LEHIGH DISPATCH

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

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Greetings Class of ‘43 and all who check in! By way of introduction I am Dawn MacAllister ’85 writing on behalf of my dad, Tom MacAllister. I noticed recently since we have very sadly lost our previous class contacts, the Class of ’46 is the first class posting in the dispatch. I have offered to take over the role of class contact to ensure anyone who would like to connect with their classmates or just drop a line has an “official” place to do so.

An update on my dad: He lives in Orange, Conn., in the house he built with my mom, Rose, in 1960, about a year before they learned I would be joining them. Mom passed away after a brief illness in 2008. Dad remains independent with the help of a few close friends who check in on him and doesn’t even take medication as he says he “feels just fine, thank you!” I am truly inspired by this member of “the greatest generation.” Dad is most proud of his WWII service in the China Burma India theater, and his 35-year tenure at the Southern New England Telephone company. He doesn’t own a smartphone or a computer, but is proud to have been a pioneer in the technology that led to the one that never leaves my side. And of course, Dad truly cherishes his time at Lehigh, and still recounts to me many stories of Price Hall, his buddies and Bethlehem Steel where he worked part-time.

I had the privilege to attend the Class of ’43 70th reunion, with Dad of course, in 2013. I met Les Titlow (and his lovely wife), Charlie Kucher, John Corson, Jack deGrouchy, David Troxel and Phil Varriechio. We danced, shared memories and had a lovely meal on our last night together. I will never forget them and cherish this memory. Unfortunately I never had another chance to talk to any other Class of ’43 members about life at Lehigh during their years there.

Therefore, my desire to keep the ’43 dispatch alive is twofold. First and foremost that members, friends or relatives of the Class of ’43 or any surrounding class will write and update us on their life and times today.

Secondly, to invite everyone to write with memories or stories handed down about Lehigh in the 1940s. Oral histories would be so valuable to paint a picture of our beloved Lehigh during such a unique time in our history.

Please feel free to contact me anytime at bunpanic@yahoo.com or call me at 540-424-9436. Please leave a voicemail! All the best to all reading, from me and my dad. We hope to hear from you!

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Editor’s note: Welcome to Dawn and Tom, and thank you for taking on this opportunity to connect our greatest generation members. Before they took on this role, Richard B. Palmer wrote in to the Alumni Relations office on Sept. 21, 2019, with his first-ever report to the Alumni Bulletin. Thank you, Richard!

“Today I am 97 years old and hold the record campus presence of any graduate of Lehigh. I appeared at my father’s house on the campus in 1922 where I spent the first 21 years of my life and graduated in 1943 with an A.B. in geology. I spent the next three years in the military and followed that with a Ph.D. in geology from the Johns Hopkins University.

“I was married to Ruth Darlington in September of 1943, a marriage that lasted 73 years and produced three children, one of whom died in 1992. I am the great-grandfather of nine, many of whom I have never met. I was hired as a petroleum geologist by Texaco and reported to Casper, Wyo., in July 1949. My career with Texaco lasted 32 years, during which I became chief explorationist worldwide and senior vice president of the company. I retired early at the age of 59 and became executive-in-resident at the Duke University Business School, from which I retired after nine years.”

‘47 Editor’s note: Two members of the Class of ’47 wrote in to the Alumni Relations office. Thanks, gentlemen!

First, a note from Arthur “Skip” Ross: “A couple of years ago, my class secretary had a list of June 1947 graduates he had contacted. Among the listing was a familiar name. I called the Alumni Office, gave my name and phone number and asked that they contact a particular person on the list. Within two weeks my Pi Lambda Phi fraternity brother and fellow June 1947 graduate Don Franklin called and ever since we have kept in touch by phone until a sunny, warm day—October 25, 2019—when Don and I met over lunch at a Cracker Barrel near Tampa, Fla.

“After a lapse of over 72 years, we had a lot of history to cover, who we remembered, who was still alive, our families, jobs and much more. We intend to meet again in February 2020 when I visit my older son, who lives in Osprey, Fla. Dan and his wife live in The Villages, Fla., so we’ll meet again probably at the same Cracker Barrel. Don is now 93 years old and I turned 92 in October. We are still active and enjoying life, friends and family.”

A second note came in from Frederick “Fritz” Stocker: “Recently I was reminded of the following true story from my Lehigh/Bethlehem days. I am not making this up.

“In the fall of 1941, when this story begins, I was a 14-year-old kid living on Church Street in the old historic section of Bethlehem. In those days, Lehigh, like other universities, had a tradition of a pajama parade, as part of the hazing of new freshmen. (This tradition, I have to believe, has long ago died out.) On this occasion the freshmen, clad in their pajamas and wearing their freshmen dinks, paraded through the campus and then down through the town, across the New Street bridge (“We pay no toll tonight, we pay no toll”) ending up at Moravian College for Women. (The men’s and women’s schools did not merge until 1954.)

“Our house happened to be next door to a big old Victorian house that had been converted to a residence hall for a dozen
or more women, some of whom were rather pretty. There the parade sort of petered out as the girls were serenaded by the marchers and many new friendships were formed.

“The morning after the parade, my mother went out front, and there in the bushes she found a pair of pajamas that had been discarded by one of the marchers. So she fished them out of the bushes, brought them in, laundered them and put them in my dresser drawer for me to wear. Which I did.

“Those pajamas turned out to have a name tag sewn into them: Jack Hoerner. Every night when I put them on, I couldn’t help but note the name. Over a period of several years, that name, Jack Hoerner, came to be imprinted on my mind to the point where I knew it almost as well as I knew my own.

“Now fast-forward to the fall of 1946. By that time I was a student at Lehigh, along with some hundreds of GIs who were returning, under the GI Bill, to pick up their education where they had left off. I had joined the Sigma Chi fraternity, which in the fall of 1946, around Veterans Day, then still called Armistice Day, held an observance honoring the GIs among us. They made up perhaps half the active members of the chapter.

“As a rather solemn part of this observance, we memorialized those brothers who had died during the war. There were three of them. For each, someone who had known him said a few words about him. But whose name I well remember for I slept many a night in his pajamas.

“The point of this story is to remind each of us that, when we’re dead and gone, there will probably be people who will remember us for the darndest reasons.”

‘50 ‘Editor's note: We were saddened to hear that longtime class correspondent Don Williams passed away in November. We will remember him for his sense of humor and deep love of the University. Our condolences and best wishes to his family and friends. Bob Limons sent in the following note to the Alumni Relations team. Thanks, Bob!"

“An overview by a Lehigh wrestling fan: In the early 1900s, Billy Sheridan and Bill Stark were young men living in Scotland who had developed exceptional skills in soccer and wrestling. They came to America seeking employment in their chosen fields. One of the jobs they landed together was as coaches with the Bethlehem Steel Football Club. Soccer was a huge sporting venue of the day. Over the next several years they guided the Bethlehem Club to many victories and league championships.

“Bill Stark went on to Liberty High School in Bethlehem to coach soccer, wrestling and swimming. I was on the wrestling squad when Stark coached Mike Filipos ’51 and a little later Gus LaSasso—both went on to Lehigh to become great champions—and also Stan Th evenet who went to West Point to become a champion, and met Lehigh’s Eric Erikson a few times.

“Billy Sheridan went to Lehigh to become head coach of wrestling and soccer. His accomplishments are legendary. He is the icon of collegiate wrestling.

“With World War II winding down, I was stationed in Panama with the 6th Air Force. After entering Lehigh, Peg and I were married in Packer Chapel in 1949 and I graduated in 1950 with a B.A. degree in geology. We never missed a home wrestling match at Lehigh in four years. Most of my career was spent with Bethlehem Steel Corp. Research Dept. working in the field of mineral technology. Now we live in a senior facility in Bloomington, Ind., near the home of our daughter, Elizabeth, and her husband, John. They both are professors teaching at Indiana University.

“These days we watch I.U. wrestle Penn State, Ohio State, Iowa, etc. We remain avid Lehigh wrestling fans and keep in touch through our good friend Herb Campbell ’72, a former standout Lehigh wrestler. And so the beat goes on in the Snake Pit.”

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Otto and wife Dolly live on Center Street in Bethlehem in a house with a very deep backyard. They have owned the property for 50 years. They hosted a Friday afternoon picnic there for our 50th reunion. The place was jammed! There was great food and, as I remember it, beer on tap. It was a fine way to begin a weekend of celebration.

Next time I will be writing about our undefeated football team of 1950, hoping that the article will appear in the summer issue of the Bulletin to commemorate the 70th anniversary of what many remember as Lehigh’s greatest football season. I will have short bios of our stars, Richard Gabriel and Richard Doyle.

‘52 Bill Erdman, (407) 644-0391; 1171 Willa Vista Trail, Ma itland, Fla., 32751 wce96@seeoursite.org; seeoursite.org/lehigh William Skillman writes in August: “An update on my life: Charlotte (Susie) List and I were married May 4, 2019, in the chapel at Augsburg Lutheran Village in Gwynn Oak, Baltimore, Md. My son-in-law, Richard Brash, ordained in April by the Church of the Nazarene, presidency. Best man was my grandson, Eli Brash. I am in the process of moving to her apartment at Augsburg, but am living there while packing up my Charlestown apartment.”

What have I learned from writing your column? I can publish your news to our website as I receive it, wait several months and it shows up here. You guys that visit the website occasionally don’t have to wait for old news in the alumni Bulletin.”

Pat Moran wrote to say he misses seeing his name on the byline above. After 38 years he could only say, “That was then and this is now.” Then he went on to talk about healthcare,
walkers, assisted living, support groups, old people, his health is “good,” his “bucket list” is empty, his wallet is fat and he is “ready to go.” Sounds like Pat is doing just fine, like the rest of us old guys.

In October, Bob Hoyt wrote: “Yesterday I had lunch in Lancaster with John Seville. I had not seen John since the spring of 2016 (See website for Bob and John’s picture.) He and his wife, Joan, have recently moved into a Lutheran Church Retirement home in York. I’m living near to my two daughters and two of my four sons. I summer in Nantucket, which is very popular when many of my 16 grandchil-
dren visit one family at a time. While in Nantucket I enjoy sailboat racing at the Nantucket Yacht Club and, like you, I enjoy bike riding, although not every day. Special care must be taken to maintain balance so as not to fall. For the past five years, one of my daughters has taken me to the U.K. to see theater in London and spend three days at a manor house in the country. I have my tickets to the Le-
high-Lafayette game—hope to see some of you guys there.”

As for me, in July we flew to Oakland for a short visit with daughter Karen’s family. Then met our son, Don, and his wife in Juneau, embarked on a jaunt with Christian Tours that included Alaska Marine Ferry to Skagway, bus to Whitehorse, Tock, Fairbanks and Denali, train to Talkeetna, bus to Anchorage, and a boat tour through Kenai Fjords National Park. We took a bus tour through the Canadian Rockies and were happy to see the beauty without all the wildfire smoke.

In closing: wow! Three notes in three months from the plus-or-minus 100 guys still out there! How about sending your classmates some news and make me work for my salary. I’m just wasting away, waiting for “you’ve got mail!” Write today.

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I am sure most of you have heard by now that our 66th mini-reunion in the Governor’s Room at Saucon Valley Country Club was a great success. Our class committee, composed of President Joe Workman, Vice President Tony Latour, Roger Inglese, Edward Kearney and Tip Mowrer met after the event and decided there was no reason to wait until our 70th Reunion, but that we will schedule another mini-reunion – our 67th on June 6, 2020, in the Tower of Iacocca Hall at the Mountaintop Campus of Lehigh University. The Tower presents a great view of the campus and the entire Lehigh Valley with access to easy parking. Joe Workman has put together an advisory group consisting of our first class president, Nick Gentile, along with Bob Gill and Herb Roemmele to aid in the preparations.

I would like to report that the Tower Society meeting was held in late September and attended by Bob Gill, Joe Workman and Herb Roemmele. We know there are additional classmates who are members who were unable to attend. Perhaps they will be available for attendance in the near future.

Alexander McCord ’54 and Dick Harmon, my Kappa Sigma brothers, have recently passed away. It seems our group of the Kappa Sigmas from the old Church Street frat house is getting smaller and smaller. Mark Kaufman sent me a note that he has retired from Chase Bank in New York City. He also retired from seven years as treasurer of the Harmonie Club in New York as well. Mark and his wife, Carole, have just returned from Normandy, France, to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the D-Day Invasion. He said it was an emotional experience, which I can also personally attest to as well! The tears rolled down my face when Barbara and I stood and looked upon those beaches.

Nick Gentile sends his holiday and Christmas best to all his classmates.

Make sure to mark your calendar for our 67th mini-reunion on June 6, 2020. It will be a pleasure to reconvene with all of our classmates from far and wide. Please feel free to reach out with any further questions regarding the event.

Burt Sch-weigaard-Olsen, 1299 N. Tamiami Trail, Unit 1021, Sarasota, FL 34236. (941) 923-4210 (H); (828) 577-1484 (C); bertso@mac.com We have now lived in The Sarasota Bay Club’s retirement facilities for over half a year. Eleanor and I both feel that it was a very wise decision to move in when we did. The Club is rated as one of the top 25 retirement homes in the country and based upon our experiences, they have earned the rating. What is not to like about this place? Our 17-pound Maine Coon, Chester, seems to agree with us as he happily treks from one cozy condo to the next (he has four) during the course of each day. At night he just purrs as he sleeps with us.

I had a long, interesting conversation with Ernest Angino. Ernest went into the Army after his recent studies include the ice in Antarctica.

Marty Edelman is suffering from some health issues, but he is on the comeback trail. He talks on a regular basis with Sam Frohlich. They initially met in 1948 at Camp With-A-Wind in Honesdale, Pa., and have been friends all these years. Marty also told me that Wilson Stout and Larry Skaller roomed together as
freshmen at Lehigh.

I spoke to Pete Barba the other day just as he was finishing the “shall we dance” cards for the Stanford Singles Black Tie Party, which was started in 1954. Lex Murdoch sponsored Pete for membership. Pete and his late wife, Sherry, organized the Stanford Doubles Dance, so now Pete dances with both groups. It is a tough life but, hey, somebody’s got to do it. In a few weeks, Pete is taking his family on a two-week cruise which will include Hong Kong and Singapore. After all his travels, he will return to his condo in the Stone Ridge Creek Continuing Care Retirement Community.

Carpe diem. Have a joyful, wonderful 2020 and I will call some of you when the next column is due in April. God bless all of you.

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A big thank you to Don Steeber for this column. I hope it encourages you to write your own and send it to me for subsequent issues.

“I am happy to jump in and help out with a few words about some of our classmates. However, let me begin by saying ‘thank you’ to the LU faculty and staff (both past and present) for the education they provided us! I will stack it up to any other program anywhere in the country. The reputation and compliments have come back to me, and I’m certain to all of you also, so many times over these past almost 65 years.

“Speaking of 65 years, we are going to be planning some sort of gathering(s) come June 4 through 7, 2020, for our 65th Reunion. I hope we can entice many of you to return for the weekend—we always have a good time renewing old (VERY old) memories.

“I would also like to thank our classmate Bill Mangus. Bill sent me a wonderful note shortly after our last reunion. Bill, I have placed that note in my life’s memorabilia box along with many other treasures. While I’m giving accolades I need to, again, thank Bob Kiley and his wife, Lynne, for his 55-plus years of writing this column. What dedication, thank you both. By the way, Bob had the misfortune to break his right hip back in late July. The good news is that he is now doing much better after a slow and painful few weeks.

“I want to update everyone on my ‘LU family,’ that is my fraternity brothers (or widows) and several close friends and tailgate buddies that I try to keep up with. Let’s start, sadly, by telling you that Gail Royster called me on July 22 to tell me that Clyde Royster had passed away the day before. With Clyde’s passing my Theta Delta Chi class is now down to three (from 11). Edward Cahn and his wife, Alice, are well. Ed is still working and active and attends lots of LU functions. Joan and Dave Finger live outside of Harrisburg and Dave is also still working. I retired several years ago—but am now back starting up a new small construction company with my son. I think we Theta Delts are gluttons for punishment! I have tried to keep in touch with the widows of my brothers who have passed. Most are well, but I have lost track of Janet Gleckner, Mariam Taylor and Jim Derington’s wife.

“Before I leave the subject of my fraternity brothers I want to tell you a story about Clyde Royster and I. Clyde and I were returning to school one night from New Jersey. We decided to stop in The Palm Gardens, a pub on the outskirts of Easton. We walked in and who was at the bar? Pete Carrill (the captain of Lafayette’s basketball team, later to become Princeton’s iconic basketball coach) and his then-coach Bill van Breda Kolff (of N.Y. Knick-fame). We had a beer together and during the conversation we asked them to come to Bethlehem the next weekend and join us at a house party, which they did and came over several other times also.

“I do stay in touch with several of our other classmates. I talked to Ed Hatfield (quite a while ago). He and his wife, Pinky, were doing well. I have also stayed in touch with Ken Hendrix and Pat Girke. Ken and Pat are the rocks of our class! They have, only this year, given up big-time tailgating — but still go to the games. I talk often with Robie and Ken Verostick. Ken was (and still is) a cheerleading buddy. They seem to epitomize youth—they are both well, healthy and happy.

“Before I close let me put in a plug for Burt, our new class correspondent. Please send any personal updates and comments to him so we can keep in touch. Burt Sutker, 55 Lexington Dr., Pennington, NJ, 08534.

“I will close with a confession. I wonder how many of you remember the freshman English assignment—to read ‘The Forsyte Saga’? Well, I asked my wife, Lois, for a Christmas gift last December, a copy of the book written by John Galsworthy. I can now admit I have read all 1,100 pages and truly enjoyed the entire book. Again, thank you, Lehigh. Stay well and happy and I hope to see you in June.”

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Janet and Bruce Waechter joined a small group of Lehigh and Lafayette fans on game day for a party at Tyler’s Bar & Grille in Wilmington, Del. They watched on TV through the dramatic ending, when Lehigh lost by one point, 17-16. However, the sophomore QB, Alec Beesmer, in for two older quarterbacks injured in the Bucknell game, “played very well.” Also part of the gathering arranged by Brad Donovan ’82 were Ed Hatfield ’55 and a friend, Fred Sheriff.

Art Anderman, class president, joined by wife Carole and their granddaughter, Noa Dakhal ’22, again carried the flag for our class at the First-Year Rally held on campus last August. The Anderman family, including daughter Lisa Anderman ’85, her husband, Oded, and their golden retriever, enjoyed dinner and the parade of classes, finding “great spirit, as always” in the events.

Roy Christiansen and his wife, Jacqui, report spending winters in Tucson, Ariz., but fleeing the hundred-plus summer climes there to vacation in Idaho. Roy says they don’t hear much about Lehigh in Idaho. “It’s all Seahawks and Washington State.”

Jason Brent wrote to add his voice to those favoring a 65th Reunion of our class. He writes that “Lehigh was very good to me,” turning out to be the “very best” university for him. He feels “very lucky. [He and Linda] have been married for more than 62 years and have three high-achieving grandsons and two great-grandsons.” Jason states, “I have been retired for about 20 years, doing nothing except writing nasty essays about the coming destruction.”

Many thanks to Linc Cummings for a long update letter. He reports, “I moved into senior living in my 80s after a simple prescription sent me to the emergency room. As soon as I recovered, change was on my mind. I closed two off-site offices, shrunk my consultancy and bought two units in the Jef-
ferson in Arlington, Va.; one for my wife and me to live in, the other for my office. Soon I became president of the Jefferson Residential Condominium.”

Linc continues with an extraordinary story. He writes that he recently completed a three-year study for the National Institute on Aging, where he gave himself a shot of experimental medicine every day for three years. The study involved periodic MRIs of his brain, spinal taps and in-depth physicals and memory tests. At the end, they found the shot worked.

Linc and his wife were invited to be present at the formal announcement at NIH headquarters, attended by neurologists from around the world. There the director proudly described this study and its results. “There I learned for the first time that I had the markings of Alzheimer’s disease at the beginning, which were all gone at the end.”

Linc’s memory had improved as well. A factor still being explored is the effect of vigorous exercise. He writes that he ran a mile and did push-ups and sit-ups every day.

“In any event,” he says, “I won and hopefully others will soon too. See you at our 65th Reunion.”

Last September Tricia and I enjoyed another luncheon for “older alums” held at the Hershey’s Mill Golf Club in West Chester, Pa. Dan Warner, Lehigh’s vice provost for admissions and financial aid, outlined LU’s admission goals and extension of recruitment to more direct contacts and a wider range of locations. It was good seeing Fred Thun, Fred Meckley, Janet and Bruce Waechter, Bob Hoyt ’52, Mickey Simon ’57, Bob Bevan ’60 and Paul Seibert ’63.

Keep in touch. Are you on board for a 65th Reunion at Lehigh?

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Had a great call from Jim Haas, who is still enjoying the beach, living up in Barrington, R.I. He and Joan sold his large sailboat due to Jim’s claim that his knees were not as agile as they used to be and he couldn’t move as fast as in the past. However, he’s still playing the banjo and driving his two Porsches, a ’55 Speedster and a ’64 SC model. Will leave soon in January for his annual Naples, Fla., trip to visit old Sigma Phi friends with a stopover in Tega Cay, S.C., to meet up with Al Huddy and Chris Wilson ’59 (aka Joe Phinique).

After a seven-hour spine surgery, Hank Plotkin is recovering and can’t wait to get back to the softball fields of Carlsbad, Calif. He was still playing ball the week before surgery. He and his wife, Ruth, from Cedar Crest, celebrated their 61st anniversary last August. His son, Jim, runs the family business, the Plotkin Group, and Ruth is active in AAUW and a local assistance group as well.

I did get up to the opening day football game against St. Francis this past season with my son, Todd Watson ’94, and his old roommate Scott Lawhead ’94 and his wife, Laura (Hite) Lawhead ’94, and their families. Scott and Laura’s son is a freshman DB for the Lehigh football team so it was a very special day. Todd met Scott when they played football freshman year. Scott played all four years and Todd only freshman year due to his pre-med courses. Scott and his family live in Altoona, Pa., and Todd down here in Morristown, N.J., where he works as an anesthesiologist at Morristown Hospital. It was a tough season ending with a one-point loss to Lafayette, but hopes for a great season in 2020 with two games back in the Ivy League against Columbia and Yale should be fun.

I had a good catch-up call with my old Theta Delt fraternity brother, Fred Kohler, and his wife, Linda. Fred is living in a wooded area of Belgrade, Maine, and loves Maine living after teaching physical science at the University of Maine for 30-plus years. They have four children, all U. of Maine grads, three living in Maine and one in Boston, so easy travel for visiting kids and grandkids.

I recently attended a memorial luncheon at the Doylestown CC in Doylestown, Pa., for my dear fraternity brother Sam Grauer ’53, ’56, given by his children Gary ’83, Greg, Gwen and Gordon. I met Sam when he returned to Theta Delt after the Korean War, where he was fortunate to have spent his time in Germany playing baseball and football for his Army base. He was a great older brother to all us young kids and I had great fun traveling with him to his house in Jenkintown, Pa., for parties with girls from Beaver (now called Arcadia), trips to the race tracks in Garden State and Atlantic City. Just wonderful memories. He will be missed.

