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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It is with great sadness that I write the Class of 1943 entry this quarter. My dad, Thomas MacAllister, the inspiration behind my taking over as class correspondent, my teacher and hero, passed away peacefully holding my hand on November 9, 2020. As I attempt to write an uplifting message of perspective and life lessons, my thoughts turn to Dad’s memories of Lehigh and his WWII years.

Dad had a fall in August which necessitated a move to assisted living near me in Virginia. He spent 61 years in the house I grew up in, and the move was traumatic. For a while the storyteller was silent, and I was worried. We watched a lot of baseball and movies, and I ate quiet lunches with him daily. Then I took out the Shutterly book I made of our weekend at Virginia. He spent 61 years in the house when he was a junior in his 70th Reunion in 2013, and it did the trick.

The counselor came to his house when he was a junior in high school and told his parents that due to his excellence in math and science, he was a scholarship candidate for three top engineering schools on the East Coast. After a series of tests, the counselor suggested Lehigh as the best match for Dad. When I think of him as an 18-year-old traveling alone by train to a school far away, sight unseen, with his belongings shipped separately to save money, it is humbling. All this, he said, as Germany was crossing the Polish border and war, he knew, was imminent. He enrolled in ROTC thinking if he had to go to war, maybe his luck would be better as an officer. He spoke of the “good times,” working at Bethlehem Steel at No. 8 Machine Shop, washing dishes at the Lehigh Lunch, which saved meal money, solving the world’s problems at the Tally Ho while taking advantage of the student discount meals.

He learned of the attack on Pearl Harbor when he arrived at the library to study that Sunday morning, but even knowing the fate of his graduating class, he focused on his studies as the future hadn’t yet arrived. When graduation came, he left with a diploma and orders to report on three days leave to his first wartime assignment as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. I asked if he was scared. He said, “Yes, we were all scared, but we all had a job to do and we did it, and hoped luck was on our side.” In those memories lies my perspective. It’s the courage and honor with which his generation faced the uncertainty that formed the character that influenced my life.

As he closed the book, he began to sing, “Where the Lehigh’s rocky rapids rush from out the West, ’Mid a grove of spreading chestnuts, walls in ivy dressed, On the breast of old South Mountain, reared against the sky, Stands our noble Alma mater, stands our dear Lehigh.”

He sang the whole of it; despite his physical discomfort and his memory loss, he remembered every word of his alma mater. We sang together. “Hail, all hail, Lehigh.”

Dad was given full military honors at graveside. I thought the playing of taps would break me, but like the WWII soldier would have wanted, I stood tall, proud and firm, hand over heart, and I clutched that folded flag with gratitude for his service, his life and his legacy.

Thanks, Dad, for a life well lived, and thanks for choosing Lehigh. I will go forward sans fear and remember your advice to “do the best you can, sometimes it’s all you can do, and it’s enough.”

'D46 Dick MacAdams passed away in December 2020. He had served in his class’s leadership for over 25 years, specifically writing this column for the last 12 years. Dick had a special way of bringing back memories from the Class of ’46’s time on campus, and we will miss his creativity and wit. As Dick would always close his columns, so shall we here: “En avant!”

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I received the following letter from Steve Mitchell last September. It is printed here in its entirety.

“Dear Dick,

I was on the 1947 freshman football team, along with Robert Kaulius, Richard Doyle and Dick Gabriel. Scholastic problems caused me to quit the team. The coach was Tony Packer.

“My first week was spent on the top floor of the ‘Young Folks Bazaar’ building, a very warm week!

“Fortunately, I was then housed in Taylor Hall, Section E, with Charles Nichols ‘49, Larry Malone ‘49 and Ray Stauffer ‘49, all GI Bill students.

“Upon graduation I went to work with the New Jersey Zinc Company, at the world-famous Franklin and Sterling Mine in Franklin, N.J., where I met and married my wife. We celebrated our 64th anniversary.

“We have been Florida residents for 26 years, with the hurricanes and wildfires, and are in reasonably good health.

“Sincerely, Steve Mitchell ’51

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Is there anyone left out there? I haven’t heard a peep from any of you guys! It sure makes it hard to write a newsletter about the “Golden Years” of the Class of ’52. I expected it to be the other way around—as you sat around in your mask and hand sanitizer, looking for something to do, I was sure you would take this opportunity to write me several neww notes. It is your loss as I am forced to bore you with my misadventures.

As stated last issue, I had set a goal of riding 90 miles on my bike the week of my 90th birthday. I achieved the goal and beyond—118 miles in five days bracketing my birthday. In fact, I did 290 miles that month of September. My family gave me a great celebration via Zoom. Seeing all my family was a fitting reward.

However, don’t be too excited about my skills on a bike. At 6:30
a.m. on October 7, your knight of the road was hit broadside by a woman who ran a red traffic light and demolished my bike and also did the same to me! As I crossed an intersection on a green light, I looked right and saw only the hood of a full-size pickup truck as it hit me. My only reflex was to straight-arm the hood—this saved my life. The action threw me from my bike, which she then ran over. If I had stayed on it, I would not be writing this today.

The good news: I walked away from it, mostly cuts and bruises, a sore hip and leg, dislocated thumb from the hood, driver was insured, passerby gave police an eyewitness account of what happened and I had it all recorded on my helmet camera.

Kinda morbid, Bill. Any less intense information? Yes, there is—my camera was torn from my helmet and landed out in the road—five cars drove over it (recorded of course). Not light-hearted enough? Well, if you must have something to laugh at, I need to tell you that every part of my body was covered by cuts and bruises, except my face, so as I laid on a slab in the ER, I looked like a slab in the ER, I looked like a 90-year-old bag of bones. I called my wife to tell her that I made it to the hospital. To do this lying down, I had to hold my cell phone over my head. Yep. I dropped it on my forehead and drew more blood! It was the first time I laughed all morning.

OK, guys, this is what you get for not sending me some updates. Write to me. Save me from myself. Bill

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Having received no volunteers to be class correspondent to replace (the irreplaceable) Tip Mowrer, I will, for this column only, fill in again. The good news is, however, that for the next issue of the Lehigh Bulletin, our Herb Roemmele will be guest correspondent. Herb, you may remember, wrote our column for several years right after graduation and before Tip took over.

We may want to continue the guest columnist policy. At our ages that is probably a good plan.

Following the news of Tip’s death, I heard from a number of classmates with notes fondly remembering him. Jay Picking wrote that he and Tip were fraternity brothers of Kappa Sigma. Others writing were Emmett Clary, Nick Gentile, Don Moyle and Don Swartz.

Herb talked to Charley Hull and passed along that Charley is still alive and well in New York City. I also received a nice, long email from Art Tauch. He and Ronni are “in lockdown in the fresh air of Mexico.” They have had an open-air home there the past 24 years. Their doctor tells them that is a far safer place during the pandemic than back in Connecticut. He is on the Mayan Riviera south of Cancun. Tourism has disappeared and “our home is an isolated oasis.” Art signed off as “Arturo.”

Several, including Charley Hull, Nick Gentile and Don Moyle, said they missed coming to Bethlehem in the fall for a football game. I did, too, including what would have been my 69th Lehigh-Lafayette game.

Our local paper reported the death on October 24, 2020, of Bruce Mooney.

Please pass along any “news” to Herb at herbertroemmle@gmail.com or Joe Workman at jmw4emw@aol.com.

A final word about email addresses. We still have quite a few classmates for which Lehigh has a mailing address but no email address. Please send that email address to Lehigh so we can communicate more quickly and easily. Stay well.

Tip Swalley took over.

Herb Roemmele

Along with a specific Art Swallowed-centered column, I want to just mention the other Lehigh classmates that I have heard from in the past months.

Bill Schiesser introduced me to a series of lectures given by the department where he serves as an emeritus professor. Lou Peters is sending weekly thought and humor. John Mahoney “edits” my columns and corrects spelling of faculty members. Steve Brown (Ernie Brown’s son) advised of Ernie’s passing. Ernie and I roomed together in Dravo Hall for a year. Dave Flaton responded to the 2020 Reunion Committee hoping that we do reunite soon.

Bernard Blum responded that he has gone from running (which I still do every other day, 5K) to a rowing machine. Anything to keep the body (and mind active).

Bob Benowitz sent some interesting info, and I will feature him in the next edition.

Now on to Art Swallow, who attended Lehigh from 1951-1953 and then was drafted into the U.S. Army, where he served as an infantryman and medic during the Korea conflict. His final assignment in the military was at Vint Hill Farms, a high-security base in Virginia. He was discharged in July 1955. He started his industrial career at Air Products and then Sharples Stokes after attending Kutztown State. He graduated (summa cum laude) from Delaware Valley University with a B.S. in 1989, benefiting from the GI Bill. When IBM launched their System 36 and 38 and AS400 computer series, Art jumped right in and learned computer programming. He completed his formal industrial career in 1994 after several years as a data processing contractor and retired to Florida.

Art’s father attended Lehigh and graduated in 1928 after serving in the British Navy in World War I. A niece graduated in 2018. His note asks to be remembered by Lehigh colleagues Bill Swider, Carl Albright, Ed Cahn and his Drinker roommate, Phil Salter.

He says how much he appreciates attending Lehigh for those first two years and how it truly affected his life.

Don Steeber, who was highlighted in the Spring 2020 issue of the Bulletin and was the force behind planning class reunion, died on October 30, 2020. I am sure his 1955 classmates will miss him, his always positive attitude and his love of Lehigh. Condolences to the entire Steeber family.

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It is good to hear from John Milnor from Trinity, Fla., who reports that he is active, well and ready for a 65th Reunion. We join John in regretting the deaths of our classmates Bob Hunter, Dave Lepper and George Meinel.

I also sadly report the loss of a loyal classmate and friend to all, Bob McGrory. Bob died July 16, 2020, after a brief, sudden illness.

In a 25-year career, Bob was a pilot with Pan American World Airways, attaining the rank of captain of the 747. He previously had served six years in the U.S. Air Force, flying B-47’s for the Strategic Air Command. He remained in the Air Force Reserve, retiring as a
lieutenant colonel.

At Lehigh, Bob was an engineering major and member of the Air Force ROTC. His many leadership roles included junior class president, vice president of the Interfraternity Council and president of his fraternity, Kappa Alpha. He was named to “Who’s Who in American Universities and Colleges.”

As an alumnus, Bob served as class agent for our 30th Reunion, was a member of the Tower Society, and was a consistent presence at our reunions and alumni luncheons. For his dedication to Lehigh, he was honored with the Alumni Award in 1991. He was active in his church and his Montgomery County, Pa., community.

Longtime readers of this column will recall how enlivened these pages were by the McGroors’ annual travel reports. They traced Lewis and Clark up the Columbia River in Oregon on a paddle-wheel steamer. They toured Alaska and many other parts of the world, accompanied by friends and family members.

Bob was a person who loved his life. Our thoughts are with Carolyn, his wife of 64 years, their children Melanie, Elizabeth, and Robert and their spouses, and four grandchildren.

I appreciated hearing from Sridevi Rao, Lehigh Bulletin columnist for the Class of 2011. Sri’s class is seeking donations for a scholarship benefiting Black students with financial need. It is named the Dr. Frank Douglas ’66 Endowed Scholarship Fund. Dr. Douglas, who went on to Cornell University for graduate degrees and Johns Hopkins Medical Institution for his medical residence, is an award-winning veteran in the field of health care and pharmaceuticals.

In naming the scholarship, the class acknowledged the late Dr. Costel Denson, the first Black student at Lehigh and a member of our class. In 1966 Lehigh created the Dr. Costel Denson ’56 Award to be given annually to an alumnus who “demonstrated leadership by identifying and implementing pathways to increase diversity in the American workplace and in our educational institutions.”

For information on the Dr. Douglas scholarship fund, please contact Sridevi Rao at the address given in the 2011 class column in this Bulletin.

Keep hope alive and send your news.

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Mike Kaufmann and Hank Bauer lived. Ed Delany, who will not go skiing this winter, related that his and Tom’s Phi Delt brothers often traveled to his parents’ summer house in Ocean City, N.J.

Tom spent a few years working in Philadelphia and serving in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve there, before moving to Dallas. There, he met the love of his life, Barbara, 47 years ago. He was the founder of the Dallas/Fort Worth Lehigh Alumni Club. He was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and an enthusiastic color guard member. He enjoyed his friends at Brookhaven Country Club, the YMCA and his poker group. That’s only the half of it! What a great life for a great friend!

I called Bill Bux to inform him of Tom’s passing and talked to Marianne. Bill was asleep after a fall. The next time I talked to Marianne and their son, Bradley ’97 (Kappa Sig), was November 19 when Bill did not wake up (Alzheimer’s). As you know, he was the longtime president of our class, and he and Marianne always came up with a winning parade theme at reunion. Many coming from his love of magic. He was presented the Alumni Award in 1998.

He was born in Philadelphia in 1935, and lived in Jenkintown, Pa., since 1972. An ATO brother, he earned two Lehigh degrees (IE and business). After Lehigh, he went into the Air Force and then Army Reserve. He loved everything Lehigh and didn’t miss too many Lafayette games or tailgates. He especially loved Zoellner Arts Center, alumni fundraising and reunion committees. One of his greatest honors was to represent Lehigh in the academic procession at other college presidents’ installations. Bill and Marianne celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this year. He was the principal of J.R. Bux and Sons, manufacturer of narrow fabrics, founded in 1939. Another great life and friend. We miss you!

Bill Glose called with a question: Had I heard anything recently about Wilmer Hough? He knew he was ill, but nothing since. Lehigh had nothing, and so far for me, no phone answers or returned envelopes. I’ll keep you up to date.

Bruce Gilbert called me the day of Bob Christie’s Columbia game tailgate to see if I was on my way to attend—not, no game! His real question was could I find the whereabouts of his freshman roommate, Bob Ginsburg. Well, Anne Helfrich discovered that Bob had died several years ago, but then answered the real question, that he was the brother-in-law of Ruth Bader Ginsberg. When I related this story to Dick Briggs, he added a story that when he and Bruce were pledges to Beta Theta Pi, they had to make a trip to Cornell, but had no car. They ended up borrowing Bob Ginsburg’s car for the trip. Dick also informed me that Don Garaventi is now living in Boston.

Jack Hobby called me from Boston to congratulate the Buffalo Bills for finally beating the Patriots and wish them a great playoff season. Go Bills! Jack also goes to the grocery store once per week like Bob Christie. Bob also called me when the Bills beat the Jets twice this year. (Jets are not his favorite team!)

I missed an item in the Spring 2020 Bulletin In Remembrance obituaries that Frank Bredimus was right next to Carl Doll. They were brothers in Sigma Phi Epsilon and had 100 percent attendance at their annual summer fraternity reunions and the five-year Lehigh reunions. They were always together and still are!

There was no Lehigh-Lafayette game or telecast this year, but I have a few sightings. Bob Mampre ’70 ‘71 can’t wait to go to both of his classes’ reunions—twice as much fun! Pete Fenger
‘49 missed last year’s game because he was in a nursing home. Don Heidenburg, our class clown, received notoriety in the Buffalo News when the Erie County Fair was canceled and he was unable to perform for the children as “Kasper.” Lori and Joe Jablonski ’78 visited the Naval Academy to honor the memory of their son, JJ. (Joe does not like working from home.)

Dave Hecht ’60 and I didn’t have to find a location like BSG this year. Gov. Cuomo shut them all down. Dave has recently been the caregiver for his wife, Margaret. Anne and I ran into Matt Darragh ’05, his wife, Emily Shutt Darragh ’05, and 1-year-old Ethan walking in our old neighborhood (he doesn’t like working from home). Their next-door neighbors are Sally and Lyle Roberts ’50, who also help out with Ethan. Dave Saunders and Pete Tremblay report that their wives, Sally and Dale, have recovered from their falls and that Dave never misses a martini during the virus.

Big news: After 50 years, Gary’s Barber Shop is an intertesting place!

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During my last haircut in October with his longest customer (me), we talked about how well the vaccine in Orchard Park. We were playing without fans and the fans in the stands were for sale.

“Each day the engine of my gratefulness / must be coaxed and pruned into action. / Of course like any old clunker, / it would just as soon stay put.”

Poet Dale Biron has famously expressed what so many classmates have been seeking as we sift through the ashes of the past: things for which we should be grateful.

Tom Latanision reported from Florida. “Our independent living facility kept us safe, sound and well-fed, but very isolated. Very difficult to give up making your own decisions on how you want to live. At our age we can’t afford to waste any more time. Hopefully, 2021 will be a big improvement and see us back to a semblance of normal living while being more cognizant of the perils of pandemics.”

If you attended our 60th Reunion, you may recall the colorful debate between two of ’59’s more prominent scholars, Beall Fowler and Scott Armstrong, on “global warming—manmade or predictable natural climate phenomena.” The audience awarded a tie; while the scientists in our class appreciated Scott’s charts, graphs and statistics, the English majors just nodded. Scott has recently announced his retirement as a professor at University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton School to move to a future in writing and consulting. He sent along a draft of a paper he developed as part of his resume, titled “On being a Scientist.” Scott expresses gratitude to Penn and his colleagues and muses on what it takes to be a scientist in today’s world.

As so many ’59ers at least started at Lehigh in science studies, his observations are pithy and to the point. Since both of your columnists had a career in consulting, we found this to be so true. “Seer-sucker theory: In 1980 after reviewing many published experiments on judgmental forecasting, I concluded that experts are no better than non-experts. This led to my Seer-sucker theory: ‘No matter how much evidence exists that seers do not exist, suckers will pay for the existence of seers.’” Amen to that!

Scott has always been a sharing person, so send a request to jscott@upenn.edu for a full copy of his paper and, if so inclined, hire him as a consultant (AKA: seer).

This column’s featured living group is Alpha Tau Omega. Steve Walton majored in chemical engineering, specializing in process instruments and process analytics. Soon after graduation he moved to Detroit for work and love, meeting and marrying his wife of 53 years, Lorrie. Serendipity played a role in Steve’s freshman year. He wanted to join the football team but was greeted by a sign saying “come back tomorrow.” On the way back up the Hill, he saw another sign in front of Grace Hall saying “band auditions today,” and the rest is history: He became a French horn player in the Marching 97, rising to student conductor his senior year. His business career was equally impressive; starting in 1959, he worked for top-tier companies (e.g., Stanford Research Institute) before co-founding his own marketing research company in the 1980s. Steve retired in 2020! If our math is right, that’s about 60 years in the job saddle. Steve’s major takeaway from his Lehigh experience is the “strong future. There is no need to worry about the future. It will become new standards for some everyday operations in the future.

And what about you? In the calm following the pandemic storm, what occurred in your life that you can find positive? What is your positive pandemic takeaway? Here is John Canova’s: My grandmother would say, “Mia familia essere mia forza.” (My family is my strength.)

Bob Teufel notes that he is grateful that the scientists who developed effective vaccines so quickly elected to take those tough STEM courses in school. And now your turn to let us know about you. Send an email to John Canova listed above.

Sidebar: Want to see something that makes Lehigh special? Go to the ‘43 class column. Tom MacAllister was 98 years old. That’s special. That’s Lehigh.

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his wife, Arden, in Brunswick, Maine. We wanted to get together when we were up there, but they were in self-quarantine and not getting out except to get groceries, etc. Jerry retired to Maine many years ago. He has given up racing dogs, but is still involved in track, both running and as a volunteer coach for the women’s team at Bowdoin College. One of his three daughters, Linda, an accomplished author, recently published a short story of Jerry’s life titled “Fitness, Fun and Friends.” It is a story of how he did not let the debilitating injuries he suffered in the Hartford Circus fire ruin his life. Jerry traveled the world competing in senior track meets and remains very active today. Linda’s book is available on Amazon.

On a sadder note, several classmates passed away during the last few months. Ira Friedman notified me his fraternity brother Phil Talkow died of pancreatic cancer. Phil was a loyal Lehigh grad and supporter of the class. I think he attended all of our big reunions.

Harry McNally informed me of the passing of Tom Gilhool, who was our class president for all four years while we were at Lehigh. After graduation, Tom earned a law degree at Yale, where he met his wife, Gillian. As a lawyer, he was known for his work to help disabled people. He served as Pennsylvania’s secretary of education in the late ’80s.

See the In Remembrance section of this publication for more details.

Bruce Paton wrote that he worked for Procter & Gamble and Pepsi for 30 years, retiring as VP of operations. He then formed an international consulting company, which he ran until he fully retired 20 years ago. Bruce lives on a lake near Rockwall, Texas, with his wife of 35 years, Dariah. They have two daughters, one son and four grandchildren. Bruce still works out daily with a four-mile run, yoga, lifting weights and meditation. He mentioned that a core of 1960 Kappa Sigs gets together bi-weekly on Zoom. The group consists of Dave Hecht, Mac Gowin, Joe McGoldrick, Larry Swanson and Dick Ullery. All are doing well and are hunkering down to get through the pandemic.

All for now. Stay healthy.

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Phil Mezey and wife are hunkered down in Fort Meyers, Fla., waiting for the COVID-19 pandemic to pass. Like most of us, he’s hoping it’s behind us soon so that we can gather again in Bethlehem to enjoy our 60th Reunion. Sixty years! Can you believe it?!?

