsylvania State University. After being in Pennsylvania since we started our Lehigh journey 13 years ago, I am finally back home in Austin, Texas, and working at the University of Texas at Austin!

I hope you enjoy these updates from our classmates:

After spending the last three years living and working in Hong Kong, **Stephanie Linker** moved back to the United States in the spring of 2020. She is now living in New York and started a new job as chief marketing officer for the retirement business at BlackRock. Stephanie said she loved her time in Hong Kong and even had a little Lehigh crew there!

Lindsay Certilman and Brett Hoffman '12 just had their first child, Sienna Leigh Hoffman. She was born on June 18, 2020, weighing 6 pounds, 9 ounces. Sienna's middle name, Leigh, is an homage to Lehigh, where her parents met!

Marlina Niezgoda married Randal Fruth on April 16, 2020, in Westerville, Ohio. They live-streamed the ceremony for family and friends and hope to have a larger celebration when things clear up. They are currently residing in Columbus, Ohio.

This edition is very light, so please continue to send me updates throughout the year at sridevi211@gmail.com. Anything is newsworthy—trav-

els, new jobs, additions to your family etc. I love hearing from you all! Also, remember to mark your calendars for our 10-year reunion, which will be held the weekend of June 10–13, 2021.

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'12 Mary (Haynie) Reardon, (215) 687-1624 (C);

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Hello, all! Over the past five weeks, I've been in the Galapagos Islands studying turtles and developing a theory on evolution. It's been quite a lovely vacation, and I'm grateful to have some more material for a book I'm writing.

Jennifer (McCusker) Baer and her husband, Ethan Baer '11, had their baby boy, Wesley, on September 15, 2019. At the start of the pandemic, they planned to leave NYC for a couple of weeks, but they have since found themselves an hour south of Lehigh in Bucks County, Pa., more permanently. They are enjoying the space, scenery and (as New Yorkers know) the super-luxurious amenity of their own washer and dryer.

Jennifer was unable to make the wedding of **Kyle Williams** and Andrew Jaskol '10 '11G in Rye, N.H., on September 14, 2019, due to being in labor, but very much looks forward to **Rachel Kaplan's** wedding to her fiancé, Zach Wallens, in 2021.

Edi Matraxhiu (who married **Karen Timmerman**) graduated with his MBA from Cornell's Johnson School of Business and started an investment banking job with Guggenheim Partners.

Fiona Lee married Matt Volin in Greece in May 2019 surrounded by many Lehigh friends.

Amanda Marotta and **Denis Gnidash** recently welcomed a baby girl!

Kristen Fanale married Mark Mountjoy in October 2019 in Jersey City, and the couple

recently bought their first home in Memphis, Tenn.

Kelsey Nakamura recently became engaged to Eric Kane and is enjoying living on a small island on a lake in New Jersey.

After graduation, **Abby Larson** worked in West Virginia for 15 months, Chicago in health-care/higher education administration at UChicago Med, then Seattle for two years working for Young Life, while finishing her master's degree from Northwestern. She has now settled into a career she loves with a Swedish Hospital System in their Quality Division and enjoys weekend adventures and hiking in the Cascades with her cute dog-child, Queenie.

'13 **Bea Dizon**, 203-524-4659, bead-izn@gmail.com

'14 **Mike Ronan**, michaelronan214@gmail.com; **Leah Paulson**, leahpaulson22@gmail.com

Hi, everyone! **Leah Paulson** and **Mike Ronan** here. We hope you and your loved ones continue to stay safe and healthy. We are excited to share some monumental accomplishments from some of our classmates for this edition of the column.

Lucia Cavero graduated from medical school at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in May 2020. She will be beginning residency at Bryn Mawr Hospital in family medicine. She has a particular interest in women's health and hopes to bridge the healthcare gap for immigrant women in the U.S.

Paul Oyefesobi graduated with his Pharm.D. from the Ohio State University College of Pharmacy in May 2019. Paul just completed a postdoctoral fellowship with PTC Therapeutics in global market access and pricing. In this role, he aimed to

help patients with rare diseases gain access to quality-of-life-altering gene therapies at an affordable price to the health-care system.

Yoshiki "Yoshi" Takeyama graduated from medical school at the New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine in May 2020. He will be completing his intern year at Plainview Hospital and will proceed to Stony Brook University Hospital for residency in physical medicine and rehabilitation. His areas of interest include sports and musculoskeletal medicine, interventional spine, and electrodiagnostics.

As always, feel free to email either of us (Leah at leahpaulson22@gmail.com or Mike at michaelronan214@gmail.com) anytime. We love receiving your updates!

'15 **Kerry Mallett**, kerryamallett@gmail.com

I hope everyone is staying healthy and safe and managing the ever-changing landscape and challenges of COVID-19. The Class of '15 has had some exciting life updates over the past few months.

Anastasia Barros graduated from medical school in May, and **Rebecca Youssef** is starting graduate school at the University of Southern California in the master of science in entrepreneurship and innovation program.

Ali Yeager received her FSA last fall and is now a fully credentialed actuary. She also got engaged to and bought a house with **Joe Heinrich**. They plan to get married next summer.

Cristina DeScisciolo married Zack Pelli '14 in Rhode Island in July.

Melissa Dizon-Sawyer also got married in April at her home with family joining via Zoom—which she said was a very interesting experience. She has

known her husband since they were 9 years old, and they are excited to celebrate next year!

'16 **Rachel Sholder**, rachelsholder@gmail.com

Hi, all! I hope everyone safely enjoyed their summers. I traveled to Oregon with **Katherine Fletcher** for a hiking trip. It was my first time traveling with COVID restrictions in place.

Nicholas Watanabe began his Ph.D. studies in chemistry at UC Berkeley in August.

