

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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When sitting down to write for this *Bulletin*, words of advice from my dad, **Tom MacAllister**, are forefront in my mind as we fight the COVID-19 virus and adjust to the changes to our lives. When I talked to Dad, I complained about the shortages of paper goods and cleaning products at the store, unemployment, my disappointment that I couldn't travel to Connecticut for Easter and my concern about getting sick as I had developed a respiratory virus that was not COVID-19 but put me at potential high risk. I grew up knowing of my parent's hardships, but sometimes in my life I forget these lessons. Over the course of a few conversations in response to my lamenting, Dad re-told me some stories, and I thought I would share them with you.

"During the Depression we were able to trade apples for chickens, and we had a garden so we could eat. Unemployment went to over 20%. We were lucky as your Grandpa only had his hours cut in half, and we were able to pay our basic bills. There was no unemployment or government aid until FDR.

"Vaccines as you know them didn't exist. We had to have the smallpox vaccine of course to go

to school. When I was in first or second grade, I lined up for the first diphtheria shot, and when I was about 15, I had the first round of tetanus vaccine. There was no polio vaccine, and each September we would hold our breath and hope no one would come back to school with some sort of paralysis or maybe not show up at all. It was really good to see our friends alive each fall. We all just went on and hoped we didn't get sick and die.

"When I was in Burma during World War II, we had plague. We also had rickettsia (a bacteria that causes typhus). Some soldiers who weren't with our unit needed shelter, but didn't have a place to sleep, so they made a bed of reeds by the river. The health people came a few weeks later and wanted to know where they had been as they developed typhus. And it was right there, and we didn't even know it. We had awful disease in the tropics that you don't even want to know about. As in every war, if the fighting doesn't kill you, disease just might.

"And during the war, I didn't see my family for four years and there was little communication.

"When I went to work after the war my coworker told me the story of his survival during the 1918 pandemic. Your mother's and my greatest fear for you was polio. Shortly after you were born, we were driving in the car, and we heard on the radio there

would be an oral vaccine available. I had to pull the car over to the side of the road because we were crying with joy. We sat and just hugged each other. So many lives and the life of our little girl would be saved.

"These days I don't go out, and only see the people who come to take care of me. So, I think I will be fine. Like everything in life, if it's not one thing it's another, and all anyone can do is to do your best and take care of yourself the best you can. It doesn't pay to worry. This too shall pass."

I would like to thank this Greatest Generation for the strength, guidance and perspective they can offer by having lived through extreme difficulties, the likes of which we will never know. Thanks, Dad.

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Let's celebrate! This is the 70th anniversary of our undefeated 1950 football team. To set the mood while typing, I'm listening to the Lehigh Victory March. The whole 1950 season is described in our *Epitome*, which devoted a full page to each of the nine games. There are action shots, newspaper headlines, and pictures of our players and coaches. The scores were: Lehigh 21-Delaware 0; Lehigh 21-Case 20; Lehigh 27-Bucknell 6; Lehigh 49-Gettysburg 6; Lehigh 16-Dartmouth 14; Lehigh 21-Rutgers 18; Lehigh 42- Muhlenberg 13; Lehigh 66-Carnegie Tech 0; Lehigh 38-Lafayette 0.

Players pictured are Charlie Hull '53, Bob Morgan '53, Dick Pradetto '52, Joe Orr '52, John

Muhlfeld '57, **Art Ferris**, Bob Borofski '52, Lon Haines '52, **Dan Murphy, Dick Doyne, Dick Gabriel**, Tom Schaefer '53, Paul Fedeles '53, Walt Pullar '52, Herbie Weiss '52, Jack Bergman '52, **Jim Cross**, Bill Henderson '52, **Carl Gordon, Donald "Tiny" Berndt**, Jim Oswalt '52, **Joe Valeriano**, Walt Trillhase '53, **Bob Kau-lius**, Bob Orlemann '52, **Bill Ciaravino** and Pete Ginesi '52. Coaches were Leckonby, Whitton, Cooley and Dockham.

A visit to the Roger S. Penske/Lehigh Athletics Hall of Fame website (lehighsports.com/honors/rogers-penske-lehigh-athletics-hall-of-fame) is rewarding. There you will find listings of our two-star halfbacks, Dick Gabriel and Dick Doyne, lineman Bill Ciaravino and coach Bill Leckonby.

"Dick Gabriel burst onto the football scene at Lehigh with a 97-yard touchdown run against Franklin & Marshall in his first varsity appearance as a sophomore in the 1948 season-opener." (Still the longest in school history.) Gabe piled one record on another throughout his career and received many accolades for his stellar performances.

Dick Doyne was a potent rusher himself (110.4 yards rushing per game in 1950). He played defense too. These were years of limited substitution. Doyne said during his induction interview, "None of us ever spoke about going undefeated. Even after we beat a great Dartmouth team, we just kept going, one game at a time, and it wasn't really until the Lafayette game that going undefeated was mentioned."