I’ve been communicating regularly with Class President Paul Smith, who’s also snow birding in Florida and enjoying the fresh air on the links. He reports that Rich Bradley is recovering from a serious bicycle accident, but he plans to be up and running (and biking again) by June. Paul also referred me to Rich Miller’s Facebook page, which features a picture of the bonefish he caught when Paul visited him in the Keys. Rich gathers his clan of four generations in Florida each winter, and then reassembles them in Ohio in the summer.

John Van Deusen enjoys most of his life these days in Colorado, but still maintains his place in the Big Apple. Like many of us, he and his wife had to cancel their fall vacation to Europe due to COVID.

Here goes a complete update on Phi Delts, courtesy of Roy Martins. Ronna and Tom Whitten hang out in Denver, where Tom has become an accomplished painter and avid skier. Lee Keiser makes his home in Chicago but is constant-ly traveling around the world. Art Rogers has moved into a retirement complex on the east coast of Florida. Philadelphia wouldn’t be the same without Dick Bookbinder’s cheesecakes, which Lee and Bookie still bake and sell. Barbara and Ken Smith just made a big move—from one home on Lehigh’s hilltop campus to another, just across the road. Except for the heavy items, they moved most of their things with a shopping cart! And Roy, himself, has moved. He and Vonnie are still in the San Diego area, but in a smaller home with a nice garden, where they grow fresh vegetables year-round.

Myron Olstein wrote to encourage us all to participate in clinical trials, as he and his wife Sherry have been doing in the National Capital Region. Living in Falls Church, Va., near the National Institutes of Health, they have participated in numerous such studies, including testing of the high-speed MRI machine for heart imaging, the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine trial, and the All of Us study on steroids. The Olsteins are now empty nesters, as both David and Nanci have recently left home for professional jobs in New York City and Madison, Wis., respectively.

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Not to be deprived of celebrating the tradition of the Lehigh-Lafayette 156th game rivalry, our class president, Bob Downing, put together a team to participate in a Lehigh-Lafayette virtual trivia contest. The event was organized as part of the Lehigh Rivalry 155 half-weeklong series of events in November. Approximately 22 teams from Lehigh and Lafayette joined the trivia event hosted by TriviaHub.

Representing the Class of ’62 were Downing, Phil Kinzel, Al Rieper and Dick Teeter. While our team didn’t win, we weren’t last. Our team agreed that we were chronologically challenged, and the younger alumni had the advantage. While most of the challenges were non-Lehigh-Lafayette related, our team did come through when a group of questions was about Lehigh-Lafayette games. There was a question about a rivalry game wherein many of the freshmen were put on probation for throwing what kind of fruit at the spectators. Of course, we got that one right, and Downing pontificated to the participants about the hurling of pears that were served in the cafeteria.

Dick Teeter was quick to answer Wilkes-Barre, 50 miles from his home in Hawley, Pa., to the question about the only game, other than the 150th at Yankee Stadium, to be played in neither Bethlehem nor Easton. That game was played in 1891 and had the largest crowd ever, 3,000 spectators, at a football game in Wilkes-Barre. Dick owns and operates with his daughter, Julie, Teeters’ Funeral Chapel in Hawley, where he worked as a youth and then joined the family business in 1965. Dick is the fourth generation of Teeters to operate the home, which began with Richard Adam Teeter in 1849. The funeral chapel is the oldest service and retail business in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Fritz Mueller will have to wait until November to attend his 63rd consecutive Lehigh-Lafayette game. Fritz finally retired after his wholesale florist business in Newark, N.J., was acquired by New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) as part of its expansion and development program.

Downing has tried to get classmates to “stay connected” with a series of emails but has had little response. Herb Ehlers
report that he read the Gerry Lehman book “Tough Streets.” His review is that it is “a great and quick read. Lots of very interesting inside stories about Lehigh wrestling. Anyone who is interested in Lehigh wrestling should enjoy this book. It transported me back to the ‘glory days’ when I was young and cheering for the wrestling team at Lehigh.”

Dave Angell has been spending a lot of his time with his daughter and son-in-law in Seattle, away from his home in Savannah.

November in the Northeast has been one of the warmest on record. Downing and Ron Johnson are thankful for global warming helping to extend their golf season.

My column deadline was December 1. Hopefully when you receive this Spring 2021 Bulletin, we will have a vaccine and are back on our way to normal. During the pandemic we have become high-tech seniors. Learning how to use Zoom and FaceTime to socialize with our families. And for those of us still working, using different technology to work from home.

‘63 Editor’s note: Class correspondent Dixon Earley passed away in October 2020. He was an exemplary alumnus, his dedication to the university touched many members of this class and the entire Lehigh community. He will be missed by many.

The column below was written by Class President Alan Barney. Alan, unfortunately, also died in December 2020. His dedication to the class was evident to the last. We appreciate all he did for Lehigh. Our condolences to the class on losing these two great members.

As we continue to look for a new 1963 class correspondent, please feel free to send any updates directly to Stephanie Fisher at saf517@lehigh.edu.

Our classmate and consummate Lehigh Engineer Dixon Earley died on October 21 in Camp Hill, Pa. His daughters, Susan Stoup McDonald ’80 and Amy Earley Morton ’93, both Lehigh grads and Lehigh athletes, survive him.

Dixon was a four-year football manager, becoming the head football manager in 1962. Dixon was an avid supporter of Lehigh and its sports. He kept basketball statistics for the Alumni Association and attended 58 Lehigh-La fayette football games and 56 EIWA wrestling tournaments.

While at Lehigh, he became a brother of Delta Chi fraternity and a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers. Upon graduation he began his professional career with the Pennsylvania Department of Highways as an intern and then a bridge designer, and District 8-0 Bridge Engineer. In 1980 the Department of Environmental Resources appointed him director of the Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation, chief engineer for Resources Management and then chief engineer.

He was a life member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, serving as secretary of its National Specifications Committee. In 1982 he was elected national president of the American Society of Highway Engineers. He served on the committee for Boy Scout Troop 52 at the Camp Hill Presbyterian Church, was assistant Little League baseball coach for nine years, coached his daughter’s softball team and was president of the swimming, softball and diving parents’ organizations. He also served as president of the West Shore Country Club in Camp Hill.

Beyond these accomplishments, from a freshman in Richards House (he saved his dink and wore it at our reunions) to leading our reunion organization, Dixon was one of the most enthusiastic friends anyone could have. He received the Alumni Association’s Alumni Award at our reunion in 1983 and was our class correspondent. He was indeed a complete Lehigh Man.

Bill Montgomery recalls that as freshmen we all filled out a questionnaire to show our career preferences. He was devastated. Results showed that he could be a farmer or printer, but not an engineer, his childhood dream. Lehigh psychologist Dr. Edmiston said it simply meant he would someday close the books on engineering. After graduating in electrical engineering, he went to Pitt for graduate degrees and then on to Bell Labs, followed by a decade at AT&T (where he and Russ Borner ’62 would occasionally meet up). As the FCC was dismantling AT&T, he left to begin consulting in the hot topic at that time, quality control and process improvement, which took him to Egypt, Turkey, New Zealand and all around the USA for about 12 years. He was also academic dean of a graduate school for five years, managing faculty and curriculum. While the consulting was interesting, Bill was discouraged by the lack of commitment in companies. He applied to the marriage and family therapy department at LaSalle University in Philadelphia. Upon being accepted into the program, Bill said to the head of the department, “I guess today is the day I close the books on engineering!” After three years full-time at LaSalle, and four more licensing years of supervised internship work, Bill practiced within a therapy group for a few years before opening his own practice. Today he uses teletherapy sessions from his home office due to COVID-19 and has no near-term plans to retire. Bill has a fantastic wife, Loretta, two daughters, two stepdaughters and two teenage grandchildren. He is proud of them all and grateful they are in his life. One daughter, Joanna (Montgomery) Wilhelm, was Class of ’90 in, yep, electrical engineering.

Tom Brunner, electrical engineer and Gryphon, writes he’s happily married to his high school sweetheart for 56 years and lives near his two adult sons and four delightful grandchildren.

After family, Tom’s fulfillment is his career working on innovation in health care. His Lehigh training served him well through three careers. First at DuPont as a process engineer, where he earned an MBA at the University of Delaware in finance. Then in 1969 he joined Coherent, a California laser startup for his second career in the startup world. He was fortunate to move to Silicon Valley and be involved in the development of lasers for eye surgery. In 1970 he helped introduce the first laser to prevent blindness from diabetic retinopathy, a treatment still widely used today. More recently he was on the board of a startup developing femtosecond lasers to remove cataracts. After five startups he began a third career in the nonprofit sector when he joined the Glaucoma Research Foundation in 2003 as their president and CEO. For Tom each career has been a tremendous learning experience where he’s been able to build on his engineering background working with scientists and physicians around the world at the cutting edge of technology.

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I’m writing in Greenville, N.C., again. Our son, John (56), passed away on November 21 in Washington, D.C. COVID restrictions allowed only his wife to be with him when he died. Mickey, Theresa (his sister) and I were in D.C. but could only be with him via Zoom. The doctors and
nurses at Georgetown University Hospital bent over backwards to save his life and to keep us all in the loop. We drove back to Greenville for Thanksgiving with our grandkids and returned to Virginia for services. When I wrote my last column in July, we were here with the kids while my son-in-law was at the Jacksonville Mayo Hospital undergoing a pericardectomy. The good news is he is doing well and will go back to work soon.

I had begun this column several weeks ago. Lane Jorgensen had suggested I contact Jay Lacke. Lane’s daughter, Sarah, a CNN producer, ran into Jay at a farm outside Portland when her CNN crew was there covering an event. Sarah noticed Jay in a Lehigh sweatshirt and began a conversation. Since then, Jay and Lane have reconnected. I finally caught up with Jay and his wife, June, while they were driving between doctor appointments this week. June, his high school sweetheart, was prepping for two knees and a hip replacement. She’s a real trouper.

Jay and June were married right after Jay earned his B.S. in 1964. He picked up an M.B.A. from Columbia then worked for a couple years before returning to Lehigh to teach and earn an M.A. in economics. Facing the expense of raising a couple of kids, he left education and worked for industry for 15 years. He mentioned ExxonMobil.

He relocated to Dallas to work in political and regulatory affairs. In 1987, he relocated to Dallas to take a faculty position in international management studies at the University of Texas, retiring in 2011. George met his wife, Judy, a CNN producer, while they were driving between Greenville for Thanksgiving and returning to New York. They then began a career with Citibank in the Middle East, working in Beirut, Dubai, Bahrain and Kuwait. He joined Mobil Oil in NYC as manager of political and regulatory affairs. In 1987, he relocated to Dallas to take a faculty position in international management studies at the University of Texas, retiring in 2011. George met his wife, Martie, at a singles’ sailing club, and married in 1993. Rather obvious that George enjoys sailing, along with their children and grandchildren. He volunteers at church and in the community.

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George Barnes, son of a Foreign Service officer posted to Turkey, spent junior and senior year at the Air Force high school and the first year of college at Middle East Technical University in Ankara. He was attracted to Lehigh because of the three colleges integrated into the one university and the fact that the admissions folks might look more favorably on his “B average” reach compared to some Ivy League options. After Lehigh, he earned a master’s degree at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts. George then attended Naval OCS and served as a supply officer on an LST in Vietnam and Naval Air Station New York. He then began a career with Citibank in the Middle East, working in Beirut, Dubai, Bahrain and Kuwait. He joined Mobil Oil in NYC as manager of political and regulatory affairs. In 1987, he relocated to Dallas to take a faculty position in international management studies at the University of Texas, retiring in 2011. George met his wife, Martie, at a singles’ sailing club, and married in 1993. Rather obvious that George enjoys sailing, along with their children and grandchildren. He volunteers at church and in the community.

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amateur and national tournaments. Tom officiated at several Lehigh matches and swears that he maintained his impartiality at Lehigh-Lafayette matches. He follows Lehigh sports and marvels at the difference in Lehigh sports facilities and staffing that exists now compared to the 1960s. He has volunteered for the United Way, the Bucks County Association for the Blind and the Golf Association of Philadelphia. He and his wife, Bettily, live in Bucks County and make a summer escape to Ocean City, Md. They recently sold their home of 47 years and moved into a senior living facility. Bettily retired after many years as a school librarian and media specialist. They have two daughters, seven grandchildren and recently became great grandparents.

It is with deep sorrow that I note the passing of Jack Yaisle this past October. We were friends from the first day of “freshmen arrival,” living in adjoining rooms in Dravo B-3. Even our parents formed a lasting friendship that extended until their passing. Tom Lang, Jack’s roommate for several years and lifelong friend, gave a fitting and moving eulogy at the funeral Mass. Ironically, Jack’s grandson enrolled as a first-year student at Lehigh this past August.

The trivia answers: 1) Grace Hall, 2) Dr. Deming Lewis, 3) Stephen F. Goldmann, 4) Monday, June 13, 1966, 5) Dr. T. Keith Glennan, president of Case Institute of Technology and former NASA Administrator and member of AEC. Who? Remember to check our Facebook page, “Lehigh University Centennial Class Reunion.” Jeff Gallagher will be happy to approve you for this closed group.

note to D’Arcy Roper, who forwarded it to me. Bruce lamented the state of the suffering world and our economic woes. Nevertheless, Bruce and his family “... had an epic year.” They spent two months searching for a winter home in the Southeast with side visits to Montgomery, Ala., and the Memorial for Peace and Justice and other museums along with a historic city tour. He highly recommends the city.

He talked about starting six “fantastic” months of quarantine with all the family children and grandchildren. At summer’s end the family went back out into the world: Rayna returned to college at Tulane; Emily returned to Landmark College in Vermont; and Rachel flew to Kathmandu to assume her new role as Nepal Country Director for CARE.

After the family left, Barbara, his wife, and he got involved with Vote Forward. “They coordinated a handwritten letter campaign to millions of registered voters in swing states that are likely Democratic but unlikely to vote. We targeted Georgia and feel we caused the flip.”

They ended 2020 in their new winter home in La Jolla, Calif., where they hope many friends can visit and stay with them when the pandemic is under control.

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Dick Bell, our class correspondent for many years, has decided to retire from this activity. We owe Dick our thanks for all the time and effort he invested on our behalf.

The electoral college met and elected me the new correspondent, 1 to 0, since no one else chose to run. Since all this happened in the last couple of weeks, I don’t have much material, so I will bore you with what I have been up to for the last 50-plus years. I started work at Price Waterhouse and worked there 12 years and became a CPA. I moved on to Chemical Bank in NYC and ended up VP, director of corporate tax planning and compliance. After 12 years the merger bug bit me and I was unemployed for two years (the worst two of my life). I finally got the same job at GPU. FirstEnergy acquired GPU, and after 11 years the merger bug bit again and I was “retired.” Tired of 60-hour weeks, I decided to take on the accounting at my church, which only required 40 hours a week and a one-mile commute. I did that for 10 years and really retired two years ago.

I met my wife Suzanne on a blind date at Lehigh. She is a Cedar Crest graduate. We have two sons and a daughter. Each has provided us with three grandchildren. They all live close to Summit (Suzanne and I are still in Summit with no plans to move). We saw them regularly until COVID-19.

Summer vacations have been in South Harpswell, Maine (near Portland), at a summer cottage Suzanne and her brother inherited from their parents. I play a lot of tennis and always plan to play more golf. Chip Phelps and I have exchanged a few emails recently. He recalled we were both in Drinker freshman year. We figured out that we met each other through Bob Eisele. Bob lived on the same floor as Chip. Bob had lived in Summit (my hometown) until his family moved to hamden, Conn., for his senior year. The small world phenomenon came into play when Rob and I renewed our friendship when we met again at Lehigh, and I met Chip while visiting Rob. Chip joined the Navy in 1969 after OCS and served three years active duty on the East Coast. He stayed in the Navy Reserve, retiring as a captain in 1991.

After three years of active duty, he worked for Buffalo Forge in Buffalo. He moved to Lynchburg in 1993 and became the president of Buffalo Air Handling, retiring in 2011. Chip and his wife, Sandy, have two daughters and four grandkids. Chip and Sandy are moving to Raleigh near their younger daughter in April. Golf and tennis are their interests. Chip said that the Lehigh education and reputation opened a number of doors that all worked out. I second that!

Now it is your turn. Send me an email or call and let me know what you are doing and have done over the last 50+ years. If you are in touch with a group of our classmates and would like to write the column for one of the issues of the Alumni Bulletin, that would be great. Or send me the information and I will put it together.

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Bruce Wolff sent a Christmas
pay!). A couple of Tesla engineers rent the Redondo house (so are they?). They’re hoping to get to California sometime over the winter.

Twenty years ago, Bob eagerly accepted a golden parachute from his longtime employer. Since then, he has had 10 books published—all on sport. Bob also teaches French at a nearby college, as well as continues to perform and teach guitar (43 years, OMG, can’t be that long ...).

For 30 years, Bob and Sue wrote restaurant columns for a dozen different Delaware Valley magazines, but they gave it up when they became vegan. He also stopped consulting on construction and utility engineering about 10 years ago but continues to accept expert-witness offers in construction and utility. He keeps “threatening” to stop the expert-witness work but keeps getting roped into taking “just one more case.”

All in all, Bob’s whole family is safe, happy and healthy. “Life and Lehigh have been good to me—and life continues to be good for Sue and our family,” Bob sends his best to all our classmates.

Mary Louise and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary in June. We met in 1966 during a glee club trip to Wells College in Aurora, N.Y., and dated all through my years at Lehigh. After two years in Rochester, N.Y., and then two years at Stanford Business School, we lived in Lexington, Mass., for 24 years until Digital Equipment Corp. was acquired. I then got a job at AAA of Northern California, in San Francisco, an auto and home insurance company where I retired in 2012 as VP treasury.

I have been active in the local Masonic Lodge here in Mill Valley, including three terms as master. I also served for three years as the grand treasurer of the Grand Lodge of California.

We have two children. Jeff lives in our basement apartment, and Katie and her family, including our two grandsons, ages 3 and 5, moved from San Francisco to Henrico, Va., just outside Richmond. My wife has already visited once, and we both will be visiting often in the coming years as things get back to “more” normal. They have twice the house at half the cost of their house in San Francisco.

Please stay safe!!

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Richard Reppert (rreppert@me.com). “Jan and I will spend our first winter in North America in 15 years. We are accustomed to two summers a year, one in United States and one in Argentina. Now we are looking in odd places for winter coats and, egads, snow shovels. This is a terrible year.”

Mike Ford (meford70@gmail.com) writes: “In spite of the quarantine, shutdown and gradual partial reopening of Lehigh, I have remained busy in my ‘retirement’ as a visiting research associate in the chemical engineering department. In addition to helping several grad students with questions about their Ph.D. research, my prof has asked me to edit a couple of manuscripts before publication. Happily, all of this can be done online, which helps with social distancing. Hope you had a safe and happy Thanksgiving!”

Last October, Sri Rao ’11 (sridevi211@gmail.com) invited interested alumni to note Lehigh’s Dr. Frank Douglas ’66 Endowed Scholarship Fund for the Advancement of Black Excellence—an endowment that “could continue to support Black students for generations to come.” It comes with an anonymous matching gift that kicked off the fund at $100,000 toward the goal of $250,000. The email I got came from students Sri, Brittany Bartlett ’11, Anthony Pascale ’11, Andi (Lucas) Schmerin ’11 and Abby Harris-Shea’11. Why include this here? A tip of the cap to active alum Reginald Jennisings, who’s a guru supporting Black excellence and who was Lehigh’s first-ever minority football player.

Your class columnist enjoyed an odd-duck Thanksgiving, the first-ever solo with fiancée Walda Passaro in our Millville home. Even with grandkids 30 minutes away, it just made sense with the nation en fuego with COVID.

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The reunion committee got an email from Susan Schoenberg of Downers Grove, Ill., informing us that her husband, Dan Schoenberg, died of a rare form of blood cancer in August of last year. Dan, Susan and I were the only ones from our class to march in the parade at our fifth reunion in 1976 even though several others were allegedly in attendance. I was the parade marshal for our class and Dan carried our class banner in the parade. I certainly expect a significantly larger representation at our 50th.

I’ve decided to devote the balance of this column to my Psi Upsilon fraternity brothers in a tribute to our 50th.

John Texter is a full professor at Eastern Michigan University in their polymers and coatings program. John has over 35 years of experience in the fields of coatings, polymers, colloids, emulsions and advanced materials. He is the author of more than 200 publications and over 40 issued U.S. patents. John still calls Rochester, NY, his home and makes the 425-mile drive every other week from Ypsilanti, Mich.

Bob Schnaars retired from the tool and die business two years ago. He had been the owner of Dunmore Tool & Die in Barto, Pa. He jokes that he was the oldest apprentice when he entered the business. Bob and Sharon have six kids between them and have adopted a seventh (they needed a tiebreaker). Bob enjoys putting around the house, landscaping and playing guitar in a band.

John Hannan moved from the Pittsburgh area to Scottsdale, Ariz., 15 years ago to escape the cold winters. He retired as a sales engineer at MPSW, an HVAC equipment supplier, at the end of last year so he can work on his golf game at Tatum Ranch and do more traveling with his wife, Barbara.