Angela Marrone is recently engaged to **Brian Bieman**. After graduating from Lehigh, Angela attended physician assistant school at Rutgers University while Brian entered the workforce right away and began working as a mechanical engineer for Northrop Grumman in the Baltimore area. After three years of a long-distance relationship, Angela moved down to Maryland after graduating and started working as a surgical physician assistant at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. After living together for one year in Baltimore, on August 15, Brian asked Angela to marry him. Brian and Angela have not yet picked a date but know that they will get married at the Packer Memorial Chapel.

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'17 **Robert Hillman**, robert.j.hillman1@gmail.com

Hello, Class of '17! I hope that this column finds you healthy and safe. It is an understatement to say that this has been a long year.

I had the opportunity to reach out to two classmates who I had the privilege of meeting on day one of freshman orientation at Lehigh back in 2013: **Rachel Weckselblatt** and **Cody Kjos**!

Rachel and I met through friends during our freshman orientation, and we both spent that first year in Dravo House

(the castle that every first-year student wants until they remember Lehigh's stair tally). While at Lehigh, she was involved with the Choral Arts group, the Newman Council, the Student Materials Society and the Multifaith Initiative. She graduated with a major in materials science and engineering and a minor in nanotechnology.

After graduation, Rachel moved to Schenectady, N.Y., and has been working with Naval Nuclear Lab, a company that develops nuclear propulsion systems for submarines and aircraft carriers. She is currently a test engineer in the Radioactive Materials Lab performing tests on nuclear fuel. That has been the coolest sentence I (Rob) have ever written.

The big question from me has been, What have our alumni been doing to fill the days in 2020? All of us are three years into the post-undergrad world; now is the time to keep ourselves optimistic citizens in our communities. If we have had the time to explore new hobbies or get involved, what have we all been doing?

Rachel has become involved with Kitten Angels, a charity local to Albany, N.Y., and has been fostering cats one or two at a time. She has fostered more than 20 cats! She is also pursuing a master's degree in mechanical engineering through Clarkson University. Finally, in the spring and summer she has been backpacking in the Adirondacks, working through the list of the 46 high peaks in the region. Good luck on the degree and the hikes, Rachel!

At just about the same latitude but on the other side of the country is Cody. At Lehigh, he participated in the memorable group excursions and said he "especially enjoyed" the Antigua ServeAbroad and Lehigh Silicon Valley programs. He graduated with a major in design with concentrations in product design



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and graphic design, and minors in both entrepreneurship and studio art.

After graduation, Cody moved to Corvallis, Ore., and started in a corporate position as a graphic designer for Cyberlock, a high-tech lock manufacturer. He spent 2 1/2 years with them, but in early 2020 Cody left the position to look into new career opportunities. He has also been connected to Kotae, a startup he founded in 2016, which has more recently

“evolved into a design firm.” Check it out at kotaeworldwide.com.

Cody still stays connected with the Lehigh University community on the West Coast by visiting the Lehigh@Nasdaq Center in San Francisco for entrepreneurship presentations. Information for West Coast alumni can be found at lehigh.edu/academics/nasdaq.

So what has Cody done in 2020? He also started a master's program for a certificate in

business fundamentals at Oregon State University. Through that, he wound up getting a job as a graphic designer in OSU's Department of Sustainability. Good luck with the degree to you too, Cody!

If you want your life updates shared with your classmates, get in touch with me! I can be reached at robert.j.hillman1@gmail.com and I am always monitoring our Facebook group (facebook.com/groups/LUC-lassof17/) and you can also find me through a variety of other means, i.e. Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat, message in a bottle, lost sea scrolls etc. Stay safe and get in touch soon!

'18 Megan Olivola,
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Annie Henry took a single sweatshirt and created a small business to help raise money for coronavirus relief.

Henry went home just before the state-mandated stay-at-home orders began. Since she lives and works on the opposite coast from her family, she wanted to be accessible in case of emergency during this uncertain time. While working remotely, she ordered a few sweatshirts online to tie-dye and bleach-dye.

As an avid user of social media, she shared a photo of the sweatshirt and offered to make one for anyone interested and was astonished with the response.

“I thought that maybe a close friend or two would reply, but it ended up being a pretty large side project,” says Henry, who received more than 15 orders almost immediately after the initial post.

“I figured if a friend liked the idea, I could use my extra supplies rather than them buying more to make their own. I had so much interest, and I thought, I need even more supplies now,” Henry says. “There was a lot to figure out, especially since I

wanted to limit visits to the store and online ordering was delayed due to COVID. I also didn't know how much to charge!”

Henry was well aware of the financial strain that the pandemic was placing on individuals in almost every industry, so she didn't want to make a profit. She said the idea of the project was never about money and she wanted to keep it that way no matter how large it grew.

“I have been fortunate enough that I still have a job and the ability to work remotely, but I know many others aren't. I didn't want the sweatshirts to be overpriced or benefit me financially; that didn't feel right,” says Henry.

She decided to charge for the cost of the sweatshirt, plus five dollars that would be donated to a COVID-19 relief fund. She chose a specific COVID-19 relief fund that split the donation to benefit multiple organizations across industries and areas of need. She also shipped all of the sweatshirts through the U.S. Postal Service.

The process was not just a charitable business but provided a fun outlet for Henry, who has had increased free time since being home. “I would go out to my garage with my dye, bleach and iron to de-stress from everything that can be really overwhelming right now,” she says.

What started as a single sweatshirt with an Instagram story ended up sending Henry 57 orders, all which included the donation. While a \$5 donation might not seem like a lot individually, the total \$285 donation shows that many small donations add up quickly!

“I'm proud of the project and everyone who participated. I think people were excited to order since they felt like they were supporting a cause, too,” Henry beamed. “I received so many messages thanking me for my efforts, even from those who

didn't end up ordering."

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'19 Sabrina Morawej,
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In quest of good news for the 2020 year, I am excited to announce the accomplishments of a few members of the 2019 class.

Melissa Gustafson is attending Duke Law School this fall semester. This exciting news comes after an impressive series of academic achievements. She double-majored in English and psychology during her undergraduate career and, thanks to her hard work, entered the President's Scholar Program before it was discontinued in 2019. With no sign of enervation, Melissa moved straightaway to earn her master's degree in management earlier this year.