Please call or email me with updates on your whereabouts. All the best.

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Sad news! Carl Doll died on Sept. 23. I received a note from Barbara and Ted Widmayer with memories of this outstanding classmate of ours. It was Carl who got the entire 1958 Sigma Phi Epsilon class to the 60th Reunion. He also encouraged this group to attend their summer reunions and our other 5-year reunions – 100%. He always had a smile for everyone and never held a grudge. The world was a wonder to Carl and he took his family to see it. He was a good citizen/volunteer on boards and organizations and was proud of his Lehigh education and connection. His curiosity was infectious. We will miss you!

Sorry I didn’t get to my one promised tailgate. Bob Christie, Ed Delany, Bruce Gilbert, Larry Trerotola and John Harkrader called to see how I was recovering (legs getting better but not driving). Harks had bad news that his cancer has returned and with it the heavy chemo, but the good news was that he now has a camper on his pickup and a new driver, Lori Anne (or LaLa), to get him to the holiday house at the beach.

Dick Briggs was looking for a home game when he could watch his grandson play soccer on the same weekend – didn’t work.

We did have the 155th telecast at the Buffalo Sports Grill in Orchard Park. Thanks to Rob Gripe ’84 of Lafayette who streamed the game for us. Rob’s mother Katherine hosted their whole family of nine in memory of his dad, Bill (Penn ’60), who made it to at least the last 10 Rivalry telecasts. He was my best friend and died in August of pancreatic cancer.

It was an interesting game, almost ending on the last play like three of Lehigh’s wins. Dave Hecht ’60 and I searched for the telecast spot and again settled on BSG – good food, fun and close to the Southtowns. We were all glad to see Fred Batson ’50 make the journey from the city. He is 91 and in great shape. Matt Darragh ’05 came to help with the streaming, but left wife Emily Shutt Darragh ’05 and kids at home. Rob Mampe ’71 stopped in for lunch and laughs. Fred Liener ’61 did not make it – his wife was ill. Dave Saunders went to Florida, but we’ll see him later. Joe Jablonski ’78 and wife Lori told us all about his new job in Springville, NY., with an engi-
I hope Jean Claude Rousseaux and Lukie are from Sunset Beach, N.C., from Europe to greet Anne and myself at Wrightsville Beach, N.C., in April!

The guys at Gary’s Barber Shop were so thrilled with the Bills’ big win over the Cowboys that they are getting their Super Bowl tickets early!!

Greeks to Carl Doll, the Buffalo Bills and Claire McMullan!”

And the winningest guy in our class, Roger Penske, traveled to the White House to be presented the nation’s highest civilian award, the Medal of Freedom, by President Donald Trump.

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I found myself seated next to Don Talhelm at the Zoeller Arts Center production of the Broadway musical Once. Don retired from Lehigh as emeritus professor and associate department chair in electrical engineering, but still tries to make it to campus one day a week to help in various volunteer capacities.

It was a huge generous number for a 60th Reunion, as most people in our age group have already made their charitable estate decisions.

One of our ’59 unsung heroes must be our class treasurer, Glenn Kinard, who has been running our class funds for over 50 years. Seems our then-reunion chairman, Fred Feus, asked Glenn before our 10th Reunion to take the role which he has held since. While the university grants each reunion class an amount of money for expenses, we have always had our own slush fund well above that amount. Early in our reunion years we had lively auctions that raised generous amounts, thanks to top prizes from Roger Penske, Roger Steel, George Karr and others. This enabled us to underwrite open bars at our dinner, honorariums to glee club and vocal arts singers, mummers leading our class parade and other expenses, but kept our reunion charges reasonable. Glenn ensured we kept to our budget over the years.

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“What an honor it was to get a call from the president. It was very humbling,” Roger quoted to The Detroit Free Press.

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If you managed to make it to Goodman Stadium for a football game this year you surely noticed the new visitor-side press box and renovated skybox made possible through gifts from the family of John Harmon, who passed away in September 2017. While John was one of the more generous class members during his lifetime, he insisted nothing bear his name. But his family felt his work should be memorialized, thus the John J. Harmon ’59 Skybox.

Unfortunately the football team was not one of the upgrades as they stumbled through the season, losing to the Leopards in the 155th meeting of college football’s most played rivalry.
get down to the Philadelphia area on Friday before the game. We got together with Tom Bliss and his wife, Tricia, for dinner that evening. They had flown into Philadelphia on Thursday and were met by John Cunningham and his wife, Karen, who drove them to the hotel and were with them that evening. Tom has partially recovered from his health problems in July and managed to make it through the weekend.

We drove up to the game on Saturday and had a tailgate party attended by Jack Kennedy and his wife, Roonie; John Mac Williams and his wife, Louise; and Tom Bliss's daughter, son-in-law and their children, including Isabelle Marshall, who is a senior at Lehigh. After the tailgate the game was a letdown with Lehigh losing due to too many turnovers. At the game I ran into Jim Freeman and his wife, Elaine, as they were sitting in the same section I was. At halftime I ran into Ira Friedman, who seemed to be enjoying himself.

After the game we drove back to Villanova where we, the Blisses and the Mac Williamses had dinner with Bill Ross and his wife, Dottie, at a great restaurant. Bill had not attended the game as he recently had a hip operation. He appeared to be fully recovered and is set to go to the reunion next spring.

Last week I received an email from Betty Resch, Harry McNally’s better half. She mentioned they attended most of the games. At the Lafayette game they ran into Bob Voccola and Bob Bevan. At other games they have run into Wight Martindale, George Theiss and his wife, Barbara; Al Kovac and his wife, Jeanne; and Allan Goodman.

Harry and Jamie Godshalk have been busy contacting Chi Psi’s about attending the reunion. So far, they have commitments from Smitty Haller, Al Kovac, Carl Schwenker and George Theiss, who is a good start toward their goal to have the most members of a living group at the reunion.

All for now. If you have any questions on the reunion, contact the Alumni Office at alum.reunion.

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

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I always look forward to the Saturday in November when I, together with other Lehigh alumni (plus representatives from that other school in Easton), enjoy the live telecast of the Lehigh-Lafayette gridiron classic at a bar in Huntington Beach. Thanks to Brad Gillespie ’62 for hosting that event year after year! This year’s game was more exciting than last year’s romp over Lafayette, but unfortunately Lehigh ended up one point short, 17-16.

Norm Reink, a “regular” at the annual telecast, left the first snowfall in Big Bear to drive down the mountain with wife Linda to the sunny shores of Orange County. He immediately demanded a “retraction” of the misinformation I reported in last year’s article. It was Linda, not Norm, who had the knee replacement. “I am still 100% all eastern Pennsylvania original parts,” he exclaimed. Norm has finally retired as a residential Realtor (after previously retiring as a residential contractor) and is now concentrating on “40 years of deferred maintenance” on his own house. He and Linda returned last fall to the Chesapeake Bay home of Don Speakman ’64 for the annual reunion of mature Lambda Chi Alpha alumni.

John McCaskie, Fred “Squid” Westerman and Ted Harrison also attended. John is now retired from the bridge building business (his hometown of Pittsburgh is a city of bridges!) and Squid is perfecting his golf game in Naples, Fla. You may remember that Ted became treasurer of the Phillies shortly after graduation, and then moved on in the ’80s to become a CPA; he’s now enjoying retirement in Cherry Hill, N.J.

Alas, there’s now another Lehigh-Lafayette competition! Toms Royal and Mike Hoben have established an alumni golf tournament at the John’s Island Club in Vero Beach, Fla. With the help of Rich Bradley, the Lehigh men toppled Lafayette in the first round. Toms is one of our “snowbirds,” maintaining his permanent residence on the Jersey Shore. He and Jay Anglada helped Pete Peterson celebrate his recent birthday (“we all know what number that is!”).

If you are ever in the vicinity of Elysburg, Pa. (north of Harrisburg), I suggest that you stop by Knoebels Amusement Resort, where you are bound to find Dick Knoebel driving his golf cart around the park. He has been running the family business since he left the Marines in 1965. “We had only 16 rides then,” he recalls. “Now we have 62 or more, I lost count!” His pride and joy is the Phoenix wooden roller coaster which he successfully moved from San Antonio, Texas. In 2014, Dick was inducted into the International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions Hall of Fame, an honor he shares with a select few, including Walt Disney.

Barry Bergman recently sent kudos to the Alumni Bulletin editor for the article on the history of the Lehigh Glee Club. Barry served as a piano accompanist and baritone during his years on campus. He has compiled his collection of concert programs and audio tapes and forwarded them for the Glee Club archives.

Still another classmate is moving to Florida. Tom Parliament sold his house in New York to become a permanent Tampa Bay resident. He retired from Kraft Foods in 2000, where he served as a research chemist focused on processed food flavors and aromas. He and his lady friend do a lot of traveling, including recent river cruises in Europe and in Russia. That’s it. My cupboard is bare! Please send me a note with news of you and fellow classmates from the great Class of 1961!

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In my summer column, I mentioned some of the legacies amongst us. I only included children, and not grand- or great-grandchildren, although there were lots to include. My column prompted a few classmates to remind me that I failed to mention their legacy. Will Krahnke’s daughter, Catherine (Krahnke) Anderson ’90, Glenn Breidenbach’s son, Marc Breidenbach ’97, and the deceased Carl Goehringer’s son, Carl Goehringer ’90.

Will Krahnke is retired and lives in Chevy Chase, Md. He remarried 10 years ago to a high school classmate. His first wife died in 2002 after a four-year battle with ALS. To keep busy, he plays squash four days each week. Will and Alice enjoy traveling and have visited more than 60 countries in the last 10 years. Will also serves on the board of Innovative Systems in Pittsburgh, a software company owned by Bob Colonna ’61, a fellow Delt. Will looks forward to attending some Lehigh games in the next few years and visiting with his grandson, Henry Anderson ’22.

Mike Gennet provided a
Facebook virtual tour of his month-long, first-class vacation in Puglia (the heel of the boot), Sicily, Amalfi and Rome. Mike and Chris were traveling with two other couples from their neighborhood in Rancho Mirage, Calif. Their trip started in historic Bari on the Adriatic Sea visiting ruins, theaters, churches and medieval castles. After a short visit to Matera and Ostuni and wine tasting, it was time to board a boat in Otranto for a week of touring in Sicily with its beautiful cathedrals, fountains and Greco-Roman ruins. No visit to Sicily would be complete without a visit to Mt. Etna, the highest volcano in Europe. The next stop was Positano, a cliffside village in southern Italy on the Amalfi Coast. After a private boat ride to Capri, it was off to the final days in Pompeii, Rome and the Vatican. Eleanor and Phil Kinzel (your class correspondent) were green with envy as we received Mike’s daily postings on Facebook. We reminisced about many of the places we visited on our honeymoon 50 years ago. Of course our guide was the book “Europe on $5 a day.”

The Lehigh-Lafayette game was a little disappointing, losing 17-16. But we did enjoy the post-game dinner at Harold Milton’s ‘63 old farmhouse in Quakertown, Pa. We were joined by several members of the 1961 Lambert Cup-winning team including Harold, Newt Wilson ‘63, Kitty and Al Richmond ’61 (Arlington, Va.), and Penny and Mike Semcheski. It was a great dinner that included Harold’s famous venison chili, Newt’s delicious spring corn pudding and carrot and apple casserole, and Penny’s brown and white chocolate cake.

Penny and Mike live in Ocean City, N.J. Mike was captain of the football team and was acclaimed as the best tackle in the MAC. Mike is a retired senior project manager for Computer Science Corp. He recently retired from his other job after 50 years as a prominent collegiate football official working some of the top games for major college events, including the Rose Bowl.

Norm Goldberg and Art Cader were at the game and both attended the Lehigh-Lafayette 50-game luncheon on Friday before the game. And, of course, Fritz Mueller with son Robert Mueller ’88, was attending his 62nd Lehigh-Lafayette game, every one since his freshman year at Lehigh.

Our class president Bob Downing and Buddy Gittlin were dinner guests of Ron Johnson last fall at Ron’s home in Randolph, N.J. The following day it was off to Lehigh for the Lehigh-Merrimack game and then a round of golf at Saucon Valley Country Club. The group tried to put together a foursome with Don Kane, but Don had already gone south to his winter retreat on Hilton Head.

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Our Class President and CEO Fred Braun (I figured after all this time as class president he needed a promotion so I took license and promoted him) wrote that during the last reunion in June of 2019 he visited the renovated Packer Chapel. During his visit he noticed the fresh smell of newly lacquered pews and is happy to report that he didn’t stick to them, as we all did in September of 1959.

Preceding Lehigh’s home football game with George-town on Oct. 26, 2019, the first, of what many members of our class hope becomes an annual event, reunion of the Larko Scholars was held. In attendance were teammates Harold Milton, Jim Wilson, Ed Winchester and your loyal

sorge along with three Larko Scholars: Devin Dobson ’07, defensive back; Craig Zurn ’11, wide receiver; and Ed Mish ’19, kicker. What is a Larko Scholar? The Larko Scholar is a football player selected by the Financial Aid Office with consultation with the Football Office to receive a partial scholarship, based on need, funded by the Larko Scholarship Fund. There have been seven Larko Scholars since the scholarship was initiated by a gift of Andy Larko in 1997. The current Larko Scholar is a quarterback from Charlotte, N.C.—Nigel Summerville ’23.

In response to a request from Devin Dobson, Andy’s teammate Harold Milton wrote these paragraphs about Andy to inform the scholarship recipients, “Who was Andy Larko?”

Andy Larko arrived on campus as a 190-pound quarterback; back in 1959 he was the largest quarterback I had ever seen. During his football career he also logged significant time at fullback, offensive end, defensive end, offensive tackle, linebacker, cornerback and safety. He also did most of the place kicking and some of the punting. His most significant athletic moment was in 1961, a field goal in the waning moments of a tied game which secured a victory in what was called at that time, the most exciting Lehigh-Lafayette football game in living memory. This memorable win in the Rivalry also earned Lehigh a treasured Lambert Cup, emblematic of small college football supremacy in the East.

“Andy was witty, creative, artistic and good-natured. He was the funniest fellow I have ever known, and he had an uncanny ability to capture a situation in a few pithy comments. Today when a group of his teammates or classmates get together to trade stories, most of those tales would involve Andy. Our time at Lehigh was certainly enriched by his presence. He had many talents, but not always the will to put them to use. His academic career was spotty at best, taking five-plus years to graduate. He went on to a career in industrial engineering, remarkable since he was not an engineering major at Lehigh.

“[After his death] He left pretty much all he had to establish a scholarship for a Lehigh football player. The late Bill Rezak then rallied Andy’s friends, classmates and teammates to significantly expand his original grant; donations continue to come in today, more than 20 years after Andy’s death.”

Unfortunately, those donations have not fully funded the Larko Scholarship. So when you make your next donation to Lehigh, please consider contributing to the Larko Scholarship Fund.

The disappointing Lehigh-Lafayette weekend began on a high note for the eight Class of 1963ers who are members of the 50-Game Club: Pete Fortmann, Bob Barber, Walt Nichols, Don Hill, Dave Howell, Fred Braun, Dixon Earley and Jim “Newt” Wilson, who has not missed a Lehigh-Lafayette game since the fall of 1959. The banquet honors the 50-Game Club members and the senior football players. Of the 31 Lehigh graduates who attended this year’s banquet, our class was well in the majority with 23% of the attendees. The next closest classes were 1957 and 1970 with just under 10% of the attendees.

Unfortunately the game was not to our liking as those Leopards from Easton left with a 17-16 win. The Leopards, led by their freshman quarterback, kicked a field goal with about 40 seconds left in the game to secure the victory. As the game program stated, the team that wins the turnover battle often prevails. This was true this year as Lehigh had four turnovers.
and the Leopards had only one.

Both teams were well represented by freshman players. The Leopards started four true freshmen. Three started on offense and one on defense. Lehigh also started four freshmen – two on offense and two on defense. According to the depth chart in the program, Lafayette had nine freshmen as “back ups” – four on offense and five on defense – while Lehigh had 10 freshmen as “back ups” – four on offense and six on defense.

Unfortunately, I close this column with the report of the passing of one of our classmates, Charles “Chic” Edward Craze, who died Nov. 2, 2019, in Bethlehem. While at Lehigh, Chic was a member of the football team that won the Lambert Cup in 1961 and a brother of Sigma Nu. He left Lehigh to serve in the U.S. Navy for two years. He returned to Lehigh and graduated in 1965. He worked at Republic Steel in Cleveland while he attended law school. After law school Chic co-founded a law firm specializing in First Amendment law. He was also a big supporter of organ donation and donated a kidney to his daughter, Lizzy, in 1998.

I’m very sad to report we lost John Hazard and Bob Olsen since our reunion. John died on July 14, 2019, after a six-and-a-half-year battle with stage four cancer. John and Jan were married 49 years and have two children and four grandchildren. Jan lives in New York City. Bob Olsen passed away Nov. 16 in Houston after a sustained fight with multiple myeloma. His wife of 40 years, Bobbet, passed away after a long fight with cancer in 2018. They lived most recently in Pearland, Texas (Houston suburb). They had two children and five grandchildren, all living in the Houston area. After his B.S. (chem-e) and M.S. (management science) at Lehigh (Chi Phi), he started with Mobil Oil in NYC, then relocated to Houston with ExxonMobil where he met Bobbet. They were avid skiers and travelers.

On a lighter note, in case you didn’t see it, there was a Sept. 24, 2019, Wall Street Journal article about Rob Gibby and his childhood buddy, Robin Dribs, racing a 1934 Ford at the Bonneville Salt Flats. As you know from our 50th, Rob is a car enthusiast. He and Dribs, as he calls her, lost touch after high school but got together again at a hot rod show in 2002. Rob mused it would be great to race at Bonneville. Dribs got the bug and spent the next two years figuring out how to do it. Rob says “because of her generosity” he’s been able to race on the Bonneville Salt Flats for the past 15 years. Earlier this year Rob drove their 675-horsepower 1934 Ford to a near land speed class record of 210.588 mph.

Rob reports overall having been “very blessed, with decent health, wonderful children and grandchildren. It doesn’t get any better than that. Life is filled with the unexpected, and I’ve had my share, including being fired at 59, after 30 years of working for a small family steel business. The silver lining there was starting my own sales organization, which my oldest son now runs.”

Rob also mentioned that a few years ago, he was able to spend some really enjoyable time with Bonnie and Phil Colwell in Pinehurst, N.C. Rob noted it is “so amazing that decades can pass, and we still are the same folks!” Phil retired after a successful career with IBM, including a foreign stint. He was in on the ground floor of developing code in the early days. Rob said Phil’s experiences sounded like the time when Henry Ford locked engineers in a room and told them to make a better car than the Model T! Phil now contributes his time teaching English as a second language to local youngsters.

Speaking of IBM, I recently discovered I have been playing duplicate bridge at our senior center against another classmate and IBMer, Charles Lom. He’s very good! Charley joined IBM in 1967 after spending two years in Africa with the Peace Corps. He spent the next 27 years in multiple engineering and staff assignments, and retired in 1994. He and his second wife, Susie, split their year between a condo in Cape Canaveral and a home on Canandaigua Lake in New York. Charley has three children and Susie has four. They have nine grandkids between them. His youngest daughter, Stephanie, is a 2006 Lehigh grad and the senior vice president, public finance, at Raymond James in NYC.

Finally I was happy to get a note from Dave Jonsson saying he remains cancer free four years after having been diagnosed with and treated for prostate cancer.
and demographics. It was good to hear the university’s decision-makers describe how they assess the needs of our students and how they formulate and execute their plans to address those needs.

The Class of ‘65 Theta Xi brothers and their wives rented a beachfront house on Hilton Head Island and held their fifth reunion in October.

Jim Martin reports: “Our group continues to be a statistical outlier in today’s world. We are all married to our first wives, an average of 51 years; none of us had a mid-life crisis or at least don’t admit to one; averaged two children and collectively have 27 grandkids, thereby attempting to stabilize the world’s population; spent our entire careers in the fields we majored in at Lehigh and are still standing upright, for the most part, though some with difficulty.

“Gerrie and Jim Martin reside in Charlotte and enjoy their retirement years with their three children’s families, including six grandkids, the oldest of whom started North Carolina State this year. Roz and Ray Phillips traveled to Italy with one of their grandsons last June. They live in Chapel Hill, within walking distance of their two sons’ families. Ray continues to bike ride regularly albeit on a somewhat less rigorous schedule. Jonathan Sharp retired from the oceanography department of the University of Delaware several years ago, but still stays active with various scientific committees focused on improving the ocean environs. Jon and Gwyn have been actively traveling to family events and visiting their five grandsons’ families. Joan and Kerry Rowles continue to spend their winters on Marco Island, Fla., and their summers at Indian Lake, Pa. They log the most driving time of our group back and forth to Florida to be with their granddaughters in Pennsylvania for special occasions, as well as stops in Tennessee to visit their son. Kerry stays active serving as his church’s treasurer and they both are leaders of their church’s youth group on Marco. Kerry had major heart surgery a year ago and has made an almost complete recovery. Bonnie and Frank Pratt divide their time between their Manhattan and Connecticut residences, and Frank travels to their Kiawah Island home to play golf often. Their big news is the arrival of their second grandchild. Carla and Larry Peterson continue to live in Boylston, Mass., where Larry spends time listening to good music and many mornings with friends at a nearby driving range. Ernie Heinberg and wife Irene live most of the year in their Amherst, N.H., home near their son’s family. They try and spend the winter months in their recently acquired St. Ferdinand, Fla., home.”

Joe Alber reports that he hopes to make it back to Lehigh next spring after a bout with cancer this spring and summer that resulted in lots of radiation and surgery to his left leg — plus several follow-up complications. He is exercising hard to try and get the leg in condition so he will be able to ski this winter.

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Terry Stuart started his first job in NYC designing fertilizer plants for third-world countries, but his successful efforts to convert the design to a computer program soon put him out of a job. He then proceeded to spend 100 days in Europe visiting art museums and architectural sites. Back to a job, he also decided to get an MBA (‘70) from the University of Virginia. During this period he visited an aunt in Vail and fell in love with the Colorado lifestyle. He spent a lot of time fishing, hunting, skiing, biking, playing tennis and got very active in protecting the environment. Terry worked for various companies, environmental groups and government agencies in the areas of land acquisition, re-vegetation planning and local infrastructure design to handle boom times. Toward the end of his career, Terry decided to move closer to his chem-e and MBA roots and worked with several technology startups. Terry and his first wife, Jane, have two daughters. He has been married to Melissa since 1999. They live in a seven-unit agricultural HOA with shared chickens, a big vegetable garden, woodworking shop and several other shared spaces. Terry reports “life is good.”