Bob Ferguson, Psi Upsilon Hose Co.’s erstwhile firetruck mechanic, retired several years ago after distinguished careers in the airline and pharmaceutical industries. Bob has homes in both North Carolina and Florida, but Florida is his legal residence for obvious tax reasons.

Ted Wedel lives in Baltimore, Md. Ted was the owner of Chesapeake and Hudson, a publisher’s representative, in Brunswick, Md. He sold the business in March of last year. Perfect timing in light of the pandemic.

Harold “Skip” Paul and wife Meg live in Baton Rouge, La., where Skip was the director of the Louisiana Transportation Research Center until retirement in 2016. He is also a retired U.S. Navy Reserve Intelligence Officer (NCIS) with 42 years of service. Skip describes himself as a wine aficionado whose wine cellar holds 1,500-2,000 bottles. Skip and Meg travel extensively to France and Italy.

Gerry Gibney retired last fall from OpenText, where he was a senior strategist dealing with be-
Tom Wible retired from a life in software development with TRW and Northrup Grumman at age 60. Visit Sterling, Va., and you might run into him biking around the countryside. Tom is kept busy as webmaster for four websites. He claims not to remember what happened during the past year since nothing has happened because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Here is our fourth lawyer issue, again in reverse alphabetical order. Incidentally, Irvine is Blake Johnstone’s first name. My informant asked to remain anonymous but explained that all he needed to do was consult the individual listings near the end of our 1972 edition of the Epitome.

Philip C. Hunt earned a Harvard Law School degree in 1975. He then satisfied his five-year commitment to the Air Force. Immediately after that, in 1980, Phil joined the law firm of Perkins Thompson Hinckley & Kededy, in Portland, Maine, and has remained there for the duration of his professional career. His principal areas of practice have been in estate planning and probate administration, elder law, federal and state tax law, and business transactions.

Solo practice in Athens, Ga., is the route taken by W. Glover Housman Jr., who graduated from the University of Georgia Law School. Glover’s has been a business-focused law career, which has involved bankruptcy law, business litigation, secured transactions, e-discovery and the use of technology, as well as a personal commitment to child protection and advocacy.

John R. Gulash Jr. is the founding partner of Gulash & Associates in Bridgeport, Conn. He graduated from Stetson University School of Law in 1976 and began practicing as an assistant public defender assigned to Bridgeport’s courts. Bob opened his private practice in 1981, when he founded his own firm to specialize in criminal defense. He has handled many high-profile cases and has also served on behalf of clients in other contexts, such as civil service disciplinary boards and educational boards. He has experience representing a wide range of clients at all stages in the legal process, including the pre-arrest period, employment and civil concerns relating to criminal charges, mediations, trial and post-trial matters. Bob has also handled civil rights actions for both plaintiffs and defendants, wrongful death actions and other civil matters.

According to Facebook and LinkedIn, Steven W. Grieb may actually have retired in May. He was actually least likely to wind up in this group of lawyers from the Class of 1972, having spent more than 30 years in the financial services industry—for Prudential in New Jersey and for DST in the U.S. and Europe—finally landing in Kansas. Steve made his major career change in 2004, when he went back to school. He graduated from the School of Law, University of Kansas in 2007 and immediately began a different sort of “clerking” experience, as research attorney with the Kansas Supreme Court. That developed into the final position he held there, as general counsel to the chief justice. A “South Jersey Boy,” Steve continues to root for Philly’s professional sports teams, but hasn’t had a problem celebrating championship seasons of the Royals and Chiefs in recent years.

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As predicted, it has been a dark winter for our country. However, as you are reading this, spring is in the air … and optimism is growing as this pandemic hopefully begins to wane.

With that in mind, here is the latest update on members of the Class of ’73: Alan MacGregor currently resides with his wife, Susan, in Santa Fe, N.M. Prior to New Mexico, he lived in Chester County, Pa., for 18 years, and in Evergreen, Colo., for 16 years. Alan and Susan have two sons, Ian and Ross, one daughter, Hannah, and five grandkids. After Lehigh, Alan earned his M.S. from MIT in civil engineering-water resources, and a master’s of computer information systems from the University of Denver. He worked as a professional engineer/consultant to industries, weapons plants and governments, with a focus on water and waste treatment, compliance systems, information management and site remediation. Alan classifies himself as “semi-retired” as he is presently working for the City of Santa Fe Public Utilities.

After all these years, John Henning is still an avid follower of Lehigh wrestling from his home in South Burlington, Vt. John is married with seven children and five grandchildren. He reports that he has worked in three varied career fields since Lehigh: marketing and selling fine wines; serving as an EVP of an auto dealership group; and working in financial services. He’s also been fortunate to have a summer camp on a pond near the coast in Ogunquit, Maine, which he describes as a “place of solitude.” John says he is still working and does not regret getting up every day to “rise and grind.”

Since retiring from his last career position as managing director of Guggenheim Investments, Mark Rayford is not letting the grass grow under his feet. Mark is married and living in Bethesda, Md., and has two daughters, Emily Rayford Mason and Katie Rayford. In 2019, he attended the MLB London series between the Yankees and the Red Sox. Mark has also attended Yankee spring training games for the past three years with his Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity brother John Lynch. Mark also spends his time playing in two senior golf leagues at TPC Potomac, playing bridge and spending time in Bermuda.

After Lehigh, Steve Herbein went on to earn his MBA at the University of Pittsburgh, which led him to career assignments as assistant controller, cost accountant, IT manager, financial service center manager, senior business analyst, director of accounting and then a position on the board of directors of a charter school software firm.
Married to Carolyn since 1974, the Herbeins live in the Atlanta suburb of Marietta, Ga. Steve and Carolyn have two children, Andrea and Matthew, and five grandchildren. This cruising couple has taken 30-plus trips to date. Their trips include: the Caribbean, New England, Canada, Alaska, Hawaii, Cuba, Mexico and the Panama Canal in this hemisphere. In addition, they’ve cruised to Barcelona, the French Riviera, Italy, Greece, Turkey, Australia and New Zealand. Future cruise plans include Ecuador and the Galapagos. A 2018 cruise included a stop in St. Croix, U.S.V.I., the fact that Andy’s son Steve had the opportunity to visit his Delta Phi fraternity brother Will Hart, whom he hadn’t seen in 45 years.

Reminder: Our 50th Class Reunion is just two years away. Plan now. Let’s have the biggest turnout in Lehigh reunion history!

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I have no recollection of how class presidents are selected. I have no recollection of how our classmates or their spouses and significant others. It has prompted us to reach out, albeit through Zoom and other electronic media, to friends whom we have thought about.

Jim Barnes wrote that COVID has spawned a group of Sigma Chi brothers to set a once a month Zoom get-together. Participants have been classmates Greg Zenczak, Rick Gill and Jim Randolph. Jim wrote that they have all enjoyed reconnecting and talking about all their kids and grandkids. Fellow Sigs from other classes joined in as well. Gary Jackson ‘78 shared the vista of his farm full of livestock and swore it is not a Zoom-produced landscape. There were hints in Jim’s note that there may have been a cocktail or two involved in the end of the day calls. And no driving!

Jim is in the educational consulting business, and virtual learning in many colleges due to COVID has altered his retirement plans as many colleges and universities have requested online tutoring. Jim is too busy helping these institutions deliver human subject expert contact to retire just yet.

In early 2020, another of our distinguished classmates, Vince Forlenza, stepped down as CEO of BD, after a 40-year career with the global medical device, diagnostic test and life science company. He remains executive chair of its board of directors. The traveling that Vince and Ellen, his wife, had planned was totally disrupted as it has been for everyone. Instead, like Jim Barnes, Vince was requested to devote what was supposed to have been his retirement to dealing with COVID testing issues on behalf of the diagnostic industry. Vince also rejoined the Lehigh Board of Trustees and spent a busy summer of 2020 working with University President John Simon to create the plan to re-
open the University. Vince states that President Simon and his team did a great job. Vince was also involved in a board effort to find a new university president, after Simon announced his plan to retire. The team conducted virtual town halls with university stakeholders, including faculty, students and alumni, to get their input. Vince saved the best news for last—he and Ellen became grandparents for the first time in September, when Jason Liam Dolan was born.

We cannot thank Vince enough for his devotion and contributions to Lehigh.

As always, feel free to send me an email about what you are doing. Do not be modest. Your classmates want to hear about you. And don’t forget to “like” our class Facebook page run by our great classmate Jeffrey Sherman. It can be found at: facebook.com/lehighseventyfive?ref=ts.

EVERYONE STAY WELL!

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I write this column reluctantly, as the first COVID vaccines are on the way to millions. I pray that there are safe and healthy times ahead, and that we are putting this horrible virus to rest. I had a moment the other day and lost my temper… I yelled loudly, “2020!”

On October 23, Don McGillen and wife Violet became happy grandparents when their daughter, Jess, had a baby boy named Simon. Another big first on March 28, 2020, Bill (Dink) Hewit and wife Rita were blessed with a grandchild named Olivia Nancy. Their daughter, Hillary, and her husband, Matthew, named her after Bill’s father, Oliver, Lehigh Class of 1949. Bill and Rita live in Freehold, N.J. He attended the Lehigh Easterns last March, where Lehigh dominated, and unfortunately there were no Nationals 2020!

Tom Peters updated me on his and one of my favorite fraternities, Theta Xi. Unfortunately like my fraternity—Zeta Psi in 1999—Theta Xi was dissolved in 2019 after 115 years at Lehigh. Fellow brothers and classmates Preston Crabill, Bob Shurman, Rich Wilson, Topper Waters and Tom tried their best to save the house on a recruiting incident but no luck. “2020!”

On to my son, Bryant ’07 ’08, and his new wife, Heather. All is good, but the actual large wedding celebration that was rescheduled to November 16, 2020, in Jupiter, Fla., was smartly changed to March 2022. It will be a heck of a gathering... Lehigh will be well-represented... can’t wait! “2020!”

Many of us should remember that crazy Thursday night at Lehigh when we made the national news due to a quite large gathering on campus to watch and participate in streaking! Known as the Campus Intramural Streaking event, Paul Loschiavo revealed to me the real story on how it was organized. Allegedly a “fake memo” was created and circulated to the living groups under the guise of John “Stech” Steckbeck. It spread so fast all over campus and among the 30-plus fraternities that Dean Quay sent out a memo: “Ignore the counterfeit intramural notice about streaking!” Well. That just added more fuel to the fire, and for the “rest of the real streaker story,” email Paul (losch@comcast.net). Hint, it started in old Linderman Library, and at this point, the statute of limitations has probably run out!

Be safe, be healthy and please stay connected.

I don’t think any of us were sorry to say goodbye to 2020! But we were very sorry to have lost two very special classmates this year—Helen Richardson and John Healy. Our sincere and heartfelt condolences to their families. Helen died suddenly on September 7. Always an enthusiastic alum, Helen was an early pioneer for women’s sports at Lehigh! After Lehigh, in 1985 she received a doctor of laws degree from Temple University and was engaged primarily in corporate law positions, most recently as senior counsel, legal division, Canon Solutions America, Inc. She was also a dedicated volunteer for many organizations. Helen was a constant presence at our reunions, and her contagious enthusiasm and vitality will be sorely missed.

I am most grateful to Tom Anderson for alerting me to Helen’s passing. Tom told me that he and his wife, Ev, spent most of the COVID time at their summer place in St. Michaels, Md., on the Eastern Shore.

John Healy passed away on September 30 due to complications following heart surgery. John was a Chi Psi brother and football standout. In fact, he tried out for the New Orleans Saints, making it to the final cut. His career was in the heating and air conditioning business (Rheem). As big as John was at 6 feet, 6 inches, his personality and sense of humor were even bigger.

Sincere thanks to Rob Abele for staying in touch and telling me about John. Rob writes: “I have been in email correspondence with a lot of my Chi Psi brothers over the past month about this news. On a more positive note, the guys are all doing fine despite the inconveniences being posed by this pandemic reality. Some continue to work on a full- or part-time basis, and some are taking advantage of complete retirement. We have been trying to plan a mini reunion amongst ourselves; however, that is on the back burner till at least next year for sure. My spouse, Karen, and I are well here in Minneapolis, actually the suburb of Chanhasen, and as you know out here, we have certainly created more than our share of national news. My youngest son, Chris (lives and works in Los Angeles), has been home several times to get a change of scenery, work remotely from our home, and take advantage of Karen’s cooking! My older son, Pat (a captain in U.S. Army Special Forces), lives in Nashville with his girlfriend, and will be deploying overseas in the near future. I myself really dialed back my executive coaching/consulting practice early this year as we were planning on doing a lot more traveling… not so much now! We are all very fortunate, and don’t take our blessings for granted.”

Here are some snapshots of news he gleaned from the Chi Psi brothers: Scott Strait and his wife, Diane, live outside SF/Oakland and are working from home and working to stay healthy. “Purchased heaters and canopies, assuming that this lasts through the winter. Haven’t needed them yet, as it seems like it is never going to rain again here. Thank heaven for Zoom.”

Dave Ashton and his wife, Candace, live in Avon Lake, Ohio. Dave retired in July. “A little weird to retire in the middle of COVID-19. It has been a very busy retirement so far since we downsized, selling our home of 23 years, building a new smaller home (while more expensive), living in a hotel while the new home was being built, and then moving into the new home. We would like to travel but will hold off for now.”

Larry DiSabatino and his wife, Beth, live in Wilmington, Del., and spend winters in Bonita Springs, Fla. Larry has family business, DiSabatino Construction Co. “My family...
Glenn Keet ’85 and Maura McElhinney ’85 were married in September 2019 in Gloucester, Mass., with a strong Lehigh representation.

Back row, from left to right: Don LeBuhn ’86, Mark Hurley, Dominique (Edelen) Hurley ’85, Jane (Thompson) Willgren ’85, Maura (McElhinney) Keet ’85, Glenn Keet ’85, Meredith Flynn-Ripley ’85, Martine (Costello) Duffy, Betsy (Manning) Martindale ’90 and Brian Kearns ’86. Front row, left to right: Derek Hyatt ’86, Ted Guthrie ’86, Wight Martindale ’85 and Andrew Wolk ’86. 

Class of 1974 members celebrated an unofficial First-Year Student Rally with Class of 2024 members. From left to right: Gus Gustafson ’74, Isiah Simon ’24, Nick Caiazzo ’24, Andy Shmerler ’74, Harry Shmerler ’74, Bill White ’74 and Ed Purdy ’74.

Matthew Burns M.A. ’05 recently published a book of poetry, “Imagine the Glacier.”

Brian Reardon ’13 and Mary (Haynie) Reardon ’12 welcomed their first baby, Emma Rose, into the world on Nov. 14, 2020.

Peg and Dixon Earley ’63 pose in their Lehigh gear. Dixon was the Class of 1963 correspondent until his death in October 2020 (he was predeceased by Peg). Dixon was the consummate Lehigh man: an avid supporter of Lehigh sports—he had attended 58 Lehigh–Lafayette football games and 56 EIWA wrestling tournaments; and a generous volunteer—he was known of wearing his freshman dink to all the reunions he helped coordinate. For his dedication, he was awarded the prestigious Alumni Award in 1983.

Bruce Wolff ’67 quarantined with his wife, children and grandchildren during the spring and summer of 2020.

Ryan Day ’98 and his wife, Amanda, welcome their first son, John Ryan Day, Jr., in October 2020.
is doing well—working with all three of my sons (Michael, Jeffrey, Kevin) now and have six grandchildren. We all live about 10 minutes apart, so lots of family time.”

Mitch Simpler and his wife, Diane, live in Mantoloking, N.J., and he remains partner/managing partner emeritus at JBB (NYC). “All is good here in N.J. I have been working from home at the Shore, and quite frankly, I like it! No grandkids yet because neither of my two children seem to want to settle down and start a family! I guess I will need to rewrite the memo stating that I am not getting any younger!”

Jim Eshelman and his wife, Claire, and their family were also doing well. All working from home.

Whit Cummings and his wife, Mary, remain in Summit, N.J., (Whit still doing investment banking/bank consulting for Cummings & Co LLC) and have three grown children all in the area. Kirk Fazioli, Rob Abele (and spouses) vacationed in Lake Placid, N.Y., with Whit and Mary (they have a second place there) in August 2019, and had a blast doing some hiking and boating. Thankfully before COVID hit!

Michael Kane and his wife, Melissa, are still in Virginia Beach, Va. Their two daughters are in the area as well, and they have two young grandsons. Mike continues to dabble managing his portfolio of clients in wealth management with Davenport & Co LLC.

Hope you all stay healthy … here’s hoping that 2021 looks better!

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Happy 2021, classmates! A lot of things are up in the air as I write this. However, by the time you read it, that no good, very bad, meme-worthy year 2020 will be in our rearview mirrors, and we’ll have a new president, as well as a new vaccine that will allow our lives to return to some semblance of normal. In the meantime, I’m pleased to have enough news for a full column, with a little left over for next time.

Dr. John Barczynski contacted me in a way no classmate has in about a decade—by snail mail! John lives in Wexford, Pa. (just north of Pittsburgh), and retired in 2020 after 38 years with the Sto-Rox Neighborhood Health Council, where over the years he held the positions of staff periodontist, chief dental officer, chief clinical officer and finally chief executive officer. In addition, he was the periodontal consultant for the local Veterans Administration Medical Center and an assistant professor of periodontics at the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine. John and his wife, Lisa, are the parents of triplets who graduated from college in 2018.

After five years in the Houston area, Joe Alessi has moved to Dripping Springs, Texas (in the “Hill Country” near Austin), to follow a career opportunity for his wife. Since graduation Joe has worn many hats. He’s been a chemical engineer, a lawyer, an information technology project manager, a stay-at-home dad/Lehigh MBA student and most recently decided to start a career in insurance.

Doreen (Volk) Grieve retired from working as a consulting regulatory/environmental professional engineer in 2007 to join her husband on his overseas assignments. They spent about six years in Africa and the United Arab Emirates. Doreen has four children and four grandchildren, with whom she enjoys spending as much time as possible. In addition, she’s finally had time to catch up with the “Montclair Mansionettes,” her roommates from the classes of 1978 and 1979, including Carol (Richardi) Riggin, Dr. Marie Bush, Diane Corbett, Mo Madden, Allison (Steele) Lang ’79, Janet LeClair ’79, Julie “Beeb” Crouse Daniels ’79, Mimi (McLennan) Groves ’79, Sally Okoniewski ’79 and Jean Benoit Tickell ’79. She describes her old crew as “tremendous women who were forerunners for women at Lehigh and women in demanding careers.” Well said, Doreen!

Dennis Sprick reports that last August, alumni of Lehigh’s cross-country and track and field teams from the 1970s and 1980s gathered on Zoom to celebrate the 90th birthday of Coach John Covert. During the event, which was organized by Dave Thomson ’83, Lehigh athletes shared stories of their lives pre- and post-graduation and how Coach Covert helped shape who they are. These sentiments were very much appreciated by Coach Covert and his wife, Carol, who still live in Bethlehem. Checking in from New Jersey were Class of 1978 alumni John Grady of Mount Laurel, Chris Nunan of Ocean City, and Dennis, who now lives in Ocean Grove.

And speaking of the cross-country and track teams, Steve Collins has posted about half a dozen pictures of team members, then and now, in our class Facebook group. Steve is living in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Thanks to everyone who posted news in our Facebook group (facebook.com/groups/Lehigh1978). I’ve reached my word limit for this column but will include the rest of you in the next one. Also, I welcome any additional news, by snail mail or email as well as Facebook.

Francis (Chip) Uricchio, M.D., wrote just after my last deadline in August 2020. Chip stated that this is his first-ever alumni update. He graduated in the first class to earn a biochemistry degree at Lehigh. Biochemistry was in the School of Engineering at that time. Lehigh was followed by medical school at Tufts in Boston, with postgraduate training at both Tufts and Penn. Chip practiced interventional cardiology for 25 years in Philadelphia. As of 2015, he is semi-retired. He plans to start a part-time non-invasive job close to his home on Galveston Bay, Texas. Chip and his wife are building a home on the bay. The architects are Zach Davis and Joe Zebleckes (both in Delaware), fraternity brothers of Chip’s at Chi Phi. When not practicing medicine, Chip has been working on a technology startup, partnering with a product development firm based in Exton, Pa. He also talks with Jeff Kurtz ’80 from time to time. Chip notes that Jeff lives near Syracuse, N.Y., and seems to have mastered the art of retirement.

Bill Amelio has joined DoubleCheck Solutions, LLC as co-CEO and executive chairman. DoubleCheck is a financial tech startup aiming to revolutionize bank and credit union overdraft and NSF practices. In addition to chairing DoubleCheck’s board of directors, Bill will be leading the company’s operations, including engineering and finance.

I would like to give a shout-out to fellow class correspondent Gail Reinhart ’78, who works as a writer and lives in San Antonio, Texas. During this difficult year she has helped with distribution at one of her local food banks. She also donates at blood drives. I am certain that many of you are engaged in various types of community service, and for that I thank you.

I am becoming a master sanitizer, which I had not planned on. During the November
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John P. Belardo, 152 Berkeley Circle, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920. (973) 425-8555 (B); jbelardo@mdmc-law.com. On Facebook, like “Lehigh University Class of 1982.”