After graduating with his degree in chemical engineering, **Jonah Casella** began working at Precision Roll Grinders Inc., as a technical planner. Starting this fall semester, he will be enrolled in Vanderbilt University's engineering management master's program.

Allison Kayne is starting her medical school journey at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia this fall semester as well. Allison was captain of Lehigh University's EMS organization before graduating with a degree in behavioral neuroscience.

Jasmine Wung and her partner, William Leu, announced their engagement in late June. Since graduation last year, Jasmine has been working as a civic engagement coordinator at the National Korean American Service & Education Consortium, and her fiancé is a clinical psychology Ph.D. student at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.

Congratulations to Melissa, Jonah and Allison for your continued outstanding academic achievements, and a special congratulations to Jasmine and William on your engagement! Please continue to share your notable life events with me at sabrinamorawej@gmail.com.

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'21 Amy Chai,
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Greetings, Class of '21! Since the last update, a lot of changes have occurred on campus and throughout the world due to COVID-19. While the University is preparing for a hybrid mode of learning, Lehigh students have had to conduct online internships and class programs.

For most of this summer, **Olivia Zeng** has been diligently preparing for her Graduate Record Exam. She will soon be a fourth-year student studying accounting and business information systems, and she hopes to apply to graduate school in 2021. Along with studying for the GRE, she has also been taking online summer courses while living in Farrington Square. In between her busy schedule, she has been learning how to cook—with her favorite (and best-tasting) dish being lu rou fan, aka braised pork. For this upcoming semester, Olivia is most looking forward to seeing her friends again.

Melissa Callahan also had a busy summer. Not only did she complete summer courses for her accounting major; she also participated in an internship for EY in the audit service line. Originally, this internship was to take place in New York City for two months, but due to recent quarantine procedures, EY shift-

ed the program to a one-month virtual program. Nevertheless, Melissa says that she loved being able to meet fellow interns and professionals—some of whom are Lehigh alumni. She also enjoyed learning how to use data visualization tools to help clients visualize data problems.

Similar to Melissa, **Mei Li** interned with KPMG in its four-week-long virtual program. Working as a tax accountant, she was able to research potential clients as well as learn how COVID-19 continues to impact the service industry. Currently, KPMG is hosting a social impact event to encourage interns to volunteer in their respective communities. In response, Mei is planning to clean the area around her favorite location, Lake Nockamixon, where she and her sister love to go fishing.

'22 Leidy Iglesias,
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Lehigh students are busier than ever!

This summer, was planning to travel to the country of Jordan, which coincidentally shares the same name, for an Iacocca International Internship. Though the physical trip was canceled, she still interned online with a company called Sela, a nonprofit organization that strives to protect cultural heritage in Jordan by educating foreigners and locals about archaeological sites. She has been creating educational videos with Sela to be shown to people in other countries.

Double-majoring in anthropology and sociology as well as religion studies, she hopes to eventually get her master's in archeology or cultural anthropology. Jordan has always found archeology interesting and mystical because she gets to analyze different cultures.

She has also recently become the president of No

Lost Generation, a club that focuses on raising awareness for refugees around the world by educating the Lehigh community about what it's like to be a refugee. They also fundraise and advocate for the local refugee settlement near campus, Bethany Christian Services. Jordan said that they even tutor former refugee families. Being the president of a club is a new experience for her, and though it is very nerve racking, she is excited to take on the challenge of being a leader.

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GRADUATE

College of Arts and Sciences Mark Shapiro '03G (M.S. pharmaceutical chemistry) writes in that he "retired from a 40-plus year career in pharmaceutical analytical chemistry in December 2019, having worked for small generic pharmaceutical manufacturers Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Vermont, as well as large corporations such as Johnson & Johnson (McNeil Consumer Products in Pa., Noramco in Ga.), Pfizer (and Warner-Lambert) in Pa. and Conn. in a director role (technical transfers, global reference standards), and most recently Cambrex (formerly PharmaCore) in N.C., where he held positions as director and senior director of GMP Analytical Chemistry and Analytical R&D over a span of eleven years. Upon retiring, Mark activated MCS Pharma Consulting LLC, where he serves as president and principal consultant, specializing in the area of analytical chemistry. Mark and his beautiful bride of over 37 years currently live in Stokesdale, N.C."

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; 1-866-517-1552; askrecords@lehigh.edu. The following were reported to us as of August 31, 2020:

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Milton W. Harper '42, Cherry Hill, N.J., July 30, 2020. Mr. Harper was a veteran of the U.S. Navy during World War II, serving in the Pacific. He worked as a chemical engineer at National Casein Co.

Donald B. Walters '44, Sarasota, Fla., June 7, 2020. A baseball team member, Mr. Walters worked in pharmaceuticals—first at Merck, where he was in charge of the worldwide production of penicillin, and then at Sterling Drug Co. (Pep-sin) for 25 years as the plant manager until his retirement. His brothers, Richard Walters '44, Robert Walters '51 and David Walters '55, are all members of the Lehigh family.

Carl Henzelman Jr. '45, Bethlehem, Pa., June 25, 2020. A Theta Delta Chi brother, Mr. Henzelman was also a veteran of the U.S. Army during World War II. He worked for Bethlehem Steel in Lackawanna, N.Y., for 30 years. He was a dedicated volunteer for Lehigh, at the visitors desk and in the regional club, as well as for his class and fraternity. For all of his efforts on behalf of the university, Mr. Henzelman was awarded the Alumni Award in 2000. He was also a member of the Tower Society. His father, Carl Henzel-

man '22, and his son, Carl Henzelman III '82, are members of the Lehigh family.

Robert M. Holdsworth '48, Devon, Pa., May 9, 2020. A World War II veteran, Mr. Holdsworth established a manufacturer's representative company specializing in electronic instrumentation and industrial components.

Walter S. Hulse Jr. '48, Tulsa, Okla., Dec. 6, 2019. Mr. Hulse was an engineer with the Ford Motor Company. His grandson, James Kehs, is a member of the Class of 2008.