Charles “Chuck” Talaber attended Army Infantry OCS and was commissioned as an officer in the Finance Corps. Next he started in public accounting with Coopers and Lybrand, then various financial officer positions spanning 43 years with various firms. He served in a pre-retirement position as business manager at Mary Mother of the Redeemer in North Wales. Chuck and his wife, Barbara, enjoy outdoor activities, including backpacking, canoeing and biking. Their most memorable adventures have been on sections of the Appalachian Trail, Yampa River bike and raft, Grand Canyon rafting and Boundary Waters canoeing. You may spot them on rail-to-trail paths in the Lehigh Valley as they have retired in Bethlehem. Barbara was an RN and they have two children.

Bill Tittle continued his education by completing the coursework for a master’s in chemical engineering and two-thirds of the course work for an MBA at the University of Delaware. After his first job with American Cyanamid, he tried his hand at the American University theological seminary and teaching high school. Then it was back to the world of chemicals, and the move to consulting at age 35, culminating as a principal at Nextant. His work took him to over 30 countries. Bill has fond Lehigh memories of the Gryphon Society and singing in the Glee Club under Bob Cutler. He especially enjoyed joint concerts with the women’s chorus at Skidmore, where his future wife Sharon sang. They share interests in gardening, decorating, the opera and reading.

Robert Volp added a Lehigh master’s in management science in 1967 and then began a long career with IBM at various locations, first in industrial engineering and then finance positions. His unit was sold first to Lorail and then Lockheed Martin. He stayed with the same group until retiring in 2007. He and his wife, Christine, selected Amelia Island, Fla., and later added a condo in Pacific Beach, Calif., for summertime relief. They enjoy traveling and have tried to see most of the U.S., and also enjoy international trips. Bob participated in sports his entire life, but had to give up golf after two hip replacements.

Barry Widman joined the Air Force in the fall of 1966 and served as a captain until 1970. He then worked at Knolls Atomic Power Laboratory at Niskayuna, N.Y., for 35 years in the area of water purification, radiation control and computer modeling. He added a master’s in environmental engineering from RPI in 1995. Barry and his wife, Helen, retired to Rainbow Springs, Fla. They have three children and five terrific grandsons.

Our class president, Harry
Don’t Miss Reunion Weekend: June 4-7, 2020

Check out some of the highlights of the weekend and register early.

**Hawktoberfest**
Enjoy an Oktoberfest-themed event with special Lehigh flair featuring local brews, fun food pairings, and a German brass band.

**Reunionfest**
Celebrate with hundreds of Lehigh alumni and friends at a festive event. Includes buffet dinner, open wine and beer bar, and dancing.

**Historic Parade of Classes**
Great music, creative costumes, and plenty of Lehigh spirit are on display during the always popular Historic Parade of Classes. Walk with your class, or cheer for your favorite group as parade judges select the winner of the coveted Petty Flag for Best Parade Performance.

**Let’s GO Reunion**
We are a community of go-getters, always reinventing, redefining, and finding potential in any problem. Join President Simon and university leaders to engage in a straight-up discussion of how this ethos drives today’s Lehigh and how we will come together to assure the university’s success in a time of extraordinary change.

**Block Party on The Hill**
Relive your fun days on “The Hill” with classmates! Enjoy live music, beer, wine, food, and plenty of Brown and White!

**Class Dinners**
Wrap up Reunion weekend with your classmates as you relive and reconnect over all the memories you shared at Lehigh.

Registration now open!
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Brown \(\text{khbrown3726@comcast.net}\), reminds us that as you read this issue of the Bulletin, it will only be about 14 months hence, in June 2021, that we will celebrate the 55th anniversary of our graduation with our 11th reunion. “This is yet another chance for each of us to ‘honor this fine place’ as we have done this past half century. Anyway, our 50th was not our last opportunity to do so. Think about those that you would like to rally with again and reach out to them, if they have not gotten in touch with you already. By the way, if you have somehow lost touch with any of them, let me know, and I will see what I can do to help.”

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As our classmates have matured over the years they have a lot more to say which is best said in their own words.

Dick Tunick illustrates how time flies. He relates, “Hard to believe 52 years have passed since we graduated! After graduating with a degree in biology, I stayed another year for a master’s in international relations. In the fall of 1968, I started teaching in Massapequa, NY. I stayed 35 years teaching biology and environmental science at Berner and Massapequa high schools. My most famous student was Alec Baldwin.

“For 12 years I coached the girls’ varsity soccer team, winning the NY State championship in 1997 and a state semi-finalist in 1998. In the ’97 state finals we beat Abby Wambach, who boasts two Olympic Golds, a World Cup win, and held the world record for international goals for both female and male soccer players with 184 goals.

“Several of my players—Christie Welsh and Christina DiMartino—went on to play briefly for the women’s national team.

“My wife Ellen and I have a daughter, Becky, who is a SUNY Cortland graduate. She works finding therapists for early intervention children, and she has given us two granddaughters. Our son Michael, a Cornell graduate, is a family practice physician with a sports medicine specialty near Binghamton, NY. He is expecting a son in January.

“I am still enjoying retirement after 16 years! Ellen and I do some traveling and now have two residences. We split our time between our home on Long Island and our apartment near Newburgh. Time sure flies by!”

Steve Grossman writes, “After 34 years working for the state of Ohio (five years as the assistant director of the state’s Environmental Protection Agency and 29 years as the executive director of the Ohio Water Development Authority [OWDA]), I retired at the end of 2017.

“As an issuer of over $8 billion of municipal bonds for OWDA, where we financed the construction of water and wastewater systems throughout the state, I have good memories of working with many investment bankers and U.S. EPA staff, some of whom were Lehigh graduates. I was especially proud of those who graduated from Lehigh. The one who I was most proud to call a fellow colleague and friend is Bob Lenna, who was executive director of the Main Bond Bank for many years. Bob, as some of you may recall, especially his fraternity brothers (KA), started Lehigh with us, but left after his sophomore year, a true Renaissance person. After the Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities (CIFA) was created in 1988 by four states, Bob (from Maine) and I (from Ohio) were its next two members.

“While Bob and I had vaguely recalled knowing each other at Lehigh, we became part of a small group of state leaders that grew CIFA to be the leading national advocate for financing water infrastructure. Each of us were presidents of CIFA in its early years. Bob helped to lead on the policy side and I on the membership side to grow CIFA to be a 48-state membership organization with all the major underwriting firms in the country as members. Further, I am the coordinator, as part of CIFA, for the Small Community Water Infrastructure Exchange, a network of officials who seek to assist water funding officials in enhancing the water and wastewater infrastructure in rural small communities.

“In retirement I have done the usual retirement stuff, travel with my wife, enjoy our three grandchildren who live with their parents in Chicago and Rockville, Md., swim more, work my vegetable garden, and play softball in a 70-plus league from April to September. More importantly, my wife and I have created an Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee for our city of Bexley, Ohio. We currently recycle 2.7 tons of food waste each week where it is being turned into organic compost by a private entity and sold to organic farmers.

“While I did not develop many lasting friendships at Lehigh, I always have remained close to Ira Krauss and three of my off-campus roommates: Bob Brown, Ken Hirsch and Ed Cohen (who sadly passed away earlier this year). In addition, I see Al Siegel at different events around Columbus.”

John Mullins tells us he is still studying and teaching entrepreneurship at London Business School, where’s he’s been a professor for nearly 20 years. “The newest of his three widely-read books, The Customer-Funded Business, challenges the commonly held assumption that among an entrepreneur’s first and most important tasks is that of raising investment capital.”

You can learn more about John’s life after Lehigh, work at the London Business School and books at johnmullins.com/about.html.

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George Rosenfeld was a family physician in a small New England town for 35 years. He presently is a full-time active grandfather. He and his wife have two children and three grandchildren. After two years of practicing in the Navy, he was assigned a post at the Naval Academy Naval Hospital before entering into private practice.

Natalie Constanze ’21 is the Class of ’68 scholarship recipient this year. She is studying civil engineering and is doing a work-study program. She is actively involved in campus life including taking on leadership positions. She is involved in multicultural clubs in order to learn about different cultures and understand a stronger sense of self. She is pushed to grow and become a better person both inside and outside the classroom.

Theodore Hoppock was a consumer protection lawyer for the Federal Trade Commission specializing in false advertising litigation before retiring in 2011. He enjoys sports, having coached Little League baseball and softball. He and his wife have three children and five grandchildren. He is a lifelong tennis player and an avid fisherman.

Stay healthy.

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More news on classmates who attended our 50th Reunion:

Rockwell Chin is retired.
from his position as a government rights attorney in New York. He and his wife, May, have two children and four grandchildren. He and May met in LA where Rocky was getting a law degree at USC and both were “grassroots volunteers.”

Allan Clausen is also retired and living in Newbury, N.H. He worked for Thompson Center Arms for 38 years after serving as a pilot in the U.S.A.F. He and his wife, Laura, have three children and six grandchildren.

Peter Dane is still working! Peter is a fund-raising consultant. He lives in Colchester, Conn.

Tom DeLong lives in Huntsville, Ala. Tom is retired after a career as a U.S. Army civilian where he worked doing system safety for Army Missile Programs. In retirement, he is involved in an IRS program which provides free tax returns and teaches a driver safety program for seniors. He and his wife, Elizabeth, have two children.

Carl Dietz is retired and living in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. He worked in the telecom industry, then decided to move to Florida but keeps active by consulting. He and his wife, Elana, have two children and three grandchildren.

Steven Levy now lives in Marblehead, Mass., after a career as an engineer, programming financial systems and teaching. He and his wife, Ruth, have three children and a grandson.

Bill McClintic retired as a family physician with the Guthrie Clinic in Troy, Pa., and he is now working part-time at a VA community-based outpatient clinic in Elmira, N.Y. He and his wife, Anne, live in Gillett, Pa., and have three children and six grandchildren.

Bill Flammer is retired and living in Savannah, Ga., where he has lived since 1987. He and his wife (deceased) have two children and four grandchildren. And finally, Marc Feldman sent us a copy of the note he sent to President John Simon about a Tau Delta Phi reunion weekend in September.

“Dear Dr. Simon, I am writing to report on a most delightful Lehigh-related event that took place just a few weeks ago, over the weekend of Sept. 21-23, in Philadelphia. It marked just the second time in 50 years that the brothers of the Tau chapter of Tau Delta Phi, classes of ‘66-’71, staged a reunion.

“The first such event was staged in New York City in 2004 after four members of the class of ‘68—Pete Albert, Howie Danzig, Howie Fromer and Larry Greenfield—attended their 35th Lehigh Reunion on campus. At Pete’s impetus, a weekend was planned. Sixty TDP brothers, many with their spouses/guests, from the classes of ‘62-’72, came together. It was a memorable weekend and served to reconnect many of us who hadn’t seen or spoken to one another since graduating from Lehigh.

“How a way of interfering with good intentions and it wasn’t until April 2018 that we embarked upon planning another TDP reunion weekend. For reasons of practicality and logistics, we narrowed the focus of invitations to the classes of ’65-’72, but had no takers from ’65 or ’72. Thirty-four brothers and 10 spouses/guests came together from as far west as California and Colorado, as far north as Minnesota, and as far south as Florida and Georgia.

“A note from Stu Kritzer ’67 put it best: ‘What struck me most was how easily men who had not seen each other for, in many cases, a half century; or in some cases, never knew each other, so easily and comfortably, (re) connected with egos left home.’

“After all reunion costs, we were left with $500, which we are enclosing as a donation to Lehigh in memory of those TDP brothers from the classes of ’66-’71 who have passed away: Jeff Inger ’66, Howie Kanner ’66, Ron Plotkin ’66, Rick Honig ’67, Larry Bailey ’71, Bruce Jacobs ’71 and Jon Odence ’71.

“Sincerely, Marc Feldman ’69, on behalf of the brothers of the Tau Chapter of Tau Delta Phi, Classes of ’66-’71.”

I hope your 2020 is off to a great start!

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Early responses by Thanksgiving indicate at least 30 classmates saying “Yes, I’m planning to attend our big Class Reunion June 4-7” (come one day, two or three). This is great news although more volunteers are needed and appreciated.

From Mike David: “Still on a professor at the National Intelligence University, in our School of Science & Technology Intelligence. Looking forward to seeing the Chi Phi gang.”

My Ramapo Regional HS classmate Al Voskian came to campus L-L Weekend.

Reunion co-chair Steven Ernst proudly shared news on son, Philip. In 2018, Philip was honored with the 2018 Tweedie New Researcher Award from the Institute of Mathematical Statistics, widely considered the highest honor for excellence in research for an early-career statistician or applied probabilist. Philip holds statistics degrees from Harvard ’07 and the Wharton School (M.A. ‘10, Ph.D. ’14). He’s an associate professor with tenure at Rice University. He’s earned countless awards, including in 2019 the Rice Engineering Research and Teaching Excellence Award from the School of Engineering. That award is given annually to only two faculty who demonstrate excellence in both teaching and research. In 2017, he was the recipient of the Nicolas Salgo Distinguished Teacher Award, the oldest award given to faculty at Rice. In 2016, he was the recipient of the Sophia Meyer Farb Prize for Teaching, given annually to one Rice assistant professor for excellence in teaching.

Reginald Jennings celebrated nine years at Wallingsford Associates. His first job out of Harvard Law ’73 was being a trial lawyer with a first-year summer clerkship on Park Ave, NYC, for a corporation now wholly owned by Dow Chemical; he then became an associate in a blue-chip N.J. firm, then partner in his own law firm, then a major electric and gas utility company before a mid-size boutique firm with public utility practice, before in-house counsel for a luxury housing developer with signature development on the N.J. Hudson River waterfront across from 79th St., to counsel to a fashion designer for a well-known entertainment superstar. Mr. J embarked upon his entrepreneurial phase, utilizing management, organizational development and strategic planning skills for a wide range of projects and enterprises: (1) Atlantic City Housing Authority; (2) Atlanta-based membership organization with 900% growth in six months (6,000 in six states to 60,000 members in 48); (3) well-respected D.C.-based minority advocacy group; (4) started company that secured IT contract with federal agency; (5) principal of engineering and management development company serving Nigerian electric utility; plus branches of Nigerian military; (6) senior consultant to a D.C.-based company providing structured finance services to a variety of major infrastructure projects; and (7) strategic consultant to several development stage companies. With all the skilled mobility shown, perhaps
Reginald should have been a defensive versus an offensive tackle for Lehigh?

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

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My Summer 2019 column yielded correspondence from several classmates. Dr. Jeff Kirshner wrote to thank me for the update on Jim McGee. He and Jim had been roommates once upon a time. Jeff is partner and director of research at the Hematology Oncology Associates of Central New York. He sees patients three days a week and does a lot of volunteer work for two of his national organizations. “No hospital, call or weekends and 12 weeks off per year: Good deal and I still enjoy it. No plans to retire yet but that can change.”

Speaking of Jim McGee, he also got back to me in response to what I wrote last summer. He occasionally crosses paths with Dan Griffiths, having done so most recently last spring. Jim spent most of his career in and around collectively bargained and jointly trusted benefit plans. It is that front-line experience with employment-based health care that turned him into a single-payer activist. For about the past 10 years, he has been on the steering committee of the Labor Campaign for Single Payer. He’s done countless presentations on the topic. “You could say that I have one foot firmly planted in the past – employer provided health care, and one foot reaching for the future – a single payer/Medicare-for-all health care system.”

Dan Griffiths is a consultant doing business as Sustainable Futures Communications, LLC, where he specializes in markets and reliability in the PJM stakeholder process and pertinent FERC proceedings. His particular focus is on-demand response. Other areas of expertise include alternative energy with a specialization in solar energy and Marcellus Shale issues in Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

I received a nice long email from Len Dest which I will share. “I am now retired after a 40-year career in aerospace. I started my career as a spacecraft attitude control engineer working on the USG experimental satellite program that demonstrated the technology that would become the GPS navigation system. I went on to aerospace engineering and engineering management positions at RCA, Comsat, Intelsat and Hughes working on commercial communications and broadcast satellites where I ended my engineering management career at Hughes working on a NASA space shuttle commercial satellite recovery mission.

“I then switched careers to international commercial satellite marketing and sales in Asia, Europe and Russia as a vice president with Hughes International. After a number of years of experience working with the Russian space industry when Boeing purchased Hughes, I moved to a Lockheed Martin joint venture with Russian aerospace companies where I served as executive vice president (and acting president) for International Launch Services. When Lockheed Martin sold the company to Russian entities I departed, and I ended my aerospace career serving as president and CEO of RD-AMROSS, a joint venture between United Technologies—Pratt and Whitney Rocketdyne company and a Russian rocket engine manufacturer.

“In retirement I am pursuing my lifelong interest in wine, serving as the executive director of a Long Island wine association, and as a wine consultant and writer. With my wife, Martina, an executive with a biotech-pharmaceutical investor and public relations company, we are world travelers and only have the continent of Antarctica remaining to visit.”

Carol and I have also been traveling the world. We had the pleasure of participating in a Rotary service project in Mfuwe, Zambia, this past summer. We painted classrooms in several schools with the help of the local residents who were very appreciative of our efforts. The trip was not all work; we spent an additional five days on safari in South Luangwa National Park, which is twice the size of the state of Delaware.

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This is our second installment issue about our lawyers, being presented in reverse-alphabetical order.

Mark Schwartz was associated with the law firm of Kenney & Kearney in Cherry Hill, but has also had a private legal practice in Haddonfield, N.J. Unfortunately, that is all I could unearth about him since our graduation. How about helping us, Mark, by sending me some additional details?

Les A. Schneider attended Emory University School of Law, earning his J.D. in 1975. He has been in Atlanta ever since, and is now managing partner of the firm Wimberly, Lawson, Steckel, Schneider & Stine, P.C. He is an authority on employment and labor laws and has provided expert input regarding employment security laws and worker’s compensation regulations to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the National Labor Relations Board and the U.S. and Georgia Departments of Labor. Les helped to draft legislation across the southeastern states related to coin-operated amusement machines and routinely speaks to law enforcement officials and entrepreneurs about that industry. He has also coauthored several publications pertaining to wage and hour compliance, business taxation, licensed occupations and employment/labor issues related to the construction industry.

Hon. Paul F. McHale Jr. began fulfilling his ROTC obligation of military service when he departed Lehigh. After two years of active duty, he enrolled at Georgetown University Law Center, receiving his J.D. in 1977. He was a Marine Corps reservist from 1974-2007, retiring with the rank of Colonel. He served in Japan and the Philippines, Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm during the Gulf War, in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Afghanistan. His personal military decorations are extensive and prestigious. He was a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives from 1983-1991, but resigned to volunteer for service in the Gulf War. Returning stateside, he won election to the U.S. House of Representatives, where he served three terms. Paul focused again on his law practice, representing Panda Energy International from 1999 to 2003. He returned to government service when President George W. Bush appointed him as the first assistant secretary of defense for homeland defense and Americas’ security affairs. In that position, he was responsible for coordinating “DoD Critical Infrastructure Protection, civilian oversight of the two combatant commands in North America and South America, Western Hemisphere affairs, and the transfer of technologies to homeland security use [in accord with] the 2003 National Defense Authoriza-
tion Act.” Paul remained there until the Bush administration left office in 2009. Since then, he has been the president of a consulting firm, Civil Support International LLC, which advises private contractors and government agencies in matters related to disaster preparedness, crisis response, homeland defense and security.

Cleveland native Hon. Paul L. Maloney left Pennsylvania for Michigan where he earned his J.D. at the University of Michigan. He served as an assistant prosecutor in the Berrien County Prosecutor’s Office from 1975 to 1981, and was a prosecuting attorney of that office from 1981 to 1989. From 1989 to 1993, he was a deputy assistant attorney general of the Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice, then a special assistant to the director, State of Michigan Department of Corrections, from 1993 to 1995. Paul became a district judge for the Berrien County Trial Court in 1995, then served as circuit judge for the Berrien County and Delone Catholic in 1993 to 1995. Paul became a judge of the United States District Court in 2003. After giving our class cheer (Who are we? ’73!), he challenged them to come up with a better one when, in 50 years, they “pass the flag” to the Class of 2073. Then Bernie announced that he planned on being at that rally in 2069!

Randy Biggs was a Pennsylvania state high school wrestling champion and went on to wrestle at Lehigh. He lives in Bethlehem with his wife, Cathy, also a high school classmate. They have two children and three grandchildren. Retiring after 20 years as a commander in the Navy, Randy also spent 41 years as first vice president with Janney, Montgomery & Scott, stepping down from management in 2019 to take more time to travel. He and Cathy recently traveled to Finland, Norway and the Badlands in South Dakota. They’re looking forward to visiting Australia in 2020.

Bruce Smith retired in 2015 after 37 years with Carpenter Technology, a Reading, Pa.-based specialty metals company. He keeps busy with home projects, along with skiing and playing golf. Since retirement, Bruce has taken up acoustic guitar and volunteers as a reading tutor to second-graders in Reading. He and wife, Sue, have two sons and two grandsons.

Along with me, Tom Romkey and Ron Kralik have got the Sunshine State covered. I’m in northeast Florida, Tom is on South Beach in Miami and Ron recently retired to the Gulf Coast. Tom Brueningsen is living in the Bethlehem area with wife, Paula. He enjoys sharing humorous postings on Facebook. Donald Stengel made it to both our Lehigh 45th and our high school 50th reunions, even though he had to travel from Clovis, Calif., where he is a mathematics professor at UC-Fresno.

Outside of the reunion theme of this column, Richard Davenport was kind enough to write with an update. After graduation, Richard stayed on at Lehigh to get his master’s in organic chemistry before entering the Air Force. During his service career, he was stationed at the Pentagon while on the Joint Staff, and was given the opportunity to command a Launch Squadron at Vandenberg Air Force Base. He utilized his chemistry degrees while teaching freshman and organic chemistry at the Air Force Academy. He and wife, Roberta, “retired” to Taunton, Mass., where Richard taught Junior ROTC at a local high school for 12 years. Richard and Roberta have two sons and a grandson, Lincoln.

I promised last time to let you hear from Ray Buscarini. Here’s what he wrote:

“It was great to have finally made it to a LU reunion, even if it took 45 years. The opportunity to reconnect with some of my classmates whom I had not seen since freshman year in ’70-’71 was one of the highlights of the reunion experience.

“After reading your column in the Bulletin for over four decades, it was certainly time to put a face to it and reminisce about old times over dinner. I hope to do it again at our 50th in 2024.

“Despite the 45-year reunion dry spell, my wife, Rose, and I have been back to campus for many Lehigh-Lafayette football games (1975 through 1995 consecutively), as well as a few more after that. We have also attended several early season homecoming games.

“Actually, there is a group of former Congdon House residents who have been an integral part of our annual treks to South Mountain—Rick Reidy, Bill Pirk, Armand Olivetti, Tony Osmanski and Al Smith and their respective spouses, who normally bag the game for shopping or other such pursuits. Unfortunately, only Rick and his wife, Chris, were able to join us at the reunion this year, but we will strive to increase that number in 2024.