Gina McBeaun-Linton says hello from Rockville, Md.: “My husband and I moved here 18 years ago. I have two beautiful girls. My oldest, like many young couples, just recently got married in a small, socially distant outside ceremony in October. We hope to celebrate with a larger event next year. My youngest is a freshman at Mt. Holyoke College. This past July, I took over as director of international student programs at the same high school my children went to, Our Lady of Good Counsel High School in Olney, Md. It has certainly been an interesting time to take on an international program in the midst of a pandemic. I love the job and my students. I look forward to recruiting travel once it is safe to travel again.”

Ken Rosen of Fiji checks in with this: “The biggest, most relevant news for me is the book I published three years ago about the last century’s pandemic and the search to find its cause and a cure—1919: The Search for Mankind’s Greatest Killer.” Ken discovered the story while working at the NHL as executive producer and group vice president. He is no longer with the NHL, having left there in ’08 to work for a company called IMG Productions (as executive producer), which later became part of the William Morris Agency and then ENDEAVOR. About a year ago, Ken started his own company, Killer B’s Productions, that produces content (mostly branded entertainment) for companies like Mutual of Oma-

ha, Ford, NFL, PGA and others. Ken also just started working on his second book, tentatively titled “The Time I Worked With ...” It’s a bunch of short, funny stories of when Ken worked with people like Kiefer Sutherland, Matthew Perry, James Hetfield, Shania Twain, Bill Murray, Patrick Mahomes, Denis Leary, Keanu Reeves, Wayne Gretzky and Mark Messier and others. Ken resides in Norfolk, N.J., when he’s not at the family beach house on Long Beach Island. Ken has two children—Brendan is married with one daughter (she’ll be 2 years old in January), with another girl due in March. Ken’s son followed him into the business; he’s a director of photography and editor, doing well and living in North Arlington. Brett is an attorney in Red Bank, N.J.—loving the single life living in Long Branch.

Martha Dodge is in Texas now. “I worked for PPL Nuclear and PPL Electric after graduation, getting my MBA at Lehigh in 1988. I left PPL as a senior director in 2010. I had a lot of fun leading a department that won a Smart Grid grant, and then deploying a pilot that has since expanded throughout the territory. I returned to Lehigh in 2011 as director of the Energy Systems Engineering Institute and its master’s program. Wonderful being on campus and especially working with engineers, mathematicians and physicists to prepare for a career in energy. I left in 2015 to care for my father, and then his estate after he passed away. I moved to Texas in 2016 to be near my daughter and her husband, and to help them take care of my mother-in-law who lived with them. It’s very hot and dry, so I miss Pa., but love being with them. We bought a small ranch together and built a second house on it for me—we have a horse, four mini-goats, a mini-donkey, and most recently my new granddaughter, Wyatt Isla Reed, who is now 3 months old. I am active in IEEE as communication chair in the power and energy chapter and secretary for the Central Texas Section. So, life is busy and interesting, and just a little less fun with the pandemic. We are socially isolating because my mother-in-law is 99 years old.”

Matt Peck, my fraternity brother, writes that he retired last February from CIGNA after a long career. Matt spends his days working on his train set-up in the basement, working with his grandson a couple days a week on “remote learning/virtual school” and trying not to make himself insane learning golf. Unfortunately, Matt’s wife passed away three years ago. His father sold his home and moved in with Matt. “He is a baker of pies, so I am fighting the COVID 19 (or in my case 29) and losing, badly.”

Brad Bodwell and his family returned to New York City after an eight-year sojourn in Austin, Texas. Their two oldest children are in Austin and at New York University, and their third graduates high school next spring.

Steve Alonso of Fiji checked in: “Mary Jo (Cedar Crest Class of ’82) and I have been in the Indianapolis area for 26 years and will be here forever. We have two (of our) daughters, four grandsons and one on the way living here within five minutes of the house. Our youngest is working for the Nasdaq and living in NYC about three miles from where I went to high school at St. Peter’s Prep in Jersey City. I retired from Fifth Third Bank last year as the group president of the U.S. regions. Mary Jo and I have been spending our time between Indiana, Hilton Head, the Upstate Pa. area (MJ’s hometown) and NYC. We have had to cancel a number of long traditional holiday celebrations and are staying home for Christmas for the first time in 40 years. Everyone has been healthy through the pandemic, and we pray that this continues. I
am in frequent touch with Mark Hessinger ’83 (ATO), who was my freshman roommate. He and his family are living in Charlotte, N.C., and doing well.” Great to hear from Steve, and if I ever wanted a guy ahead of me in a bar fight, it would be Steve. I recall he was an extraordinary boxer while at Lehigh and an excellent rugby player and co-captain of the team.

Lastly, your class correspondent and his wife, Joan, purchased a second home in Kennebunkport, Maine, to bunker at, enjoy riding out COVID and often work still as attorneys remotely. Our youngest daughter, Jennifer, graduated Boston College Law School last May. Jen is law clerking for the assignment judge of Somerset, Hunterdon and Warren counties here in N.J. Good hearing from all of you. Please continue to email me with your updates.

Dear Class of 1984!

Greetings, Class of 1984!

Eight months ago, I received an email from Matt Mellett, which he wrote while listening to AC/DC’s “Back in Black” (!). After working many years in the asset management industry, Matt founded the Saucon Creek Institute for Financial Literacy. These days he spends his time developing financial literacy curriculum for high school and college students. Recently he collaborated with the University of Chicago Financial Education Initiative to improve discussions around money, just hoping to improve the level of financial literacy among young people.

Matt also went back to school on a part-time basis working toward a master’s of liberal arts degree in management at Harvard University. Matt noted that it is very different from what we experienced at Lehigh in the early 1980s. Now it’s all about digital textbooks, e-learning, with chalk and blackboards replaced by laptop screen projections.

Matt has also been doing volunteer work for Lehigh as a Lehigh AVA (Alumni Volunteers for Admission). These volunteers assist Admissions by representing Lehigh at college fairs held at high schools in the fall and spring. Matt has been doing it for about 15 years now, and he really gets a kick out of talking to prospective students. They were put on hold this past year due to some organizational changes and the pandemic. Hopefully, they will be back at it again at some point.

Dr. Steve Fleisher also checked in via email: “My wife and I went to the Christkindlmarkt in Bethlehem this past weekend. Afterward, trying to kill time before dinner without going to a bar was a challenging feat. We decided to head into the Mennonite Bookstore, and in walks Rob Sell ’85. It’s amazing how I recognized him even in a mask, go figure. He comes to Bethlehem a couple of times each year. It was a great surprise to run into him. He says his business is going strong amidst all this insanity. He was up with his family hitting the fold. He is the most clever, handsome, and athletic boy that I ever saw. From the moment I met Alexander, I knew he was ever born. It is clear he is destined for greatness like other Alexanders before him.”

“New York, NY – Today Michele J. Meises and Lawrence D. Loeb announced the addition to Meises & Loeb (“M&L”) of Alexander Max Loeb. Master Alexander joined M&L at 10:28 a.m. on August 31st. At 21 inches long, and 9 pounds, 10 ounces (at his commencement date), he brings an assortment of new strengths to an already thriving enterprise. His ability to understand younger demographics will be indispensable to the future of M&L.”

“Of the hiring, Lawrence Loeb said, ‘Since we formed Meises & Loeb on August 12, 2012, Michele and I have always intended to grow our enterprise. We investigated a number of alternative expansion options and determined that organic growth was the best path for us.’”

“Michele Meises said, ‘As soon as I met Alexander, I knew that we had to bring him into the fold. He is the most clever, handsome, and athletic boy that was ever born. It is clear he is destined for greatness like other Alexanders before him.’”

“Mr. Loeb added, ‘Alexander has already contributed to broadening our focus to include various areas of nutrition, entertainment and waste management. Until he joined us, we knew next to nothing about the types of food these new generations prefer and had only a passing knowledge of how their waste product was disposed of. In his short time with us, Alexander has made us near experts in those fields. We expect that
he will continue to introduce us to new frontiers, allowing us to gain new skills that can only enrich M&L for the future.’

‘Alexander Max said, ‘I am very pleased to join M&L and look forward to providing significant added value. I was particularly attracted by their generous educational subsidies. It isn’t often that you find an enterprise willing to fully endow a primary and secondary education as well as a university degree. What further separated M&L for me were the post-graduate opportunities. ‘There’s a million things I haven’t done. But just you wait, just you wait.’”

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

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I heard from Glenn Keet that he and Maura McElhinney were married in September 2019 in Gloucester, Mass. It’s a second marriage for both, and they have five children between them. Please see the photo in the Celebrations section, where you’ll find more than a dozen classmates looking great against a beautiful beach backdrop. In attendance from our class were: Jane (Thompson) Willgren, Meredith Flynn-Ripley, Dominique (Edele) Hurley and Mark Hurley, along with fellow computer science classmates Jessica (Buczac-ki) Daley, Bill Phelan, Al Lucknaveage and Mary Anne Randour. Ping Kevin (kfitzva@google.com) for the next one.

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“Maybe somewhere down the road a ways, you’ll think of me, and wonder where I am these days. Maybe somewhere down the road when somebody plays Purple Haze (Traveling Wilburys).”

Weston, Conn.-based Andy Hollyer is president and CEO of Tomra Americas, whose technology is used to redeem and process over eight billion PET, aluminum and glass deposit containers in the USA and Canada, with eyes on Central and South America. Having spent 2017 at Tomra’s home office in Asker, Norway, Andy now only eats herring and cod. He is celebrating 30 years with wife, Diane, and their daughters, Grace and Olivia, respectively are studying at Wake Forest and Yale.

Leveraging his Lehigh major, Kevin Fitzpatrick has been leading video conferences with fellow computer science classmates Jessica (Buczac-ki) Daley, Bill Phelan, Al Lucknaveage and Mary Anne Randour. Ping Kevin (kfitzva@google.com) for the next one.

Raise your glass of Cinzano, as Jim Cronin is breaking away, bike riding the rural roads of Indianapolis, with his wife, celebrating the Purdue (mechanical engineering) graduation of the youngest of their three daughters. Allentown-based Jayme (Hyde) Kerr modified her 2020 plans, like all of us, but did celebrate the marriage of her son, Ian ‘15, met up with Robin (Simpson) Rumen in LBI, and enjoyed the diversions of home cooking, gardening and tennis, alongside her residential real estate career.

Phi Sigma Kappa’s Robert Kalmeny has mostly been in Orange County, Calif., since graduation, where he is senior vice president of an insurance services firm. Robert’s elder daughter graduated Arizona State University and is now pursing a zoology degree at Moorpark College, and his youngest daughter is studying fine arts and eyeing an acting career. Robert’s recent travels include Greece and skiing in Zermatt.

In the rare category of ‘86ers who worked for one company since graduation, and speaking of insurance, Rennie Benn just retired from 34 years with Prudential. Rennie and Jennifer (Moore) Benn live in Summit, N.J., while Jennifer teaches in Warren, N.J. (Can’t get enough of that Route 78, eh, Jennifer?)

With apologies to Robert and Rennie, I didn’t want to have to choose between you, so I’m insured with Lloyds (of Lubbock), whose motto has always been “Insurance by handshake!”

After almost five years of living in Italy (half of 2020 quarantined in a hilltop villa in Puglia), Tracey (Dudding) Kleber moved to Scotland, about an hour north of Edinburgh, very close to St. Andrews (take note, retirees such as you, Rennie). Beyond Rennie, Tracey, you may be ‘86 classmate inundated as the 2022 British Open approaches. In addition to Tracey’s production company, she started a U.S.-based vegan advocacy nonprofit called Toward A Vegan World. Ah, Bach*, Tracey, the sheep (now) may safely graze (* Note the reference to “Ah Bach,” has nothing to do with Radar O’Rei-ly, but with the actual, JS Bach). Tracey, is there a vegan version of Shepherd’s Pie, and how does it compare to the University Center dining hall?

A previous column noted Chris Bubser’s political pursuits in California’s 8th Congressional District. Chris did not emerge victorious last November, but we’re hopeful she’ll continue her political activism and perhaps run again.

Susan (Armento) Bahner ’89 and Martin Bahner have four kids, Kathryn ‘17, Matthew (MIT ‘21), Michael (Carnegie Mellon ‘24) and high schooler Stephanie. The Bahners recently moved houses within Doylestown, Pa., to within walking distance of Peddler’s Village (no, it is not a restored colonial settlement, I thought it might be). Martin participated in Judy (Lannin) Panagakos’ Stoughton video reunion, including just under 50 percent (that’s almost half!) of the 44 dorm members.

“Where are you going now my love? Where will you be tomorrow? (CSN)”

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Well, here we still are. Cannot believe this is not over yet.
COVID-19. As I write the column, it is basically a few days before Lehigh-Lafayette weekend. One of the best weekends of the late fall. For the first time in 155 years, it is canceled. Seeing all the announcements of canceled games is so upsetting. Makes you realize what you are missing.

It is usually a crisp fall day; hats, gloves and scarves are needed. The trees don’t have many leaves on them. We make the drive from New Jersey to Bethlehem in the a.m., park and then make the trek across the parking lots. I usually try to stop by a few tailgates. My husband and son usually get tired of my socializing and go into the game. The last stop is usually Joe Yammarino’s ‘85 tailgate right at the end of the tailgates before you get to the stadium.

I reached out to a bunch of you to see what you miss about Lehigh-Lafayette weekend. Here is what some of you said.

Daniela Boebert Titterton reminisced about when she was a freshman and she was recruited to ride the bed down the Hill. Kathy (Reichert) Koenig remembers chasing Pete Ruocco ’86, driving a bed on the last lap of the race down the Hill. Andrea (Worth) Robik enjoyed the game last year when she finally socialized with her brother, who is also a Lehigh alum, and wants to make their Lehigh-Lafayette reunion an annual tradition.

Brent Byers said he missed “all of it” and felt sad that he was cheated by COVID from sharing a last Lehigh-Lafayette with his son who is a senior. Leigh Eagleson misses tailgates because they are a wonderful way to reconnect with friends you have not seen in years. Leigh is living in Florida and has been visiting her daughter in Maryland. Deena Pegler hasn’t gone to the game for many years and was finally going to go this year.

She says she misses “the pure fall feeling and brings back so many memories of the most wonderful time in school.” Laura (Carberry) Muldowney, whose son is at Lehigh, says she misses “reconnecting with Lehigh friends” and her personal fun rivalry with her sister who is a Lafayette ‘96 graduate. Now that her son is at Lehigh, it is a 2-1 in the family!

Karyn (McMenamin) Cravens misses the opportunity to run into old friends. Living in Florida, she doesn’t get the opportunity to see many Lehigh alumni. She is hoping more Lehigh folks relocate to Florida as they get older. Lisa Seward Kirwan ’85 misses Joe Yammarino’s tailgates! Joe is getting a lot of press here.

Andrew Levy was missing Lehigh-Lafayettes of the past where dozens of Sigma Alpha Mu (Sammy) alums returned to Bethlehem for the football game. This year about 50 Sammy alums joined a Zoom call at what would have been tailgate and kickoff time to share great stories and memories from the past. “Given the COVID situation, it was great to be able to interact with the guys, and they had some guest appearances.” Andy’s niece Serena Sachs ’23 joined to thank the alumni for donating to Lehigh’s Hawkathon and also Tony Caiazzo from Campus Pizza, who has been catering events for many years at the Sands/Wind Creek.

So ... all in all I think we were all homesick on this weekend before Thanksgiving 2020. It’s an annual tradition we have grown to love. I enjoyed hearing from all of you, and that made me a little less homesick. I hope we are all in the Lehigh Valley next year, not sure if that will be at Lehigh or Lafayette. Can’t wait to see you all then.

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“Stuck inside these four walls, Sent inside forever, Never seeing one ...”

Paul McCartney penned these lyrics well before our time at Lehigh, but they ring eerily true today in life under COVID. Truly hope everyone is safe and well.

It is a pleasure to reconnect with the great Class of ’88 and guest host our column.

Hard to believe 20 years have flown by in Florida with my wife, Wendy. Our son, Justin, recently graduated from Rice University with a music performance degree. Professionally, I orchestrate the college search for talented students globally for my company, Best College Consulting.

Dietmar Laenger is also living down in the Florida Panhandle and has been working for Armstrong since graduation. His son is at Georgia Tech and daughter in medical school at FSU.

Bill Bahlke is a technical product manager at Advent software working on a portfolio accounting application called Geneva. His son, Trey, is a sophomore at Lehigh, and his daughter, Kendall, is a high school senior. His wife, Kirsten, is a vice president of marketing, and Shows. Their two daughters, Sarah and Michelle, are a photographer and recreational therapist, respectively. Bruce and Linda enjoy spending time with their two grandkids, Hailey and Jackson.

Chris Marshall just moved back to Bethlehem, Pa., in a home that is just a mile from the Goodman Campus.

Steve Hiltabiddle continues to swim competitively in master’s swimming. He holds several American records for the 50-54 age group and is threatening a few world records!

Jocelyn (Gitlin) Deutsch, 9 Vincent Lane, Armonk, NY 10504. jocelyndeutsch@hotmail.com
As I sit down to write this update, it’s early December and we’re still in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. I don’t think any of us expected this major life change or thought it would last this long. In Israel, we’ve had various lockdowns and openings and closings of schools and stores and restaurants. It’s just not normal, but in some ways, we’re adapting to the not knowing. And on a positive note, our classmates have not lost their sense of humor.

I wasn’t going to name names, but that would’ve been so boring. So, without further ado, here’s what some members of the Class of ’91 suggested I put in the Bulletin: Devin Gross shaved his beard, Brett Sherman is playing a lot of PlayStation 5, Andrea (Wiesel) Weissman is binge-watching Netflix and baking a lot of sweets, and Stephanie (Gitkin) Hawk is compiling a Class of ’91 Signature Drink List (submit any and all suggestions directly to Stephanie).

Andrea Strong wrote a book, “Good for You: Bold Flavors with Benefits” with chef Akhtar Nawab. Check out andreastrong.com/strong-writing. She’s also turned all bottles of wine into single-serving sizes by simply inserting a straw. Stacey Levine adopted a farm’s worth of dogs and cats and got a fantastic new job!

Think back to pre-pandemic life for just a moment—kids going to school, no knowledge of Zoom, travel for work and pleasure, no masks, etc. Way back when, David Providenti and his family took a break from New York-living and moved to Costa Rica for a few months. During that time, he had a business trip to Israel and we had the chance to catch up over dinner. It felt almost like we were back at the Lehigh-Lafayette game at Yankee Stadium—kidding—but we did have a great time. I think that was my last visitor before the borders closed.

A sincere thanks to those of you who did take the time to send updates. Holly (Hoffman) Ash and Michael Ash live on Long Island and both work in commercial banking. Their older son, Derek, is living in NYC and is a CPA working in audit at Deloitte. Their younger son, Alec, is a senior at the University of Michigan and, after graduation, will be working as a systems engineer in the Boston area.

Kerry (Johnson) Tichi was SO excited to go visit Susan Lanter Blank and Dana Susan back in March for a track meet in which her son, Luke, was competing in NYC. She had visits planned with Jennifer (Zerner) Hoffman and Stacey Winter and probably would’ve bumped into other Lehigh grads at dinner or just walking around the city. “But NOOOO, damn COVID ruined our little reunion!” I am grateful that Luke was able to attend Williams College in Mass. Seems like everyone wants to move to our small town of Durango these days and bring COVID with them!” Meater, you do live in one of the most beautiful parts of the country, and I miss being there and getting to see you.

The Class of 2011 has launched the Dr. Frank Douglas ’66 Endowed Scholarship Fund for the Advancement of Black Excellence—an endowment that could continue to support Black students for generations to come. If anyone is interested in donating, here is the link: mylehigh.lehigh.edu/dr.douglaslasscholarship.

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Hello, Class of 1993! Best wishes to you and your families for a healthy and sane 2021.

Bill Hogenauer is a partner at an executive search firm and leads a practice focused on chief information and chief technology officers. Happily married for 20 years to his wife, Sandy, they sent their oldest child off to Pitt in August 2020, where she lives at school but only attends classes virtually. Bill added, “It’s certainly nothing like the freshman college experience we had!” Their middle child now has his driver’s permit (stay off the sidewalks if you visit Doylestown), and their youngest is in middle school longing for the days when he can play baseball and basketball without a mask.

Erin Meagher Dougherty writes that she and John Dougherty ’92 live in Sinking Spring, Pa. Erin is an attorney and works remotely for Cahn & Parra LLC and is also the executive assistant for The Quaker City Foundation and The Hounds Foundation in Chester Springs, Pa. She and John have four children. The oldest, Sydney, graduated from Lehigh in 2020. Sydney is furthering her education at Widener University Delaware Law School; daughter Megan is a sophomore at The College of William and Mary; son Jake is a sophomore in high school; and daughter Emma is in eighth grade. Erin reports that she visited with Kim Bayer and her new husband, Ted, over the summer and continued to enjoy running and biking during the pandemic.

Dan Conway and his wife, Christi, are both United Methodist pastors in the Houston area. He is currently pursuing a doctor of ministry degree from Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary in outreach and discipleship with a dissertation on sermon-based small groups. Don says, “While I don’t recall ever seeing any Lehigh University bumper stickers here in the Houston area, I did see one on the streets of Seoul, South Korea, a couple summers ago!"