Special mentions should be made of quarterback Herbie Weiss, a gutsy player who pulled the team together and place-kicker Walt Trillhase did an almost perfect job making extra points. Note the 21-20 win over Case and the 21-18 squeaker against Rutgers.

Former quarterbacks **Joe Scannella** and **Bill Burkholder**, neither of whom played in 1950, and manager **Dave Thompson** also deserve mention.

Let us all pay homage to a great team and to all its members, to those who are still with us and to those who have passed. [Save the date for Reunion 2021: June 10-13, 2021](#)

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Received an obituary for **Bill Bloomfield**, dated March 2014. He had a wonderful life and we have added the rest of his story to his page on the Class of '52's website.

Two phone calls since last column: One last year from **Bill Murray** pointing out that I was in error on his rank and experiences in the service, plus a promise to send me a letter with the correct information. I haven't heard from him since.

Second call was from **Bob Horning**. The good news: He was able to remove a prize from his bucket list for his birthday last year. His daughter surprised him with a visit to Texas, where he toured a helicopter manufacturing plant (he was a combat helicopter pilot during the Korean War) and was allowed to fly a state-of-the-art helicopter simulator. He survived his tour and his simulated flight. He was able to dazzle the young pilots with tales of how it was in "The Old Days" when the pilot had to do all the work. He said in "those days we didn't have time to sit back and pat our bellies, as they do today—now, a helicopter flies itself."

The bad news: He hasn't been able to play golf lately as he waits for his foot to heal. He swore me to silence as to how he hurt it, but I know you guys won't tell anyone or bug him

about it. I can trust you to keep his secret. He was putting on a new shoe! Not too exotic, but I guess he is the only helicopter pilot in history to let putting on a new shoe cripple him.

Pat Moran, you are to be congratulated again for your faithful years as class correspondent. You always had something good to say even when you didn't hear much from our classmates.

The only comment that comes to mind from me is that with today's attention riveted on the COVID-19 virus, I finally came to grips with the word "elderly." Prior to this nasty turn of world events, I really didn't consider myself as being elderly. Older, yes. Elderly, no. It isn't welcome news that the elderly Class of '52 is "non-essential" and expendable today when it comes to medical care during the crisis. I understand the thinking, but do not welcome it.

I still ride my bike six to 12 miles a day, am active at church, maintain several websites, and try to reach out and help people. Speaking of helping people, how about helping me put together an upbeat class column for the next edition of the *Alumni Bulletin*? I'll keep my distance if I see you, sanitize any letters received from you and promise not to sneeze into the phone if you call me.

Stay well and stay happy. Bill

'53 Editor's note:
Class correspondent Tip Mowrer died peacefully at home on April 25, 2020. He had already written and submitted this column; it is published here as he wrote it. His remarkable dedication to his class and this column has lasted over 55 years. He was unwavering in his commitment to Lehigh and to the Class of 1953. We will miss him very much.

I am writing this class message for the *Alumni Bulletin* in mid-March for the *Bulletin* you will

receive this summer. Coronavirus has closed down many events, including the Lehigh Reunion. Hopefully, the virus problem will be old news by the time you read this.

Because of the success of our 65th Reunion in 2018 and our mini-reunion in June 2019, we had planned to do another this June. The plans were dinner in the Tower Room of Iacocca Hall on the Mountaintop Campus.

Joe Morgenstern was coming from Los Angeles to speak to the class about his experiences as the *Wall Street Journal* film critic. As many of you know, Joe won a Pulitzer Prize for Critical Writing a couple years ago. He told **Joe Workman**, our class president, that he is "looking forward enormously to the get-together." A team of Joe, **Roger Inglese** (vice president), **Tony Latour** (treasurer) and myself as secretary and class correspondent meet regularly. A strong group of "advisor/leaders" is also helping on the reunion. They include **Jim Cooke, Nick Gentile, Bob Gill, Mark Kaufmann, Ed Kearney, Herb Roemmele** and **Art Tauck**. Hopefully, we will be able to recreate this event soon.

Joe has asked me to make the following request. He has learned that Lehigh has email addresses for only just over half of our class. Our world communicates by email. If you haven't done so, please give Lehigh your email address so we can communicate faster and easier.

Speaking of numbers, when we concluded our time at Lehigh in 1953, we numbered 585. Time has obviously taken its toll, and we now number 239. That is 41% of us are still around.

Finally, we recently lost **Bob Morgan** and **Bill Horn**, star members of the undefeated 1950 football team. My good friend and topnotch wrestler, **John Morrison**, also passed away.

P.S. Your correspondent

would like to thank Joe Workman for his aid while I was in the hospital and rehabilitation.

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Following is a piece from **George Krauss** (Met. E.). George is unique in that he got his B.S from Lehigh and returned to teach from 1963-1975. Perhaps your children would have been students of George.