“Rose and I celebrated our 44th anniversary in October, having met in 1973 while I was a senior at LU and she was a junior at Kutztown. Rose taught high school English for Baltimore City, Baltimore County and Delone Catholic in McSherrystown, Pa., retiring in 2010. We have two children, Lynn (Buscarini) Ricker ’01, and David, Shippensburg ’05, and three grandchildren ages 8, 6 and 5. Lynn and her husband Mike Ricker ’98 live in Chalfont, Pa., and Dave and his wife, Meghan, live in York, Pa.,
not far from our home in New Freedom, Pa.

“I retired from Whit-ing-Turner Contracting at the end of 2016 after a successful 42-year run. During that time the firm grew from a regional mid-Atlantic general contractor to what is now the fifth largest contractor in the country with a salaried staff of over 4,000 personnel, several of whom are Lehigh graduates. I was pleasantly surprised to see the W-T sign prominently displayed at the construction entrance to the site of the new residence halls currently being built adjacent to Taylor Hall. Our Bethlehem branch office has finally succeeded in penetrating the LU market—that’s hats off to my former colleagues, who I trust will deliver a timely, well-built residence facility that will serve Lehigh for many years to come.”

Bruce Ulissi also sent me a brief note, in which he wrote:

“I think it’s time some of my Delta Tau Delta brothers and I check in with you. I retired from DuPont after 44 years of service. I live in West Chester, Pa., enjoying travel, golf and family. I keep in contact with fellow Delts Paul Schmitt, Bob Cox and Nick Emper quite often. We meet annually for a long lunch of tales that seem to get better every year.”

And from Brenda Smith-Booth:

“Belated congratulations on your retirement, a feat I have not yet managed to accomplish. I continue to work as a clinical psychologist for those with complex mental/medical problems.

“But here’s the Lehigh news. I visited twice this year. I sang in the 150th Choir Anniversary Reunion. The students were SO welcoming. Then my husband, Eddie Booth, and I went along with the Lehigh Choir singing tour to Austria and Hungary. I somehow managed to sing in all concerts, and I was so grateful for this opportunity.

“I have to wonder if alums have any idea how superb the Lehigh Choir is. When I sang at Lehigh we were a very small group of women’s chamber singers. Not now; there are powerhouse voices. All you locals should go!”

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Our 45th Class Reunion will be June 4-7. Oh boy! If you have not seen your classmates or the Lehigh campus for a while (you might not recognize either), make plans to come to reunion. It will be fun.

Jeff Sherman and Mardi Blacher-Reich have agreed to chair our Reunion Committee and are looking for volunteers. We are very grateful to Jeff and Mardi for their commitment. Join us for the fun – both planning and attending the reunion. Send me an email at the above address and I will forward your interest in the reunion to Jeff and Mardi.

Heard from Julie Griscom McGraw. After a successful career with ExxonMobil, Julie has been working almost full time—when not traveling—for two nonprofit organizations: one called Stroke Comeback, which provides services for stroke survivors with aphasia and one that maintains and preserves the Vale Public School/Community House built in 1884 in Oakton, Va. Julie and her husband, Ray, have a son and daughter who live near them in Northern Virginia.

Julie and Ray made it their goal to travel extensively and travel extensively they have – to Vietnam, Cambodia, South Africa, Botswana, Zambia, Machu Picchu, Galapagos, Turkey/Greek islands, Mexico and the Canadian Rockies. They plan a trip in early 2020 to Egypt, Jordan and Israel. They have also traveled to the Grand Caymans and Florida. Julie and Ray may set the record among our classmates for travel. Anyone challenge them?

Julie notes that when she receives the alumni Bulletin, the first thing she does is start from the back and flip forward to our class column. With each successive year, it takes more pages to reach the Class of 1975 column. She says that, alas, she needs to start at the front.

Julie sees classmate Lynn (Maurer) Schumacher every few months; they have been friends since the seventh grade. Julie also hopes to see her Lehigh roommates Roxanne (Kapikian) Panosian, Wendy Brouwer, Kathy (Kane) Schiegel and Velma (Gebhard) Conway at the reunion in June. That sounds like a challenge, ladies!

Please send me an email about what you are doing, so I can include you in the next class column. I reach out to many classmates but often do not hear back. Do not be modest. Your classmates would love to hear about you. Also, don’t forget to like our class Facebook page run by Jeff Sherman. It can be found at facebook.com/lehighseventyfive?fref=ts.

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

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Greetings, friends. As I wrote this in December, for the Spring 2020 column, I am reminded daily how times have changed, and how we have instantaneous access to friends, family, classmates and information (fake or otherwise). Sadly, we are constantly getting phished! I have personally opened up a very clever communication or two and gotten caught! How confusing for us with our grandkids when we say a well-used anecdote: “When nothin’ is goin’ right, just go phishin’, whoops I mean fishin’!”

Here’s some news: Mary and I thoroughly enjoyed tailgating at the Lehigh-Lafayette home football game. Unfortunately, a loss, but the weather and the people were excellent. This year the Zeta Psi group co-tailgated with the Lehigh “King of Tailgates,” hosted by the Class of ’74 and Professor Gus Gustafson ’74. A great time for all! Bruce “Yogi” Perry ’74 and his wife Anne say hi to all. Yogi has entered retirement after being a CFO for 30 years, but I definitely got the feeling he will re-enter the workforce in some capacity, possibly as a volunteer in a worthwhile nonprofit.

Mary and I enjoyed a few moments during the game with Cindy (Glueck) Sterrett and Joe Sterrett. Obviously Joe was engulled in watching every play on the field, but Cindy was great and we caught up between times of the course too. John and Israel. They have entered retirement after being a CFO for 30 years, but I definitely got the feeling he will re-enter the workforce in some capacity, possibly as a volunteer in a worthwhile nonprofit.

Gary Iacocca and I talked Philadelphia Eagles and gapped with the cost and continuance of our season tickets.

One of my favorite fraternity groups, Chi Psi, continue to get a group together annually. This year John Irivn hosted in Pitts- burgh for a two-day golf outing, including one day at Oakmont, and of course a lot of fun times off the course too. John said, “Nothing has changed!” Attending from ’76 were Chuck Sonon, Dave Danahy and Jack Tracy along with another seven Chi Psi brothers, ranging from Class of ’74 to Class of ’03! Now if I can only get these guys to at least once participate in our class reunion parade!

What a segue . . . our 45th Reunion is June 2021. I will leave you with this, “In golf and in life, it’s the follow-through that means the most.”
makes the difference.” Cheers and follow-through in 2021!

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Univar Solutions Inc., a global chemical and ingredient distributor and provider of value-added services, announced executive vice president and chief financial officer, Carl J. Lukach, was named CFO of the Year for a public company by Financial Executives International (FEI) during its Ninth Annual Chicago CFO of the Year Awards. Univar is headquartered in Downers Grove, Ill. Before joining Univar in 2014, Carl enjoyed a 34-year career at DuPont in senior positions which included vice president, investor relations in Wilmington and two separate assignments in Tokyo – first, six years as managing director, DuPont Japan, and secondly, as president, DuPont East Asia. He began his career at PricewaterhouseCoopers in Philly after we graduated from Lehigh. Carl and his wife, Mary, have four children and seven grandchildren. Congratulations, Carl!!

Everett H. Van Hoesen ’55 (better known as Van) died on Sept. 3, 2019. Van had an accomplished career at IBM and his legacy includes numerous children and grandchildren who are Lehigh graduates: son Rick Van Hoesen and his wife, Jill (Sugarmen) Van Hoesen; son Mark Van Hoesen ’78; daughter Kimberly (Van Hoesen) Hinkle ’83; and grandchildren Lauren Van Hoesen-Salvo ’05, Kellan (Van Hoesen) Brown ’05, Kendyl Van Hoesen Kenny ’06 and her husband, Sean Kenny ’03. Our condolences to the entire family. Quite a Lehigh legacy there!

Don Bryant ’78 started a new business buying craft breweries and retooling them to be more efficient. He thinks his Fiji training comes in handy! “So far we’ve had great success buying four breweries with three more on the way, including the only brewery in Aspen, Colo., near where I live with my partner, Ashley. All told, we’ll produce about 170,000 barrels of beer this year and are the 29th largest brewer in North America (out of 8,450). We’ve been interviewed on TV and at numerous trade shows including the movie ‘What’s brewing in America’ filmed at our hop growing campus. We’ve also been able to create a brewing school tied to the University of Washington on the site of the original Olympia Brewery near Seattle. It’s not often that all the beer drinking at Lehigh provides a cool business venture that I can look forward to running for many years. A great excuse for any Lehigh alums to stop by Aspen, Washington or Oregon for a pint (or two).”

Congratulations to our Class of 1977 Scholarship recipient, Benjamin Santos ’22, who extends his appreciation to our class for enabling him to experience Lehigh. Benjamin hails from the Bronx and is majoring in political science toward his goal of becoming a lawyer. His travels include two separate internships: in Aspen, Colorado, and the remainder of his college career in Washington, DC. While we wish him all the best for the remainder of his college career and beyond.

Pat Bodenstab and her husband, Tom, just enjoyed some travels to Iceland and previously to Southeast Asia. She noted that Sue (McGovern) Zabar has moved from Princeton to Pennington, N.J.

Postscript to news you just read in our last column: Keith Wilson is up to 17 grandchildren now!!

My pleas for news were answered by some . . . and thanks to Tom Anderson for writing!

Tom writes, “I’ve spent the better part of the last 42 years since graduation getting an MBA at Notre Dame and working in biotech and pharmaceuticals at JNJ, Shire and Sage Therapeutics in senior management. I thought I had retired from Sage in July 2018, in which I was part of Sage’s IPO and meteoric growth, only to pursue a new venture – a healthcare company in the $700 million range.”

John Callaghan writes that their Phi Kappa Theta Class of ’77 have been getting together almost every year for a weekend golf reunion, with about half of the class of 11 brothers showing up each time. In October Charlie “Chas” Miller, Frank “Frankie” Reck, Bob “Ebbie” Erbrick, John “Dad” Stama-tieris, and John met at Frank’s home in Stafford, Va. Bob “Moon” Smith, Joe “Schmoe” Grievio and Michael “Mikey” Losch called “due to injuries — so they say!”

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I have a bumper crop of news this time – so much that I hit my word limit and will have to defer some until the next column. I’ve begged in our Facebook group (facebook.com/groups/Lehigh1978) before and gotten crickets, but this time at least eight people responded. Maybe Lehigh was on people’s minds because I posted right after our one-point loss in “The Rivalry”? Anyway, here’s Part I.

Ken Motschwiller retired last July after 35 years as chief financial officer of FlightSafety International, an aviation training company. With help from his Lehigh roommate, Realtor Peter Gordenstein, Ken and his wife followed their three sons to Manhattan in 2013, and feel lucky to live four blocks from their 1-year-old granddaughter. Their main retirement plan is traveling and visiting family and friends, and they’re off to a fast start—during the first two months of Ken’s retirement they visited 10 states!
1. Kayla Briggs ‘15 married Pete Lawlor ‘15 on Sept. 21, 2019 at Rumson Country Club in Rumson, N.J. There were over 45 Lehigh alumni and students in attendance.

2. Class of 1980 members Steve Raffay, Bill Black and John Heidenreich spent two weeks in South Africa touring, visiting vineyards and going on a safari.

3. Linda (Rissel) Maxfield ‘81 and her husband, Dave, celebrated her retirement with Sue (Stoup) McDonald ‘81 and her husband, JP.

4. Carlos DaSilva ‘98 and his brother Paulo Da Silva ‘94 at the 2019 CARES Gala.

5. Caroline Pomeroy ‘82 and Anne Kosco ‘82 played tourist in Manhattan.

6. Barb (Riddell) Marks ‘84 and Eric Marks ‘83, Nancy Liu ‘83, Tom DiPiazza ‘83 and sons, Ben, Christopher and Sam, and Larry Hunter ‘83 gather at the Alpha Sigma Phi tailgate before the Lehigh-Lafayette game.

7. Erin Meinert ‘14 and Kris Talgo ‘13 were married on Oct. 19 outside Denver at the Manor House in Littleton, Colo.

8. Mike McKeon ‘00 was elected to a four-year term to serve as the Lower Merion Township (Pa.) Commissioner of Ward 3. Ward 3 covers Penn Valley, Belmont Hills and Bala Cynwyd.
Bob Kennedy said he was reluctant to submit his news in the past because he felt it was “not very interesting.” I disagree! Bob moved to Murfreesboro, Tenn. (a Nashville suburb), in 2000, after three years in Grenoble, France. He and a colleague formed a company involving electrical power monitoring products in 2009, and sold that company to a private equity firm in 2017. He then began a second career writing children’s books about a dog named Sam, under the pen name “Mr. ChickenBiscuits.” Bob explains that he wrote drafts of several Sam books when he was a kid, later read them to his young sons, and always wanted to finish them for his four grandkids. He published the first four books in 2018 and added two more in 2019, including *Sam Needs a Bath* ([amazon.com/dp/B07Z24056-2369](https://amazon.com/dp/B07Z24056-2369)). The books have all been in the top 50 in their Amazon category at times, but his favorite part of being a children’s author is “seeing and hearing about the smiles on kids’ faces.” Bob also mentioned that he’s in contact with his freshman roommate and Beta Theta Pi brother Rick Piger ’79, who now lives with his wife, Pam, in Williamsport, Pa. Rick and Pam remembered Bob’s drawings of Sam from freshman year and have been great supporters of the books, even buying a set for their little grandnieces.

Alice (Levin) Lenthe was chosen for the fifth cohort of Homeward Bound, an international program preparing women who work in STEMM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics and medicine) disciplines to engage in science diplomacy and climate action. The year-long program will culminate in a carbon-neutral expedition to Antarctica this November. You can read more about the adventure Alice has ahead of her at https://home-boundprojects.com.au.

Lew Chasalow retired from his second career as an associate professor of business at Lebanon Valley College at the end of 2019. He and his wife plan to stay in Annville, Pa., for the foreseeable future, where he intends to play in the local community band, spend more time with his grandchildren and “do as little as possible for a while.”

Finally, William Hanna is living in Salem, Mass., and he and his wife just welcomed their first grandchild, Jackson. Congrats, Grandpa!

What are the rest of you up to? Retiring? Traveling? New grandkids? Let me know by snail mail, email or Facebook. My columns are published about four months after I submit them, so expect a 4-8 month delay between contacting me and seeing your news in the *Bulletin*.

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I offer a big thanks to Ann (Pinto) Newberry, who followed up after our reunion with an update. She survived an October family whitewater rafting vacation down the Grand Canyon and a hike back out. Ann said that it was an awesome experience. Now she is back to helping people who are downsizing via her Smooth Transitions of Massachusetts move management business. I watched an interview on LinkedIn, where Ann states, “Every closet, every attic, every basement is like an archeological dig.” One never knows how that Lehigh learning will be used! She also makes pottery in her spare time now that her “babies” are back at college for their junior year. They are experiencing study abroad and Ann also hopes to visit Russia and England.

Bruce Abel and wife Jenny hosted Alpha Sigma Phi 79ers at their home on the Wye River on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Not all our pledge class members could make it, but most were there in August. Ed Laughlin and wife Mary, John Parisi and wife Dianne, Paul DiPiazza and wife Patricia, Geff Wallach and wife Laura, Jeff Kenny and wife Shari, and Howie Winter (B.S. ’77, M.S. ’79) and wife Caryl joined the party.

Steve Kessler and I were also there, sans spouses. We enjoyed a wonderful time lounging around the pool, boating on the Wye River, eating Maryland crabs and swapping stories, both old and new. I really enjoyed seeing bald eagles on the river and learning from Bruce about some of the waterway conservation efforts he and other residents support.

I’m officially retired as of October after my project manager position was eliminated in July. It was the first time in my career that I was part of a downsizing. I thought about going back to work, but I didn’t see any job that looked as enjoyable as hiking around our park system in the Cleveland area and participating in volunteer work. With the help and guidance of my financial planner, we determined that paid work was optional. If you connect with me on Facebook, you’ll see my photos of deer, herons and scenery from my local travels.

Speaking of Facebook, I highly encourage you to connect to the Lehigh University Class of 1979 page. You’ll get more timely news about classmates on that site, including photos. Visit the site often and add your own news!

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Jim Merrill biked 2,000 miles this past year. Jim also traveled to Singapore and Japan for a client trip for Ernst and Young.

William Morris married Dr. Sarah Phillips, a Wake Forest University graduate, who is the director of the Russian and Eastern European Institute at Indiana University. William has been a lawyer at Indiana Legal Services in Bloomington, Ind., for the last six years and is starting a firm focusing on civil rights and discrimination issues. On Dec. 12, he was ordained as a deacon in the Episcopal Church in Indianapolis, Ind. William’s radio show, the Soul Kitchen, is going to be syndicated nationally. The show can be streamed online at WFIU.org.

Bruce Card is running things at Paragon Technology Group. Bruce is also a pilot for American Airlines, flying primarily between Philadelphia, Pa., and Europe. He hopes to see classmates on a flight!

Mark Rittmayer has spent 12-plus years in Hong Kong, and says it is fantastic. Mark and his wife, Anna, keep busy with local events, horse racing, the beach and Ocean Park. Mark keeps fit at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club working out and playing squash. Their youngest son, Jason, just entered primary 1 school.

Jeff Slayton, Randy Haist, Dave Donovan and Curt Heverly, freshman dormitory friends and Alpha Sigma Phi brothers, recently met in Austin, Texas. They enjoyed a weekend of craft beer, Texas barbecue, great live music and reminiscing.

Jim McCormick lost his beautiful wife, Gina, to cancer. Jim says Gina was his gift from God. Jim celebrated the 40th anniversary of the Lehigh 1979 national runner-up football team on Nov. 2. The 1979 team has the third most wins in the history of Lehigh football and also beat Lafayette 24-3! The event was organized by 1980 team captains, Jim McCormick.
and Eric Yaszemski. Over 50 teammates celebrated, including Rich Andres, Jeff Dunn, Jeff Bernstein, Dave Melone, John Butkus, Rick Manning and Pete Mercuri ’81. It was a special day for a special team who still love each other and our university!

Linda (Rissel) Maxfield retired after 13 years as a senior estimator with Big-D Construction Company in Salt Lake City, Utah. She and husband Dave will be splitting the year between Utah and Maine. Sue (Stoup) McDonald and husband JP, recently retired from the FBI, helped celebrate by spending a week with them in June.

Steve Raffay, Bill Black and John Heidenreich spent two weeks in South Africa touring, visiting vineyards and going on a safari. Steve lived in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, until 1984 and now lives in La Jolla, Calif. He is a professional photographer specializing in wildlife. Bill lives in Bethlehem, Pa. He moved there last year after the loss of his wife, Sandra Lee (Rapp) Black, to cancer. Bill and Sandy have four children and six grandchildren. Bill is head of the accounting and finance department at Haritan Valley Community College, where he is celebrating his 20th year as a professor. John lives on the Upper East Side of Manhattan, NY. He has two daughters. John is the director of investment banking with R.F. Lafferty & Co. As much as they enjoyed the safari, they unanimously agreed that the best part was remembering their time together at Lehigh and carrying on like college kids again.

Mark Hembarsky turned 60. In celebration, Mark and his Pike big brother, John Fitzgerald ’78, threw a party for Pike brothers in their 60s and their partners. The party was held at the Hotel Bethlehem on the Friday night of Lehigh-Laayette Weekend. Attending were Tom Frawley, Don Fries, Peter Garibaldi, Susan (Bregkinsto) Hembarsky, Steve Kuncio, Craig Madsen, Cheryl (Maute) Brennan, Jim Golle ’78, Wes Taylor ’78, Karen (Boczar) Garibaldi ’79, Scot Guempel ’79, Charlie Keener ’79, Mark Foster ’81, Marty Spisak ’81, Joe Valentino ’81, Rich Brennan ’82, Dave Stafford ’82, Joe Maida ’83, Rick Divas ’84, Steve Rothman ’84, Richard Missimer ’12 who married Rebecca Hembarsky (Laayette ’10) and Morgan Hembarsky ’13. A fantastic time was had by all!

Mark volunteered to be our reunion chairman. In addition to Susan, he is looking for many volunteers to help make it an outstanding reunion weekend! 8-0! Go! Go! Go!

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

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Hello, Class of ’81! This is my first update as our new class correspondent. I’ll try to quickly fill you in on the last 38 years of my life. Right after graduating Lehigh, I started working at Nabisco (with Mark Yeager—before he became a real estate tycoon), got married to my high school girlfriend Debbie, and earned an MBA from Seton Hall University at night. Career-wise I moved from Nabisco to Cadbury (where I worked with Tamara Minick Scokalo), to SuperValu and then Sysco in Houston, Texas. I retired from Sysco in February 2019 and now sit on the Armstrong Ceilings Board of Directors. Debbie and I now split our time between Houston and N.J./Pa. We have three children, Dan (Manhattan), Courtney (N.J.) and Bobby (Boulder, Colo.). Dan Shurts ’10 and his cousins, Christina Shurts ’05 and Greg Shurts ’08, are fourth-generation Lehigh graduates! At Lehigh, Dan was a fraternity brother, ice hockey teammate and very good friend of Joe Torcivia Jr. ’11, son of Joe Torcivia and Bonnie (Lewis) Torcivia. Small world!

We received big news from Rich Titus, or should I say Dr. Titus! Rich finished his Ph.D. in industrial engineering at Penn State with the support of his lovely bride, Lisa Dippire Titus ’82. Rich continues to work as an adjunct instructor in Lehigh’s Business College and as a Lean Six Sigma independent consultant. Rich attended the 1979 Football Team (NCAA IAA runner-ups) reunion this fall, which was organized by Eric Yaszemski ’80 and Jim McCormick ’80. Lisa and Rich also attended a Texas A&M game in the fall of 2018 and were joined by John Butkus ’80 and his son Peter. Rich joined Sigma Chi brother Duke Gedney at the annual Ainters baseball trip which visited the City of Angels and was organized by Mike Gough ’80, Mike Hamouz ’80 and joined by Jeff Ackemann ’80, Mark Schultz ’79, Paul Potak ’80 and Anthony Rocco ’76.

Jack McGowan reports his family is doing well in Baltimore. Jack is still at T. Rowe Price in the U.S. institutional sales group. He has a son at Vanderbilt and a daughter who is a junior in high school and beginning the college search. He recently got together for a fun weekend of golf with Pi Lam brothers Tom Havekotte ’79, Tom Dunn ’79 and Mark Profy ’79. Jack keeps in touch with Art Greenwood and Dan Nemeth.

Kathy (Sloan) Holmes is in her 36th year with Travelers Insurance. She started with US-F&G which became the St. Paul Companies and then merged with Travelers. Kathy plans to work just a couple more years and then retire. Kathy reports that she and her two children are doing great. She is in a serious relationship and lives in the Baltimore area with her two golden retrievers. Her son is 28 and lives close by in “the cool part” of Baltimore. Her daughter is 25 and an athletic trainer living in Naples, Fla.