Edwin F. McMichael '48, Rahway, N.J., Nov. 7, 2019. Mr. McMichael was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He was employed by JP Morgan/Chase for more than 40 years before retiring as vice president. His son, Charles McMichael, is a member of the Class of 1975.

G. Ralph Rosenberger '48, Lansdale, Pa., Aug. 21, 2020. Mr. Rosenberger was an Alpha Tau Omega brother. He worked for AT&T as a network manager for more than 40 years.

Joseph J. Barrett '49, Wyomissing, Pa., Aug. 12, 2020. A veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps in the Pacific Theater during World War II, Mr. Barrett worked for Carpenter Steel Company.

Theodore C. Engelhardt Jr. '49, Wyomissing, Pa., July 20, 2020. Mr. Engelhardt served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He worked as an accountant for the F.G. Hodges Bedding Company, ultimately becoming president of the company. After 30 years in that position, he became treasurer of Reading Alloys for 12 years until he retired.

George C. Kaiser '49, Webster Grove, Mo., July 1, 2020. Dr. Kaiser was a Delta Phi brother as well as a member of the Marching 97 and concert bands. He worked as a professor of surgery at St. Louis University. He established and served as chief of the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery. He was also on the team that performed the first heart transplant operation west of the Mississippi in 1972.

Richard A. Norris '49, Warren, N.J., May 31, 2020. A Tau Delta Phi brother, Mr. Norris was a member of the baseball and soccer teams, Marching 97 and debating club. He was also a veteran of the U.S. Air Force during the Korean conflict. He had a 60-year career in law in New Jersey, including as the first public defender for Somerset County and the Norris McLaughlin firm. He received the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2005 from the Somerset County Bar Association.

Mark Parseghian Jr. '49, Nazareth, Pa., July 9, 2020. Mr. Parseghian was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was also a Delta Upsilon brother and later the alumni advisor to that fraternity. As an alumnus, he was also president of the Home Club, president of his class, member of the Asa Packer Society and the Lehigh-Lafayette 50 Game Club. For his immense dedication to the university, he was awarded the Alumni Award in 1964 and the George F.A. Stutz '22 Award in 2005. Professionally, he owned and operated C.B.

Haney Masonry Contracting Inc., and Gremar Inc.

Joseph B. Solly '49, Allentown, Pa., July 2, 2020. Mr. Solly was a veteran of the U.S. Army in the Pacific Theater during World War II. He made his career with Mobil Oil Corp. His son, Carl Solly '86, and grandson, Joseph Solly '14, are members of the Lehigh family.

1950s

Maynard H. Turnbull Jr. '50, York, Pa., July 24, 2020. A Theta Chi brother and member of the Marching 97, Mr. Turnbull was a map maker for the U.S. Army during World War II. He worked as a professional engineer for S. Morgan Smith, Allis-Chalmers and Voith.

Norman E. Moyer '51, Old Saybrook, Conn., July 28, 2020. Mr. Moyer was a veteran of the U.S. Army in Japan during World War II. He was an accountant and longtime employee of the Travelers Insurance Company.

Edgar T. Mertz '52, Jupiter, Fla., May 14, 2020. Mr. Mertz served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was the chief executive officer of six companies and served on 17 private and public boards of directors. He retired as CEO of an immunotechnology company in NYC.

Edward W. Schwab '53, Naples, Fla., May 28, 2020. Mr. Schwab was a Pi Lambda Phi brother and a veteran of the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. After making a career in the family decorating business, he and his wife established Autumn Hill Vineyards.

Henry C. Shankweiler '53, Schnecksville, Pa., June 9, 2020. Mr. Shankweiler was a veteran of the U.S. Army during the Korean War era. He worked for Bethlehem Steel Corp. as an information services supervisor for 34 years. In his retirement, he drove a school bus for the Parkland School District for 20 years.



A Wrestling Legend

Greg Strobel served as Lehigh's head wrestling coach from 1995 through 2008

LEHIGH ATHLETICS HAS LOST A LEGEND. In October, the family of former head wrestling coach and administrator Greg Strobel shared the news that he had passed away. A member of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame, Strobel served as Lehigh's head coach from 1995 through 2008, which included five straight EIWA Championships from 2002 through 2006. Strobel was 68.

"The news of Greg's passing is shocking and difficult to process, mostly because Greg was so full of life and optimism and energy, perhaps more so than anyone I have ever known," said Murray H. Goodman Dean of Athletics Joe Sterrett '76. "His resilience and strength through a successful battle with cancer a few years ago, and then the loss of his wife Donna less than a year ago, were profound examples to everyone who knew him of the power of faith and a positive attitude."

Current Lehigh Head Wrestling Coach Pat Santoro served as an assistant under Strobel for eight seasons, and, after a stint as Maryland head coach, was named his successor following Strobel's retirement in 2008.

"He was a man so full of life and has been a part of mine for many years," Santoro said. "He was a great mentor, coach and friend."

Prior to joining Lehigh, Strobel was a head wrestling coach at Roseburg High School in Oregon and an assistant coach at Oregon State. He was also the head coach of the 2000 U.S. Olympic freestyle team. As a wrestler himself, he won two NCAA titles and was a three-time All-American at Oregon State, finishing his collegiate career with a 124-5-1 record.

As Lehigh head coach, Strobel posted a 189-83-1 dual record, winning six total EIWA titles. Under his watch, Strobel's wrestlers captured 28 individual EIWA championships and 30 All-America honors. He coached two NCAA champions: Rob Rohn

in 2002 and Troy Letters in 2004. Strobel earned four EIWA Coach of the Year honors (2000, 2002, 2003, 2006) and was named the National Wrestling Coaches Association National Coach of the Year in 2004. He was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2012.

"Greg lived an amazing life and accomplished so much," Santoro said. "He made such a positive impact on the sport of wrestling and an even greater impact on his wrestlers. He loved to teach, whether it was wrestling, fishing or woodworking, and was good at it. He always taught great habits to and shared wisdom with his teams... things they will remember and use the rest of their lives. His energy and positive attitude were unrivaled by anyone I know."