"Dear Burt, the Class of '55 and Met. Eng's. '63-75,

"**Neal Griffing's** letter inspired me to write. As a student, Joe Libsch and Bob Stout '41G '44G were anchors of the department, but around the time I joined the department in 1963, Joe Libsch in his boundless enthusiasm and energy over the years recruited George Conrad, Wayne Kraft '48, Ken Tarby, Walter Hahn, Dick Hertzberg '65G, John Wood '59G '62G, Joe Goldstein, Dave Thomas, Mike Notis '60 '63G '69G, Don Ritter '61, Sid Butler and others. We were overworked and underpaid, but we made a tremendous teaching and research department. I lived on a farm in Upper Bucks County only 15 minutes from Lehigh.

"The great Class of 1955 was a major transition for Lehigh. World War II had come and gone for Lehigh's enrollment and the veterans had largely moved through after the war, so the Class of '55 could concentrate on rebuilding the USA. A major factor that contributed to Lehigh's growth in the period after our graduation was the Soviet Union's launch of Sputnik in 1957. That started

the space race, and I am sure provided the funding for the education (fellowships and instructorships) of the generation of Ph.D.s that Joe Libsch recruited for Lehigh in the late 1950s and into the 1960s. These new faculty brought remarkable energy and enthusiasm, greatly expanding the course offerings and research at Lehigh.

"In 1975, I accepted the AMAX Professorship at the Colorado School of Mines supported by the opening of a new molybdenum mine.

"Life has been busy and good, lots of travel and publishing, even managed to buy a small ranch in the mountains of Colorado about which I self-published a book of journal entries from the cabin on that land. I am downsizing and looking for a home for lots of pictures of the Lehigh River.

Best wishes to all, George Krauss, 1805 S. Balsam Street, Apt 138, Lakewood, CO 80232, gkrauss@mines.edu"

Classmates: Please consider writing a column.

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During this stressful time under "stay-at-home" orders caused by the worldwide coronavirus pandemic, we are glad we can still communicate with each other.

It is always a pleasure to hear from Carolyn and **Bob McGro-ry**. They enjoyed a journey to Alaska in July 2019 with their daughter, Melanie, and son-in-law, Henner.

I appreciated a phone call from **Ed Johnson** from his home in Scottsdale, Ariz. He recalls that one aspect of his years at Lehigh was that "they taught me to think." He strongly supports those who hope for a 65th Reunion next year. Ed was sad to report the passing of his Theta

Delta Chi brother Sam Grauer '53 (he graduated with our class).

I now regretfully report the loss of four other loyal and generous classmates.

Al Kime, a Sigma Chi brother, died in February in Asheville, N.C., where he and Anne had retired.

Tricia and I enjoyed many great times at the Kimes' historic farmhouse in Blue Bell, Pa., during Al's long engineering career with nearby GE Aerospace and Lockheed Martin.

Al was a tennis player and sports fan. He attended more than 60 consecutive Lehigh-Lafayette football games. Our thoughts are with Anne, son Fred, daughter Jennifer, and their families.

Wayne Parker, a member of Lehigh's Asa Packer and Tower societies, also died in February, in Gladwyne, Pa. Wayne earned dual degrees at Lehigh, a B.S. in engineering '56 and a B.A. in liberal arts '57. On campus he was a member of Phi Gamma Delta, ROTC and Scabbard and Blade, and served on the Inter-Fraternity Council.

Along with his insurance career, Wayne was active in local government and was a board member of the Wetlands Institute in Stone Harbor, N.J., an environmental advocacy organization.

Wayne will be missed at the local Lehigh alumni luncheons, which he regularly attended. Our condolences go to his wife Anne, sons Don and Steve, and their families.

Jim White sent along a vivid portrait of his Sigma Nu brother **Bill Muirhead**, written by Earle Kimel in the Sarasota, Fla., *Herald-Tribune*. Bill died in December 2019 in Venice, Fla.

A business major at Lehigh and then a U.S. Marine, Bill taught school while earning a law degree at night from American University's Washington College of Law. He was hailed as "a gentlemanly attorney" who led

a life of public service, including positions on the local school and hospital boards and the Sarasota County Commission.

Jim recalls spending long conversational dinners with Bill at the simple Italian Grill in the Palmer Ranch section of Sarasota. "He was not one for fancy...French restaurants," Jim commented in the newspaper article.

Bill and his wife Anne, who died in 2011, also spent time in Maine and Ireland. We are thinking of Bill's brother Jack and the Muirhead family.

I am also sorry to learn of **Kent Hemphill's** death in May 2019. At Lehigh Kent was a member of Delta Phi and the Marching 97 and concert bands. He spent six years as a pilot in the U.S. Air Force between earning B.S. '56 and M.S. '64 degrees in mechanical engineering from Lehigh.

He remained active with military organizations during his career with Xerox in upstate New York. We spent time with Ann and Kent at our 60th Reunion in 2016, and send our sympathy to Ann and the Hemphill family.

Stay well and please send your news.

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Hopefully by the time this column comes out we will be back to traveling, visiting our children and grandchildren, and watching baseball and football.

Good month for news after sending out a desperation email to many of our classmates that have an updated email address at LU. **Dan Mowday** and wife Ceil are still living in the same house in Churchville, Pa. He attended last year's Lehigh-Lafayette game with **Randy Beck** and his wife, Theresa, and again

with them for the EIWA wrestling tournament, plus 10 days in Siesta Key, Fla., with **Fred Kunich** and his wife, Joan.