Chuck “Chozi” Wiltraut is entering his 27th year in health care operations and is currently serving as CEO of Mission East Dallas (MED), an award-winning Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) located in Mesquite, Texas. On occasion, he works with the United States Department of Health and Human Services conducting compliance assessments or virtual operational site visits for other FQHCs across the United States. He has hosted several virtual Lehigh reunions via Zoom to reconnect classmates, including Matt Goodrich with Michael G. Pane ’91 and Mark Hopkins ’90. In fact, one Zoom call early in the COVID-19 pandemic facilitated a “problem-solving” session for people in operations regarding the Small Business Administration (SBA) Payroll Protection Program (PPP) that was being offered. As a result of the call, four businesses run by Lehigh graduates applied for and received PPP.

The weekend of September 11, 2020, marked the 15th Annual Beta Theta Pi Golf Tournament at Old Homestead Golf Course in New Tripoli, Pa. Tee times were established by Don L. Steele, with post-golf festivities hosted at Chuck’s Pennsylvania home. Social chairs for the day were Gregory B. Saunders and M. Kent Zam-
belli ’91. Also present were Michael J. Spillane, Phil J. Kinzel ’92, Chris Barry ’88, Kurt J. Wetzel, John T. Maccagnan ’91, Jason C. Deeble, Robert Clinton ’91, Sonny Rutkowski and Daniel F. Pratt ’95. The next Lehigh Beta gathering will be in January 2021 in Denver to celebrate the 50th birthday of retired Lieutenant Colonel U.S.M.C. Martin J. Forrest IV.

Chuck says: “Let’s all continue to do our level best to facilitate healing and hope over hysteria and division.”

If you sent in an update and do not see it here, please check the next issue!

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What a long, strange year it’s been. Hopefully by the time you read this, 2020 will long be forgotten. Or not. And I will be looking to upload a 13-year-old girl and 10-year-old boy.

Every few years, you get an email from me asking for info. Thankfully not all of you delete the email. As a warning to all of you who responded—if you told me your kids were 8 and 6 years old, they may be 11 and 9 when you read about them in the column!

Warren Fisher and Julie (Vozick) Fisher’s oldest, Maya, is a freshman at Lehigh. They dropped her off after having to quarantine on the drive from their home in Florida. They spent two weeks in the Hamptons. Really roughing it. Maya joins Andy Bennett and Sam (Churgin) Bennett’s daughter, Sarah, who is a sophomore. I’m not sure Lehigh can handle another Churgin and Vozick. Warren is the CEO of Manole Capital.

After 18 years in NYC, Paul Vernisi, wife Karen, and their two children (5 and 3 years old) moved out of NYC in June 2020 and now live in St. Davids, Pa., closer to where they grew up, and closer to family. Paul works at Google and is based out of their New York office.

Eric Williams is the chair of the Criminal Justice Department at Radford University. Prior to that, Eric earned his master’s at Lehigh and was a professor from 2005-2007. He recently left his position at Sonoma State.

Lori (Hood) Sanders is the chief environmental counsel at Dupont. Her family made a great pandemic purchase—a 38-foot Class A Tiffin motor home. They have traveled all over and are planning a month-long trip to Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons. This is NOT the family trickster. Lori has two children, Summer (9) and Trexler (11).

Bill DeSimone started a production company called Twice on Saturday Productions. Their first project is a musical, “Just Between the All of Us,” which he described as a choose your own adventure style scripted musical with improv elements. If you like screaming at the TV during “The Bachelor,” this is for you. Bill lives in New Jersey with his wife, Laurie, daughter Julia (19, University of Miami) and their son Andrew (17).

Brad Berk has been attending weekly “Bachelorette” and “Bachelorette” watch parties at Brian Lapin’s home. Their wives are appalled.

Julie Sandler Ferrara’s daughter, Emily, is graduating from Lehigh in the spring and taking a position at KPMG. She is moving to Florida for her job as Julie and her husband, Tom, moved to “The Villages,” in Florida. (Julie will angrily text me the minute she reads this.)

Many of you wrote in with other funny comments too, but Sheila Shovlin took top honors. She has been working as a software development manager for Hitachi Rail for the last three years helping to develop the new Brussels, Belgium, metro. On the side, she teaches Irish dance, which has been particularly challenging during COVID. She told me, “My favorite thing to do during COVID is drink and make really crappy tie-dyed shirts. I’m thinking of taking up smoking.”

Cheers to that!

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Greetings, Class of ’95!

It was great to hear from Dan Bird, who has retired from Bank of America after 20 years. Dan is now headed to Greece to enjoy the beautiful weather. Congratulations, Dan!

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Class of ’96, I hope you are all well. I imagine you are all very busy as no one except David Hardwick responded to any of my pleas for information!

Can you believe we are coming up on 25 years since graduation? Crazy!! I don’t know where the years have gone, as I can still remember my days and some of the nights (ha ha) at Lehigh. In some of my extra spare time I recently went through a scrapbook of my freshman year on M&M. The first days of school, rush, formals, so much fun. I was on the soccer team my freshman year, so I have lots of pictures of the team, including my roommate, Kristen (Gschwind) Carmouche, along with Courtney (Rossi) Macchia, Michelle Yrigoyen, Shannon Herchen and Sherri (Corr) Filiposki. From the looks of it from Facebook, none of us have changed—we’ve all only gotten better with age!

If you are not on Facebook (or even if you are!) but would like to connect with some of our classmates, you can join our 1996 digital yearbook on Bright Crowd. Bright Crowd is a digital community where alumni can stay connected with classmates and celebrate each other’s accomplishments. Join the 1996 Bright Crowd community today by visiting lehigh.brightcrowd.com/1996!

And now, to the one and only update, thanks again David!

“My son (13), daughter (10) and I are kicking butt on Fortnite … My wife tolerates it. I am in the running for the hermit world record … but have a lot of competition here; wish me luck. Ruh Rah Rega, Alpha Tau Omega. ‘San Dimas high school football rules!’ I am employed, so pretty pumped about that.”

So, David is probably playing my sons, Harry (14) and Max (12), on Fortnite. I leave the actual video gaming to the boys, but I’m pretty good at Candy Crush and word games on my phone. Ah, the joys of quarantine.

Cheers, Class of ’96!

’97 Lopa (Patel) Zielinski, Madison, NJ, Lpzielinski@gmail.com

I hope that all is well as of this writing and you are staying safe and healthy and had a nice holiday season. Please keep sharing the news and photos!

Ryan Day writes that he and his wife, Amanda, welcomed their first son, John Ryan Day Jr., in October. Jonah Myerberg shared fantastic news that he was able to take his company, Desktop Metal, public at the New York Stock Exchange.

I hope all of you have a nice winter and until next issue, stay well and safe.

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Hello, Class of 1999!
As always, I hope this finds you and your families healthy and well. And I am excited to share some news from one of our classmates! James Ho—a fellow Taylor College resident—and his wife live in Taipei with their two boys, who are in the first and fourth grades. They run a delicious gelato business, and spend time with a fellow Lehigh alumnus, Sunny Chang ’97 ’98G, and his family. Thanks for the update, James!
It always makes me very happy to hear from our classmates, so if you have a minute, please drop me a note. Wishing you all well. And I am excited to wonder what the time you are reading this, we have turned the corner with COVID-19 and are looking forward to a fun and healthy summer for everyone!

Now on to our first update! Julie (Dickensheets) Yimoyines and her husband, Keith Yimoyines ’03, have lived in West Hartford, Conn., for the last nine years. Julie is in the middle of her 18th year of teaching high school chemistry while Keith is a naturopathic physician who specializes in the treatment of Lyme disease. They are very busy with their two boys, Eli (8) and Caleb (6). They celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary last February and are looking forward to a tropical vacation when they can travel safely again.

Tom Gamarello and his wife, Christine Spodnick ’00, live in central New Jersey with their two children and their Bernese Mountain Dog. Tom is a lawyer and Christine is a veterinarian. Between their jobs and their children, they occasionally still speak with one another.

Please reach out and share what’s happening in your part of the world! Contact me at lcarino@att.net or on Facebook at Laura Schwamb Carino.

I can’t wait to hear from you! Stay healthy, have a wonderful few months and stay tuned for more updates!

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In baby news, Michael J. Zurat and his husband, Michael Irwin, welcomed a son, Matthew James Irwin, into the world on September 23, 2020, coming in at 6 pounds, 14 ounces. He joins his big brother, William. They are all doing well resting at home in Alexandria, Va. Congratulations, Michael.
As always, feel free to email me at any time. I love receiving your news. Stay healthy.

Jessi (Schimmel) McMullan, jessi.mcmullan@alum.lehigh.edu
I often find fodder for this column because I cross a news article about a classmate. This column is no exception. In their efforts to keep content fresh in the absence of a fall sporting season, Lehigh Sports Information took a “trip down memory lane” with a “look back at one of its league-best 12 Patriot League championship teams” every week of what would have been the football season. Here, I found All-Patriot League linebacker Anthony Graziani reminiscing about the 2004 Patriot League Championship.
I reached out to him to see what he’s been up to since graduation. Here’s his story in his own words:

“After graduating in the fall of 2005, I was given the opportunity to play American football in Italy. It was a great experience and allowed me to travel and play throughout Italy, Germany, Austria and Norway as I concluded my football career.

“Upon returning to the

Lehigh Valley, I joined JFR Salvage, Inc., located in Wind Gap, Pa., where I am now the vice president of the company. We are a scrap metal recycling company that purchases and processes both ferrous and non-ferrous scrap metal, then ships it both domestically and internationally, where it is eventually melted and produced into new product.

“At JFR, we regularly give back to communities and foundations throughout the Lehigh Valley. We stay committed to supporting St. Jude Children’s Hospital, LV Burn Foundation, local schools and law enforcement, among others. We have also partnered with Lehigh Athletics the past four years, including sponsoring the past two Lehigh-Lafayette football games at Goodman Stadium.

“I now reside in Nazareth, Pa., with my wife, daughter Gioia (5), and son Marco (2). Being close to Lehigh allows me to stay involved with the University and attend events throughout the year to catch up with fellow classmates and alumni. I have aspirations of coaching when the time permits.”

Thanks, Anthony, for filling us in. Hope everyone else is doing as well as can be. Remember, you don’t have to be in the news to fill us in. Please feel free to reach out to me to update us on your life.

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Brian Roth, lehighclassof2007@gmail.com
Carolyn (Sterling) Collins ’10 and Michael Collins welcomed their second daughter, Charlotte, on October 21, 2020. Charlotte, who will go by Charlie, was 7 pounds, 4 ounces, and joins big sister Maisie.
'08 Editor’s Note: Many thanks to Kaitlyn Noon for representing her class as the correspondent for the last eight years. To share your news or if you would be interested in becoming your class’s correspondent, reaching out to classmates, and writing a column three times a year, please contact Stephanie Fisher at saf517@lehigh.edu.

'09 Bobby Buckheit, lehighclass2009@gmail.com
Hello, Class of 2009! Hopefully by the time this column is published, we are at the beginning of returning to normal. I hope everyone is safe and healthy and can’t wait to connect with many of you in person again. Just a few updates for the column.

Nate and Betsy (Schlauch) Hritz just welcomed their second child, another daughter! Her name is Olivia Jane Hritz, and she was born on October 21, 2020, at 8 pounds, 1 ounce, and 21 inches long. Their first daughter, Caroline, is so excited to be a big sister!

Laura Deutsch and her husband, Chris, are now a family of three! Baby boy Carter arrived on October 26 and has brought so much love and joy. Laura is looking forward to taking him on his first visit to Lehigh once the pandemic is over!

Exciting news for Bess Rowen, her book “The Lines Between the Lines: How Stage Directions Affect Embodiment” is officially forthcoming with University of Michigan Press with a book release scheduled for fall 2021! The book covers her ideas of affective stage directions, which are stage directions written to engage with future readers and production teams through their embodied imaginations to add unique, culturally specific dimensions to the plays surrounding them. In the meantime, her latest article, “Ruhls of the House: Surreal Spaces for Queer Homes in the Plays of Sarah Ruhl,” can be found in the fall issue of Modern Drama.

That’s it, and as always, feel free to send any class updates for the next column to LehighClass2009@gmail.com.

'10 Nick Anderson, Nick.Anderson@alum.lehigh.edu
It likely goes without saying that Lehigh-LaF is my (as well as many of your) favorite Lehigh tradition. At the time of this writing, shortly after Thanksgiving, I can’t help but feel a little emptiness that I was not afforded the opportunity to gather with fellow alums and mercilessly heckle Lafayette’s football team and fan base. I am optimistic that we will each have that opportunity in 2021!

We had lots of baby announcements in the second half of 2020. James Coffey and his wife welcomed their second child, Cecilia Lane, at the end of June in 2020. The family is moving from D.C. to West Palm Beach, Fla., where James took a new job working at a real estate private equity firm. Martha (Durant) Rossi and Michael Rossi ’11 welcomed their first child, Margaret Anne, in July of 2020. Deborah Streahle and Alex Haitos welcomed a baby boy, Aius Alexander, in August of 2020. Adriana Brizuela Gindlesperger and husband Christopher welcomed baby boy Levi Brizuela Gindlesperger in August 2020 in Philadelphia! Kevin Ackler and wife Z’hora (Green) Ackler ’12 welcomed their first baby boy, André Lenox Ackler, in September of 2020. Lauren Bloch and husband Kerran welcomed a baby girl, Riley Makenna Bloch-Flanagan, in November! And, on the same day in November, Juliana Bleiberg welcomed a baby girl, Edie Beatrice! Congrats to all!

In wedding news, Nicholas Steiner married Erin in July of 2020. And in professional news, Trevor Drummond just took a new role working in operational defensive space control as a modeling and simulation engineer at Perspecta.

Stay healthy, my friends.

'11 Sri Rao, srivedi211@gmail.com
Members of our Class of 2011 took the lead on creating a new endowed scholarship, the Dr. Frank Douglas ’66 Endowed Scholarship Fund for the Advancement of Black Excellence. The goal of the scholarship is to promote equality at every level by working toward a more inclusive and equitable Lehigh. Cos Denson ’56, the first Black student to graduate from Lehigh, earned his diploma just 10 years before Dr. Douglas ’66, for whom this scholarship is named. Currently, only about 4 percent of Lehigh’s undergraduate population is Black, and we are hoping to increase this by making a Lehigh education affordable to a broader audience of students. Learn more about the scholarship here: lehighcrowdfunding.com/organizations/the-dr-frank-douglas-66-endowed-scholarship-fund-for-the-advancement-of-black-excellence. Please consider donating here: mylehigh.lehigh.edu/dr douglasscholarship.

I did not receive any updates from any of our classmates this time, so make sure that you continue to send updates to me at srivedi211@gmail.com. I love hearing what you all are doing and hope you all continue to thrive!

'12 Mary (Haynie) Reardon, (215) 687-1624 (C); maryhaynie12@gmail.com
Hello all! As I write this, I’m in the middle of a glorious maternity leave; I definitely recommend it. Brian Reardon ’13 and I had our first baby, Emma Rose, on November 14 and we couldn’t be happier! (Actually, if we could have maternity/paternity leave extended forever, that would be pretty awesome, but we’ll enjoy the time we have now.)

Sam Litt and Dan Juda ’11 have been married three years and are living in Brooklyn. Dan spends his time working at OXO and Sam works at Etsy. They welcomed their adorable first child, Levi, in November and were also able to both take time off of work to enjoy being madly in love with their baby!

Jessica Singer and Steven Shapiro were married—COVID style—on the beach, just the two of them, in Palm Beach, Fla. Dr. Jess graduated from NYU College of Dentistry and is currently practicing in South Florida. Dr. Steven graduated from TuoroCOM and is pursuing a residency in emergency medicine. They’ve made Florida their new home with their pup, Maisen.

Zach Casler has been biking around Austin, spending time with his girlfriend, and hosting outdoor events through The Round (the company where he is founder and CEO), most recently outdoor yoga with a few hundred people.

Henry Weinberger and Guliz Unce were happily married with a small group of family and friends sharing the love. They currently reside in Brooklyn, NY, working remotely at home as newywoods.

Charlotte Bidgood and Chris Ellinghausen ’11 recently moved from NYC to Conn., and they have two adorable mini doxies, Lucy and Teddy (@tedandgoose). Chris proposed to Charlotte while out on a sunset beach walk with the dogs. Chris works at MUGF and Charlotte has been working at J.Crew since our graduation.

Congratulations all!! I love hearing great news from our classmates—if you’re reading this and your life has changed at all since we were together in Bethlehem in 2012, let me know!
Hi everyone! Leah Paulson and Mike Ronan here. We hope you are well, and we are excited to share some fantastic updates from our fellow Class of ’14 alumni!

Alexa Elias has been serving as a technology program manager at Alphadyne Asset Management in NYC since 2017, where she works with the chief technology officer to devise and execute the firm’s innovative technology strategy across its five global offices. Alexa was recently recognized as a finalist for the Young Leader Award for the NYC Women in IT for her work at Alphadyne, in addition to being the first woman to join their 30-plus person technology team and starting the firm’s first women’s affinity group. Alexa has also been serving as the co-chair of the Team Fox NYC Young Professionals for the past two years, in conjunction with the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s Research. She was also recently included in the inaugural Undergraduate Dean’s Advisory Council for the College of Business at Lehigh.

*Wedding Bells*

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Happy to share some fantastic news!

**Congratulations to both couples!**

Rickie Hill has been serving as the lead ASU operations engineer at Messer Americas in Dallas, Texas, and Adel, Ga., since 2014. During this time, he has worked on numerous projects including the commissioning of a $40 million custom-engineered separation plant. Rickie spent four years on Lehigh’s football team and has transitioned his passion for fitness and competition into CrossFit. As always, feel free to email either of us (Leah at leahpaulson22@gmail.com or Mike at michaelronan214@gmail.com) anytime. We love hearing what you’re up to!

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The end of a tough year for us all has still brought milestones and celebrations for the Class of 2015! Evan Pines-Boyle and Elizabeth Pines-Boyle ’16 are expecting their first child in April 2021. Dana Gallant got engaged to fiancé Taylor at Prospect Park over Thanksgiving. And John Schultz moved out to Tacoma, Wash., this fall, and road-tripped across the U.S. during his move to the West Coast! We hope everyone is staying safe and well during the holiday season and as we begin 2021.

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I hope everyone enjoyed their holidays safely. Emily Poche became a registered nurse in May and has been working as a front-line worker since June during the COVID-19 pandemic in the greater Lehigh Valley community. She loved Bethlehem when at Lehigh and decided to make it her home. At the hospital where she works, there is an outpatient COVID treatment clinic with experimental treatments. Being on the cutting edge of health developments is really satisfying to her. While Emily feels exhausted and terrified to be working with COVID on a daily basis, giving back to one of her favorite communities is something that she’s really glad she is able to do.

Jennifer Angelo got engaged to Benjamin Smith (University of Delaware ’16) this summer, and the two bought a house in Yardley, Pa., earlier in the year. Jen and Ben went to middle school and high school together and reconnected after college. They are planning for an October 2021 wedding in Bucks County.

Chris Foley moved to Philadelphia and started working in the Lockheed Martin Operations Leadership Development Program.

Cassandra Saulski ’17 picked up a new hobby during quarantine and started a YouTube channel about board games.

Robert Hillman, robertj.hillman1@gmail.com

Happy 2021, Class of ’17! I hope everyone had a good holiday season and found an appropriate way to celebrate the New Year. Four years out from our graduation and so much has happened in that time. I have failed to catch up with other alumni to prepare for this article. The virtual Lehigh-Lafayette celebration in November was a fun way to bond with some people over the rivalry, but I did not have an opportunity to get a life update from anyone.

In 2020 there was only one chance I had to meet up with my old roommates. We managed to schedule time off, quarantine time and tests to meet in Queensbury, NY. If anyone is looking for a reason to leave the home office, stretch your legs or have a nice weekend, a walk in downtown Lake George during the fall is absolutely worth it. Shout-out to Patch Kroll for convincing myself, Jon Wood, Matt Cossel and Andrew Hutcheson to participate, as well as Casey Kozoh ’16, Sara Keefer ’16 and Natalie Costa. It was a nice “fake tailgate” get-together; we hope we can replicate it in Bethlehem this year.

The end of 2020 was spent figuring out how to spend socially distanced holiday time and Zoom calls with extended family and old friends. How many Zoom holiday parties, happy hours or New Year’s celebrations did everyone tally up? How many do you think there are cumulatively among our class of computer-savvy millennials? Do we have anyone from the math department or statistics majors who can make a good estimate?

This year was my first chance at writing these articles for our class, and I am thankful for the opportunity to do this and connect with all of you. I am hoping to continue to reach out to you and find the amazing stories of how the Class of ’17 has launched themselves into the world after graduation, and how we persevere through 2020 and beyond. Feel free to be proactive and email me about your story, your business, your adventure, your new family or anything. Reach me at robertj.hillman1@gmail.com.