After retiring from coaching in 2008, Strobel transitioned into an administrative leadership position as assistant athletic director. He led Lehigh Athletics' camps and clinics efforts until he retired following the 2018-19 academic year.

"Greg had attacked his retirement from full-time work with the same characteristics, and he was truly excited about spending his time in the ways he would most enjoy—with grandchildren, around the sport of wrestling that he loved, and in a boat, fishing," Sterrett said. "All of us at Lehigh extend our thoughts, prayers, love and appreciation to his daughters and their families for sharing with

us their father and grandfather. His legacy as an extraordinarily distinguished coach, educator and mentor is secure in the hearts of so many associated with

Lehigh, many of whom are today sadly mourning the unexpected passing of a friend."

Lehigh Athletics will host a memorial event to honor Greg's life and service at Lehigh. Further details will be communicated on Lehighsports.com and/or the Lehigh Athletics/Lehigh Wrestling social media channels.—Justin Lafleur

"HE MADE SUCH A POSITIVE IMPACT ON THE SPORT OF WRESTLING AND AN EVEN GREATER IMPACT ON HIS WRESTLERS."

—CURRENT LEHIGH HEAD WRESTLING COACH PAT SANTORO

Edward M. Berdick '54, Suffolk, Va., June 25, 2020. Mr. Berdick was a brother of Phi Sigma Kappa and a member of the Mustard and Cheese Society. He was also a veteran of the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. He made his career with General Electric.

James R. Galbraith '54, King of Prussia, Pa., May 26, 2020. Mr. Galbraith was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, assigned to Armed Forces Radio. He spent his career working as a microwave electronics engineer, contributing to the design of many missile, satellite and communications systems, until his retirement from RDL. He was a member of the Tower Society.

Ernest E. Brown '55, Sacramento, Calif., July 2, 2020. Mr. Brown was a member of the Glee Club and Tau Beta Pi honor society. He was also a veteran of the U.S. Army. He made his career in the aerospace industry.

James F. O'Connell '55, Amarillo, Texas, June 27, 2020. Mr. O'Connell was a member of the baseball, basketball and football teams, as well as a Delta Tau Delta brother. He served in the U.S. Army after graduation. His career centered on exploration geology for the oil and gas industry.

Robert F. Lehman '56, Bethlehem, Pa., July 11, 2020. A veteran of the U.S. Army, Mr. Lehman was an electrical engineer for PPL Utilities.

John J. Luzenski '56, Pasadena, Fla., May 13, 2020. A U.S. Navy veteran, Mr. Luzenski worked for PP&L for 35 years.

Robert C. McGrory '56, Lafayette Hill, Pa., July 16, 2020. A Kappa Alpha brother, Lt. Col. McGrory served in the U.S. Air Force and Air Force reserves. He then flew for Pan Am Airlines for 25 years. As an alumnus volunteer, he served on the LUAA Board of Directors and volunteered with his class.

For his immense dedication to Lehigh, he won the Alumni Award in 1991.

Robert Van Ostenbridge '57, Mahwah, N.J., Aug. 9, 2020. Mr. Van Ostenbridge was a Pi Kappa Alpha brother and member of the Glee Club. He was also a veteran of the U.S. Army and worked for the Home Office of Prudential Insurance.

Donald L. Schwartz '57, Greenville, S.C., June 25, 2020. Mr. Schwartz was a Delta Upsilon brother. He worked for 3M and ILC and as a self-employed defense contractor.

Ronald J. Dominach '58, New Bern, N.C., June 5, 2020. A Sigma Nu brother, Mr. Dominach was also a baseball team member.

John P. Harkrader Jr. '58, Wall Township, N.J., May 31, 2020. A Chi Psi brother, Mr. Harkrader was a member of the skiing, swimming and track teams. He operated Marine Safety Equipment Corporation, where he manufactured lifeboats, davits and winches. He organized and served as the first president of the United States Marine Safety Association. A lifelong runner, he still holds the 100-yard dash record at Lawrenceville School. His daughters, Linda (Harkrader) Powers '88 and Angela Warner '93, are members of the Lehigh family. He was also a member of the Asa Packer Society.

Thomas A. Kelly Jr. '58, Allentown, Pa., June 21, 2020. Mr. Kelly was a lifelong newspaperman. He was a member of *The Brown and White* staff, covered three Olympics, served as the editor of *The Palm Beach Post* and taught as editor-in-residence at several universities.

Paul K. Stille '58, West Caldwell, N.J., July 20, 2020. Mr. Stille taught industrial arts in various schools for 30 years and subsequently founded the family business, Stille & Sons.

Edward D. Sullivan '58, Bainbridge Falls, Ohio, June 29,

2020. Mr. Sullivan was a brother of Phi Gamma Delta and played varsity tennis. He served in the U.S. Navy before becoming a stockbroker. He was a partner of McDonald and Company. His daughter, Megan Sullivan '91, is a member of the Lehigh family.

William R. Wentz '58, Warminster, Pa., Aug. 17, 2020. A member of the Mustard and Cheese Society, Mr. Wentz was an engineer for the Naval Air Development Center for 34 years.

Walter R. Allen Jr. '59, South Burlington, Vt., June 29, 2020. Mr. Allen contributed to the development of EPDM synthetic rubber at Esso Research & Engineering. He also designed foundations and steel structure at M.W. Kellogg Co. and worked for Research Cottrell in pollution control. His father, Walter Allen '25; brother, Richard Allen '51; and son, Walter Allen III '91, are all members of the Lehigh family.

Allan J. Werft '59, Sarasota, Fla., July 28, 2020. An Alpha Tau Omega brother and member of the lacrosse team, Mr. Werft retired as the owner and CEO of A.F. Brock.