Sam Hines and wife Corinne have been living in Selah, Wash., since '06 right outside of Yakima and love the area. Retiring from the machine tool industry allowed Sam to get busy with important things like becoming a master gardener, singing in the Yakima Symphony Chorus and other fun stuff. They have three-plus acres in Yakima County, in the middle of apple country, and also enjoy camping all over in their Airstream trailer.

Bill Pennebaker is living with his son and daughter-in-law in Burlington, Vt., enjoying his family, cats and dog, and grandson who has inherited Bill's love of all things technical and mechanical. There may be another Lehigh physics major in the family in a decade or so.

Don Overdorf has been living in Nashville, Tenn., for the last 29 years. Retired from Bethlehem Steel in 1998 after 41 years and is now getting used to the loss of his wife after 61 years of marriage. Keeping busy with golf, church work, HOA president and treasurer, and visiting his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren in Phoenix and Buffalo. Still gets back to Bethlehem annually for family reunions and a get together with **Andy Slabikosky** on the same visit.

Rod Rojas just sent me a short life story since marrying Barbara Kleppinger, a Cedar Crest grad who he met performing in several of our Lehigh theater productions. Rod earned a graduate degree in EE and then taught a year at Lafayette. He then was offered a job with an international oil company in Coral Gables, Fla. Over the next 20 years, Rod worked in Florida, El Salvador, Nicaragua, New Jersey, Spain, Argentina, San Fran and LA. They settled in San Clemente, where he built his home and acquired a condo

on Grand Cayman where they had honeymooned. They've chosen to live their golden years in San Clemente with their four children, 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandkids.

Will Sechler and wife are living in a retirement community in Winston-Salem, N.C. Due to the quarantine, they are picking up their meals at the clubhouse and suffering from "March Madness withdrawal." Otherwise, they are enjoying Southern living.

Martin Lang and Betty made a double move from Long Beach Island, N.J., to Greenbriar Oceanaire in N.J., and in Florida from Naples to Bonita Springs. They continue to enjoy traveling and visiting their children—Laura, Douglas, and Susan (Lang) Clemson '88—and their grandchildren.

Alan Rubin, our starting soccer goalie for four years, is now retired and living in Pittsfield, Mass., with his wife, Sandra. He is still coaching goalkeeping as owner/coach of Just4Keepers of Western Mass. After receiving an M.S. in metallurgy in 1958 and working for several companies, including Pratt & Whitney, he left to run a family business called the RCI Radio Clinic for 20 years before moving to Pittsfield. His daughter, Jen, lives in Madison, Wis., and among other things is a Moth storyteller (I had to Google it); and son Josh is a lawyer living in Park Slope, Brooklyn.

Jacque Smith is retired from the heavy downhill ski slopes of Park City, Utah, and living in the Riverwoods Apartments in Exeter, N.H., and happy that you don't have to pay state income tax there.

Sadly, my dear fraternity brother **Al Olsen** passed away on his farm in Lebanon, N.J. surrounded by daughter Betsy and sons, Jonathan Olsen '86 and Peter Olsen '84, who are the managing partners of the accounting firm Olson &

Thompson of Morristown, N.J., founded by Al back in the '60s. Al was our class treasurer back in school and was predeceased by his wife, Barbara. We will miss his wry sense of humor and his love of life.

Please email some updates on your whereabouts and activities. Thanks.

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What did you do during the virus shutdown? We made a lot of calls after we cancelled our yearly vacation to Wrightsville Beach, N.C., because the beach was closed, nothing was open, driving was restricted and we were prisoners of our son, who said "don't go anywhere!"

Our first call was to Lukie and **Jean-Claude Rousseaux** – they were home in Sunset Beach, N.C., after cancelling their trip to France. They are busy planning a fall river cruise.

Next we called Claudia and **Jim Horkheimer** to say we wouldn't be able to visit them in their new home in North Charleston, S.C., but we couldn't reach them. I called Lehigh and got the sad news that Jim died on Jan. 18 and the memorial service will be in June. I was shocked! Jim and I were joined at the hip for many months before our 50th Reunion as we composed our 50th yearbook. We traveled between Rochester, Orchard Park and Lehigh. His basement computer was our home plate. The result was a fantastic remembrance of Fifty Lehigh Years. We will miss you! I would like to use my executive privilege to award Jim the honorary 2020 Class Alumni Award for all that he did for Lehigh and our class.

Ed Delany got a ski week vacation in Maine before the virus arrived. He misses the library. He mentioned that **Tom**

Cuddeback was "really ill," but had survived and is back in spades.

Bruce Gilbert noted that the Penn Relays were cancelled this year, but he hoped they reschedule after he turned 85—another age group! He asked me which Lehigh tailgate I was planning to attend—we decided on September 19, the Columbia game.

Bob Christie will have the '58 tailgate flag flying. I hope his arthritis is gone by then. Bob suggested that we read "The Eyes of Darkness," a fiction book written by Dean Koont, re-released in 2008, about a Chinese scientist bringing a biological weapon called Wuhan-400 to the United States.