John Campo and wife Marti have two grown sons and are living the empty-nester lifestyle in Vienna, Va. They spend time appreciating our national parks, everything from Zion and Bryce up to the Humboldt redwoods. John works for a San Francisco-based e-commerce company and enjoys the young culture.

Anne Kline spent October celebrating the silver anniversary of her 35th birthday! Many Lehigh folks joined her in the celebration, including Dave Silver, Linda (Taylor) Ferguson, Meredith (Wehner) Luckewicz, Barb Turanchik ’75, Sue Yee ’82 and Karen Shihadeh Schaufeld ’83. The festivities included a Vanity Fair photo shoot and a serenade by the Washington National Opera! Anne and Linda also attended their 42nd Lehigh-Laayette game and sat behind the aforementioned Dr. Rich Titus. Anne is SVP at Revere Bank, which was recently purchased, and she reported she’s excited about “starting all over again.”

Please send me updates and news to wayneshurts@gmail.com. Whether we knew each other at Lehigh or not, I would love to hear from you!

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Matt Morgan writes in with an update: “At the Holy Cross game on Nov. 2, we had a reunion of the 1979 football team. It was great to see about 45 team members attend the events, including numerous 1982 classmates. I especially enjoyed seeing a few of my Sigma Chi broth-
ers from the Class of ’82: Larry Michalski, Kris Nielsen and Mark Sitar, along with the hospitality of Rich Titus ’81 and Lisa Dippre Titus. I still live in the Pittsburgh area but spend a lot of time at Deep Creek Lake in western Maryland. Our four adult children are doing well, three are recently married.”

Matt and I lived on Taylor 2 West freshman year. I seem to recall that Matt was nicknamed Beef. Good to hear from you, Matt.

Terence Godown checked in to report that he watched the Lafayette game at the Hickory Tavern—Raleigh/Durham, N.C., telecast party. There were graduates from the Class of 1948 (92 years old) and he attended his 70th reunion as the only member from the class) through the Class of 2016. A great time had by all.

Gary E. Jernec mentions that his freshman dormitory was also Taylor 2 West. His dorm mates were Gary Raab, Joe Hockman ’83, Bob Taylor, Matt Smith ‘81, Doug Hock, Tony Pinnie, Rob Mills and many others. He was then a member of Phi Sigma Kappa. “Hi Hulk, E-man and Jimmy Sagerholm.” He has lived in Ocean City, N.J., since graduation. If you have ever rented in OC, you probably have rented from his real estate investment company, which owns 27 duplexes either on the beachfront or the other side of Central Avenue. He has also operated Somers Point Fitness for 35 years, starting as the first Gold’s Gym on the East Coast. Gary now buys and sells small companies in the 500M to 1B range. He has been happily married to Barbara for 500M to 1B range. He has been happily married to Barbara for 35 years. He has a daughter, Jacqueline, and a son, Steven, who are both employed in the family business. His physician is his former roommate Dr. Gary Raab. Gary would love to see his other classmates, but they spend a significant amount of time following their son to javelin venues around the world. He is a world-class javelin thrower with eyes set on the 2024 Paris Olympics.

Caroline Pomeroy reports: “I didn’t make it to the football game, but I did meet up with Anne Kosco (a sophomore M&M hall mate) last weekend in NYC. Anne has a daughter, Brighida, at Columbia University. We got to see her represent Columbia against Harvard in a diving meet, see a Broadway show and be tourists. Anne was on the Lehigh dive team and graduated from [what is now] Hershey Medical College. She has another diving daughter, Olivia, who graduated from Northwestern and is training for the Olympics. Anne is chief of radiology at Kaiser Permanente in LA. I retired as chief sales officer from a medical software company after living in Boston and Silicon Valley, now residing in White Mountains of N.H.”

Lori (Smith) Fitzgibbon lives near me in Bedminster, N.J. She notes: “I’ve been working in Far Hills, N.J., since 2015 as the chief financial officer at a local school. My job keeps me extremely busy. Both my grown children are out of the house with careers of their own. My son, Colin, lives in Houston, Texas and works in Marine Insurance. My daughter, Kristin, just moved to Los Angeles and works in the medical technology industry. I’d love to see more of the Lehigh alums in the area, please let me know if anyone regularly gets together. I’m hoping for a 2020 get together with Leslie (Kline) Davidson and Judy (Weer) Kaelber out in Wyoming where Judy and Darrell Kaelber ’83 now live.”

Tom Hammond of Sigma Chi went to the Lafayette game and tells me that: “I spent the weekend with Lisa Dippre Titus and her husband, Rich Titus ’81. Also crashing at Chez Titus were Mark ‘Bubba’ Sitar, David ‘Otis’ Hanan and Meredith (Lesslie) Spector. Both David and Meredith have children currently at Lehigh. We had Sunday brunch with Leigh (Walker) Anderson and her husband, John. Also ran into Terry Clark and Chris Kratky at the Sigs alumni tailgate.” Best to Tom as always.

I managed to hook up with Stan King in New York City where we attended the New York Rangers game on Dec. 6 versus the Montreal Canadiens courtesy of tickets my son, James Belardo, gets from Guggenheim Partners, where he is vice president at the distressed trading desk. James recently got married and lives in Battery Park City just south of Brookfield Plaza, so we have a free place to crash in the City now. After the game, all three of us went for a few rounds of drinks at the Dead Rabbit on Water Street downtown. Stan and his wife, Ingrid Sue, are planning a three-week trek by camels through Nepal and Mongolia in March. I am sure most of you are realizing the Big 60 is staring us in the face. Where did 42 years go?

Keep the emails and status updates coming.

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Happy Spring, Class of ’83! Hope that we all survived the winter weather. I am always excited to hear from fellow classmates. Remember, if I see you at a Lehigh event or anywhere else, I will mention you in the column.

While attending my 40th high school reunion, I reconnccted with Eric Stollman. Eric is a vice president at a party supply company. Eric lives in Ambler, Pa., and has two sons and a daughter.

Family News: Chip Bayer and his wife Paula (Thoden) Bayer ’84 had a busy summer with weddings for their children. Their daughter, Jacquie, and son, Dan ’13, both got married. Dan married Tina Penksa ’13, a fellow Lehigh alum. Congratulations! Next on the horizon . . . grandchildren!

Lehigh events: At the Freshman Rally, Lisa Anderman was there with her husband, Oded Daskal, daughter Noa Daskal ’22, and her parents Carole and Arthur Anderman ’56. Carole mentioned that she always checks out my column when she gets the Lehigh Bulletin. So here is a shout-out to my most loyal reader.

At the Founder’s Weekend Leadership Recognition Dinner, Ann Lewnes ’83, ’22P, was the recipient of the 2019 Excellence in Industry Award. The award is presented to an individual who has demonstrated professional achievement of the highest caliber in the management of a for-profit organization. Ann is executive vice president and chief marketing officer at Adobe Inc. Congratulations, Ann! A well-deserved honor!

Football Tailgates: Bob Funnel confirmed that he was attending the UC-Davis game. I hope some fellow ’83s were able to attend.

During the Georgetown game, Anne (Walsh) Mueller wandered by our tailgate. Anne was with her husband, John Mueller ’79, and his Phi Sigma Kappa brothers. In our quick conversation, Anne mentioned that siblings, including Kathy (Connors) Mueller, and kids also attended Lehigh. Other classmates at the game were Mike Dicker and his wife, Mary Lynn, and Peter Neville ’82 and Cindy (Benscoter) Neville.

At Lehigh-Lafayette, I stopped by the Alpha Sigma Phi tailgate and visited with Eric Marks and his wife, Barb (Riddell) Marks ’84, Larry Hunter, Tom DiPiazza with
About the Lehigh Class of 1984

Greetings, Class of 1984! Looking for inspiration for this column, I retrieved the 1984 Epitome and glanced through it. Lots of eighties hair and sharp suits were in evidence. I could not help but think that times change and people change, but that time memorialized will last forever. I have such a keen interest in Lehigh history and tradition and our common experience that I decided to serve as your class correspondent. Please meet me halfway in this effort by letting me know the news of you and yours.

This column covers the tailgate season which I enjoy not only for the adult beverages, brats and sweets but also for the stream of the Class of ‘84 friends stopping by on the way to the games. A Delta Chi mini-reunion was arranged for the Georgetown game October 26 and attendance was very good. From the class of 1984, Doug Grandin, Chris Poli, Bob Bohny, Joe Clifford, Jim Hart and Bill Glaser got together to renew old friendships and root for the Engineers (or Mountain Birds, if you prefer). Also, Jill (Heide) Hansen came back to visit and catch up with everyone.

The highlight of the season was the 155th Lehigh-Lafayette game. The atmosphere was electric. There were an incredible amount of people tailgating. Everyone had a great time, and we almost forgot we had a game; afterwards, we wanted to forget there was a game. Ah well, next year the ‘Pards will be crushed and all will be right and good with the world.

The Class of 1984 organized a tailgate and erected two large tents in the reserved parking lot to host a tailgate (thanks Chip Bayer ’83 and Paula [Thoden] Bayer!). A banner was hung to celebrate Laura Gill and Suzette Stoddard’s 40th attendance of the Rivalry. They have not missed a single game since they matriculated! They have seen it all—the final game in Taylor Stadium, the first game at Goodman Stadium, the Colonial League Championships won by beating Lafayette and so on.

Dr. Steve Fleisher sent me a great report which I include in its entirety: “Every year around May, I send out emails to over 150 of my Sig Ep fraternity brothers from the late ‘70s through the late ‘80s with pictures from the previous year’s Lehigh-Lafayette game. There is a lot of smack talk and stories of when Lehigh was good, you know, the Demming years. I also stay in touch with a good number of my pledge class. This year’s turnout was exceptional. There were over 40 guys from that time span in attendance. We had Bill Maloney ’80, Ted Cox ’79, Chris Davis ’80, Bill Haltenhoff ’78, Jay Bailey ’80, Rob Sell ’85 and Jim Phelan ’86. There were ’83s too: Toby Zellers, Pete Marri, Dickson Pratt, Scott Bartolett, John Langan and my big brother, Chuck Breder. From ’84, there was Bill Fishman, Dave Hicks, Harry Hawkes, Brian Durkin and myself. We started off by getting our parking spots around 8:30 and the festivities began from there. We were visited by Robin (Cohen) Hart and Bill Glaser. A few of us returned the favor by grabbing a pierogi or two at the Delta Chi tailgate to say hello to you and your lovely wife Aliki Astreou Keating, and Scott Freedman and Nancy (Liu) Freedman ’83, and of course, tailgate master extraordinaire, Jim Hart. Even though we lost, it is always a great day to be back at Lehigh.

“On another note, back in May, after 15 years and 28 surgeries, I opened a chiropractic office in King of Prussia. I previously had a very successful family practice in Trappe, Pa., but in 2005, I was in a motorcycle accident which put me on the I.R. for a while. The practice is exceeding my expectations for growth.

“Overall, it was a great year with our 35th Reunion and the freshman sendoff. This was my first appearance at either event. I don’t know why it took me so long but I will definitely be back. Brian Durkin asked me to go and it was a blast. Lehigh rolled out the red carpet with food and drinks and kept us busy all weekend long. If you have never been back for a reunion, I highly recommend it.”

Lastly, I want to take some time to remember our departed classmates and in particular Curtis J. Rettké, our Psi Upsilon brother and a good friend to all. We remember Curt when we all get together because he was a character with foibles almost hard to believe. The things he would get up to! He was a good man who would give you the shirt off his back and he loved Lehigh. He got sick shortly after the 25th reunion and succumbed the following year. We miss him, but we were glad to have known him and he will never be forgotten as long as we are around.

I want to thank everyone for sending me updates. It is very much appreciated. And don’t hesitate, dear readers, contact me today!

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I traveled to campus this past September with Kyle (Friedman) Greenberg and Mary Beth (Cooleen) Tully ’84 for the 125th anniversary of The Brown and White event. We had the privilege of hearing Marty Baron ’76, executive editor of The Washington Post, speak. Kyle and I were both journalism majors and it was fascinating for us to hear Marty Baron’s stories of his life, both in the Brown and White offices as well as those of the top newspapers in the country. We also enjoyed reminiscing about Lehigh journalism legends like professors Sullivan and McFadden.

Rob Ungvary checked in from Bryn Mawr, Pa., with the third installment of Lindsay Vannoy ’84 on tour with Elton John—Farewell Yellow Brick Road (see 2019 Spring and Summer Bulletin editions—Class of ’84 section). Lindsay was SigEp’s resident piano man during his time at Lehigh and has been able to combine his engineering skills with his love of and accomplishments in music to, in essence, be Sir Elton’s incredible host for him and his wife, Melissa, for a Philadelphia show in November. Rob also stresses—Lindsay wasn’t kidding when he said, “If you are coming to the show make sure to drop me a line in advance!” As the tour returns to the USA in 2020, if you live in, say,
Detroit . . . make sure to contact him prior to those May dates. Rob also had an opportunity to play golf this summer with fellow SigEps Steve Shoemate, Tom Cahill and Dave DiBrigida ’88, and also keeps in touch with suburban Philadelphia SigEps Steve Hofmann ’87 and Wayne DiMarco ’87 on a regular basis.

Our reunion is this spring! Please save the date: June 4–7, 2020. I’m planning on attending, notebook in hand, and I hope to see many of you there. Our last reunion was very well attended and really a lot of fun. Please take a moment to email, text or call any of your housemates, friends, classmates, anyone you want to see—and spread the word.

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

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“We are young but getting old before our time. We’ll leave the TV and the radio behind. Don’t you wonder what we’ll find steppin’ out tonight? (Joe Jackson)”

Yearning for dry cod, grilled sardines and caldeirada, Beth and Steven Berns, in the fine company of Alita (Nemroff) Friedman ’87 and Glen Friedman, summer vacationed in Portugal, in celebration of their final off-season heading to college, with Matt having finished Emory, Billy graduating Cornell and Adam starting Wisconsin.

From sardines to chili with beans, pre-gaming Lehigh-Lafayette 2019, at Joe Yammarino’s ’85 River Vale, N.J.’s Valley Burgers & Brew were Stephanie (Hosfeld) Olson ’85 and Jonathan Olsen. Kathy (Duggan) Trimble ’87 and Dave Trimble, and Erik Soderberg. This summer, Erik sailed from Portland, Maine, to Gloucester, Mass., ahead of his older daughter’s F&M frosh year. Stephanie and Jonathan’s daughter, Kirsten ’18, passed the CPA exam and is with Deloitte in Manhattan, and Kathy and Dave were plotting how to keep the left eye on L-L tailgate kegs, while keeping the right eye on daughter, Liz ’20.

From tailgating to evenging, Valerie Francisco’s daughter, Bianca, is competing against other horse riders across the three disciplines of dressage, cross-country and show jumping (aka eventing) (* I had to look it up). Valerie started a new Tampa, Fla.-based environmental consulting business, Azul Environmental & Marine.

From tailgating to rowing, Dave Beidleman’s son, a huge fan of ground beef served with gravy, is a Salisbury (Conn.) Boarding School senior rower, inspired by his cousin, Shelley (daughter of Sue Beidleman Pearson ’82 and Kevin Pearson), the first female Bermudian (Rio 2016) Olympic rower. Dave’s daughter is law school-bound, following Dickinson College. Dave is vice president for institutional advancement and community relations at Elizabethtown College. Lititz, Pa.-based Dave and wife, Renie Beidleman ’95G, enjoy time at Pocono’s Fairview Lake, where Paul Sucro, a frequent houseguest, remarked, “I come for the fair view.”


Last we heard from Gary Pan, he was pedaling across America. Recently Gary was peddling his platform, across Virginia’s 34th district, vying for election to the House of Delegates. While Gary’s bid didn’t pan out as hoped, he encourages everyone to become involved and connected with local issues and elections.

Celebrating this year’s birthdays, at Hamilton, N.J.’s Grounds for Sculpture were Stoughton girls Susan (Peper) Boudreau, Lisa (Fauci) Keenan, Amy Roth, Ellen (Villegas) Rudel and Susan Zavesky Morris. Sharon (Kanovsky) Richter’s 8-year-old daughter, Bella, ran the last 1.5 miles of the NYC Marathon as part of the NYRR Rising Stars program, which is more than I’ll ever run in the NYC Marathon.

While the three men in a tub are the butcher, the baker and the candlestick-maker, “long time” retirees Sue (Sibley) Vowell and John Vowell continue to live in north Idaho in the summer and snowbird in their RV on southwest U.S. public lands in the winter, but are far from idle; they take on a seasonal job every autumn. They have worked on an Amazon fulfillment center, a sugar beet harvest (I did not confirm if they worked for Dwight Schrute), sold swag at high school band marching competitions, and this year, they hippity hoppityed across the (Idaho) valley, working at Elk Mountain Farms, the largest North American hop farm, home of Goose Island IPA’s aroma hops and the finishing process of all U.S.-produced Bud Light. So, cheers to Sue and John.

“You why you gonna go, do you have to say, you wanna go ooh ooh ooh baby. Say it isn’t so. (Hall & Oates)”

’87 Laura M. D’Orsi, 26 Falcon Ridge Circle, Holmdel, NJ 07733. (732) 241-5229 (H); lauramdorsi@yahoo.com. It was great to see so many people at Lehigh-Lafayette this year. Lots of 1987 grads have kids at Lehigh. It was nice to see Marcie (Moskow) Hawks, Lisa (Eisenberg) Goodwyn and Laura (Carberry) Muldowney, who all have sons at Lehigh. Also in attendance were Andrea (Worth) Robik, Chris Wilson ’88 and Lucie (Pastore) Wilson, Bev (Yang) Hess and Adam Hess, Kathy (Duggan) Trimble and Dave Trimble ’86, and Sharon Siegel Voelzke ’88. Thanks to Janet (Pickens) Cole ’88 and Jocelyn (Gitlin) Deutsch ’89 for hosting a great tailgate. It truly took a lot of work and coordination. It was also great seeing Joe Yammarino ’85 at his tailgate, which he has been coordinating for many years.

Meg (O’Brien) Briggs and Rick Briggs had an exciting Lehigh celebration this September when their daughter, Kayla Briggs ’15, married Pete Lawlor ’15 on Sept. 21, 2019, at Rumson Country Club in Rumson, N.J. There were over 45 Lehigh alumni and students in attendance, including the maids of honor Tori Langsdorf ’15 and Sarah Burdick ’16 (daughter of Jeff Burdick ’84), and the best man and the groom’s brother, Teddy Lawlor ’21. Class of 1987 members included Tracy (Warren) Byers, Tom Cassidy and Doug Holland. Other guests included Gayle (Fay) Higgins ’88 and TJ Higgins ’86, Lisa (Wilcox) Diehl ’88 and Dan Diehl ’86, Tracey (Rice) Prestipino ’89 and Dale Prestipino ’88, and Andrea (Romanti) Holland ’89. There was a big Lehigh flag flying at the wedding. In true Lehigh style, everyone had an awesome time. Meg and her family were all gorgeous, as I saw the photos she posted on Facebook. Congrats to the Briggs family on continuing the Lehigh tradition!

Another fabulous Lehigh wedding took place this fall. Our former guest columnist DJ Jefferson married Catherine Mooneyham, his longtime love in Green Creek Hounds, S.C., in November. Their wedding was
like an enchanted storybook where they both rode horseback to the ceremony. Cat looked like a princess with her white horse draped in flowers. DJ was debonair in a black hat and suit, also on horseback. So happy for them both as they continue on with their enchanted life. Please keep the contacts coming; love hearing from you all. Happy spring!

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And another year is in the books! I enjoyed Parents’ Weekend at Lehigh for the first time since my parents visited me freshman year. Both Southside Bethlehem and the Lehigh-planned weekend have changed since the fall of 1988. I joined Julie and Jordie Hitch, and their two sons, Charlie ’20 and Tyler ’21, along with Jim Hausmann ’89, Jimmy Hausmann ’21 and others at a rooftop restaurant on Third Street that could have been in Manhattan. Bob Voelzke, Sharon (Siegel) Voelzke and Julia Voelzke ’21 were dining there before attending the choral event. Instead of heading to the Hill and the offer for beer pong, I went to meet a bevy of Lehigh friends at Social Still, the local Southside distillery. There I debated politics with Jeff Bosland ’90, bought Tony Caciola ’89 a fancy pink drink and got to catch up with Janet (Pickens) Cole, Jocelyn (Gitlin) Deutsch ’89 a.k.a. “The Tailgate Maven,” Jill Seibert Schelling ’89 and Jeff Bosland. Jeff, Jill and I moved on to Broadway Social (I think?) and were joined by Dave Jacey and Larry Maier ’86. Jill and I then walked back to our hotel with the obligatory stop at Lehigh Pizza. What fun! Saturday tailgating proved to be a continued reunion tour and it was the perfect day for it. It was great to see Mary (McConnell) DiBrigida ’86, Dave DiBrigida, Bob Mueller, Greg Wilson ’89, John Cassidy, Katie (Edwards) Cassidy, John Goldberg ’89, Tim Abbott ’91, Laurie (Carberry) Muldowney ’87, Rich Curtis ’89, Drew Moss ’89, Jillian (Spinalk) Wi noker, Pam (Timen) Kattouf, and I’m sure I’m missing more than a few. Bob and I were the only two without kids currently enrolled at Lehigh. I heard Lehigh-Lafayette was even a better day with a huge turnout at the tailgate Janet, Jocelyn and Jen threw!

A huge shout-out and thank you to Debra and Jeff Bosland for their generous donation to Lehigh to establish a new Financial Services Lab. This new lab will have a prominent first-floor location in the future 60,000-square-foot facility to be built catty-corner from Rauch Business Center. The Boslands’ donation is part of G: The Campaign for Lehigh, the $1 billion-plus fundraising and engagement initiative. Jeff and Debbie’s son, Andrew, is a sophomore at Lehigh. An additional congratulations to Jeff, who was recently named to the Lehigh Board of Trustees.

Congratulations to Joe Kinney, who is head coach of the Lafayette baseball program, for the last 21 years. Under Joe, the Leopards have advanced to the Patriot League Tournament in six of the last 11 seasons, making it to the semifinals last year. Joe has been instrumental to the program’s growth through being a top-notch recruiter and ensuring the baseball facilities have continued to be improved and grow. All the best to Joe and whatever comes next.

And in parting, I want to congratulate Amy (Sugarman) Zuckerman for her new role as Godiva’s global head of people. Amy has been overseeing Ferragamo’s human resources for longer and more bags, belts and shoes than I can remember. I know she will thrive in this new position and I’ve promised to not share with her new colleagues her penchant for M&Ms.

Hope you all have dug out from winter, and are looking forward to warmer weather.