1960s

Otis H. Johnson Jr. '60 '61, Wilmington, N.C., June 29, 2020. A Chi Phi brother and veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, Mr. Johnson worked for several Fortune 100 companies before founding Darby Digital Communications to assist printers and publishers in making the transition to the new field of digital and electronic publishing.

Thomas M. Flatley '61, Garden City, N.Y., May 26, 2020. Mr. Flatley was an Alpha Chi Rho brother and lacrosse team member. He was a celebrated high school football and lacrosse coach for over 50 years. He was also a member of the Asa Packer Society.

David R. Phelps '62, Moneta, Va., June 30, 2020. Mr.

Phelps was a member of Tau Beta Pi and Omicron Delta Kappa honor societies, as well as a Gryphon and a veteran of the U.S. Army. He made his career with GE, working with railroads and rapid transit systems.

William C. Berg III '64, Lombard, Ill., May 5, 2020. Mr. Berg was a Chi Psi brother and member of the wrestling team. He made his entire career in the steel industry.

Alan H. Dugan '65, Dover, N.H., July 11, 2020. Mr. Dugan was a brother of Delta Tau Delta. He made his career with TPF&C (Towers Perrin), retiring as a managing director.

John J. Jordan Jr. '65, M.A. '67, Bethlehem, Pa., May 19, 2020. Mr. Jordan taught high school English and honors German in the Bethlehem Area School District.

Russell J. Riddell '66, Havre de Grace, Md., July 31, 2020. A Delta Upsilon brother, Mr. Riddell worked for Chevron Corp. as a chemical engineer and executive. He was also a member of the Asa Packer and Tower societies.

William J. Martucci '67, Brodheadsville, Pa., June 19, 2020. Dr. Martucci was a Theta Chi brother. He practiced family medicine for nearly 40 years. His son, Nicholas Martucci, is a member of the Class of 1999.

George C. Textor Jr. '67, Seattle, Wash., May 10, 2020. A Phi Delta Theta brother, Mr. Textor worked in banking and formed a private equity firm called Capstan Partners. He also volunteered as a member of the Lehigh Leadership Council. His brother, Donald Textor '68, and son, Andrew Textor '06, are members of the Lehigh family.

1970s

Darryl M. Harper '72, McKeesport, Pa., Aug. 18, 2020. Mr. Harper worked as a facilities technician at Carnegie Mellon University.

REMEMBERING Professor Emeritus Ben T. Yen

A Prolific Research Career

Ben T. Yen is fondly remembered for the popular bridge tours he led throughout the Lehigh Valley



BEN T. YEN, WHO LED a prolific research career focused on structure and bridge evaluation and repair, passed away Sept. 15, 2020. He was 88.

Born in China, Yen earned his B.S. from National Taiwan University in 1953 and completed his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees at Lehigh in 1958 and 1963. He continued as a professor with Lehigh's department of civil and environmental engineering and as a research faculty member of the Engineering Research Center for Advanced Technology for Large Structural Systems (ATLSS), retiring in 2001.

Over the course of his career, he lectured internationally, was widely published, and he mentored dozens of graduate engineering students. Many important bridges that are used every day bear his mark. He is fondly remembered by many for the popular tours of bridges he led throughout Allentown, Bethlehem and Easton.

"Ben was devoted to all students, both undergraduates and graduate students, he came in contact with," said John W. Fisher, Lehigh professor emeritus in civil and environmental engineering. "This was common for all of his years at Lehigh and Fritz Lab since 1960. He liked to take them on bridges, especially if we were working on the structures in the 1970s through the 1990s."

Gregory J. Kulinski worked alongside Yen for close to 15 years to plan bridge tours. On their last bridge tour together, Kulinski said, Yen told him it was his turn to talk about the last bridge.

"Looking back," Kulinski said, "it was his way of passing the torch, which I have been humbled to do ever since to keep his tradition going for the Lehigh students and to follow in the footsteps of my mentor."

Yen endowed the Yen Family Fellowship, which has supported numerous graduate students pursuing advanced research. The fellowship specifically enables civil engineering graduate students to continue their research.

"All of us who knew Ben were fortunate to experience his infectious smile, his inviting and ever-helpful personality, his true intellect, and his love for his family and his students," said Shamim Pakzad, associate professor and interim CEE department chair in a message to faculty and staff. "His distinguished career at Lehigh, his generosity toward this institution, and his pride in our Structural Engineering research and education will be remembered by his colleagues and students."

In 2015, Yen was presented with a lifetime achievement award by the Lehigh Valley Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE).

Yen is survived by his wife, Dr. Connie Yen; sons, Thomas G. and his wife, Beth, of Wescosville, Dr. David M. and his wife, Lisa, of Lower Saucon; sister, Ben Yee Yen of Maryland; five grandchildren, Emily, Jack, Grant, Ryan, and Lindsey, and three nieces. He was predeceased by a sister, Ben Chow (Yen) Chen, and brother, Ben Chie Yen.

William C. McJames Jr.

'72, Hillsborough, N.J., July 2, 2020. Mr. McJames made his career at Johnson & Johnson and Tyrx Pharma, among other companies, and led the design and development of industrial, medical and surgical devices. Upon retirement, he held 29 U.S. patents.

Walter Wilczynski '74,

Atlanta, Ga., June 9, 2019. A Delta Upsilon brother, Dr. Wilczynski taught psychology and neuroscience at the University of Texas-Austin and he was the inaugural director of the Neuroscience Institute at Georgia State University. He was a Fulbright scholar, was much published and wrote several books. He was also a member of the Asa Packer Society.

James M. Chiadis '76,

Bethlehem, Pa., May 16, 2020. Dr. Chiadis served in the U.S. Army as the chairman of the department of pathology at the U.S. Army Hospital in Ft. Carson, Colo., where he received the Meritorious Service Medal from the U.S. Army Health Services Command. He was also president and co-owner of Valley Pathology Associates and the laboratory medical director at the St. Luke's Sacred Heart campus. His son, Michael Chiadis, is a member of the Class of 2014.