John Harkrader can't wait to move to the "holiday house" at the beach. He is not feeling great, but the chemo helps.

Great-grandparents June and **Brooks Goldman** are laid up pretty good—she from her accident, him from a knee replacement. The good news is that one of their springer spaniels was returned and they can work on "best in show" one more time—not!

Marianne and **Bill Bux** are recovering from foot and ankle problems and she had shingles. She is like my Anne—driving Miss Daisy (Bill).

Sally and **Dave Saunders** did not get to their Florida vacation. Two days before they were to leave Sally broke her hip. She's recovering now. Gail and **Pete Tremblay** are in Florida waiting for her. No Phi Delta Theta Spring Fling this year.

Izzie and **Larry Trerotola** are hunkered down like the rest of us but are planning to get to the Columbia game.

I can't believe that Sandy and **Pete Mitchell** and neighbors were on a one-week cruise from NYC to Nassau and back just before the virus arrived. There were 4,000 on the ship, with 1,700 crew—crew ok, but some neighbors got sick.

Linda and **Tom Healy** are locked up in Venice, Fla. She is water jogging to help her balance and driving around Publix looking for a parking spot to shop. Tom is not playing golf; his partners are no longer around. Back to Saratoga in May—maybe.

Louise and **Dick Briggs** were busy watching their one inch of snow—wow! Their Lehigh soccer grandson got back from Barcelona and Italy just in time.

Frank Eck's wife, Bailey, died recently.

Jack Hobby emailed that **Scott Wollaston** moved into a new home in Florida. He talked to Sue Gaintner about a reunion of medical officers from Vietnam. **Dick Gaintner** was one. He thinks the Bills have a good chance without Brady on the bench.

Talked to **Bob Franco** while we were both looking at Canada. He from Blaine, Wash., and me from Orchard Park, N.Y., but neither could cross the border. Bob had only a mile to get his carry out at his club—what a life!

Saving **Lee Owens** yearly letter for next issue, but he had two catastrophes this year—112-degree heat with terrible forest fires, couldn't see the next house, and now the virus.

Late note from **Bert Elsner**. His daughter took his granddaughter, Abby Ingaglio '15 and grandson Robbie (LU applicant this fall) to the Lehigh-Lafayette game. He ran into **Dick Reller** on the shuttle.

My neighbor, Dave Hecht '60, and I can't figure out what was worse: the eight feet of snow five years ago or this virus. I didn't visit him for either one, but the snow melted.

Guess what? Gary's Barber Shop was closed as non-essential, but the Bills are building a team for the future playoffs! We are on our way!

We fed five blue birds at our window—all winter fun. Greekers to Jim Horkheimer.

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"Flu hits campus. Lehigh closes
for two weeks." No, not the coro-
navirus that shut the university.
The Asian Flu closed Lehigh
our junior year in October 1957,
sending carloads down to Flori-
da where students from all over
the East continued to spread
the virus all the way South. No
distant or virtual classes for us.
We had to make up two weeks
of cramming in labs and studies.
And **Beall Fowler** reminded
that we were closed for one week
the year before because of a mea-
sles epidemic.

Although memories of our
60th Reunion (as well as much
else) are fading, we have a few
notes remaining. Facing the
actuarial reality that this may
have been the last reunion some
of us could make, the committee
decided to blow through our
class reunion fund stash with an
open bar during our Saturday
night dinner, entertainment from
Lehigh Vocal Arts and reasonable
event pricing. Mission accom-
plished: \$2.00 left for our 65th!!

Tony Sousa added some Al-
pha Chi Rho reunion highlights:
"We Crows have traditionally
taken Friday evening off to have
our own mini-reunion. We meet
at a local restaurant, this year
at the Copperhead Grille. Four
of us made it this year: **Jack
St. Clair**, **Scott Armstrong**,
Armin Frost and me, plus our
wives. We stayed in touch with
Gordon Leach, **Don Cazer** and
George Hulse, who were un-
able to attend. Looking forward
to our 65th!"

Class co-scribe **John
Canova** mentioned a sad and
poignant visit to the former
main office of Bethlehem Steel.
"The offices are shuttered,
with a 'no trespassing' sign on

the door and a cyclone fence
blocking all access. The mill, a
colossus of a bygone industrial
era, once an angry monster
belching soot, fire and fury day
and night, is now part museum
and part casino, a relic from the
past, slowing rusting its way
onto nothingness."

"Show 'um the lights!" That
chant would echo through Grace
Hall whenever **Ed Hamer** took
the mat, compiling an amazing
38-5 wrestling record at Lehigh
plus two EIWA and one NCAA
titles. On March 7, 2020, with
23 of his family members in at-
tendance, Ed was inducted into
the EIWA Hall of Fame. Another
well-earned tribute!

Two teammates, both out-
standing wrestlers themselves,
paid homage. **Dick Santoro**
made the Hall of Fame pre-
sentation. **Leon Harbold** said
"On the mat he brimmed with
self-confidence and determina-
tion, he welcomed big challeng-
es and loved to overachieve."