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After 30-plus years writing this column, I was ready to pass the torch until this year’s Lehigh-Lafayette game brought me to my senses. I must admit, it’s a bit annoying, you guys don’t send me enough info and I am often late submitting my column, but I do love the connection this column provides for me. That being said, please take five minutes and send me some news . . . professional, family, Lehigh get-togethers. . . . I don’t care, send me something!

Here’s what I have for you: Mark Kasson has recently gotten engaged and will be married in June. Mark is a partner in Sig Management, which invests in real estate enterprises. He recently watched the Lehigh-Lafayette game with Mark Lesnik at the infamous Horseshoe in Morristown, N.J.

Congratulations to my roommate, the beautiful, incredible, bright Julie (Kime) Traina. Julie just launched her new business, Traina Coaching, and is working as a certified life and executive coach. Expect to see a lot more of Jules, as her son Luke just committed to Lehigh and will be playing basketball for the Mountain Hawks in 2020. Julie and husband Mike live in Doylestown, Pa. They have five remarkable children: Peyton, who is working in Washington, D.C., after graduating from UVA; Jack, a junior at Harvard; Luke, soon to be a Lehigh student; Casey, a junior making his mark as a high school basketball player; and finally their sweet sixth-grader, Abby.

The Class of ’89 had a great showing at this year’s Lehigh-Lafayette game and tailgates. I co-hosted a huge tailgate with the Class of ’88 and ’90. In attendance were Rich Curtis, his wife Cathy (Lujic) Curtis ’90, daughter Karis ’23 and son Grant, who is a junior in high school and loves hockey.

John Goldberg, Al Sette ’91 and I caught up for drinks at Revel Friday night. Al is living in Windham, N.H., and is still working for Cisco. John has two daughters at Lehigh and has adapted nicely into a role of Lehigh ambassador in the Bay Area. Since John’s girls started at Lehigh, there has been a wave of new Lehigh students coming from the West Coast! John is the chief investment officer at Cap Trust as well as managing partner at Goldberg Advisers.

It was great seeing some of our ’89 crew, including Rob Lubin, Chris Hite, Van Schell, Irene (Napierski) Murdock, Diana (Kittredge) Sajer, Tim Orr, Wendy (Klein) Gracias, Jenn (McElwreath) Hardie, Jill (Seibert) Schelling, Glenn Comisac, Gary Nelson and Jenn (Jacobson) Nelson ’90 (co-organizer). Tony Caciola, wife Penny and son Dominic ’23 were partying hard at our tailgate. If you were not at our 30th reunion, we had an over-the-top celebration at Tony’s Bourbon Street-inspired party room. We were thinking it might be fun to have another ’89 reunion party before our 35th and Tony offered his incredible venue. Please look for a survey on our Class of ’89 Facebook page in early 2020 to gauge interest. If you are not a member of our class page, facebook.com/groups/35462857881/, please do not delay and join us!

Wishing you, your family and our entire Lehigh family only good things in 2020!
There is no other way to start this class column than by sharing our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Stanley Crossland II. “Stash,” as many of us knew him during his South Mountain days, was killed tragically by a hit-and-run driver last November in Santa Rosa, Calif., while he changed a tire. He leaves behind wife Alison and baby daughter Sierra.

Stan’s post-Lehigh adventures covered the globe, and in 2017 he shared them in his book “Just Unplug and Go: How Traveling the World Saved One Man’s Soul, available on Amazon.”

I reached out to his Kappa Sig pledge brothers to share their reflections. Toby Hanna, Tom Anderson and Steve Potter remember him as a passionate, energetic guy whose positive view of the world has been reflected in the outpouring of love on Facebook from all corners of the globe. All of them mentioned how they have enjoyed viewing his YouTube posts since his passing as a way to remember a funny and compassionate friend.

A GoFundMe page has been established to help with his daughter’s schooling. “Sierra’s Education Fund” is a wonderful tribute to his father and our classmate.

Several DU’s were kind enough to send me updates. Stephen McConnell suggested I was “digging pretty deep in the barrel” if I needed updates from that group. (Believe me, I have not hit the bottom of the 1990 barrel!) He and his wife Mary have lived in Atlanta since 1998 and are raising fantastic student-athletes Ethan, 11th grade, and Hannah, in eighth grade. Mary has been with Showtime Networks for over 20 years and Stephen retired in June 2018 as colonel in the Marine Corps after nearly 28 years of active and reserve service. His illusions of free time were quickly shattered by the basketball and lacrosse carpools. In July 2019, he founded his personal injury firm, McConnell Law LLC, in Sandy Springs, Ga.

Stephen mentioned that at the end of November he had dinner with Joy and Mike Walsh. Mike and his wife spent the ’90s moving around the country, including Cleveland, Ohio, where he received an MBA from Case Western Reserve. They settled into Atlanta in 1998 and have been there ever since.

With his MBA in hand, Mike went to work for Praxair as a project engineer. After several years and several roles with them he started his own company, LifeGas, and proceeded to build one of the largest medical gas companies in the country. (Currently the company is a subsidiary of the Linde Group.)

Mike is now the founder and CEO of EspriGas, which produces and distributes medical and industrial gases to customers in healthcare, entertainment, sporting goods, beverages and the government to name just a few.

Mike’s Lehigh connections remain strong. He serves on the board of the College of Engineering and is very active in mentoring student-athletes who are pursuing degrees in the Patriot League. On a more romantic note, Mike and Joy celebrated their 25 years of marriage by renewing their vows at Packer Memorial Chapel in 2014. Their daughter, Chelsea, graduated from Lehigh in 2012 and three years ago married Seth Stake ’12 in the Lehigh chapel. Their son, Liam, graduated in 2017 with a degree in industrial engineering. Their youngest, Michael, has strong southern roots and will be attending Wake Forest this fall. However, Dad has still not given up hope—there is always Lehigh grad school!

Jeffrey Schult lives in Princeton, N.J., where he is a senior audit manager for Prager Metis. Their 12-year-old daughter, Priya, keep he and his wife busy with all of her seventh-grade activities including ballet, swimming and running cross-country.

One last thing—see the calendar? It’s 2020! That means we graduated 30 years ago!!

The reunion is April 7 and Jim Giddon has generously volunteered to serve as the Class of 1990 reunion chair. Please mark the dates and stand by for event details!

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

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Today is a beautiful fall day in Tel Aviv. We continue to love the life we have made for ourselves and our family here and, despite a few trips to the safe room when rockets were launched our way, we feel very safe and secure here. If anyone is heading to Israel, please be in touch. And now to the news…

Jen (Neyman) Gottlieb sent this sweet update. “I went to Lehigh with my daughter, Ruby, for the 150th anniversary of The Brown and White – great to mingle with other journalism alumni, faculty and students and hear about the amazing things happening at our alma mater! Spent a night in New Jersey with Carla (Goldberg) Greengrass, who recently launched a life and career coaching business for women seeking success on their own terms. So awesome!” Jen and Jill (Merriam) Dulitsky got together recently for a visit (which makes me very jealous!!).

And this from Steve Ploder: “I have been living in Chicago for the past 20 years, married with three kids! My oldest is only a sophomore in high school so still have a few years before college kicks in. My wife and I were excited to host the Chicago First-Year Student Send-Off at our house in August. We ended up having a huge turnout and even President Simon attended the party. It was exciting to meet the new freshmen and to tell them about Lehigh and all my old stories. I never thought I would be hanging out with the president of Lehigh on my patio!” (I hope you didn’t tell them all the stories, Steve!!)

I was so excited to hear from Suzi (Ford) Kauper, who “married a Pi Lam and moved to Seattle in 1995. We have two daughters, the older is a junior at the University of Washington, and the younger is a senior in high school. Celebrated my 50th by sailing in Croatia.”

Another one from the 50th birthday front from Andrea Strong: “Stacey Levine and Dana Susman came to my surprise party thrown by my husband, which brought together so many people from different stages in my life. It was like being at my funeral, but being alive! I am still a journalist covering food policy and I just finished a cookbook with Akhtar Nawab of Alta Calidad in Brooklyn called “Good for You,” coming out fall 2020 from Chronicle. I also started a nonprofit called the NYC Healthy School Food Alliance dedicated to improving school food across all NYC public schools. I live in Brooklyn in a tiny apartment we pay too much for, like most other people my age with kids who fear suburban life.”

Thanks to Ann (Schonwetter) Arnold for the email. What admirable work you are doing. “I am very excited to announce that I, along with my sister Isabella Fiske (married to Josh
Fiske ’95), have launched the Mark Schonwetter Holocaust Education Foundation in honor of our father, an 86-year-old Holocaust survivor. Our mission is to promote respect and kindness through Holocaust education and raise money to allow schools to get funding to bring Holocaust education, materials and programs into school curriculums. The website is mshefoundation.org. Other than that, Jon Arnold is doing great and so are our two girls, Ashley (22 and living in NYC and working at the Lymphoma Research Foundation) and Lexi (18, at Elon).”

This was a delightful column to write as I heard from some new people and some of my old standbys who always help out at the 11th hour. Keep the news coming and keep celebrating!

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Hello all, happy spring! I recently made a job change. I am leading learning and development for Ferrara Candy Company. It’s an exciting opportunity and I am loving the new offices that we just moved into at the Old Post Office in Chicago! I hope that you enjoy these updates from our classmates.

Peter Corbin continues to run Corbin’s Crusaders in NYC, Rye Brook and summer camp in Greenwich, Conn. He spent a few days skiing in Utah with a whole crew of Lehigh alumni: Alex Kramarchuk ’93, Rob Cantin ’96, Jeff Bailey ’93, Tore Tellefsen ’93, Spike Sirak, Chris Mautz ’94, Eli Deeb ’94, Dan Walker ’94, Jon Shesler ’96, Jeff Cannon ’98, Dave Watson ’99, Matt Stone ’98 and Christian Corwin ’95. He also spent a weekend in Martha’s Vineyard with Tore and Becky Tellefsen and family, as well as Sarah (Jones) Giriotti ’93 and family. His twins started high school this year and he and his wife, Wendy, still live in Rye Brook, NY.

David Kaufman is CEO of Acquis Consulting Group, a NYC-based consulting firm recently named one of the best small firms to work for by Consulting magazine. He is a chairperson of Tripkicks, a B2B software which awards corporate travelers for making cheaper travel decisions. Also, he is chair of the New York Area Board of the American Cancer Society. He went on his first safari in South Africa and recommends it to everyone. David also notes that he is sad he has turned 50.

Karen Flan sent in an update on her 14-year-old daughter, Allison, a gold-medal figure skater! She began skating nearly seven years ago. She competes yearly at the Keystone State Games in York, Pa. In 2019, 2018 and 2017 Allison placed first (gold medal) in her event/level. Allison also played the role of Cinderella at this year’s National Theatre on Ice Competition!

When she wrote in, Melissa (Gitlin) Jacoby was busy training for last year’s Pan-Mass Challenge (Aug. 3-4), a 192-mile bike ride across Massachusetts to benefit cancer research. She was joined by her sister, Jocelyn (Gitlin) Deutsch ’89, and her father, Buddy Gitlin ’62, as well as 81 other riders! Melissa has been supporting this cause for 19 years in memory of her first husband. Check out her team website teamperrypmc.com.

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Happy 2020 to the Class of 1993! Does anyone have a high school senior planning to attend Lehigh this fall? We’d love to hear from you!

Lynn (Casparro) Maloney writes that she’s been married to her husband, Michael, for 14 years and they have two beautiful children, a daughter, Chayse, 11, and son, Roman, 9. They live in Rutherford, N.J. She has been working for Symrise Inc., a global flavor and fragrance company headquartered in Germany, since 2008. She is the director of human resources for the company’s scent and care division in North America. She writes: “I love my job (most of the time) and the proximity to our home has allowed me a high level of flexibility and a great work/life balance while raising my kids.” She likes to spend downtime at the Jersey Shore, primarily in Bradley Beach, where her parents live. She has kept in touch with JoAnn (Moll) Graham, who lives in New York City, and Dr. Mary Oliverie, who lives close to her parents, and reports both are doing well.

Bill Cooper is a shareholder of a 70-person accounting firm with offices in Boston and Westwood, Mass. He has three kids (16, 14 and 11) and writes that he is “one year away from having to deal with the whole college application process.” When he wrote in last summer, he was preparing to take his wife and kids to Hawaii to celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary. He still keeps in touch with a lot of Lehigh friends, but says he has never sent an update to the Bulletin until now. Glad you wrote in, Bill!

What a treat it was to hear from Liz (Kim) Staber. Her update was fantastic. She reminded me that we once sat together on a plane to Atlanta and we both had a massive crush on the same guy (who shall remain nameless!).

Thanks to Facebook and LinkedIn, she stays in touch with Laura (Pitt) Teufel, Christina Koukkos, Michelle (Berk) Alvarino, Elaine (Price) Praise, Marianne Buenaventura, Mike Zimmernan, Chris Vella, Neil Cohen, Andy Preston, Bernie Zavatone, Steve Brauner, Bob Mallon, John Fitzpatrick, Doug Cunningham and Mike Ferenchick.

Liz attended law school at the University of Baltimore after swearing up and down she wasn’t going to law school upon graduating from Lehigh. Just before starting law school in 1995, she married Frank Staber ’88, a member of Chi Phi. They started a family in 2000 with the birth of their daughter, Claudia, around the same time that her law career was taking off in the field of health insurance. She began working for Aetna’s law department as counsel in 2002 out of their Blue Bell office and then had her second daughter, Danielle, in 2003. She and Frank separated in 2007, and a few years later she met her current husband, Ed Neugebauer (whom she married in 2016), at Aetna, where she is currently the senior market compliance officer for the Pa./Del./W.V. local market.

I want to include something Liz wrote, in her words: “One thing I will note as a graduate of Lehigh. All those classmates I mentioned above? We all became successful in our own ways. Whether we became engineers, business executives, lawyers, writers, [or] stock brokers – we were successful in anyone’s definition of the word. I’m not sure if Lehigh merely attracted that type of person or if we were products of Lehigh’s conditioning. I suspect a combination of both. But the consistency of that success story always struck me.”

Let’s hear your success story, Class of 1993!

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Lafayette beat Lehigh this fall. I blame Meredith (Robb) Ruckh. Her daughter, Emma, committed...
to Lafayette and will start next fall.

Heather (Davis) Chemtob

lives in the San Francisco Bay Area with her husband, Victor, and 10-year-old son, Marc. She is the head of core coronary global product marketing at Abbott Vascular.

Charlie Getz

lives in Newtown Square, Pa., with his wife, Samantha, and three kids, Jack (15), Lizzie (13) and Audrey (10). Charlie has been at Rothman Orthopaedics for the last decade, practicing shoulder surgery.

Seavan Sternheim

lives in Palo Alto, CA (where he grew up), working at Baylight Capital, a quant hedge fund that he launched with three other partners. His family includes wife Nitzan and kids Nadav, Yardenne and Noam. Seavan and Nadav traveled to Russia for the soccer World Cup, as Nadav was invited as a reporter for the soccer World Cup, as

Brad Peterson

married Sheri last year in Vermont. Between them, they have three kids, Bradley, Frances and Jackson. John Lupovici and Jessica (Berger) Lupovici ’95 attended the wedding. Brad and Sheri live in Orlando, Fla., where Brad runs the office of HFF—commercial real estate brokerage firm.

Kim (Rogoff) Jaffe

spent the last 15 years at Tapestry—the parent company of Coach, Kate Spade and Stuart Weitzman, as the head of global financial planning and analysis. She is also a member of the Dean’s Advisory Council for the CBE at Lehigh. Kim has a 13-year-old daughter (recently Bat Mitzvah’d) and twin 8-year-old boys.

Danielle Pasquale

became an administrative law judge in 2015 in Newark, N.J. She has twin boys who are in their final year at Ramapo High School, which she and husband Tom Gifford ’93 also attended.

Steve Roethke and his wife, Jill Roddin ’92, have been living on Nantucket Island for the last 20 years. (He moved there simply to say he is the man from Nantucket!) Steve owns S.M. Roethke Design, Inc., a custom residence design business.

Kevin Herrera

has lived and worked in Minneapolis with his wife and three children for the last 20 years. He is now working with a start-up company, HydroMX, in Queens—the first nanofluid approved for the hydronic industry.

Heather (Coogan) Sirdashney

was recently promoted to VP of HR at ConocoPhillips.

John Wildermann

, an Army Lt. Col., was recently assigned to support FEMA Region 3 in Philadelphia after four years serving in California. His family includes wife Kristin Coville ’96 and daughter Tabitha. John is working on his second master’s, this one from the Army War College.

Col. Andy Morgado

is currently stationed in South Korea with his wife, Laurie, and children, Izzy, Maddy and Ian. He is the chief of staff for the Second Infantry Division.

After 21 years at The Today Show, Jennifer Long left to take a job as supervising producer at The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon. Her social media feed is 100 times cooler than yours. They are considering ripping off Letterman’s Stupid Human/Pet Tricks, which will feature only one performer—Andy Frishman.

My inbox is lonely and sad. Email me or the kids say, slide into the DMs. Hope you are all well!

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I hope by the time this is published you will have already registered for our 25th Class Reunion! If you are in denial that 25 years have passed, which is why you haven’t registered yet, it’s not too late. Simply go to reunion.lehigh.edu!

Our reunion is a time of celebration. Let it also serve as inspiration—to give back to the Lehigh community that impacted you. Support today’s talented students by making a gift to the Lehigh Fund. All gifts are counted in our class giving total. Make your gift online at give.lu/reunion20.

In other news, it was great to hear from John Danieli, who is currently living in Houston, Texas. His twins are seniors in high school and the family is anxiously waiting to hear from colleges. He didn’t mention whether Lehigh was on their college list, but if the Daniels happen to arrive on campus in the fall of 2020, John may run into fellow ’95 alum Karen (Sayer) McCarthy since her daughter is currently a Lehigh student.

I hope to see you during reunion weekend.

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

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Greetings, Class of ’96.

Can you believe that we graduated 24 years ago? How crazy is that?! We graduated before the current students were even born. It’s making me feel a little old! I remember reading the Bulletin and I would always start at the end, where the youngest alumni were. Now, we are in the middle of it! Anyway, I hope middle age is treating everyone well.

I got two quick updates for this Bulletin. Thanks to Stew and Chad for getting in touch! For the rest of you, please shoot me a quick email at jen@keensense.com and I’ll make sure to add your information to the next Bulletin.


Congrats on the promotion, Stew! Chad Kaufman accepted a position as principal metallurgist in the aerospace and defense engines division of Carpenter Technology in Reading, Pa., in September. He made this change in order to return to his materials science (specifically his metalurgical roots) from his degree at Lehigh. In addition, Chad and his wife, Amy, just celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary in November. Their son, Dylan, is enjoying middle school at Oley Valley and is a drummer in the jazz, concert and marching bands and the percussion ensemble. Chad and his family reside in Temple, Pa.

Cheers!

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I hope that all of you enjoyed the holiday season and getting ready for the new year. It was great seeing many of you at the Lehigh-Lafayette football game. It was a tough loss for Lehigh, but it was great catching up with some faces that I haven’t seen in a while. At the tailgates, I got to catch up with Eric Kolasa, Alan Fornwalt, Mike Dynan and Brian Fronapfel. Also in attendance were Rob Koeckert ’02, Chuck Turner ’99, Mike Spangola ’99, Jason Rocco ’97 and Shane Ryan ’12.

Carlos DaSilva, a resident of Coopersburg, just south of campus, is very active in the local Lehigh Valley community. He has been married to his wife, Sonia, for the past 12 years and has two
sons, Andre (12) and Tiago (9). Carlos is president of LB Industries, Inc., a specialty general contractor focusing on the municipal and federal wastewater and water treatment industry as well as a managing partner of AFN USA, LLC, which is a specialty coatings/painting contractor which focuses on high-performance protective coating in the industrial and municipal markets. His partner in both companies is his brother Paulo DaSilva ’94. Carlos has been a board member of the CARES Foundation since 2014, which is a foundation leading the effort to improve the lives of the congenital adrenal hyperplasia (CAH) community and seeks to advance quality health care through support, advocacy, education and research. Carlos has been chair of the “Clay Shoot for CARES” since 2015 and chair of the “PA CAH Awareness Walk” since 2016. Both events help raise awareness as well as provide a platform for CAH families to come together and share their stories. Fundraising from these two events has exceeded $100,000. Carlos was honored by the CARES Foundation and received the 2019 Pioneer Award at the 2019 CARES Gala in New York City in April 2019.

Dana (Stow) Noon shares some great news that she and her husband Chris Noon welcomed their son Mickey Okane Noon into the family. Their son Rocky is thrilled to be a big brother. Mickey experienced his first Lehigh-Lafayette football game in the fall, and it was Rocky’s sixth!

Brad Mauro and his wife, Kristin, welcomed their daughter Lanie Harper in October. He notes, “We are over the moon for this future Lehigh Class of 2041 grad.”

Claudia (Bertolino) Atkinson was recognized in the Hedge Fund Journal’s publication of 50 Leading Women in Hedge Funds. Claudia is the managing director and head of business development at Citco Fund Services (USA) in New York City. She was recently returning from a business trip to London where she was on a flight with President Simon and Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations Joe Buck.

Please continue to share your news and I will make sure that it makes our class column.

Class of 1998 Facebook Page: facebook.com/groups/Lehigh98/
My Lehigh (Class of 1998): mylehigh.lehigh.edu

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In an otherwise slow news period . . . hint, hint, please send me updates . . . I have some very exciting family news to share! My brother, Ed Smith ’03, and Kristin Hunsperger were engaged in Utah in November. The happy couple lives in San Diego, Calif., and we’re all extremely excited for their upcoming wedding!

And now my request for you to please email me with your news, so that I can share it with our class! Wishing you all the best!

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Greetings, Class of 2000!
Since our last column, two classmates have checked in with exciting updates.
On Nov. 5, 2019, Mike McKeon was elected to a four-year term to serve as the Lower Merion Township (Pa.) Commissioner of Ward 3. Ward 3 covers Penn Valley, Belmont Hills and Bala Cynwyd, and he has held this position since appointed to fill a vacancy in 2018. In addition, he is a shareholder with the law firm of Lavin, Cedrone, Graver, Boyd & DiSipio and has been with them since 2007. He lives in Bala Cynwyd with his wife, Jenn, and teenage daughters, Ava (15) and Alyssa (17).

Rev. Jason F. Stokes was named pastor of St. Michael the Archangel and St. Matthew the Evangelist parishes in Minersville, Pa., part of the Diocese of Allentown. He was also appointed as co-chair of the Diocese of Allentown Golf Tournament and member of the board for St. Joseph Special Learning Center, Pottsville, Pa.
Please join me in congratulating both of them on their achievements.

Also, 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, a text or check out our Facebook page. I look forward to hearing from you soon!

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

Sabrina McGuigan, mcguigan_sabrina@yahoo.com
Howdy, classmates! Well, winter has gone and now here we are in the spring of 2020! I hope everyone had a very happy and healthy holiday as well as a great new year! Things were a little quiet, but I am happy to share a little news from one of our own.