David W. Hartzell '77,

Fort Myers, Fla. May 16, 2020. Mr. Hartzell was a Zeta Psi brother. He worked as a professional engineer for more than 38 years.

Elliot L. Liebman '77,

North Myrtle Beach, S.C., Dec. 5, 2019. Mr. Liebman was a Sigma Alpha Mu brother and worked for Rhode & Schwarz America. His son, Jeffrey Liebman, is a member of the Class of 2016.

Robert S. Klimowicz '79,

Allenhurst, N.J., July 23, 2020. Mr. Klimowicz was a Tau Epsilon Phi brother.

Mitchell A. Shriber '79,

Clearwater, Fla., May 31, 2020. Mr. Shriber was a certified

REMEMBERING Professor Emeritus Arturs Kalnins

An Expert in the Fatigue of Metals

Arturs Kalnins served on Lehigh's faculty for more than 39 years

ARTURS KALNINS, PROFESSOR EMERITUS OF mechanical engineering and mechanics and an internationally recognized expert in the fatigue of metals—particularly the behavior of metal plates and shells—passed away Aug. 13, 2020, at his home in Bethlehem, Pa. He was 89.

Born in Riga, Latvia, Kalnins emigrated to the United States in 1951. He was a professor at Lehigh for more than 39 years, until his retirement in 2004. Previously, he was on the faculty of the Yale School of Engineering, from 1960 to 1964.

Kalnins developed computer programs to analyze shells of revolution that include metal plasticity, free vibration, buckling and creep. He served as a consultant to companies in the United States and abroad. He also was active on the international lecture circuit, giving presentations in Mexico, Austria and Brazil. He was a member of a review group that independently evaluated the repair and return to service of the steam generators at the Three Mile Island Unit 1 nuclear power plant.

A member and fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Kalnins received the society's Pressure Vessels and Piping (PVP) Medal, a top honor, at its 2008 PVP Conference. He was recognized for "significant contributions to the field of pressure vessel and piping technology, particularly for advancing the state of the art in the development of new design curves for torispherical heads and primary stress limits on the basis of plasticity, and for other significant breakthroughs in the field."

Kalnins earned B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in engineering mechanics from the University of Michigan. He wrote or co-wrote more than 120 research papers and a book.

He was married to Dzintra (Skerbele) Kalnins. They would have celebrated 64 years of marriage in September 2020. He is also survived by his son, Arturs T. Kalnins, and wife, Michele Williams of Iowa City, Iowa; granddaughters, Sarah and Anna Kalnins; and a nephew and nieces in Latvia.



financial planner for National Securities Corporation. He volunteered as an alumnus with his class and as a Lehigh-Lafayette telecast host. His brother, Kenneth Shriber, is a member of the Class of 1982.

1980s

Karen Turoski-Toohey '82, Al-die, Va., June 20, 2020. A member of the Marching 97 as a student, Ms. Turoski-Toohey worked as a teacher, assistant principal and principal in the Catholic Diocese of Arlington. Her sister, Kathryn (Turoski) Bogdan, is a member of the Class of 1986.

Nancy J. Yaeger '82, Howell, N.J., May 28, 2020. Dr. Yaeger was a clinical psychologist.

Nadine Caputo '82 MBA '12, Chestnut Hill, Pa., April 10, 2020. Ms. Caputo was a member of the Marching 97 and became their first female band manager in 1981. An active alumna, she volunteered with her class, served on the Lehigh Leadership Council, cosponsored a scholarship for deserving students and supported the College of Education's Caring for Cambodia program.

Alison B. Church '85, Shaftsbury, Vt., May 15, 2020. Ms. Church designed bridges for the State of Vermont. She held several patents.

2000s

Michael P. Shindle '04, Brigantine, N.J., May 27, 2020. Mr. Shindle was a member of the soccer team. For more than 20 years, had a very successful culinary career in New Orleans, New York, Chicago, Salt Lake City and Philadelphia.

GRADUATE

Marcella Dimmick M.A. '50 Cert. '60, Bethlehem, Pa., March 12, 2020. Ms. Dimmick was employed at the Saucon Valley School District for 42 years, retiring in 1977. She taught English, French and history for 25 years

and served the school district as a guidance counselor for the last 17 years of her career. Her brother, Ray Dimmick, was a member of the Class of 1947.

John R. Reitz M.A. '53, West Lawn, Pa., June 5, 2020. A U.S. Navy veteran, Dr. Reitz was a retired teacher, coach and school administrator at several high schools and finally at Alvernia University.

LeRoy Swoyer Jr. M.A. '56, Venice, Fla., Aug. 3, 2020. Dr. Swoyer had a long career as an educator and retired as a superintendent of schools in N.J.

Antonio S. Villanueva M.S. '56, Jackson, Mich., Aug. 12, 2020. Dr. Villanueva worked for Bethlehem Steel, Gilbert/Commonwealth and Chrysler Corporation. He also taught as a math professor at the State University of New York.

Nikolaus J. Kozauer M.A. '57, Silver Spring, Md., May 14, 2020. Dr. Kozauer was a founding faculty member of Ocean County College. He was the first faculty member to be promoted to the rank of full professor in the community college system in the state. Upon his retirement, he was recognized as the college's first professor emeritus.

Angelo Costanzo M.A. '58, Chambersburg, Pa., May 27, 2020. Dr. Costanzo was an English professor at Shippensburg University for 30 years. He published countless articles and several books throughout his lifetime. His focus was African-American literature.

Barrett D. Transue M.A. '61, Mount Bethel, Pa., July 20, 2020. Mr. Transue served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He taught gifted science classes in the Allentown School District for 33 years.

William C. Collins M.Ed. '65, Allentown, Pa., July 21, 2020. Mr. Collins spent his career in education as a counselor in the Parkland School District. He was the head swimming coach for 16 years.

James J. Fadule Jr. M.A.
'65 M.Ed. '66 Ed.D. '69, Mar-
 gate, N.J., Aug. 10, 2020. Dr. Fad-
 ule retired as superintendent
 from the Nutley School District
 after serving for 18 years. Previ-
 ously, he had worked as super-
 intendent in the Wyomissing
 Area School District. His career
 also included positions as
 teacher, principal and assistant
 superintendent and with the Pa.
 Department of Education.