Marty Maloney did what
a lot of us did after graduation,
spent two years in the Army and
got married while he was in the
service. Marty had a long career
with State Farm (39 years) and
now lives with wife Loretta in
Pompton Plains, N.J., and has a
wonderful legacy of three daugh-
ters, eight grandchildren and
five great grandchildren. Still an
avid golfer and a part-time trout
fisher-man, Marty has figured
out what retirement is all about.

Dick Hunt said first what
was most important, that he
married a lovely lady by the
name of Anne Graham. They,
too, have three daughters but
are lagging slightly behind the
Maloneys with six grandchil-
dren and one great grandchild.
Dick had a great career in adver-
tising and marketing, forming
his own media rep company and
then rocketing off with a dot
com company plus an e-mag-
azine venture. Now to keep
busy he writes a daily column,
has written five novels, plays

golf, has volunteered with the
Newport, R.I., Art Museum and
an adult continuing education
program. Last July he attended
a reunion of 40 Chi Phis, includ-
ing '59ers **Ed Perry**, **Ernest
Schickedanz**, **Dick Smith** and
Kent Straat.

"Tips from the top," a new
'59 class column feature, asks
you to dig deep into your vast
storehouse of wisdom and les-
sons learned, both personal and
business, and share them with
your classmates. (Send your tips
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Our first comes from **Bob El-
liott**, renowned speaker and pre-
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"Enthusiasm, evidence and
body language are winners. You
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Hello classmates, I am writing
this while under self-quarantine
in Connecticut. It is not much
fun, but better than the alterna-
tive. I live about one mile from
the Rhode Island state line and if
I drive into the state to get food,
gas or alcoholic beverages there
is a chance a state trooper will
stop me and tell me to go home
and self-quarantine for 14 days.

Not much to write at this
time, as I had expected to be
writing about seeing many of
you at our 60th Reunion, which
has been postponed until 2021.
Harry McNally has suggest-
ed the class consider having a
mini-reunion at a home football
game in October or early No-
vember. We will just have to see
how this virus situation pans out
and make a decision later. **Jack
Kennedy** or the university will
let you know if this works out.

Gill and I made our usual
trip to Jupiter, Fla., for the
month of February and stopped
by Charleston, S.C., to spend a
couple of days with **Tom Bliss**
and his wife, Tricia. Tom is still
undergoing rehab but is getting
better week by week. He has a
new Bichon Frise puppy to keep
him company. It was good to
see Tom and to find him in good
spirits. He was looking forward
to attending the Reunion.

Once we arrived in Jupiter
we got together with **Bill Ross**
and his wife, Dottie, for their
annual Super Bowl party. There
was a smaller group than usual
but **John Mac Williams** and
his wife, Louise, were in atten-
dance. They were staying at
their home in Delray, Fla.

Received an email from **Jack
Makuch**, who lived in Drinker
4 with me during our freshman
year. Jack mentioned he had
remained in close contact with
a couple of classmates over the
years. One, **Jim Kadel**, lives in
Bridgewater, Va. (near Harri-
sonburg). His career involved
engineering, teaching physics
and coaching swimming. His
email address is [jimkadel@
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The second, **Ed Rinalducci**,
passed away on March 25. He
had celebrated his 83rd birth-
day earlier in that month. He
was a psychology professor and
was living in Savannah, Ga., at
the time of his death.

Jack and his wife, Louise,
live in Seneca, S.C. They have
been married for 55 years. He
graduated from Lehigh with a
degree in BSME. He added a
MSME at UConn and a master's
in management while working
for Combustion Engineering.
After a series of engineering and
management positions, he re-
signed and ran his own consult-
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career segments involved the
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Stay healthy!

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I sit here in the waning days of March, composing our class column for the *Alumni Bulletin*. Like most of you, I am in self-isolation, watching TV reports on the number of cases and deaths from the coronavirus as it spreads all across America. Hopefully, by the time you read this, new cases will be on the decline and recovery will have begun. I pray that all of our classmates may be spared the ravages of this monstrous menace. Hopefully, we will be able to join together in joyful celebration at our 60th Reunion next June.

You may notice that this column is a bit shorter than usual, reflecting, I suspect, the fact that most of you have other more important things on your mind at this moment. However, if you appreciate reading the news from your fellow classmates, I urge you to sit down at your laptop and dash off a few bits of news and thoughts of your own for publication in the next edition.

Bob McGuffey refuses to retire. In response to calls for social distancing, he has reverted to the internet and cell phone to keep in touch with his insurance clients. He had hip replacement surgery the day after Thanksgiving and is now up and walking almost 100%. He and Jane have ten grandchildren and one great grandchild, and “many more to come.” He plans to stay active in the insurance business until he turns 90!

Grosse Pointe, Mich., is home to **Hank Darlington**. Although his wife, Louise, passed away four years ago, he feels blessed to have two of his three children and five of his

six grandchildren living nearby. What to do in retirement? Hank has several radio-controlled sailboats that he enjoys racing during the warmer months. And he is just completing construction of a 5½ foot, cedar-planked, radio-controlled sailboat, which he is anxious to get into the water. “Just waiting for the virus to depart Michigan.”