Other things I’m thankful for include: Zoom for rising as the better mousetrap and keeping us all connected with each other and our families; Animal Crossing New Horizons for keeping my partner and me sane; and local libraries and package stores for remaining open, inviting and often contactless for the past 12 months. I hope 2021 sees more things to be thankful for, like an opportunity for us to regroup at Lehigh sometime soon.

If you want your life updates...
shared with your classmates, get in touch with me! I can be reached at robert.j.hillman1@gmail.com, and I am always monitoring our old Facebook group (facebook.com/groups/LUClassof17/). You can also find me through a variety of other means, i.e., Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat, message in a bottle, smoke signals and carrier pigeon. Stay safe and get in touch soon!

Take care.

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Hello, everyone! I want to share the unique careers some of the 2019 alumni have pursued with their Lehigh degrees.

Ally Abramson has started a new position as a copywriter for Quaker City Mercantile. She graduated from Lehigh with a degree in marketing with a concentration in advertising. In her previous role, she was a junior copywriter with Domus, Inc. Congratulations, Ally, on this amazing opportunity!

Sage Chasen holds an integrated degree in engineering, arts and sciences honors program (IDEAS) degree in industrial and systems engineering, and a degree in integrated fashion and product design. Sage has had diverse work experiences since graduating. Starting at the North Face, he designed new models to increase stockroom capacity and started plans to roll out these models. He then moved on to impressive roles in product development at Ralph Lauren, and currently, he is the associate distribution planner at Louis Vuitton.

With his degree in computer science and business, Nimesh Monson started his career at Exscribe, Inc., where he developed a dynamically rendered questionnaire with skip logic navigation to collect patient health data. After this role, he moved to the Bay Area and has excitedly announced a new position as back end developer for Tempo.

Jamal Connelly graduated from Lehigh with an impressive triple major in political science and government, religion studies and Africana studies. He is currently an AP U.S. history teacher for Uncommon Schools. He says that he not only prepares his students for the AP test, but it is his goal to have them understand American politics and history. Providing mentorship for his students, he says, “I feel like I am doing my part in changing the world every time I step into the classroom.”

Yet again, the Class of 2019 is showing us all that is possible with a Lehigh degree. If you’d like to share your story, please contact me through my email!

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Class of 2021, congratulations on making it past the first semester of our last year at Lehigh. Without a doubt, this semester has been a challenging one. I want to acknowledge the tremendous effort we all made despite the circumstances. In particular, I want to highlight the activities Sophia Mayone and Abdul Syed accomplished thus far.

Sophia Mayone is a chemical engineering student who spent all of her semester working on her capstone project as well as her senior thesis. Undoubtedly, ChBEs have a difficult fall semester because of all the senior projects; however, Mayone states that working through the difficult project by getting to know her group members closely has been one highlight
of her semester. The capstone project consisted of designing a chemical plant, and through all the Zoom meetings with her team, Mayone recounts the close friendships that she formed with her group members. In addition to the capstone, Mayone emphasizes that the biggest highlight of her semester was working under Lehigh ChBE professor Dr. Angela Brown for her senior thesis, which involved engineering bacterial outer membrane vesicles to transport Alzheimer’s disease drugs across the blood-brain barrier. Mayone states that Dr. Brown is a strong role model for her within the chem-e department, and that her interest in the development of new drugs was first ignited by her co-op at Sanofi, a pharmaceutical company she worked with during her junior fall to senior summer. At Sanofi, her projects focused on improving the manufacturing process of influenza vaccines, which helped Mayone realize her true passion lies in creating new drugs.

In preparation for graduation, Mayone is applying to chem-e Ph.D. programs all across the U.S., focusing on pharmaceutical development for biological drugs. Mayone is excited to see what the future holds after graduation, when she will be able to fully apply her interest in her field.

Abdul Syed is a bioengineering student studying biomechanics and materials. During winter break, Abdul is completing an internship at ABEC—a biotech company near Lehigh. His project involves designing the mechanical component in large-scale bioreactors, which Abdul states “are essentially giant machines that make cells.” He finds his project especially rewarding because his work allows major drug companies to test COVID-19 vaccines. Through his work at ABEC, Abdul has realized that his plan after graduation has to make a positive impact on people’s lives. With this in mind, Abdul is looking to work at biomechanics firms that make prosthetics and implants upon graduation.

Moreover, Abdul is a leader in many of Lehigh’s clubs and societies, including serving as a head Gryphon for the Arrington-Brohead dorms and as president of the Biomedical Engineering Society. His main goal for the next semester is to pass the torch off to the next generation of student leaders, making sure there is a good transition of exec members in all his clubs.

Abdul is looking forward to keeping the momentum going and ending the year off strong. He states his excitement for the job hunt; instead of dreading the process, he’s found that his current internship has given him a lot of experience and knowledge in his field.

As we charge forward into our last semester, I want to hear what you’ve accomplished at Lehigh and your plans for the future. Email me at amc321@lehigh.edu to share!

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Hello, Class of 2022. I hope that everybody had a solid fall semester, despite learning almost fully remotely and having limited in-person gatherings with friends and professors.

The Fall 2020 semester was challenging for everyone because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Some students were completely remote and took their classes from their off-campus houses in Bethlehem or wherever they live. On-campus housing was limited to freshmen only.

It was strange to see campus extremely quiet for an entire semester and was harder for students to make new friends and interact with old ones.

There were no sporting events, gatherings were limited to 10 people or less and all the Lehigh traditions such as Founder’s Week and Le-Laf were celebrated virtually.

The year 2020 itself has been unprecedented with the pandemic, an uprising in social justice and a presidential election. At the same time, I have been super impressed by the leadership initiatives from fellow classmates over the last few months.

Dave Jha was one of 350 students selected from 41 countries to win Apple’s 2020 Worldwide Developers Conference (WWDC) Swift Student Challenge back on June 15. The contest challenges participants to create an interactive scene in a Swift playground, which is a testing ground for developers. Jha developed an app from a Washington Post simulator that simplified social distancing impacts and relations to viruses such as COVID-19.

He also started working for PPE4NYC, a nonprofit organization that has supplied protective equipment during the pandemic.

Sadly, there have been classmates who have stayed at Lehigh and in the U.S. since the pandemic began in March due to travel restrictions.

Adrian Suarez, an international student from the Philippines, is one of those students, but he has continued to be a leading voice for the Lehigh community.

Suarez organized and co-hosted a Lehigh Strong Variety Show to support essential health care workers in the Lehigh Valley on June 27. The event was live-streamed on YouTube.

The presidential election was important in so many ways, and it was great to see numerous Lehigh students show up to the polls to ensure that their vote was heard regardless of which candidate they voted for.

Both Cyanah Ramsay and Kanea Brooks voted in their first presidential election and felt like it was important to make their voices heard.

In an article in The Brown and White, Ramsay said that voting is a duty, and in the same article, Brooks said that as a Black woman, she felt like she was a voice for the minority population.

I knew this semester would be a different one than anyone has previously experienced. It has been harder for me, like everyone else, to form those in-person relationships that help make one’s college experience memorable. I miss learning in person while being surrounded by my fellow peers and students.

At the same time, it was gratifying to see all of my classmates step up academically and have the motivation to work toward their degrees despite learning on Zoom for a majority of the time.

I was personally impressed that cases were down for a while and that everyone did the best they can to follow the university guidelines.

This semester is also a lesson to savor all the moments that you get to spend with each other. Times are tough right now, but I’m optimistic that things will slowly return to normal for the spring semester.

Better days are ahead, and I hope we can use this time to regroup and return to a university with more in-person classes and gatherings for the spring semester.

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Hello, everyone. My name is
Samantha Gropper, and I am a first-year student from Westchester, N.Y., studying psychology. As a member of the Lehigh Class of 2024, I think I can safely say that the experience of living on-campus this past semester has definitely been different—both academically and socially—from most other first-year experiences at Lehigh. I thought I would share a little bit about my first semester at Lehigh, just in case any alumni or upperclassmen were wondering what it has been like on campus during this unprecedented time.

Until a few weeks before the fall semester began, I wasn’t sure if my fellow freshmen and I would be permitted on campus, so I was thrilled when Lehigh announced that first-year students were allowed to come. However, the housing setup for the freshman class would be quite different than ever before: Every student would be in a single room, spread out across the different dorms, on-campus apartments and houses. I lived in an on-campus apartment in Sayre Park Village, which was very different from the typical dorm experience I was expecting, but nonetheless a great place to live. At first, it was difficult to meet other students outside of my building, but by making an effort to meet other people in the dining halls, in-person classes and even the library, I was able to make friends regardless of where I lived on campus.

I have also been able to meet other students, both freshmen and upperclassmen, by getting involved in a few clubs on campus. Through the virtual club fair that was held at the beginning of the semester, I joined the Lehigh yearbook, the Epitome, as well as Best Buddies, a club that fosters relationships between students and people living with developmental disabilities. Even though both of these organizations have run virtually this semester, I’m excited to have found ways to give back to the Lehigh community in such a difficult time.

Lehigh freshmen have had to adapt to all sorts of different academic challenges. I was able to make the most out of my semester by finding different places on campus to take my remote classes, do my homework or study. I loved taking my Zoom classes in either the library or the STEPS building, and found getting out of my room and utilizing the space on campus made a huge difference for me. I spent a lot of my afternoons in the library’s Grind Café, where I was able to sit with friends and classmates to do work. Discovering new places to study, especially with friends, made life on campus feel a lot less isolating.

For the first month of the semester, since there had been no cases of COVID on campus, students were able to eat in the dining halls, work in the libraries and attend some classes in person. The end of September, however, saw a rapid increase of cases that shut down Lehigh’s campus for about three weeks. While I was fortunate to not get COVID this semester, my friends and I moved to the Trembley apartments after contact tracing revealed we had been exposed to the virus. Since two of my friends and I had tested negative for COVID in quarantine, we were able to live together in Trembley. We passed the time watching movies, playing games and Zooming with other friends. Having to quarantine was just a small bump in the semester, and afterwards we were able to safely make the most of our time together on campus. While COVID had now become a prevalent part of the atmosphere on campus, it did not stop Lehigh students from making the most out of their first semester of college.

Arriving at Lehigh this semester, I had no idea what to expect. As a freshman, I didn’t have previous on-campus experience to compare it to, and I haven’t truly been able to understand what our class missed out on. Despite the unusual circumstances, though, I loved what I was able to experience at Lehigh this fall. I was lucky enough to have had one fully in-person class, and even though we were masked, it was nice to be able to sit in a classroom with other students. It was challenging, but I still managed to meet new people and form connections with others. As a new member of the Lehigh family, I believe my classmates and I have learned that it’s up to us to be resilient and make the most of our first year on campus during these unprecedented circumstances.

**GRADUATE**

**College of Arts and Sciences**

**Matthew Burns M.A. ’05**

recently published a book of poetry, “Imagine the Glacier” (Finishing Line Press). “This work explores the transience of nature—both human and elemental—capturing images of beauty, brutality and intimacy within multiple environments. The collection includes James Hearst Poetry Prize winner ‘Rhubarb’ as well as the Pushcart Prize and Best of the Net nominees. The book can be found on his website: matthewburns poetry.com, as well as through the publisher and Amazon.

“Born and raised in upstate New York, Burns is now an associate professor at SUNY Cobleskill (where he) teaches creative writing and literature courses on subjects as varied as beauty, brutality and intimacy of nature—both human and.”

**Bonnie A. Green M.S. ’98 Ph.D. ’02**

was elected to serve as the president-elect for the Eastern Psychological Association (EPA). “Dr. Green will be EPA president for their March 2022 meeting, scheduled for New York City. Prior to her election, Bonnie was elected to EPA Board Directors, and was selected as the teaching chair of the program committee, as well as chair of the program committee. Her dedication to serving EPA, her research in student success and her mentoring of dozens of undergraduate researchers led to her being recognized as an EPA Fellow.

“Additionally, Dr. Green has begun a two-year visiting science appointment at the National Science Foundation (NSF), where she is serving as a program director in the Division of Undergraduate Education. At NSF, her responsibilities are an extension of her research, which began while still a graduate student at Lehigh, which includes translating basic research in cognitive developmental psychology to educational solutions particularly for post-secondary students from underserved or oppressed backgrounds. Dr. Green recognizes the mentoring she received and continues to receive from faculty at Lehigh’s Psychology department, with special recognition going to her advisor and on-going collaborator, Dr. Susan Barrett.”

**Mary Jane Ingui Ph.D. ’85**

was awarded second place for letters in the nonfiction category at the National League of American Pen Women 2019 Florida State Association Conference, for her book, “Trauma and Tenacity in Vietnam: A Surgeon’s Story.”
“(In) 2020, the book was made part of the University of Alabama Library’s Special Collections by Dr. Lorraine Madway. Available on Amazon and on Ingram (for libraries), this book details Dr. Sheldon Kushner’s role in a MILPHAP unit in Vinh Long, Vietnam, doing surgery on South Vietnamese civilians from 1968-1969. This book provides another part of the history of the Vietnam War since there were many of these units which were designed to elevate the health care of the Vietnamese and thus win the hearts and minds of the general population.”

College of Business
Gene Abel MBA ’64 gave Lehigh this update on his life: After graduating from Lehigh, Mr. Abel served in the U.S. Army in Germany as a nuclear weapons officer. He also helped redesign the pay system for the Army National Guard and Army Reserve. He retired as a full colonel. As a civilian, he held several roles in hospital, university and bank settings.

“I retired in 1999 when my late wife, Carol, got cancer. We spent 10 years in Florida, and she passed away in 2008. In 2011, I married Susan Bittner, a Jersey girl, and we live in Sicklerville, N.J.”

Many years ago, he started writing and self-publishing novels. He now has four books under contract with Indigo River Publishing. The first was released in October 2020 and became an Amazon bestseller.

It is a time travel novel called “Going Back.” The second—a romance novel called “The Inn of Destiny”—was released in November 2020.

The year 2021 holds much excitement for Gene: “My non-fiction book, ‘What, If Anything, Is Out There,’ will be released. It is a book that takes a look at the UFO sightings and the possibility that we are being visited by extraterrestrials. And later in 2021 the sequel to ‘Going Back’ will be released, and the title of that book is ‘Kidnappers from the Future.’"

p.c. rossin college of engineering and applied science
Peter Christian M.S. ’77 wrote in with an update since the summer 2020 Bulletin.

He now has his second book, “Influences and Influencers,” available for purchase. He has started mentoring startup organizations through a group called the Tampa Wave. In addition, he joined the educational advisory committee for the ISE department at Rutgers University and began teaching a virtual class to business students on project management starting in February 2021 through Alvernia University.

IN REMEMBRANCE
The alumni and university communities extend their sympathy to the families of the alumni listed. Obituary sources include relatives, alumni and friends. Send details to Advancement Services, 306 S. New St., Suite 500, Bethlehem, PA 18015; 1-866-517-1552; askrecords@lehigh.edu. The following were reported to us as of December 31, 2020:

1940s
Herbert A. Brown ’41, Milford, Conn., Oct. 6, 2020. Mr. Brown served in the U.S. Army Air Forces during World War II. He worked as both an engineer and a math teacher.

Rudolph E. Gosztonyi Jr. ’42, Bethlehem, Pa., Sept. 13, 2020. Dr. Gosztonyi was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He practiced general medicine before moving to Ingersoll Rand to focus on industrial medicine. He also served as chief medical director for various other companies including Tenneco Chemical and Johnson & Johnson. His son, Rudolph Gosztonyi III, is a member of the Class of 1979.

Thomas C. MacAllister Jr. ’43, Fredericksburg, Va., Nov. 9, 2020. Originally from Milford, Conn., Mr. MacAllister was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II who served in the China-Burma-India theater. He spent his nearly 40-year career as a transmissions engineer with Southern New England Telephone Company. His daughter, Dawn MacAllister, is a member of the Class of 1984. Father and daughter worked as a team to write the Class of 1943 column.

Roderick W. Link ’44, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., Sept. 9, 2020. A Psi Upsilon brother, Mr. Link was also a member of Tau Beta Pi, Phi Beta Kappa and Omicron Delta Kappa honor societies, as well as the soccer, wrestling and lacrosse teams. He finished his degree after serving in the U.S. Army during World War II. He spent his entire career with IBM. Mr. Link was a member of the Asa Packer and Tower societies, and his son, Stephen Link, is a member of the Class of 1985.

John A. Ross ’44, Kennett Square, Pa., Nov. 27, 2019. Mr. Ross was a member of the soccer team. He worked as an engineer for DuPont. He was also a member of the Tower Society.

Maurice A. Deane ’46, New York, N.Y., April 1, 2020. Mr. Deane was a Tau Delta Phi brother. He was president and CEO of Endo Laboratories, a pharmaceutical company responsible for the development of Coumadin. He went to Hofstra Law School in 1978, becoming the oldest entering student in that school’s history. He served as a Hofstra University trustee from 1982 to 2007, and as chairman of the board from 1989-1991. In 2012, the law school was rededicated as the Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University. Along with his wife, he established two centers at The Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City: The Barbara and Maurice Deane Prostate Health and Research Center, and the Barbara and Maurice Deane Center for Wellness and Cognitive Health. His daughter, Jill Deane Sheppard ’79, is a member of the Lehigh family.

Richard J. MacAdams ’46, Lambertville, Mich., Dec. 16, 2020. Mr. MacAdams was a Sigma Phi Epsilon brother, as well as a member of The Brown and White and Epitome, the
Marching 97, and the Mustard and Cheese. He worked as a professional engineer for over 50 years. As an alumnus, he was a very active volunteer with his class, representing them for over 25 years, including the last 12 as the class correspondent in this magazine. He received the prestigious Alumni Award in 1991 for his dedication to the university. He was also a member of the Tower Society.

Charles D. Jones ’47, Dublin, Ohio, Sept. 27, 2020. Dr. Jones served in the U.S. Army during World War II, where he worked on the Manhattan Project. As a student, he was a member of the track, wrestling, fencing and soccer teams. Dr. Jones spent his career in the department of mechanical engineering at The Ohio State University.


James E. Weiss Jr. ’47, Allentown, Pa., Oct. 18, 2020. Mr. Weiss was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps in World War II. He worked as credit manager for Merritt Lumber Company for 30 years and was executive director of the Allen-town-Lehigh County Board of Realtors for many years, as well. His children—John Weiss ’70, Richard Weiss ’75G and Andrew Weiss ’81—are members of the Lehigh family.

Lewis D. Wetzel ’47, Portland, Maine, Sept. 28, 2020. A Theta Chi brother and soccer team member, Mr. Wetzel was also a veteran of the U.S. Navy during World War II. He made his career as an engineer in the communications industry.

Eugene F. Holben ’48, Medford, N.J., Nov. 25, 2020. Mr. Holben was a veteran of the U.S. Navy during World War II. As a student, he was a brother of Sigma Phi Epsilon and played basketball and track. He was an amateur radio operator for over 40 years and a founding member of the Battleship New Jersey Amateur Radio Station. Professionally, he founded Conameter Corp., a manufacturer of industrial instruments.

Leon C. Holt ’48, Bethlehem, Pa., Sept. 13, 2020. Mr. Holt was a veteran of the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was an Alpha Tau Omega brother. He spent more than 30 years with Air Products, retiring as vice chairman and chief administrative officer, and also served as chairman of the Air Products Foundation and a director of the VF Corporation. Mr. Holt and his family endowed a scholarship and established the Holt Family Endowed International Internship Fund. He was a member of the Asa Packer and Tower societies, as well as a longtime member of the Friends Committee of the Zoellner Arts Center. For his dedication to the university, he was awarded the prestigious Alumni Award in 2018. His son and daughter-in-law, Richard Holt and Valerie (Ciocca) Holt, received their graduate degrees from Lehigh.

Quentin C. Jurgensen ’48, Las Vegas, Nev., Sept. 4, 2020. Mr. Jurgensen served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a Delta Upsilon brother. He spent his 35-year career with E.I. DuPont de Nemours & Co.

George W. Kahler Jr. ’48, Overland Park, Kan., Dec. 1, 2020. Mr. Kahler started at Lehigh before going to serve in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He came back to finish his degree. He was a member of the Marching 97. He went on to work for Western Electric/AT&T for 37 years.

John T. Palmer ’48, Shreveport, La., Aug. 31, 2020. Mr. Palmer was a member of the swim team and a Beta Theta Pi brother. He made his career as a geologist in the oil industry. He formed Palmer Petroleum, Inc., in 1977 and served as its president and chairman of the board until 2020. His brothers—Park-er Palmer ’37, Carol Palmer ’38, Robert Palmer ’40 and Richard Palmer ’43—were all members of the Lehigh family, as well as his father, Philip Mason Palmer, the former dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Donald van Roden ’48, Wyomissing, Pa., Dec. 18, 2020. A Theta Delta Chi brother and member of the soccer team, Mr. van Roden was also a veteran of the U.S. Army during World War II. Upon graduation, he began his career with Smith-Kline Beckman Corporation, the pharmaceutical company, in Philadelphia, where he served in marketing, sales, administration and management for 39 years, including nine years as president of the pharmaceutical division. Don served on SmithKline’s Board of Directors from 1969-1987 and retired as vice chairman. He was a member of the Asa Packer and Tower societies.