Michael J. McAloose
M.Ed. '65, Allentown, Pa.,
 May 18, 2020. A veteran of the
 U.S. Army during the Kore-
 an War, Mr. McAloose was a
 guidance counselor for William
 Allen High School for more
 than 40 years.

Althea M. (Hess) Ellis
M.Ed. '66, Northampton,
 Pa., Aug. 1, 2020. Mrs. Ellis
 taught elementary school in
 the Northampton Area School
 District.

Genero C. Laporte M.Ed.
'66, Doylestown, Pa., July 22,
 2020.

**Edith H. (Godshall) Mess-
 erschmidt M.Ed. '66**, Barnes-
 ville, Pa., Aug. 9, 2020. Mrs.
 Messerschmidt spent decades
 as a reading specialist in the Ha-
 zleton Area School District. She
 was also part owner of White
 Birch Golf Course.

Richard McPhillips Cert.
'67, Bensalem, Pa., Aug. 15,
 2020. Mr. McPhillips was a vet-
 eran of the U.S. Army during the
 Korean War. He was awarded
 the Combat Infantry Badge and
 various other medals with three
 Bronze Stars. He was a teacher
 and principal for Neshaminy
 School District for 35 years.

Mary P. Beebe M.A. '69,
 Bethlehem, Pa., June 8, 2020.
 Mrs. Beebe was an English
 teacher at Moravian Academy
 and Northampton Community
 College.

Charles T. Mickle M.A.
'69, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada,
 July 6, 2020. Mr. Mickle taught
 politics at Westdale Secondary
 School and later at Sir John A.

Macdonald Secondary School.
 He was awarded an honorary
 life membership in the Royal
 Philatelic Society of Canada.

Raymond W. Ely Jr. M.Ed.
'70, Quakertown, Pa., May 20,
 2020. Mr. Ely was a veteran
 of the U.S. Marine Corps. He
 worked as an educator in the
 Quakertown Community
 School District serving as a
 biology teacher and assistant
 football coach. He went on to
 serve as athletic director and
 assistant principal at Quak-
 ertown High School and then
 the initial principal of Milford
 Junior High School until his
 retirement.

M. Joanne Feigl M.Ed. '70,
 Bethlehem, Pa., July 19, 2020.
 Mrs. Feigl was a reading spe-
 cialist in the Bethlehem Area
 School District for 30 years. Her
 daughter, Ann Johnston, is a
 member of the Class of 1987.

**Blanche (Beemer) Phythy-
 on M.Ed. '73**, Doylestown, Pa.,
 Aug. 2, 2020. Mrs. Phythyon
 worked as a high school English
 teacher with Pennsbury High
 School for 34 years. After retir-
 ing, she worked part time as a
 receptionist with the Fonthill
 Museum.

Annette L. Benert M.A.
'69 Ph.D. '75, Bethlehem, Pa.,
 June 3, 2020. Dr. Benert was a
 professor of English, mostly at
 DeSales University. Her schol-
 arly work focused mainly on the
 writings of Henry James and
 Edith Wharton.

James R. Feather Ed.D.
'76, Bushkill Township, Pa.,
 Dec. 20, 2019. Lieutenant
 Commander Feather served in
 the U.S. Naval Air Reserves for
 31 years. He was a teacher and
 administrator in several school
 districts.

Cory (Tebelman) Czipoth
M.Ed. '78, Bethlehem, Pa.,
 June 28, 2020. Mrs. Czipoth
 worked for Bethlehem Steel and
 retired from Ultimate Software.

Jeffrey A. Keller Cert. '76,
 Reading, Pa., July 25, 2020. Mr.
 Keller taught in the Reading

School District before becoming
 principal of Exeter Township
 High School. After retirement,
 he then served as an adjunct
 professor at Alvernia Univer-
 sity.

Roger F. Fosbenner M.S.
'77, Zionsville, Pa., Aug. 3, 2020.
 Mr. Fosbenner was an IT devel-
 oper at Western Electric, then
 Lucent and IBM. He was also a
 horse trainer and barrel racer.

Robert L. Varano Cert.
'77, Mount Carmel, Pa., June
 2, 2020. Mr. Varano taught
 chemistry and physics in the
 Ashland and Shamokin school
 districts. He served as guid-
 ance counselor, federal project
 director, head basketball coach
 and high school principal in
 the Mount Carmel Area School
 District and as high school
 principal and superintendent
 of schools at Southern Area
 School District.

Patricia L. (Belcher)
Peeke M.Ed. '91, Fort Mill,
 S.C., May 26, 2020. Dr. Peeke
 was a clinical psychologist in
 school settings. Her husband,
 Lachlan Peeke, earned his
 graduate degree from Lehigh
 in 1990.

James A. Rodda Cert. '91,
 Prompton, Pa., May 22, 2020.
 Mr. Rodda spent 33 years in the
 Wayne Highlands School Dis-
 trict, where he taught middle
 and high school social studies
 before becoming a middle and
 secondary school administrator.
 He was also the football, wres-
 tling, track and cross country
 coach. As a football coach, he
 was part of three conference
 championships.

David A. Veshosky Ph.D.
'82, Easton, Pa., July 5, 2020.
 Dr. Veshosky was a member of
 the Lafayette College faculty
 since 1991 as a professor in civil
 and environmental engineering
 and engineering studies. His
 wife, Kathleen Clayton '94G,
 and children—Ryan Haselton
 '07, Todd Haselton '07 and Lau-
 ren Haselton '09—are members
 of the Lehigh family.

Jeremy L. Banks M.S.
'12, Albuquerque, N.M., July
 24, 2020. Mr. Banks was a staff
 sergeant in the United States
 Air Force. He made his career
 at PNM, Sandia National
 Laboratories and Presbyterian
 Healthcare Services.



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