Brian Bauknight reports that he and Elaine are doing well in Pittsburgh in the midst of self-quarantine. He took up leadership monitoring of new United Methodist clergy when he retired from active ministry in 2007. He now devotes his spare time to volunteer work, including reading with early elementary-age children in one of Pittsburgh’s struggling public schools. He enjoys the help of three grandchildren aboard mowers on his farm near the airport and keeps in touch with more distant offspring via Portal and FaceTime. He and Elaine have five (yes, five!) great-granddaughters. Brian counsels: “I often say it is not so bad being old enough to be a great-grandfather, until I realize that our daughter is a grandmother!”

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My summer column deadline usually comes during March Madness with lots to report on, especially about the NCAA Wrestling championship. Well, this year, perennial followers **Norm Goldberg**, **Art Cader** and **Al Rieper** had to request a refund of their airfare to Minneapolis, as all NCAA events were cancelled. It was especially disappointing for Lehigh’s nine

qualifiers, including three EIWA champs. **Ron Johnson** and **Bob Downing** had front-row seats at the Easterns and joined **Glenn Breidenbach**, Goldberg and Rieper at the post-game wrestling dinner celebrating Lehigh’s third consecutive championship. Your columnist watched the entire event on FloWrestling, maintaining social distance. He did, however, get to attend the Lehigh-Army match at West Orange (N.J.) High School, only a few miles from his home in Caldwell, the first ever neutral site for a Lehigh-Army event. The meet honored the late Army wrestler C.J. Morgan on Senior Night. Morgan, originally of West Orange, died last summer in a military vehicle accident in a U.S.M.A. training area. Ron Johnson and Norm Goldberg joined Eleanor and **Phil Kinzel** at the sold-out event.

There’s a must-read book, “Tough Street: From Osage to London to Lehigh, the Remarkable Life of Gerald ‘Germ’ Leeman.” An excerpt from the book “The 1961-62 Lehigh team was arguably Leeman’s best. The Engineers went 12-0, including a 17-8 win over mighty Oklahoma in Grace Hall; **Jim Detrixhe** upset OU returning NCAA runner-up Wayne Baughman, 5-3, with a late reversal. At the Easterns in Rec Hall, Lehigh won six of the ten weights and trounced the field, breaking its own record with ninety-six points. Engineers Bill Merriam ’63 (123), Pat Smartt ’63 (130), **Dave Angell** (167), **Detrixhe** (177) and **Chuck Moore** (191) all won titles.”

Carl Petrillo was a guest on the Joe Piscopo morning radio show in March. Carl was invited as part of a “Salute to Yonkers” celebration. Carl talked about his family heritage and his grandfather, an Italian immigrant who founded Yonkers Contracting Company. Carl has served as the chairman of

Yonkers Contracting Company, a heavy civil contractor focused on infrastructure construction for public and private clients for the past 35 years. A proponent of community involvement, Carl has received numerous recognitions from various humanitarian organizations as well as for his business leadership. Currently, he serves as the vice chair of St. Joseph’s Medical Center and Yonkers Partners in Education. Carl’s guidance made the family-owned firm one of the most well-respected businesses in the construction industry in the New York Metropolitan area. His business acumen diversified the company to encompass all areas of heavy civil construction, including highways, bridges, rail, transit, water/wastewater and energy/environmental projects.

You may have noticed a new address for your class columnist. In February, Eleanor and Phil Kinzel sold their home of 40 years in Caldwell and moved to their second home in Brick, N.J., a property at the Jersey Shore that they have owned for almost 50 years, with a new home built after the old summer home was wrecked by Superstorm Sandy.

Kent Westhelle (Savannah, Ga.) reports that he and Beverly had a great visit with **Bob “Buzzy” Happ** in Florida and managed to get in a round of golf.

Happy birthday to all of our classmates who turn 80 in 2020. And as **Russ Borner** advises, “Let’s play more golf and enjoy the last quarter.”

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As I write this column, the world as we know is in unprecedented times. I sincerely hope and pray that by the time we read this in the *Lehigh Alumni Bulletin*, our worlds will have

returned to some normalcy and we will have all endured.

Classmate **Dick Stanley**, who was an EE and Gryphon, recently sent me an email. Dick and his wife, Barbara, were traveling to be with family at Thanksgiving and stayed at the Hotel Bethlehem on Saturday night of the Lehigh-Lafayette football game. On Sunday morning, Dick ran into his Dravo freshman dorm mate, **Walt Nichols**, a fellow EE and my fraternity brother, and had an impromptu reunion. Dick said he has been busy since graduation. After short stints with GM and IBM, Dick had a 25-year career with the Army Signal Corps. After that, he managed R&D for GTE Corporation Laboratories, which became a founder of Verizon. Then he went into teaching. Dick still teaches a bit for Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Along the way he earned his Ph.D. in EE from WPI and his PE license. Now he and Barbara split their time between Boston and London.