Elijah Sears reports that he and his partner bought a house. “It came complete with a gorgeous view, some 1988 dog friendly carpets, and a color-coordinated pink bathroom. We immediately got rid of two of those three things.” Until next time …

Laura (Schwamb) Carino. lcarino@att.net
Greetings, fellow Class of 2002 alumni.
Hope you’re doing well and had a great few months since my last update! I don’t have any ’02 news since the last issue, so please reach out and share what’s happening in your part of the world for next time!
Feel free to contact me at LCarino@att.net or on Facebook at Laura Schwamb Carino. I can’t wait to hear from you! Have a wonderful few months and stay tuned for more updates.

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Hey, hey, hey! ’03! I pray this installment finds you all well and flourishing!
Join me in congratulating our classmate, Stacie Brennan, for becoming the Lehigh University Art Gallery’s inaugural curator of education. In this new role, Stacie will oversee all educational programming and the visitor experience for a wide range of audiences, including Lehigh students and faculty, PK-12 schools and educators, and families, according to the Lehigh News article. Congrats, Stacie.
If you have news you’d like to share—new jobs, marriages, children, new accomplishments —give me a shout! I’d like to share your news, too. Until next time...
‘05 Jessi (Schimmel) McMullan, jessi.mcmanus@alum.lehigh.edu

Guys! Our 15th Reunion is this June 4-7. I hope we have a really strong turnout and that I see you there.

On the home front, Jason McMullan and I welcomed Claire Arleigh in October. She’s pretty great, even when she doesn’t nap. And big brother Ben couldn’t be more in love.

Many thanks to Olga Stewart who wrote in with a fantastic update about what she’s been up to since graduation. (Unfortunately [too] boiled down for word count, sorry to condense your fascinating adventures, Olga!)

“[After graduation] I set about on a series of trips to visit friends and family across the U.S., including visiting Jamie Neilson ‘06 at his parents’ new home in Anchorage, Alaska. I instinctively knew Alaska was going to be my new home after I stepped off the plane—although I had never really even thought about the state in my life. About a year later, I packed up my possessions in my $250 Saab 900, drove from N.Y. to Alaska in summer 2007, and I’ve been here ever since!

“I found a job in environmental remediation (a slight diversion from my materials science degree), bought a house and got my professional engineering (PE) license in environmental engineering in 2012, got married in 2014 to Bryan Friedricks (who hails from Clarks Summit, Pa.), a Pitt geologist, and similarly moved here on a whim after college), and we built a round yurt-style cabin in the mountains in 2015 that we enjoy a few times a month.

“I’ve switched companies, but have stayed in the remediation practice—now working for Geosyntec Consultants, a national firm with a local office in Anchorage. I enjoy the environmental work up here partly because it takes me to interesting, remote, beautiful places around the state. I first started doing work on the North Slope in the Prudhoe Bay oil fields, primarily in winter due to the need for ice roads to reach the cleanup locations. It was fascinating work with about 100 pounds of cold-weather clothing/goggles/boots/mitts to wear as we chipped dirt samples with rock hammers and jack hammers. Then I switched to working more on federal projects, including the National Park Service. I worked at various remote, coastal, and now mostly abandoned Federal Aviation Admin (FAA) facilities for airplane navigation. For the past few years I’ve been working on former Forward Operating Bases (FOBs) from the Aleutian Campaign of WWII. There’s a lot of work to do to out there and it gets fairly specialized due to the complicated logistics and historical WWII knowledge. The eeriest FOB I’ve been was Amchitka Island, which is where the most recent nuclear testing was performed in the U.S. (This will blow your mind: youtube.com/watch?v=0e9BVvmRA2c). I spent four summers on Atka Island, which has a local indigenous population of about 50 people who were re-introduced there after internment during WWII (turns out it wasn’t just the Japanese who were interned). And I’m starting the next big multi-year project on Great Sitkin Island, a former Navy refueling station for aircraft carriers and other warships near Adak.

“It’s hard to stay connected to Lehigh this far away. But I do keep in touch with a few friends from our time at Lehigh: Jamie Neilson ‘06, who is a professor in Fort Collins; Joe Blair (loved the little update on him in a previous Bulletin); Adam Hoch ‘02, who started his own firm in San Diego; Matt Kampner, who works for Uber’s autonomous cars in Pittsburgh; Deb Sakarakis (the recently retired arts/music director for Zoellner); and the research team I worked with in the material science lab with Rick Vinci and Walter Brown. I’m not sure I’ll be able to make it to reunion (I’ve only made it back to Bethlehem twice since 2006), but I’ve put it on my calendar in case.

“I feel incredibly grateful for my happy life here full of friends, work and adventures. My instincts were right back in 2006! The hard part about living in Alaska is how far away it is from everything else. I made it a goal to make sure I see my family at least once a year and to maintain important friendships in person. That means that I travel a ton between work and personal commitments. My life heavily revolves around being outdoors – hiking, biking, pack rafting, skiing (my favorite thing being cross-country skiing to work on the Anchorage trail system). But I also relish the cozy winter time, sitting around the cabin fireplace knitting, cooking up our freezer of subsistence-caught fish, and reading with our cat, ‘Tiger, on my lap.”

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

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‘07 Brian Roth, lehighclassof2007@gmail.com

Please continue to send me your updates. I hope to have more to report next time.

‘08 Katie Noon, kaitlynnoon@gmail.com

You can share your news, career or educational milestones, life events, adventures and new ventures at KaitlynNoon@gmail.com. Please feel free to share a photo with your updates.

Thank you for staying connected.

‘09 Bobby Buckheit, lehighclass2009@gmail.com

I hope everyone had a good winter and is enjoying the spring weather. Also appreciate the quick response from those that provided updates, as I was a bit late with the request for information. Here are some updates from your classmates!

Marty Gennusa and his wife, Jess, welcomed twin sons, Lucas John and Jordan Timothy, on Oct. 15, 2019.

Samara (Resnick) Brenton and her husband, Matt, welcomed their daughter, Elle Madeline Brenton, into the world this past summer on July 16, 2019. Elle attended her first (of many) Lehigh-Lafayette games in November, and while she slept through the entire game she did get her picture taken with Clutch. As Samara reports, “It will look great hanging above her bed in Dravo in 2037!”

Jeremy Hefner and his wife were joined by their daughter, Eleanor, on Oct. 3, 2019. Kristen (Stimola) Fox welcomed identical twin girls in November of 2019. Matt Malusa and Bethany Malusa had triplets on Sept. 8, 2019: Asher John, Isabella Marie and Madison Joy. Their big brother, Isaac, loves holding them and the family is adjusting to life with very little sleep. Annie Feldman and husband Mathew DeLano ’08 welcomed baby boy Eli Max DeLano in July of 2019, joining big brother Ruben.

Jarrett Novack started a new job in the beginning of November 2019, and he is the director of the Drivers Club at New Jersey Motorsports Park in Millville, N.J. According to Jarrett, “Basically I’m running a country club type venue for race
car drivers,” which sounds pretty exciting. Jeff Antsen earned his Ph.D. degree in political science from Temple University during the fall of 2019. His dissertation focused on using machine-learning methods to perform text data mining of mass-media political news content, and he will be teaching policy ethics this coming spring.

Betsy (Schlauch) Hritz just started a new position at work, still with Just Born, but was promoted to regional sales manager for the vending, military and special markets channels. This December Betsy is celebrating her 10-year anniversary with Just Born!

And finally, Andy Mastbaum, as reported by his wife Lauren Mastbaum ‘08, started working as an assistant professor of physics at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J.

That’s it for this edition of the class notes. As always feel free to reach out with any special notes or updates, and I am happy to include them in the next column.

Noteworthy News

Nicholas Anderson, nick.anderson@alum.lehigh.edu

Our 10-year reunion is just a few months away! It is June 4-7, on campus in Bethlehem — hope to see you there! While there will be plenty of opportunities to catch up with classmates in June, here are a few teasers on what everyone has been up to:

Lots of baby news this time around! First, Michael Butensky and his wife welcomed twins Asher and Liel into the Lehigh family. The family bought a house and now lives in Fair Haven, N.J. Lauren and Kyle Slattery also welcomed a baby girl in August. Jason Kramer and wife Liza had their first little one, Grayson Andrew Kramer, in July. Brenna (Manning) Wynne gave birth to baby girl McKenna in September. Autumn (Gould) McLaughlin and husband were joined by baby boy William Howland in September. Lisa and Patrick Morley welcomed their second daughter this fall as well!

In wedding news: Tara Goldberg is now married to Jared Kronitz; Tara also started a job as a contractor with DHS.

Zack Ingerman married Ziann Lee in September; the couple got to honeymoon in Japan!

Brooke Blythe married Max Herman ’11 in November at Packer Chapel.

Samara Persky married Dayydd Chandler in November. Finally, Danielle Gallo and Pete Hutchinson ’09 were married in June.

Soon to be married: Matt Ross recently got engaged to Alex Lannigan. And Lauren Parisi became engaged to Brendan McPartland in September.

Jessica (Lowe) Lee and Steven Lee recently moved to Southern California with their two children, 2 and 4 years old.

Jean Guerilus recently graduated from Saint Joseph’s University with a master of science in business intelligence and analytics.

Can’t wait to see everyone at reunion!

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

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Hello, Class of 2011! I hope that you all are doing well. Believe it or not, this spring marks nine years since we left Lehigh, which means that our 10-year reunion is right around the corner. We want to make this one of the biggest reunions yet, so make sure to save the date – the weekend of June 12, 2021. Here are a couple of our class updates:

Darryl Kewin moved back from Germany in November of 2016 and currently lives in Okmulgee, Okla. He married Stephanie Dorn in October 2019.

Brittany (Fisher) Leight and Josh Leight welcomed their first son, August, last year. Their son has already been to visit Lehigh!

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

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Can you believe it has been more than 11 years since we started at Lehigh?? Do you remember who lived across the hall freshman year? Shout-out to Abby and Georgie! Hope everyone is having a great start to spring! My husband, Brian Reardon ’13, and I bought a new house in Wayne, Pa., and I ran my first marathon in Philadelphia on Nov. 24. It was super fun—I recommend everyone gives it a shot!

Speaking of marathons, Olivia Gennusa ran her third marathon in New York City two weeks prior to me—way to go, Liv! It was so great to have your support during training.

Gordon Digs took on a new role in September as director of engineering at Sema4 Genomics, and has become a talented chef — check out his delicious-looking meals on Facebook!

Adam Star married Malise Collins on Nov. 9 in New Orleans, and they honeymooned in Morocco. The two are living in NYC, where Adam is in investment banking and his wife works in fashion.

Vanessa (Meyerhoefer) Sassano and her husband welcomed identical twin boys, Andrew and Brooks, on Sept. 24, and they currently live in sunny Atlanta, Ga.

Erin (Dooley) O’Brien and Michael O’Brien ’11 were joined by son Jack on Nov. 26.

Jack Prior and Caroline Preneta were married on Oct. 5 on Nantucket Island, Mass. They live in Boston, where Jack works in manufacturing operations and Caroline works in higher education.

Michael Roach married Heather Prah on Oct. 5, at Seven Springs Mountain Resort in Champion, Pa., just a short drive away from Latrobe, where Mike grew up. They currently reside in Conshohocken with their golden retriever, Palmer.

As I’m writing this, my gold-en is snuggled up next to me – they’re the best dogs, hands down!! If anyone disagrees, please send me an email, along with your life updates. :) Congratulations all!

Bea Dizon, 203-324-4659, beadten@gmail.com

Class of 2014, there is a lot of exciting news to report from the last several months.

Erin Meinert and Kris Talgo ’13 were married on Saturday, Oct. 19, outside Denver at the Manor House in Littleton, Colo. Thankfully the wedding was on the last sunny day in Denver before all the snow hit! They shared a great photo from their wedding day. A big congratulations to the newlywed couple!

Several other Lehigh couples are engaged to be married soon:

Ben Mayo was engaged to Brianna Katzman in May. Chris Ellis and Lauren Hochman were engaged in August at a vineyard in northern New Jersey. Steph Demascus and Jake Misisco ’15 were engaged this fall.

Congratulations to all the couples. It’s nice to be able to commemorate these life milestones in the Lehigh Bulletin!

Feel free to continue sending news you’d like to see in the Bulletin my way. A co-corr-
Robert Hillman, robert.j.hillman1@gmail.com

Editor’s note: Our thanks to Mark Schatzman for his dedication to this column since graduation. And welcome to the new class correspondent, Rob Hillman.

Hello, Class of 2017! I am your fellow alumnus and new class correspondent! My name is Rob Hillman and I am thrilled to be given the opportunity to connect with the Lehigh Alumni Office and hopefully get back in touch with many of you.

To introduce myself, during our time at Lehigh, I was a trumpet player in the Marching 97, an avid Lehigh football and basketball fan, a brother of the national bands fraternity Kappa Kappa Psi, a member of the Society of Physics Students and a resident of Montclair Ave. I am from Massachusetts, where I currently live and work for the Boy Scouts of America.

As an alumnus, I have stayed in touch with a lot of what I loved about Lehigh. I tuned in on New Year’s Day of 2018 to see the Marching 97 play through the streets of London. I have made it back to Bethlehem for the occasional Le-Laf football game, Musikfest and of course, there was the mandatory tailgate beforehand as well as the banner-making the right of the bat. This program made a lasting impact on her, and because of this, Kaitlin has been an OAP Prelusion leader for the last two years and is hoping to become a coordinator for this upcoming summer. While she is super busy, she finds joy in building a strong and diverse community here on campus.

Have a story you can’t wait to share? Email me at amc321@lehigh.edu for more information on how to be featured in the next edition. For now, goodbye fellow classmates, and I will update you all soon!

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It has been a year of growth and optimism, so we thought it would be fitting to share some...
of the plans of current Lehigh sophomores and things that they are working toward.

Future oral surgeon Rozhin Zahrouni is majoring in molecular biology, with minors in psychology and marketing. After she finishes four years of dental school, hopefully at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, she will go through six years of dental residency, which is paid medical training. Rozhin aspires to establish her own clinic in both the U.S. and Iran, her home country. In the short run, she has just been accepted into the Global Social Impact Fellowship program, where she will be traveling to the Philippines over the summer to design culturally appropriate birthing tables for women. Rozhin also just became an Eco-Rep and a member of the Mentor Collective last semester. Helping freshmen feel “comfortable and safe” in their new environment makes her happy because she not only guides them but tries to be their friend.

This is Anna Gottfried’s first year as a Gryphon at Dravo House. While working her way toward being head Gryphon, she also just applied to be a patient advocate at St. Luke’s Hospital in Bethlehem. If a job doesn’t have any “face-to-face interaction” with patients, Anna doesn’t want it. She loves talking to people and spending time getting to know them. Trying to find balance in her schedule is difficult for Anna since she has to spend a lot of time on duty as a Gryphon but wants to get clinical hours to go to medical school. She is studying biology and hopes to spend two years at Rutgers University to eventually become a physician’s assistant.

Adrian Gibbons has been exploring Lehigh’s Design Labs last semester and recently learned how to use the wood-shop. He is “really excited” about mastering the fabrication equipment on campus, as well as experimenting with 3D modeling at Wilbur Powerhouse. Majoring in product design with a minor in entrepreneurship, Adrian wants to find a career in which he can feel “satisfied, happy and creative.” He thinks it is important to stay up to date with advancements in technology, and tries to learn how to use new software even if they may not correlate with his future career. He is also a part of Lehigh’s Swing Dance Club, which recently had a social event with a live band called Parlour Noir. He urges everyone to come to future dances next year.

May the dreams that you all are pursuing come true!

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Editor’s note: The Class of 2023 will be represented by a team of correspondents. They plan to work together to span the class and bring interesting stories from every corner to light. Here we get to meet them. ...

Hello! My name is Laura Duffyanny and I am so excited to introduce myself as one of the correspondents of the Lehigh Class of 2023! I’ve had an amazing time so far getting to know the Lehigh community, and I want to thank you all, whether it’s been just a glance my way or a follow on social media, for contributing to my first-year experience.

Now a little about me: I am originally an adoptee from China, but I was raised my whole life on the beautiful island of Puerto Rico. My parents are from the United States, so my first language was English, but I am also fluent in Spanish and super passionate about Puerto Rico – as I like to say, I am culturally a Puerto Rican, despite my Asian-American appearance. As you can probably guess from where I’ve lived, one of my favorite things to do is go to the beach. I also like to meet new people, spend time outdoors and eat food!

That being said, I would love to get to know you all, so please don’t hesitate to reach out to my Facebook (Laura Duffyanny), Instagram (laura_duffyanny) or email (bz223@lehigh.edu).

Hi there! My name is Sergio Butron and I am from Stroudsburg, Pa., a town about 40 minutes north of Lehigh University. I was born in Woodside, Queens, NY., and moved to Pennsylvania when I was about a year old. I like to eat, sleep, read, travel, play the piano, garden, go to the beach, meet new people, make new friends, help others, volunteer and talk about meteorology.

On the subject of meteorology, I have a volunteer-run weather service run through my Snapchat that covers northeast Pennsylvania school districts. During the winter, due to all the snow, I make predictions about whether or not schools delay, close or dismiss early due to inclement weather. Right now, I service eight school districts on a weekly basis, covering more than 50,000 students in which more than 1,000 students view my weather updates on a daily basis. My fascination with the weather began when I was about 8 years old. I was always fascinated with the clouds and how the weather worked. Since then, my love for meteorology has grown into a hobby. I hope to pursue chemical engineering and further my knowledge of atmospheric chemistry science.

I am beyond excited to be one of the correspondents of the Class of 2023! I hope to meet you all! I can be reached through my Instagram (@evozem), Snapchat (@evozem), Facebook (Gio Butron) or email (szb223@lehigh.edu). Furthermore, I am in the Student Senate, Cheese Club and the Chocolate Club, so if you see me at an event, don’t hesitate to say hi!

Hello Lehigh community! I’m Rachel Berry, one of the correspondents for the Class of 2023. I come from a small town in upstate New York where I have lived my whole life. In high school, I was a championship cross-country and track runner as well as president of my school’s Rotary branch. Along with running, I love going on road trips, kayaking and just having crazy adventures with my friends. My major is currently engineering, and I hope to add a business minor to my degree as well. Feel free to reach out through Instagram (rberry96), Facebook (Rachel Berry) or email (reb223@lehigh.edu). I’m very excited to be one of the representatives for the Class of 2023!

Hello. My name is Ana Victoria Smith, and I’m very excited to begin my journey as one of the correspondents for the Class of 2023. In my short time here at Lehigh, I have come to realize what a special place this is with its beautiful campus and the wonderful people I have come to call friends. While I call Northern Virginia home, I was fortunate to live in Florida, New Mexico and California as a military “brat.” I even lived here in Pennsylvania as a very young child, though I consider Texas my second home, as it’s where my extended family lives. I love to read, draw and paint, do puzzles and procrastinate with Sudoku (yes, I’m a little nerdy), but my main passion is classical ballet in which I trained for 15 years and still do here in Bethlehem. I can’t wait to hear about and share all of the wonderful accomplishments and milestones of the Class of 2023, so please don’t hesitate to contact me! Email: avs223@lehigh.edu.
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; ascerecords@lehigh.edu. The following were reported to us as of Dec. 31, 2019:

1940s

David C. Emery ’47, Evansville, Ind., Nov. 23, 2019. Mr. Emery served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II as a navigator bombardier for B29 aircraft. At Lehigh, he was a brother of Sigma Phi Epsilon and a member of Tau Beta Pi. He worked as a professional engineer.

John C. Walter ’47, Canton, Texas, Sept. 14, 2019. Mr. Walter was a veteran of the U.S. Navy during World War II.

W. Harrison Hall Jr. ’48, Abington, Pa., Sept. 23, 2019. Mr. Hall served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps before attending Lehigh. He went on to join the family business, Amos H. Hall & Sons, which manufactured industrial and commercial wood tanks, mostly for the chemical industry. He served as president for nearly 30 years.


George L. Richards ’48, Miami, Fla., Dec. 15, 2019. Dr. Richards was a veteran of the U.S. Army and the Battle of the Bulge. He had a private orthopedic practice in Miami Shores, Fla. He was the team doctor at Miami Central and North Miami high schools and team doctor for the Miami Toros professional soccer team.

Stanley Schmerken ’48, Pensacola, Fla., Nov. 12, 2019. Mr. Schmerken served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a small business owner.

James M. Wilson ’48, San Diego, Calif., Oct. 27, 2019. Dr. Wilson was a veteran of World War II and a Naval Reserve officer. He was a dentist both in the military and in private practice.

Michael M. Yonkovig ’48, Kulpmont, Pa., Oct. 5, 2019. Mr. Yonkovig served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He co-owned Shamokin Packing Co. until his retirement.

Albert E. Hostetter ’49, Ross Township, Pa., Sept. 1, 2019. Mr. Hostetter worked with U.S. Steel in the American Bridge Division for the majority of his career.

John J. McWilliam ’49, Hamilton, Ohio, Nov. 29, 2019. An Alpha Tau Omega brother, Mr. McWilliam was a U.S. Army Veteran of the Korean Conflict. He worked in retail management for JC Penney and Color Tile.

Warren V. Musser ’49, Bryn Mawr, Pa., Nov. 25, 2019. Mr. Musser was a Sigma Chi brother, as well as a member of Tau Beta Pi honor society, the basketball team and the Glee Club. He served as an honorary trustee of the university for over 20 years. He worked as the head of Safeguard Sciences (the former Lancaster Corp.), which invested as trends shifted in small industrial, telecommunications, electronics, internet and other firms. He was also a member of the Tower Society.

Melvin Schissler ’49, Earlington, Pa., Sept. 30, 2019. A veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, Mr. Schissler worked as an insurance adjuster and bank teller. He was also a member of the Tower Society.

1950s
Russell E. Gackenbach ’50, Clearwater, Fla., Nov. 13, 2019. Mr. Gackenbach served in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II. He was navigator in the photographic plane, Necessary Evil, on the Hiroshima mission and the weather plane, Enola Gay, over Kokura, during the Nagasaki mission. He worked as a materials-corrosion engineer for a pharmaceutical company.

Stanley W. Moyer ’50, Tuscaloosa, Ala., Sept. 13, 2019. Mr. Moyer was a veteran of the U.S. Army during World War II. He worked in accounting, business management and real estate, and managed several hotels in the Northeast. For over 30 years, he was employed by Environmental Testing & Engineering, where he worked into his 90th year.

Kenneth N. Souder ’50, Harleysville, Pa., March 4, 2018. Mr. Souder served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II and the Air Force Reserve for 20 years after. He worked as a designer for Ford Motor Co. for 36 years.

Donald F. Williams ’50, Macunegie, Pa., Nov. 3, 2019. A Lambda Chi Alpha brother, Mr. Williams worked for Bethlehem Steel Corp., in multiple capacities, for over 40 years. As an alumnus, he served as class correspondent and secretary for 20 years. For his dedication, he earned the Alumni Award in 2015. He was also a member of the Tower Society. His son, James Williams, is a member of the Class of 1977.