P. Bruce Ferguson ’49, Lansdale, Pa., Oct. 13, 2020. A Phi Delta Theta brother and member of the track team, Mr. Ferguson considered volunteer- ism the hallmark of his life.

Bruce M. Hinlein ’49, West Chester, Pa., Oct. 18, 2020. Mr. Hinlein was a Pi Lambda Phi brother, champion wrestler and tennis player. He was a member of the Junior Davis Cup team in tennis. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He owned Fleet Leasing Company.

Philip E. Paulus ’49, Sarasota, Fla., Aug. 13, 2020. Mr. Paulus was a Psi Upsilon brother and member of the swim team. He was renowned for his woodworking skills.

Alfred O. Schwarz ’49, Pompton Plains, N.J., Jan. 3, 2020. Mr. Schwarz worked for Bell Telephone Company before World War II. He served in the U.S. Navy during the war. Afterward, he went back to Bell and pursued his degree simultaneously. He was a member of the team that launched the first Telstar communications satellite.

Vian B. Silliman Jr. ’49, Finksburg, Md., Sept. 2, 2020. Mr. Silliman was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He first worked for UGI and spent nearly 40 years in the field. He was also a member of the Asa Packer Society. His daughter, Tracey Silliman Peters, is a member of the Class of 1980.

1950s

Thomas R. Brew ’50, St. Petersburg, Fla., Dec. 20, 2020. A Phi Delta Theta brother, Mr. Brew was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and Air Force Reserve. He had a long career with American Can Company as an industrial engineer and an independent contractor.


E.R. Hogan ’50, Damascus, Ore., Nov. 23, 2019. Mr. Hogan served in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II. Mr. Hogan spent his career with the carbon products division of Union Carbide in sales.

Edgar G. Kaup ’50, Phoenix, Ariz., Nov. 25, 2020. A Kappa Sigma brother, Mr. Kaup worked as a chemical engineer for several companies. His specialty was in the chemistry and treatment of water. As an alumnus, he was
very active with his class. He received the prestigious Alumni Award in 2010 for his dedication. He was also a member of the Asa Packer Society. His son, Christopher Kaup, is a member of the Class of 1988.

Paul F. Kunkel ’50, Emmaus, Pa., Dec. 8, 2020. Mr. Kunkel was a veteran of the U.S. Army in the Pacific Theater during World War II. He worked as the director of engineering at Lehigh Valley Dairy for 20 years and later was a consulting engineer and partner of McTish, Kunkel and Associates until retiring. As an alumnus, he volunteered with his class.

Jackson A. Ranssohoft ’50, Bethesda, Md., Oct. 24, 2020. A tennis player as a student, Mr. Ranssohoft worked at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory on the start-up of the first nuclear reactor to tie into the power grid, before moving to the Army Reactors Branch. He was also a member of the Tower Society.

Lawrence A. Smith Jr. ’50, Bradford, Pa., Oct. 15, 2020. A Delta Sigma Phi brother, Mr. Smith served on submarines in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He taught at the Naval Academy and saw active duty again during the Korean War. He owned McQuilkin Plumbing Co.

James L. Gill ’51, East Winton, Maine, Nov. 21, 2020. Rev. Gill was a member of The Brown and White, the Mustard and Cheese, and Omicron Delta Kappa honor society. He served Episcopal congregations in Pennsylvania, Maine and the Philippines.

Stanley R. Moore ’51, Claremont, Calif., Oct. 3, 2020. Mr. Moore worked for 33 years as a professor and chair of the Department of Philosophy at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. He also taught religious studies, and for many years directed the university’s honors program. He dedicated himself to a progressive social justice platform.


Elmer A. Richards ’51, Ossining, N.Y., Oct. 10, 2020. Mr. Richards was a member of the swimming team. He spent his career with the engineering consulting company Mueser Rutledge Consulting, retiring as senior partner. He was a member of the 50-Game Club and a very successful Thistle Class sailboat racer. He was also a member of the Asa Packer and Tower societies. His father, Elmer Richards ’23, and uncle, Louis Richards ’24, were members of the Lehigh family.

John P. Archibald ’52, Stamford, Conn., May 6, 2020. Mr. Archibald served in the U.S. Army after graduation. He went on to work at Norden Industries.

Lewis P. Bush ’52, Avon Lake, Ohio, Dec. 25, 2020. A Theta Chi brother, Mr. Bush was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He worked for International Salt Company for 40 years as a mining engineer and general manager of the salt mine on Whiskey Island.


Duncan C. Malcolm ’52, Charleston, W.Va., Nov. 14, 2020. Mr. Malcolm was a Delta Tau Delta brother and captain of the basketball team. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He owned and operated D.C. Malcolm, Inc., as a petroleum exploration and consulting company for over 50 years in West Virginia. In addition, he was president and CEO of Consumers Gas Utility Company.

James C. Reed ’52, Los Angeles, Calif., April 5, 2020.

F. Richard Cramton ’53, Middlebury, Vt., Dec. 4, 2020. Mr. Cramton was a Chi Psi brother. He also sang in the choir. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He founded Engeneered Monofilaments Corp., where he developed products and held 20 patents.

Frederick H. Harding ’53, Palmer, Alaska, Dec. 5, 2020. Mr. Harding retired from the State of Alaska after 25 years of service. He was part of the crew that built the Denali Highway and many fish hatcheries around the state. He also served as the mayor of Valdez, Alaska.


Charles D. Snead Jr. ’53, Scottsdale, Ariz., Nov. 2, 2020. Mr. Snead was a Theta Delta Chi brother and veteran of the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was president and CEO of Callahan Mining Corporation, where he’d started as corporate counsel. While at Callahan, Mr. Snead also served in various legal, executive and board of director positions for several New York and Nasdaq stock exchange listed companies.

Donald L. Stuart ’53, Sarasota, Fla., Aug. 20, 2020. Mr. Stuart was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. He was also a business owner.

Joseph H. Battaglia ’54, Sacramento, Calif., Nov. 20, 2020. An Alpha Tau Omega brother, Ret. Col. Battaglia served 30 years in the U.S. Air Force following his ROTC term at Lehigh. His major military awards were the Legion of Merit with one oak leaf cluster, Distinguished Flying Cross with two oak leaf clusters, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters and AF Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters. After retiring from the Air Force, he worked for Campbell Soup Company for 10 years as the manager of logistics.

John H. Boardman ’54, Charlotte, N.C., Oct. 17, 2020. A Sigma Phi brother and baseball team member, Mr. Boardman was a veteran of the U.S. Army stationed in Korea. He was the third generation of his family to work for American Can Company, where he had an over 30-year career.

Robert R. Donecker ’54, Kennett Square, Pa., Oct. 23, 2020. Mr. Donecker sang in the university choir and the glee club as a student. He worked for Burroughs/Unisys, where he spent the majority of his career as a computer systems programmer/architect/manager.

Joseph S. Falzone ’54, Allentown, Pa., Sept. 18, 2020. Father Falzone became rector of St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church, Whitehall, Pa., in 1966 and served the parish for 34 years before becoming rector of St. Paul’s Anglican Church in Allentown, where he served until his death.

J. Roger Alwang ’55, Media, Pa., Sept. 8, 2020. A Delta Chi brother, Mr. Alwang worked for Boeing as an engineer.

Robert G. Butterwick ’55, Medford, N.J., Dec. 20, 2020. A Theta Chi brother, Mr. Butterwick was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was an early trainee in computer programming and went on to become a director of communications network reporting for Cigna Corporation.


Donald F. Riegel ’55, Toledo, Ohio, Nov. 29, 2020. Mr. Riegel was an Alpha Tau Omega brother. He served in the U.S. Navy. He also worked as an industrial engineer for several companies.

Donald E. Steeber ’55,
Richmond, Va., Oct. 30, 2020. Mr. Steeber was a brother and president of Theta Delta Chi as a student. He graduated with a “Distinguished Military Graduate” designation and was a veteran of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. In his early career, he developed the basic design for what today is the valve used on most swimming pool filter tanks. He went on to own and operate several family businesses, as well as teach and coach at The Steward School. An active alumnus, he volunteered extensively with his class and was integral to reunion planning. He was also a member of the Tower Society. For his dedication, he received the Alumni Award in 2015.

William S. Stempfle ’55, Chapel Hill, N.C., Nov. 24, 2020. Mr. Stempfle was a Delta Tau Delta brother, as well as a U.S. Army veteran. He worked for Anaconda American Brass Company until 1972, when he launched his own business that specialized in the sale of custom-made metal components. His daughter and son-in-law, Anne (Stempfle) Sharrar and Robert Sharrar, are members of the Class of 1984.

William A. Strohl ’55, Highlands Ranch, Colo., Dec. 8, 2020. Dr. Strohl was a Theta Chi brother and member of Tau Beta Pi honor society, the glee club and the wrestling team. He was on the faculty at St. Louis University Medical School until he was recruited to start the Department of Microbiology at the fledgling Rutgers Medical School, now University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. He was a member of the Asa Packer and Tower societies.


Alan H. Colyer Jr. ’56, Burnt Hills, NY., Dec. 11, 2020. Mr. Colyer interrupted his education to serve in the U.S. Navy. He came back to Lehigh and was a Chi Phi brother. He owned and operated the Fo’Castle Farm Country Store and Orchard. As an alumnus, he also volunteered for his class.

Norman L. Gasswint II ’56, Spartanburg, S.C., Dec. 19, 2020. Mr. Gasswint was a Phi Delta Theta brother. He served in the U.S. Air Force. Professionally, he was a sales engineer at Alcoa Conductor Accessories, where he retired after 37 years of service. He volunteered with his class and the alumni regional clubs. He was a member of the Asa Packer Society.

Roy K. Higgins ’56, Belle Mead, N.J., Oct. 1, 2020. A Sigma Nu brother, Mr. Higgins was the president and owner of the Belle Mead Garage. He won Chrysler’s highest recognition for customer service for more than 30 years. His grandchild, Ryan Sullivan, is a member of the Class of 2023.

F. Kenneth Ivers II ’56, Stuart, Fla., Oct. 30, 2020. Mr. Ivers worked at A. Willard Ivers, Inc., the family shipping brokerage firm specializing in the worldwide ocean movement of forest products, molasses and petroleum. His grandchild, Nicholas Ivers, is a member of the Class of 2014.

Alfred C. Johnson ’56, Sarasota, Fla., Sept. 22, 2020. A veteran of Korea, Mr. Johnson was also a Phi Sigma Kappa brother and member of the swim team. He worked for Hazeltine Corp., and as the owner of Clarkson & Ford Company, compounding industrial lubricants. His brother, Franklin Johnson ’56, and son, Richard Johnson ’83, are members of the Lehigh family.

A. Thomas Kartositis ’56 M.A. ’60, Allentown, Pa., Dec. 5, 2020. Mr. Kartositis was a

A Tale of Two Brothers

Two brothers who used their Lehigh educations to launch very successful yet distinctly different careers have passed away within a month of each other. Peter S. Eagleson ’49 ’83H died on Jan. 6, 2021, and William B. Eagleson ’49 ’88P died on Feb. 5, 2021.

The elder of the brothers, Bill, was born in 1925, but Peter, born in 1928, was the first of the two to attend Lehigh. Bill served in the Navy and joined Peter at Lehigh upon his discharge. In 1949, both graduated with bachelor’s degrees—Bill’s awarded summa cum laude in business administration and economics and Peter’s in civil engineering. From there, the brothers’ paths diverged but led both to the heights of their respective professions.

After graduating, Bill earned his MBA from University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton School in 1951, joining Girard Trust Company as a security analyst that same year. He was elected president of the bank in 1970 and chairman of the board in 1973, holding that position until the 1983 Girard-Mellon Bank of Pittsburgh merger, when he became chairman of Mellon Bank Corporation. Bill was a Lehigh University trustee for more than 40 years, serving on the finance committee.

Peter served with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers after graduating, but returned to Lehigh for a master’s degree in engineering. He joined the MIT faculty as a civil engineering instructor in 1954, became an assistant professor in 1955, and completed his Ph.D. in 1956. After a distinguished academic career as a pioneer in hydrology, he retired in 1993 and went on to publish two books that bridged the fields of hydrology and ecology. In 1997, he was awarded the Stockholm Water Prize.

Bill was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Catherine (known as Cantor), who passed away in September 2020. The couple are survived by their children, John Eagleson ’88 and Elizabeth, and four grandchildren.

Peter is survived by his wife, Beverly; children Helen, Peter Jr., and Jeffrey; stepchildren William, Robert, Nancy, and Cynthia; 10 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.—Cynthia Tinterri
veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He was an educator in the Bethlehem Area School District for 43 years, spending the last 18 years of his career as principal of Nitschmann Middle School. For 25 years, he was a consultant for Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, traveling to numerous American (national and international) schools as the chairman for accreditation. His daughter, Karen (Kartositis) Leever, is a member of the Class of 1986.

George N. Korky ‘56, Leonia, N.J., Nov. 21, 2020. An Alpha Sigma Phi brother, Mr. Korky owned and operated the Empire Cleaning Company and served as the recreation director for Palisades Park for 25 years. His son, George Korky, is a member of the Class of 1992.

David W. Stewart ‘56, Morrisville, N.Y., Dec. 21, 2020. Mr. Stewart was a football and lacrosse player. He made his career in sales with companies like The Pillsbury Company and Syracuse Supply.

Lesley H. Browder Jr. ‘57, Clearwater, Fla., Aug. 4, 2020. Dr. Browder was a Phi Sigma Kappa brother, as well as singer in the university choir and glee club, and performer with the Mustard and Cheese. He spent his career in education as a teacher, public school superintendent, and professor at both Stanford and Hofstra Universities. His brother, H. Basil Browder ‘63, and son, L. Hughes Browder III ’84, are members of the Lehigh family.

David J. Carpenter ‘57, Chagrin Falls, Ohio, Oct. 6, 2020. Mr. Carpenter worked for 50 years at Solon Manufacturing Company, where he became president and CEO. He was a member of the Asa Packer Society.

Kenneth T. McKenna ‘57, Orlando, Fla., Nov. 3, 2020. Mr. McKenna was a member of the ice hockey team. He was a civil engineer whose work impacted multiple major cities, including Orlando.

Bruce E. Wendling ‘57, Endwell, N.Y., Sept. 22, 2020. A player with the Mustard and Cheese, Mr. Wendling was employed by IBM for 32 years, primarily in product testing. After retiring from IBM, he was the store manager at Woodworker’s Warehouse.

William H. Bux ‘58, Jenkintown, Pa., Nov. 19, 2020. Mr. Bux was an Alpha Tau Omega brother, as well as a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and Army Reserve. He was a principal of J. R. Bux & Son, manufacturer of narrow fabrics. As an alumnus, Mr. Bux was very dedicated to his class, volunteering in nearly every leadership and fundraising role. He was awarded the prestigious Alumni Award in 1998. He was also a member of the Tower Society. His son, D. Bradley Bux, is a member of the Class of 1997.

Michael W. Dopilka ‘58, Troutman, N.C., Oct. 15, 2020. Mr. Dopilka was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict. He spent his career with Arco Chemical.

Charles B. Kahler ‘58, Lancaster, Pa., Oct. 5, 2020. Mr. Kahler was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He worked for 43 years at Alcoa, retiring as a senior metallurgist.

Alfred C. Sauerbrey ‘58, East Greenwich, R.I., Oct. 20, 2020. A Phi Sigma Kappa brother, Mr. Sauerbrey had been corporate secretary and director of taxes and insurance for Brown & Sharpe for many years, prior to becoming a tax and financial consultant in East Greenwich. His brother, Wilmer Sauerbrey, is a member of the Class of 1958 as well.

James E. Seigman ’58, Killeen, Texas, July 19, 2020. Ret. Lieutenant Colonel Seigman was a Pi Kappa Alpha brother and member of the football team. He served in the U.S. Army’s Signal Corps for 27 years before becoming a high school math and science teacher.

E. Thomas Smith ’58, Dallas, Texas, Oct. 30, 2020. Mr. Smith was a Phi Delta Theta brother. He worked in sales and marketing before becoming a financial consultant. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserves for 10 years. He helped found the Lehigh Alumni Club of Dallas/Fort Worth and was also a member of the Tower Society.

William L. Weiss ‘58 M.S. ’60, Haddonfield, N.J., Oct. 21, 2020. Mr. Weiss was an engineer at Boeing for 55 years, where he focused on structural design and materials.


1960s

Thomas H. Bliss Sr. ’60, Charleston, S.C., Nov. 28, 2020. Mr. Bliss was a brother of Sigma Phi and a member of The Brown and White, as well as the skiing team and Pi Lambda Phi. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps. He founded Bliss Box Corporation and ran the company for 20 years before selling it to Packaging Corporation of America. As an alumnus, he volunteered with his class in both leadership and fundraising roles. He was a member of the Asa Packer and Tower societies. His granddaughter, Isabelle Marshall, is a member of the Class of 2020.

David F. Cook ’60, Riegelsville, Pa., Dec. 2, 2020. A Phi Delta Theta brother and soccer team member, Mr. Cook served in the U.S. Navy and Naval Reserve. He had a 40-year career in banking.

Thomas K. Gilhooll ’60, Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 22, 2020. Mr. Gilhooll was a Theta Chi brother, as well as a member of The Brown and White, and Omicron Delta Kappa and Phi Eta Sigma honor societies. He was lead counsel in two landmark federal cases that changed treatment of the nation’s disabled people. He worked for the Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia. He also served as Gov. Robert P. Casey’s secretary of education from 1987 to 1989, then taught eighth grade for a year at Vaux Middle School.


William F. Parks ’60, Rolla, Mo., Nov. 1, 2020. Dr. Parks was a professor of theoretical physics at Iowa State and Missouri State universities.

Robert E. Rogan ’60, Chatham, N.J., Oct. 16, 2020. Mr. Rogan was a basketball team member and Theta Delta Chi brother. He worked in computer sciences when it was a nascent field, helping to create the switching software that is the basis for much modern communication.

Philip D. Talkow ’60, New York, N.Y., Sept. 29, 2020. Mr. Talkow was a Pi Lambda Phi brother, a member of The Brown and White and the Epitome, and a member of the Hillel Society. He spent his career with the family business, Manhattan Welding Company. His son, Andrew Talkow, is a member of the Class of 1989. He was also a member of the Asa Packer and Tower societies.

William F. Feuerbach Jr. ’61 ’62, Salisbury Mills, N.Y., Dec. 20, 2020. Mr. Feuerbach was an Alpha Chi Rho brother. He spent his 52-year career with S.M. Frank & Co., retiring as president. His father, William F. Feuerbach ’27, son, William Feuerbach III ’83, and grandson, Ryan Feuerbach ’12, are
members of the Lehigh family.

Roy J. Arlotto ’62 M.Ed. ’65, Allentown, Pa., Sept. 21, 2020. Mr. Arlotto was a chemistry teacher at Louis E. Dieruff High School for over 40 years. In addition to chairing the science department for several decades, he also assisted with many of the school’s clubs, activities and teams. He also owned Arlotto’s Draperies.

Hugh D. Jones ’62, Weatogue, Conn., Dec. 7, 2020. A singer with the glee club, Mr. Jones made his career in aviation and transportation, working for several airlines and airports. His daughter, Wendy Jones, is a member of the Class of 1991.

William L. Munson ’62, Sunderland, Vt., April 2, 2020. A veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, Mr. Munson was a Delta Tau Delta brother and member of the lacrosse team. He worked as a stockbroker and financial adviser with Morgan Stanley. As an alumnus, he volunteered with his class.

Allan Rosar ’62, Richmond, Ind., Oct. 19, 2020. Mr. Rosar was a Phi Gamma Delta brother. He was a businessman who led many organizations.

Richard Straub ’62, Morristown, N.J., Nov. 11, 2020. Mr. Straub was a Phi Sigma Kappa brother and member of The Brown and White. He made his career in telecommunications, working for AT&T and NECA, retiring as director of regulatory affairs at NECA. He volunteered with the Lehigh Wrestling Club and was a member of the Asa Packer and Tower societies.

Alan Barney ’63, Easton, Pa., Dec. 30, 2020. Mr. Barney was a baseball team member. He made his 40-year career with DuPont. As an alumnus, he was dedicated to his class as president and correspondent. His daughter, Janis (Barney) Schacht, is a member of the Class of 1985.

J. Dixon Earley ’63, Camp Hill, Pa., Oct. 21, 2020. A Delta Chi brother, Mr. Earley was also the head football team manager. He began his career at the Pennsylvania Department of Highways before moving to the Department of Environmental Resources, where he retired as the chief engineer. He was extremely proud of the fact that he had seen 58 Lehigh-La fayette football games and 56 EIWA wrestling tournaments. He had served on all his alumni reunion committees and was the Class of 1963 correspondent at the time of his passing. For his dedication, he was awarded the prestigious Alumni Award in 1983. His daughters, Susan Stroup McDonald ’80 and Amy Earley Morton ’93, as well as his granddaughter, Meagan McDonald ’11, are members of the Lehigh family. He was a member of both the Asa Packer and Tower societies.

Roger L. Miller ’63 M.Ed. ’64, Hampstead, S.C., Sept. 26, 2020. Mr. Miller was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He worked as the principal at Littlestown Middle School for over 20 years. He was also a former chief and former volunteer emergency medical technician at the Bonneauville Fire Department, and he owned and operated an ambulance service for many years.