Frank C. Arrison ’51, Wrightsville, Pa., Oct. 12, 2019. Mr. Arrison founded a precision glass fabrication company.

David C. Lyman ’51, Washington, D.C., Nov. 20, 2019. Mr. Lyman was a Beta Theta Pi brother. He was also a member of the soccer team and Epitome yearbook staff and served in the U.S. Army in Korea. He made his career with the Dravo Corp., Public Service Electric & Gas, M.W. Kellogg and IBM-Federal Systems Division.

Theodore A. Miller ’51, Lake Winola, Pa., Oct. 15, 2019. A Pi Kappa Alpha brother, Mr. Miller spent more than 30 years with Latrobe Steel Co. before becoming the vice president of sales at Ford Tool and Machinery.

Richard V. Barba ’52, Smithtown, N.Y., March 4, 2019. Mr. Barba was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He retired as an engineering section head from Unisys Corp.

Casper M. Camarda ’52, Bethlehem, Pa., Sept. 15, 2019. A Delta Sigma Phi brother, Mr. Camarda served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He went on to own and
manage The Rabbit Hole, a clothing boutique in downtown Bethlehem, and later worked as a commercial real estate broker. He sang with the Lehigh Choral Union, he was a past president of the Lehigh Wrestling Club, was active in the Alumni Association and was a 64-year attendee of the Lehigh-Lafayette football rivalry. For his dedication, he won the Alumni Award in 2002. His daughter, Mary Beth (Camarda) Young ’75, and son-in-law, George Young ’76, are members of the Lehigh family.

Ernest J. Gonczlik ’52, Belmar, N.J., Sept. 30, 2019. Mr. Gonczlik was a member of the wrestling team. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. An engineer, he spent his career with Anheuser-Busch, Foster Wheeler and AT&T Bell.

Edwin G. King ’52, Whippany, N.J., Nov. 11, 2019. Mr. King was a veteran of the U.S. Army during World War II. He spent his career working for Western Electric. His son, Jonathan King, is a member of the Class of 1986.

Donald L. Bowman ’53, Rochester, N.Y., Nov. 18, 2019. Mr. Bowman was a Theta Delta Chi brother. He also played in both the concert band and Marching 97. He spent most of his career with Xerox.

Henry J. Franzoni Jr. ’53, Dundee, Ore., Aug. 10, 2019. Mr. Franzoni served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He worked as a civil rights lawyer in New Jersey for 40 years.

Samuel F. Grauer ’53, Carversville, Pa., Nov. 26, 2019. Mr. Grauer was a Theta Delta Chi brother, as well as a member of the baseball team and The Brown and White staff. A veteran of the U.S. Army, he worked as an investor in the Doylestown area. His son, Gary Grauer, is a member of the Class of 1983.

Robert S. Hodder ’53, Latrobe, Pa., Aug. 30, 2019. Mr. Hodder was a Theta Delta Chi brother and baseball player. He served in the U.S. Army and spent over 40 years working for Latrobe Steel Co., before becoming a consultant to the company for another 20 years.


Robert W. Morgan ’53, Willow Street, Pa., Dec. 17, 2019. A Phi Delta Theta brother, Mr. Morgan was a proud member of the 1950 undefeated, untied Lehigh football team. He also served as an officer in the Lehigh Letterman Society. He served in the U.S. Army and spent 41 years working for Carpenter Technology.

Theodore A. Wiener ’53, Southbury, Conn., Sept. 6, 2019. Mr. Wiener was a Phi Lambda Phi brother. He worked as a realtor.

Stephen G. Woodward ’53, Southbury, Conn., Aug. 16, 2019. A Chi Phi brother, Mr. Woodward worked for Bendix as a project manager, where he was part of the team that pioneered the fuel injection system for cars. He went on to work for other engineering firms at an executive level, including president of Amphenol.

Thomas N. Bodine ’54, Williamsburg, Va., Oct. 6, 2019. A Chi Psi brother and veteran of the U.S. Army, Mr. Bodine held a number of sales and marketing management positions with both commercial and not-for-profit organizations before retiring from Scholarship America.

Robert E. Butler ’54, Elmirra, N.Y., Nov. 26, 2019. Mr. Butler was a Psi Upsilon brother. He was a business owner, including Deister & Butler Jewelers, three John Deere dealerships and Hendy Hollow Farms.

Howard Falk ’54, Phillipsburg, N.J., Dec. 1, 2019. A Sigma Alpha Mu brother, Mr. Falk served in the U.S. Marine Corps. He owned several retail shops during his career. His daughter, Beth (Falk) Gallant, is a member of the Class of 1986.

Hugh R. Heisler ’54, Meriden, Conn., Oct. 27, 2019. Mr. Heisler was a veteran of the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. He worked in the specialty paper business in research and development where he received two patents, and in project management and marketing in New Jersey, New York City, Massachusetts and Connecticut, where he retired from Hamilton Standard.

Lawrence J. Wallen ’54, Tucson, Ariz., Sept. 4, 2019. A Sigma Alpha Mu brother and Phi Beta Kappa member, Dr. Wallen was a professor of mathematics at Stevens Institute of Technology, the University of Michigan and the University of Hawaii.

James A. Cashen ’55, Hudson, N.Y., Oct. 3, 2019. Mr. Cashen was a brother of Delta Upsilon and worked as a labor lawyer in public and nonprofit settings.

William P. Goddard ’55, Charleston, S.C., Dec. 18, 2018. Mr. Goddard was a Sigma Chi brother and member of the Epitome yearbook staff. His brother, David Goddard, is a member of the Class of 1959.

Everett H. Van Hoesen ’55, Naples, Fla., Sept. 3, 2019. Mr. Van Hoesen was a member of Tau Beta Pi honor society, the Glee Club and a brother of Beta Theta Pi. He served in the U.S. Army 87th Construction Engineer Battalion. He had a 30-year career with IBM and retired as president of the industrial systems group. He also helped to launch the first blood cell separator. He won the Alumni Award for his class in 1990. His children—Richard Van Hoesen ’77, Mark Van Hoesen ’78 and Kimberly (Van Hoesen) Hinkle ’83—as well as grandchildren—Kellan (Van Hoesen) Brown ’05, Lauren Van Hoesen-Salvo ’05 and Kendyl Van Hoesen Kenny ’06—are members of the Lehigh family. He was also a member of the Asa Packer and Tower societies.

John E. Friedman ’56, Palm Harbor, Fla., May 20, 2019. Mr. Friedman retired from Lockheed Martin.


Kent W. Hemphill ’56, M.S. ’64, Penfield, N.Y., May 1, 2019. Mr. Hemphill was a Delta Phi brother and a member of the Marching 97 and concert bands. He worked for Xerox Corp.

John R. Hillegass ’56, West Grove, Pa., Sept. 14, 2019. Mr. Hillegass was a member of Phi Beta Kappa honor society, as well as The Brown and White staff and Marching 97. He retired as a publishing executive from McGraw-Hill.


Robert H. Dietrich ’57, Shoemakersville, Pa., Dec. 18, 2019. An Alpha Tau Omega brother, Mr. Dietrich worked for IBM as a computer architect for 36 years. He was one of the architects involved in the development of the IBM OS 360 Operating System, with a patent to his credit.

John L. Doyle ’57, Bainbridge, Ga., Dec. 13, 2019. Mr. Doyle served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean Conflict. He worked as a self-em-
employed online investor.

Franklin B. Bredimus ’58, Hilton Head, S.C., Nov. 23, 2019. A Sigma Phi Epsilon brother, Mr. Bredimus worked for DuPont for 36 years, retiring as director, quality and continuous improvement, Asia Pacific. He was a member of the Tower Society.

Carl F. Doll ’58, Royal Oak, Md., Sept. 23, 2019. Mr. Doll was a brother of Sigma Phi Epsilon. He also was a captain in the U.S. Army Reserve and worked for PJM Interconnection of Valley Forge for 35 years. He was a member of the Tower Society.

Joseph S. Krasniewicz ’58, Warwick, N.Y., Dec. 4, 2019. A football player as a student, Mr. Krasniewicz served in the U.S. Air Force as a pilot in Vietnam. He received the Air Medal and two Distinguished Flying Crosses. He joined TWA after he retired from DuPont for 36 years, retiring as director, quality and continuous improvement, Asia Pacific. He was a member of the Tower Society.

Charles R. Reddig ’58
MBA ’64, Saybrook, Ohio, Aug. 19, 2019. Mr. Reddig owned and ran Maxwell Industries Inc., a machine tool business.

David Robertson ’58, Boulder, Colo., Sept. 21, 2019. Mr. Robertson was a Chi Phi brother, and a member of the ski and lacrosse teams. He was also a veteran of the U.S. Army. He worked as a computer programmer.

Richard J. Zvitkovitz ’58, Wernersville, Pa., Sept. 11, 2019. Mr. Zvitkovitz worked as a computer programmer at AT&T for 36 years.

Charles G. Culver ’59, M.S. ’61, Ph.D. ’66, Trum- bauersville, Pa., Aug. 25, 2019. As a student, Mr. Culver was a member of the Gryphon Society, track team and Tau Beta Pi honor society. He taught engineering at Carnegie Mellon University before becoming a director with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, specializing in forensic disaster investigation. He was also a competitive cyclist who medaled in the Pennsylvania State Senior Olympics.

Nicholas A. La Para ’59, M.S. ’77, Kennett Square, Pa., Oct. 3, 2019. Prof. La Para taught philosophy at Lehigh before becoming an operations research analyst and working for Air Products and DuPont.


1960s

Max G. Bleiler ’60, Fleetwood, Pa., Oct. 31, 2019. Mr. Bleiler served in the U.S. Army. He worked as a metallurgical engineer for several steel companies before moving into sales.

Ernest P. Mason ’60, Plattsburgh, N.Y., Aug. 31, 2018. Mr. Mason was a third-generation automobile dealer and served as president of E.S. Mason and Mason Dodge.

Robert H. Minnich ’60, Middletown, Del., Sept. 11, 2019. Mr. Minnich made his career with the State of Delaware, as the chief engineer and architect, in charge of facilities management.

Leonard M. Saari ’60, Riverside, Conn., Oct. 19, 2019. A Chi Psi brother, Mr. Saari worked as a corporate lawyer, helping to take Bowater Inc. public.

Harry J. Staas ’60, McLean, Va., Nov. 17, 2019. Mr. Staas was a brother of Theta Xi and member of the Marching 97 and concert bands. He practiced intellectual property law in his own firm, Staas & Halsey.

Raymond W. Stover ’60, Hendersonville, N.C., Dec. 2, 2019. Dr. Stover was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Tau Beta Pi honor societies. He also played basketball as a student. He worked as a research scientist at Xerox Corp. He earned many patents in the field of Xerography. His father, Raymond S. Stover, was a member of the Class of 1928.

Barry B. Holmes ’61, Raymond, Maine, Aug. 30, 2019. Dr. Holmes taught at the University of Stuttgart in Germany before entering the business world. His career as a metals engineer and quality control expert started at Uniroyal Tire Co., continued on at Volkswagen of America, United Technologies and Allied Signal. He started his own consulting company, DCn, while still a student and continued to consult after he retired.

Hugh E. Jones ’61, Chambersburg, Pa., Nov. 10, 2019. Dr. Jones was a member of the Epitome staff and the soccer and swimming teams. He volunteered with his class as an alumnus. He was the chair of the political science department at Shippensburg University.

Charles W. Lueders III ’61, Mooresstown, N.J., Dec. 15, 2019. Mr. Lueders was a systems analyst and manager for the State of New Jersey. His father, Charles Lueders ’35, and daughter, Lynne (Lueders) Moses ’84, are members of the Lehigh family.

Donald H. DeMooy ’62, Manteo, N.C., June 3, 2019. Mr. DeMooy played basketball and was a brother of Theta Delta Chi. He was an officer in the U.S. Air Force and worked at IBM, where he helped manage logistics for the company’s first foray into personal computers and as a scorekeeper at The Masters golf tournament for over 40 years. His daughter, Michelle DeMooy, is a member of the Class of 1997.

Robert N. Steckler ’62, Stamford, Conn., Oct. 13, 2019. A Tau Delta Phi brother, Mr. Steckler was a CPA and he owned and managed Corporate Executive Offices, an office space and services company. He was a member of the Wrestling Club and the Asa Packer Society.

E.W. Boyd Taylor III ’62, Phoenix, Ariz., Aug. 23, 2019. Mr. Taylor was a member of the football team, where he was a Lambert Trophy winner and 1961 Lehigh-Lafayette MVP. He was also a brother of Phi Gamma Delta. His son, Troy Taylor, is a member of the Class of 2011.

Charles E. Craze ’63, Bethlehem, Pa., Nov. 2, 2019. Mr. Craze was a member of the 1961 Lambert Cup-winning football team. He was also a Sigma Nu brother and served in the U.S. Navy. He co-founded a law firm specializing in First Amendment law, and over the course of his 30-plus-year practice, argued cases in all 50 states and in front of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Charles D. Lowman ’63, Shelbourne, Vt., Dec. 19, 2019. Mr. Lowman worked as an engineer for power supply companies around the world. His daughter, Susan Smith Allen, is a member of the Class of 1988. He was a member of the Tower Society.


Herbert C. Snyder ’63, Toledo, Ohio, Nov. 9, 2019. Mr. Snyder retired from Owens-Illinois after 35 years and was a member of the American Society of Testing and Materials.

David L. Culp ’65, Lansdale, Pa., Sept. 16, 2019. A Chi Phi brother and member of the swimming team, Mr. Culp spent his career as an engineer working as a long-time employee at Moore Products Co. and Applied Control Engineering (ACE) and as a gentleman farmer in Hilltown, Bucks County.

Robert D. Smith ’65, McKinney, Texas, Sept. 20, 2019. Mr. Smith was a Lambda Chi Alpha brother and a civil engineer, who worked for several compa-
nies. In his work, he helped to build Disney World and is the founder of BREN Construction.

**George L. Ruckno Jr. ’67**, Hilton Head Island, S.C., Oct. 23, 2019. Mr. Ruckno worked with the family business of George L. Ruckno Construction Co., where he was a salesman and project supervisor until he retired.

**James R. Obeshain ’69**, Venice, Fla., Aug. 21, 2019. Mr. Obeshain founded Cedar Works Inc. of Peebles, Ohio, and spent his career with that company.

**Thomas J. Ritter Jr. ’69**, Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 3, 2019. A Theta Xi brother, Mr. Ritter served 11 years as an airborne mission control chief in the Pennsylvania Air National Guard with the rank of captain. He was a physics and chemistry teacher at Annville Cleona High School. His father, Thomas J. Ritter, was a member of the Class of 1941.

**1970s**

**Sidat F. Balgobin ’70**, Norwich, Conn., June 21, 2018. Mr. Balgobin was a Theta Chi brother. He worked as a pastor.

**Ralph S. Lehr Jr. ’71**, South Whitehall Township, Pa., Nov. 8, 2019. Mr. Lehr worked as vice president of Jack Lehr Electric Inc., and for Mack Trucks Inc. His brother, Edward Lehr, is a member of the Class of 1975.

**Anthony Dravuschak Jr. ’73, MBA ’77**, Catasauqua, Pa., Nov. 28, 2019. Mr. Dravuschak played lacrosse as a student before enlisting in the U.S. Army. He worked on the trading desk of the open market operations at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, where he was responsible for trading government securities for almost 20 years.

**Joseph P. Burns III ’75**, Dubuque, I.I., Aug. 27, 2019. A Phi Sigma Kappa brother, Mr. Burns served in the U.S. Army Reserve Special Forces Airborne. He worked for Hormel Foods. His father, Joseph Burns, was a member of the Class of 1950.

**Randall S. Frey ’76**, Franklin, Tenn., Aug. 6, 2019. Mr. Frey was a member of the ice hockey team as a student, as well as Kappa Sigma fraternity. He worked for Chubb & Son Inc. for nearly 40 years. He also owned The House that Rocks, a community music shop.


**Edwin H. Weaver III ’77**, Wilson Borough, Pa., Dec. 15, 2019. Mr. Weaver retired from Belco Technologies Corp.

**Mildred (Buchinsky) Modugno ’79**, Manassas, Va., Oct. 23, 2019. Mrs. Modugno sang with the choir and was a member of Tau Beta Pi honor society. She worked as an engineer for IBM before becoming a physics teacher. Her daughter, Jennifer Modugno, is a member of the Class of 2008.

**1980s**

**Gary K. Webb ’84**, Greensboro, N.C., Oct. 16, 2019. Mr. Webb worked as a national sales manager for Huntsman Corp.

**Robert T. Sorokas ’85**, Plains Township, Pa., Sept. 16, 2019. Mr. Sorokas was employed for many years at Technegas and the Office of Surface Mining, and for the last eight years at the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. His father, Thomas Sorokas, is a member of the Class of 1959.

**Mark E. Lighty ’87**, Allentown, Pa., Nov. 29, 2019. Mr. Lighty worked as a bus driver for the Southern Lehigh School District for over 40 years, where he received numerous awards for service and safety. His father, Donald Lighty, is a member of the Class of 1949.

**Stephen T. Woodcock ’88**, Dalton, Pa., Sept. 10, 2019. A Phi Kappa Theta brother, Mr. Woodcock worked as an industrial engineer and served in the Church full time.

**1990s**

**Stanley T. Crossland II ’90**, Santa Rosa, Calif., Nov. 11, 2019. Mr. Crossland was a Kappa Sigma brother and a member of the football team. He wrote “Just Unplug and Go: How Traveling the World Saved One Man’s Soul.”

**David W. Weiss Jr. ’93**, Mechanicsburg, Pa., Dec. 22, 2019. Mr. Weiss was a brother of Lambda Chi Alpha and was active on their judicial committee and alumni advisory board. He also was president of the Interfraternity Council as a student. He worked for Gannett Fleming Inc. and Triple Crown Corp. His father, David W. Weiss Sr., is a member of the Class of 1960.

**2000s**

**Lois C. Swigart ’05**, Bethlehem, Pa., Sept. 16, 2019. Mrs. Swigart worked for many years as an administrative assistant at Lehigh University in the engineering and psychology departments. While at Lehigh she took many courses and graduated at the age of 72. Her daughter, Susan Swigart, earned her graduate degree from Lehigh in 1977.


**GRADUATE**

**Fred A. Achey M.S. ’53, Ph.D. ’56**, Bethlehem, Pa., Sept. 28, 2019. Dr. Achey was a partner in the formation and start-up of Serfass Corp., which developed a specialty analyzer to determine the gas content in metals. He also worked for the Bethlehem Steel Corp. Research Department at Homer Research Labs, and later in life, he obtained his real estate license and founded Apex Management Co.


**James R. Smith M.A. ’56**, Columbus, Ohio, Oct. 31, 2019. Mr. Smith served in the U.S. Navy. He taught in public schools and was a professor of history at Capital University.

**Donald K. Lauer M.A. ’57**, Allentown, Pa., Oct. 24, 2019. Dr. Lauer was a professor of psychology at Kutztown University. He also practiced privately.

**Wilbur F. Hayes M.S. ’61, Ph.D. ’65**, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Dec. 10, 2019. Dr. Hayes was an associate professor at Wilkes University.


**John L. DeCesare M.A. ’64**, Bangor, Pa., Sept. 23, 2019. Mr. DeCesare was a teacher, principal and most recently superintendent of Cedar Grove School District in New Jersey.

**Douglas D. Padgette M.S. ’65**, Flowery Branch, Ga., Oct. 24, 2019. Mr. Padgette was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He worked as an engineer for several companies but was most proud of starting up the first industrial-scale fiber optics manufacturing facility.

**Hugh M. McKnight M.S. ’67**, Winston-Salem, N.C., Dec. 8, 2019. Mr. McKnight retired from Lucent Technologies.

Wolfgang Schueller M.S. ’68, Maitland, Fla., Nov. 16, 2019. Prof. Schueller taught architecture and structural engineering at Syracuse University, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and the University of Florida. He also published six books on the topic.


Mary R. Figlear M.Ed. ’70, Gwynedd, Pa., Nov. 23, 2019. Mrs. Figlear was a nurse cadet at St. Albans Naval Hospital on Long Island during World War II and she served as a nurse anesthetist for many years. She taught at St. Luke’s School of Nursing for 30 years.


LaDon B. Page-White M.A. ’70, Dover, Del., Sept. 27, 2019. Mrs. Page-White spent her career in the field of education, including the administration of foreign student programs at several universities. Later, she worked with several English as a Second or Other Language (ESOL) programs both at the college level and in the private sector.

Angela M. Magazu M.Ed. ’72, North Wales, Pa., Aug. 29, 2019. Ms. Magazu was a reading specialist in the Wissahickon School District for 35 years.

Joseph J. Marcin M.Ed. ’72, Mechanicsburg, Pa., Dec. 1, 2019. A U.S. Army veteran, Dr. Marcin was a principal of the former Lemoynne Middle School. He was the owner and CFO of the Thompson Institute.

Kenneth R. Goudie MBA ’75, Douglassville, Pa., Dec. 16, 2019. Mr. Goudie worked as a senior project manager in pharmaceutical validation for SNC-Lavalin. His son, Nathan Goudie, is a member of the Class of 1998.

Frank C. Siftar Cert. ’75, Perkasie, Pa., Nov. 8, 2019. Mr. Siftar served in the U.S. Navy and Naval Reserve. He taught industrial arts and woodworking.


Harry F. Miller MBA ’77, Allegany, N.Y., Oct. 19, 2019. Mr. Miller worked in engineering and marketing for Dresser-Rand. He was most proud of leading the project team that developed the Dresser-Rand DATUM compressor.

Albert Reinhardt M.S. ’77, Ph.D. ’79, Tannersville, Pa., Sept. 14, 2019. Dr. Reinhardt spent 34 years in the advancement of vaccines at Sanofi Pasteur in various roles, including director of manufacturing and senior director of R&D. His proudest accomplishments included the licensure of vaccines to fight meningitis and influenza.

Terrence W. DeMay Ed.D. ’78, Fairfax, Va., Dec. 7, 2019. Dr. DeMay worked for the Central Intelligence Agency for 36 years as a clinical psychologist and operations officer. He was the chief psychologist for 15 years, responsible for all agency mental health programs worldwide. Dr. DeMay also was a member of the Senior Intelligence Service and the only psychologist to ever receive the Distinguished Career Intelligence Medal.

Wilson S. Chen M.S. ’80, Wyomissing, Pa., Dec. 2, 2019. Mr. Chen worked for AT&T, retiring as director of quality for the Reading Works. His children, Stuart Chen ’79 and Paul Chen ’84, are members of the Lehigh family.

Barry G. Yuhas M.S. ’80, Mercerville, N.J., Nov. 27, 2019. Mr. Yuhas served in the U.S. Navy.