David L. Rae ’63, Encinitas, Calif., Nov. 23, 2020. A Sigma Chi brother, Mr. Rae practiced patent and corporate law, as well as served for more than 25 years as the president of the Fair Housing Council of Bergen County, N.J.

Stuart Zimmerman ’63, Denver, Colo., Sept. 12, 2020. Mr. Zimmerman was a Pi Lambda Phi brother, as well as a member of The Brown and White and the Epitome, and the track team. He worked as the president of Cahokia Flour Company. His daughter, Susan (Zimmerman) Jenkins ’89, and son-in-law, Henry Jenkins ’88, are members of the Lehigh family.

John H. Harrington Jr. ’64, Cape Coral, Fla., Dec. 5, 2020. A member of the Marching 97, Mr. Harrington was a veteran of the U.S. Army in Vietnam. He worked as a process computing specialist chemical engineer for over 30 years at DuPont.

Richard E. Krout ’64, Park City, Utah, Nov. 2, 2020. A Kappa Sigma brother, Mr. Krout spent his career with Masland Industries, retiring as vice president of procurement and supplies. His children, Wendy (Krout) Day ’91 and Christian Day ’90, are members of the Lehigh family.

Preston B. Gray Jr. ’65, Jacksonville, Ala., Dec. 3, 2020. Mr. Gray was a member of the Marching 97 and Tau Beta Pi honor society. He spent 40 years working with Westinghouse.

Roger L. Walter ’65, Bethlehem, Pa., Nov. 9, 2020. Mr. Walter was a Theta Chi brother and member of the debate team as a student. He served in the U.S. Army. He spent his career first at Bell Telephone, moving to AT&T before retirement. His father, William Walter, was a member of the Class of 1939. He was a member of the Tower Society.

Marshall Frost ’66, Cutchogue, N.Y., Oct. 11, 2020. Mr. Frost was a member of the soccer team. He worked as a civil engineer and president at Frost, Christenson and Associates.

Clifford M. Sofield Jr. ’66, Neptune City, N.J., Oct. 17, 2020. Mr. Sofield was a member of Ironworkers Local #373, Perth Amboy, for over 56 years, where he served as financial secretary/treasurer. Additionally, he was the owner and operator of Campbell Boat Works.

John R. Yaissle ’66, Tequesta, Fla., Oct. 2, 2020. Mr. Yaissle was an active alumnus, volunteering with his class for many years, as well as with the

College of Arts and Sciences Advisory and the Lehigh Leadership councils. For his dedication, he was awarded the Alumni Award in 2001. He was also a member of the Asa Packer and Tower societies.

David J. Gorfine ’69 ’72, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, Nov. 6, 2020. Mr. Gorfine was a Gryphon and went on to have a varied career in telecommunications.

Alan B. Soschin ’69, Springfield, Va., Nov. 2, 2020. Mr. Soschin was a Sigma Alpha Mu brother and the editor-in-chief of The Brown and White. He practiced law in Washington, D.C., and Virginia for 50 years.

Paul F. Wiener ’69, West Milford, N.J., Sept. 12, 2020. Mr. Wiener was a Delta Sigma Phi brother. He worked for Palomar Medical Technologies. His children, Dale Wiener ’04 and Dior Hewlett ’05, and Jeffrey Wiener ’06, are members of the Lehigh family. He was also a member of the Tower Society.

1970s

Raymond J. Brunner ’71, East Petersburg, Pa., Nov. 17, 2020. Mr. Brunner was the owner and operator of Brunner & Associates, where he restored the world’s finest pipe organs. He wrote “That Ingenious Business,” which highlighted Pennsylvania German organs and organ builders.


Daniel H. Schoenberg ’71, Downers Grove, Ill., Aug. 24, 2020. Mr. Schoenberg practiced civil engineering for several municipalities and served the Village of Hinsdale for 26 years as its engineer. His brother, Joel Schoenberg, is a member of the Class of 1980.

John M. Fields ’72, Frackville, Pa., Nov. 27, 2020. Archpriest Fields was a member of Omicron Delta Kappa honor
Mathematician and Marathoner

King had a gift for explaining ‘the beauty’ of mathematics

Jerry King, professor emeritus of mathematics at Lehigh who had a gift for explaining the “beauty and wonder” of mathematics to students and lay people alike and whose myriad passions included both Shakespeare and Frank Sinatra, died Oct. 15, 2020. He was 85.

King, who was also dean emeritus of the Graduate School at Lehigh, grew up in Murray, Kentucky, and worked his way through the University of Kentucky, where he fell in love twice: first with mathematics, then with the woman who became his wife, Jane Connell. Five days after they married in 1962, he began his 45-year career at Lehigh, becoming full professor at 32.

King, of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, went on to serve as Lehigh’s associate dean of arts and sciences and dean of the Graduate School, then returned to teaching in 1988.

“He had a gift not just for explaining mathematics but for enabling students, lay audiences and readers of his books—anyone who might have felt intimidated by mathematics—to see the beauty and wonder of it,” says friend and former colleague Kurt Pfitzer, who worked in Lehigh’s Office of Communications and Public Affairs.

King had offered an hourlong class in mathematics to alumni returning to Lehigh for Reunion, said Pfitzer, who attended a session. “In a panoramic and captivating way,” Pfitzer says, “Jerry showed how each field of mathematics described a part of the natural world.”

In addition to King’s deep love of his family and his interest in mathematics, his many other passions included Shakespeare, Sinatra, the Bible, poet Robert Frost, novelist/screenwriter Raymond Chandler, Happy Hour, film noir and storytelling.

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—VINCENT COLL, PROFESSOR OF PRACTICE OF MATHEMATICS

King was also an athlete, having played three sports in high school. He started running at age 35 and became a sub-three-hour marathoner in his 40s, ultimately finishing 25 Boston Marathons.

“Jerry was not only interesting; he was also interested,” says friend and former colleague Vincent Coll, professor of practice of mathematics at Lehigh. “He listened better than anyone I have ever met. I knew that I had his full attention when I was speaking, and he certainly had mine when he spoke.”

Coll says King’s playful personality came through in his writing. “His award-winning Art of Mathematics is a beautiful brew of mathematics and well-crafted prose,” he says. “No small feat.” King also wrote Mathematics in 10 Lessons: The Grand Tour.

King’s work in the classroom earned him two of Lehigh’s most prestigious teaching awards: the Stabler Award for Excellence in Teaching, based on nominations from undergraduate students, and the Deming Lewis Faculty Award, given by the 10-year reunion class to the faculty member who most significantly influenced their educational experience.

“Jerry had such enormous respect for and interest in mathematics,” says Dick Barsness, former dean of Lehigh’s College of Business. “He always wanted people to refer to the subject as, ‘mathematics’, not, math. He, in addition, was incredibly well read, in terms of classics, of both Shakespeare plays and classic literature and could quote from any number of sources spontaneously, which I always found both fascinating and remarkable.”

A specialist in the areas of complex analysis and summability theory, King lectured nationwide and abroad, published many research papers and reviews and guided nine Ph.D. students.

King is survived by his wife, Jane King; daughter, Elizabeth King and husband William Baker of New Milford, Connecticut; son, David King ’87 and wife Robin King of Philadelphia; and grandchildren Ryan and Michelle King.

—Mary Ellen Alu
society and the Gryphon Society. He worked as an attorney before becoming a Catholic priest.

**John M. Genter '72.** Bloomingtom, Minn., Dec. 13, 2020. A Psi Upsilon brother, Mr. Genter served in the U.S. Navy. He owned and operated John Genter Associates, where he worked as a CPA.

**William D. Green Jr. '73,** Alexandria, Va., July 31, 2020. Mr. Green holds several patents and has published poetry.

**James I. Parker '74,** Hagerstown, Md., Oct. 28, 2020. Mr. Parker worked for many years as a sales rep in the paint industry.

**Eckhard K. Schulz '74,** East Petersburg, Pa., Sept. 30, 2020. Mr. Schulz, a Phi Sigma Kappa brother, was employed for many years in his family’s business, Atlas Manufacturing, and retired in 2014 from Stewart-Amos Steel, Inc., where he worked as general manager.

**John P. Healy Jr. '77,** Syracuse, N.Y., Sept. 30, 2020. A Chi Psi brother, Mr. Healy captained the football team. He tried out for the New Orleans Saints, before making his career in the heating and air conditioning business.

**Helen H. Richardson '77,** Yardley, Pa., Sept. 7, 2020. Ms. Richardson was the co-caption of the softball team, as well as co-editor of the *Epitome* yearbook and a member of Omicron Delta Kappa honor society. She first worked as a reporter for The Easton Express, and then in the Sports Information Department at Muhlenberg College, where she also coached women's softball. She went on to earn a law degree, working in corporate law and volunteering with the Philadelphia Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts. Her sister, Ann Richardson Hagmann ’69G, is a member of the Lehigh family. Ms. Richardson was also a member of the Tower Society.


**William L. Peters ‘79,** Towson, Md., Aug. 30, 2020. Mr. Peters was the president of Beta Theta Pi fraternity as a student. He served in the U.S. Navy, both active and reserve duty, for 21 years, retiring as a commander. He went on to work in banking and as a credit analyst for Wells Fargo. His father, Theodore Peters ’44, was a member of the Lehigh family.

**Gregory S. Zenuk ’79,** Upper Chichester, Pa., Oct. 15, 2020. Mr. Zenuk was a Zeta Psi brother.

**1980s**

**Bruce A. Underkoffler ’80,** Spring, Texas, Oct. 6, 2020. Mr. Underkoffler played trumpet with the brass choir and the alumni band. He was also a member of Tau Beta Pi, Alpha Pi Mu and the Institute of Industrial Engineers honor societies. He worked for 40 years with ExxonMobil.

**Laurence P. Finnegam III ’83,** North Wales, Pa., Dec. 4, 2020. Mr. Finnegam was a Lambda Chi Alpha brother. He spent his 34-year career in the defense industry working for Lockheed Martin before retiring as a senior manager of engineering.

**Brian W. Boorman ’85,** Downingtown, Pa., Oct. 22, 2020. A Beta Theta Pi brother, Mr. Boorman worked as executive vice president at Van Horn Metz. All of his children—Jefrey Boorman ’15, Kevin Boorman ’17 and Matthew Boorman ’20—are members of the Lehigh family.

**Marc A. Unger ’86,** Lititz, N.J., Dec. 22, 2020. A Delta Phi brother, Mr. Unger was a partner and chief financial officer at Harvest Partners. As an alumnus, he served 14 years on the Wall Street Council, and was a member of the Parents’ Council for seven years, serving as co-chair. He was also a member of the Asa Packer Society. His children, Morgan Unger ’17 and Ryann Unger ’20, are members of the Lehigh family.


**1990s**

**Michael J. Pachter ’92,** Hamilton Township, Pa., Sept. 7, 2020. Mr. Pachter co-owned and operated Jukebox On-line. His brother, Jeffrey Pachter ’88, is a member of the Lehigh family.

**GRADUATE**

**G. Clinton Shay M.S. ’48,** Hardy, Va., Sept. 30, 2020. Mr. Shay was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, taught at Lehigh and then began his career at Corning Glass Works. He led the development of the Fusion glass sheet forming process. Fusion would prove to be optimal for making glass sheet for liquid crystal displays used in so many everyday items. In 2014, he was named the International Glass Industry’s Person of the Year.

**Vincent O. Altemose M.S. ’55,** Campbell, N.Y., Nov. 19, 2020. Dr. Altemose was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He spent his career with Corning Glass Works as a research associate in physics.


**Edward McCafferty M.S. ’64 Ph.D. ’68,** Severna Park, Md., Sept. 21, 2020. Dr. McCafferty worked for the Navy Research Laboratory as lead scientist for 32 years. He earned numerous awards for corrosive science and wrote a textbook, “Introduction to Corrosion Science.”

**Jesse C. Moore M.A. ’64 Ed.D. ’74,** East Stroudsburg, Pa., Dec. 14, 2020. Dr. Moore was a professor, graduate coordinator, and department chair in the Reading Department at East Stroudsburg University for 34 years.

**Richard J. Mortimer M.Ed. ’64,** Coplay, Pa., Nov.
Paul A. Peters M.Ed. ’64, Harleysville, Pa., Aug. 27, 2020. Mr. Peters worked as a teacher and principal in several school districts. After retirement, he continued helping children by opening a Sylvan Learning Center in Montgomeryville, Pa. He concurrently worked as a financial adviser.

James J. Wallaert M.S. ’64, Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 5, 2020. Mr. Wallaert was a civil engineer at Heyl & Patterson for nearly 30 years.

David P. Daniel M.A. ’65, Martin, Slovakia, March 12, 2020. Rev. Daniel was a scholar of 16th-century Eastern European history, as well as a professor of theological history. He was the recipient of four Fulbright Fellowships. During Slovakia’s “Quiet Revolution” he assisted the U.S. State Department as an official advisor as the first Director of the Slovak Academic Information Agency (SAIA) in their interaction with Slovakia’s developing democratic institutions that included academic, charitable and religious communities as they adjusted to post-communist environments. His brother, John Daniel, is a member of the Class of 1960.

Neil C. Schoen M.S. ’65, Ph.D. ’68, Seattle, Wash., Aug. 28, 2020. Dr. Schoen had a 40-year career in the aerospace industry, including his own consulting company called Ergon Technology Associates. He retired from The Boeing Company.

O. Douglas Davison M.Ed. ’66, Honey Brook, Pa., Oct. 19, 2020. Dr. Davison taught elementary school and then worked as a principal for over 25 years. Upon retirement from public education, he began a new career as a supervisor of student teaching with West Chester University. His wife, Barbara Davison ’66G, is a member of the Lehigh family.


David J. Linaberry M.Ed. ’66, New Bern, N.C., Nov. 8, 2020. Mr. Linaberry was a veteran of the U.S. Army Medical Corps. He taught fifth and sixth grade at Fogelsville Elementary School for 30 years. Upon retiring from teaching, he worked for Dorney Park as an independent contractor restoring and painting the park’s carousel.


Denis G. Ligay M.S. ’68, Raleigh, N.C., Nov. 27, 2020. Mr. Ligay spent 38 years of his career at IBM across a variety of computer engineering and management roles.

Alexander J. Nagurney Jr. MBA ’68, Forks Township, Pa., Dec. 9, 2020. Mr. Nagurney served in the U.S. Army National Guard of New Jersey. He was an accountant/CFO of Rexroth Hydraulics and later for the Catholic Diocese of Allentown.

Robert F. Hollenbach M.A. ’69, Sellersville, Pa., Dec. 23, 2020. Mr. Hollenbach was a U.S. Army veteran. During his service, he was a cryptographer with the White House Army Signal Agency. He later worked as an English teacher for the Pennridge School District.

John M. Murtin M.Ed. ’69, Barnesville, Pa., Oct. 24, 2020. Mr. Murtin served as an educator, track and field coach, junior high school principal and school superintendent in Mahanoy City.

Peter E. Veruki MBA ’69, Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 29, 2020. Mr. Veruki worked for Bethlehem Steel before transitioning to higher education.


David W. Stocking M.A. ’72, Fishers, Ind., Sept. 27, 2020. Dr. Stocking had a 40-year teaching and coaching career.

James M. Thompson M.Ed. ’72, Cape May, N.J., Sept. 30, 2020. Mr. Thompson was an educator and coach in the community of Gloucester Township for over 30 years in various administrative positions, including the principal of Blackwood Elementary and director of special services for the Gloucester Township School District.


Richard P. Steiner MBA ’74, Bushkill Township, Pa., Nov. 1, 2020. Mr. Steiner was a coach with the freshman football team as a student. He worked for Air Products & Chemicals as general manager of strategic accounts and in other various positions for over 40 years.

Richard I. Bauer Ed.D. ’76, Spring City, Pa., Oct. 7, 2020. Dr. Bauer served in the U.S. Navy in Florida during the Cuban Crisis. He taught high school business classes in the West Chester School District, worked as assistant superintendent in charge of school business in the Great Valley School District and was president of CADRE Consultant Investments.

Tamara (Bezsoniv) Bauman M.Ed. ’76, East Greenville, Pa., Dec. 17, 2020. Ms. Bauman was a special education teacher in the Upper Perkoniom School District for 30 years. Her husband, Jeffrey Bauman ’76G, is also a member of the Lehigh family.

Margarett (Hartzell) Roth M.Ed. ’76, Nazareth, Pa., Dec. 10, 2020. Ms. Roth was a teacher in the Boyertown, Bethlehem, Stockertown and Nazareth Area school districts. Her husband, Charles Roth, was a member of the Class of 1948.

Elinor (Palmer) Dinsmore M.Ed. ’78, Nazareth, Pa., Nov. 19, 2020. Ms. Dinsmore taught in the lower and middle schools at Moravian Preparatory School/ Moravian Academy in Bethlehem for nearly 30 years. Her children, Cynthia Dinsmore ’80 and Joanne (Dinsmore) Lopez ’87, and her husband, Emeritus Professor George Dinsmore, are members of the Lehigh family.

Catherine L. Madden M.S. ’78 Ph.D. ’80, Nazareth, Pa., Oct. 13, 2020. Dr. Madden taught courses in mathematics at Wagner High School in Philadelphia, Cedar Crest College, Moravian College and Lehigh University. After receiving her Ph.D., she was employed for many years by Bell Labs and AT&T before retiring.


Liwei Song Ph.D. ’88, San Jose, Calif., Sept. 14, 2020. Dr. Song made his engineering career in flash memory storage products. He joined Western Digital Corporation and worked there for 14 years. He held two U.S. patents and co-authored
more than 40 journal publications on applied physical methods of building better superconductive materials.

Ann Marie B. Toloczko  
Ph.D. ’89, Pocono Township, Pa., Nov. 7, 2020. Dr. Toloczko was employed at Pocono Hospital until founding Pocono Psychological Associates. She taught courses in psychology at Northampton County Community College and East Stroudsburg University, before joining the University of Scranton. While there, she was the counseling and human services program director for many years and led the program to its first national accreditation.

Anne Maeve Coughlin  
M.S. ’92, Montreal, Canada, July 29, 2016. After obtaining her degree from Lehigh (while also working for Air Products), Ms. Coughlin graduated from Temple Law School. She worked for a number of years as an intellectual property attorney for Perkin and Elmer while she lived in Beaconsfield, Quebec.

Robert L. Hutchinson  
MBA ’92, Emmaus, Pa., Nov. 4, 2020. Mr. Hutchinson was a chemical engineer and senior project manager for Air Products for 35 years. Most recently, he worked at Universal Compressed Air as the chief operating officer.

Daniel L. Hornberger  
M.Ed. ’98, Reading, Pa., Nov. 5, 2020. Mr. Hornberger was a documentarian, podcast producer, and tennis and basketball coach.


REMEMBERING Professor Jerzy A. Owczarek

Accomplished Teacher, Researcher

Jerzy A. Owczarek, 94, professor emeritus of mechanical engineering and mechanics, passed away Jan. 11, 2021, after a battle with Parkinson’s disease. He had recently celebrated 61 years of marriage with his wife, Elisa Mercedes (Basoli) Owczarek, who survives him.

Owczarek joined Lehigh as an associate professor in 1960, became a full professor in 1965, and retired in 1995. A gifted teacher, Owczarek was awarded an Outstanding Faculty Award by the Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honorary Society in 1979 and named Mechanical Engineering Teacher of the Year by the Pi Tau Sigma Mechanical Engineering Honorary Society in 1993.

While at Lehigh, he published two books: Fundamentals of Gas Dynamics (1964) and Introduction to Fluid Mechanics (1968). His research in the fields of gas dynamics, turbomachinery, fluidics, and rheology resulted in 26 journal articles and 40 technical reports.


Owczarek was born in Piotrkow, Poland, on Nov. 2, 1926. He fought against German occupying forces during World War II as a member of the Polish Home Army, was wounded and lost sight in his left eye. When the Soviet Union occupied Poland in 1945, he was able to enroll at the Mining Academy in Krakow. His studies were abruptly halted in 1946, when he and a large number of fellow students were arrested for staging an anti-communist demonstration. After a short time in prison, Owczarek escaped the country and made his way to Italy, where he joined the 2nd Polish Corps of the British 8th Army in Ancona. A few months later, he was transported to England.

Owczarek resumed his studies at the Polish University College in London. He received a Dipl.-Ing. degree in mechanical engineering in 1950 and went on to graduate studies at the University of London. He received a Ph.D. in mechanical engineering in 1954 and soon after moved to the United States, where he acquired a position in the Turbine Division of the General Electric Company in Schenectady, New York.

His commitment to his work was evident in his many professional memberships: He was an associate fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and a life member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. From 1976–1977 he was chairman of the Anthracite-Lehigh Valley Section of the ASME. He was a member of the Tau Beta Pi Society and its Lehigh Chapter faculty advisor from 1991–1995 and also belonged to the Sigma Xi national research society and the Pi Tau Sigma Society.

He was a consultant to numerous industrial firms, notably Bell Laboratories and DeLaval Turbine Inc.

In the course of his career, Owczarek filed seven patents dealing with turbomachines, steam turbines and gas turbines.—Katie Kackenmeister
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