Bob Wagner, a Pi Lam, provided me with a brief note. He and **Peter Ignall** attended the first round of the EIWA wrestling tournament held March 5 and 6 at Lehigh. They had a great day, as did the Lehigh team. Bob noted that they saw two former wrestling standouts for Lehigh—**Thad Turner '61** and **Kirk Pendleton**—at the tournament. He and Peter hit their favorite pub for cheesesteaks on their return trip. They discussed their Pi Lam class and noted that they are disappointed about the infrequent information about the Pi Lams in the column. Pi Lams, email me to increase the frequency of your information here. After receiving his MBA, Bob worked in the oil and gas industry with Suburban Propane, Koch Industries and Enterprise Products. He's married to his high school sweetheart,

Sarah, and they have three children and seven grandchildren. They do a bit of traveling, most often to their home on St. Croix.

I also attended the EIWAs and saw **Jim Wilson** and **Dave Howell**. I'm sure there had to be more attendees from the Class of 1963 in attendance. If you attended, email me and I'll have a final count in my next column.

How many classmates are still running marathons? Answer: at least one. Any other marathoners, email me so I can update the answer in the next column.

Through the efforts of a former work compatriot, I received information about **Gerald Agin**. After Lehigh, Gerald went to work for IBM in Endicott, N.Y. While working on printer development, he earned a master's from Syracuse. After earning his master's, he was accepted to the IBM Graduate Study Program. He earned a Ph.D. in electrical engineering from Stanford. His thesis was titled "Representation and Description of Curved Objects." A laser beam was used to measure the three-dimensional surfaces of objects and tried to create models of their shapes. He was employed by SRI International in Menlo Park, Calif., where he worked in computer vision, helping to create a "vision module" that would allow robots to find objects on a moving conveyor belt and pick them up. In 1979, he left SRI International to help establish the Robotics Institute at Carnegie Mellon University. In 1986, Gerald left academia for a startup called Carnegie Group, Inc., where he developed AI solutions for industrial problems. He retired in 1997. A musician at heart (he played trumpet in the Marching 97), he went back to school at the University of Pittsburgh and earned a music degree. In retirement he picked up playing the violin and then the viola. Gerald then used his computer

skills to develop a program that would help violin and other string players to play in tune. He hasn't put a lot of time into marketing, but several thousand string players have purchased, used and supported the program. He says the income is miniscule but it's satisfying to have created something useful. He's been a runner since his late 30s and recently ran in a 50K (31 miles) trail race in the mountains of the Laurel Highlands near Pittsburgh.

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I just read in Dixon Early's '63 column that Chic Craze '63 passed away in Bethlehem on Nov. 2, 2019. Chic entered Lehigh with the '63 class and was part of the 1961 Lambert Cup team, but he took a two-year break to serve in the Navy, then returned to Lehigh, graduating in 1965. So, on average he was a '64. **Lane Jorgensen** remembers him fondly as his senior year Sigma Nu roommate. I won't repeat Dixon's column except to add that Susan and Chic had five kids. Three of the kids died very young. Son Andrew, who had two heart transplants, died just a few years ago. Their daughter, Lizzy Craze, now 38, had a heart transplant at the Stanford Hospital in Redwood City, Calif., when she was only two years old. (The youngest ever at that time.) Chic retired in 1989 and moved to Redwood City to be near Lizzy. A few years ago, Chic and Susan moved back to Bethlehem. Dementia hit both of them, so they were moved into an extended care center in Center Valley. Susan is still there.

Last week I got a note from Steve Breckley '63 that we lost **Don Speakman** on March 10, 2020. Don started his United

States government career as a revenue officer in Lancaster, Pa. In 1970, he transferred to the U.S. Customs Service as a computer programmer. Don retired in 1997 as the director of the U. S. Customs Service Data Center. I'm sure Don's Lambda Chi rothers recall the many reunions Don and Pat hosted at their home on the Chesapeake Bay in Grasonville, Md.

Our freshman class president **Chuck Wistar** sailed off to the Fiddler's Green on Nov. 15, 2019 to join his Phi Gamma Delta brothers **Dwight Miller** and **Thad Murwin**. **Bill Oskin** and his wife, Jane, along with Fiji brothers **Jay Chambers '66** and **Ed Valliant** attended the celebration of life for Chuck in Annapolis. Bill Oskin delivered the eulogy. In 1970, Chuck and three others founded Pentamation, a software company based in Bethlehem. In 1999 Pentamation was purchased by a large Philadelphia software company. Many years before the sale, Chuck had moved to Baltimore to become CEO of Pentamation's healthcare division there. About a year after the sale of the company, Chuck bought a '46 Grand Banks trawler and soon added a second mate: Andrea. In 2003, Chuck and Andrea bought a Selene trawler. Chuck was a captivating chronicler, and the blog he created about Selene cruising got the attention of the Selene CEO, who in 2005 offered Chuck and Andrea a Selene dealership in Annapolis, which led to Chuck's final career.

Ted Muendel could not attend Chuck's celebration of life but provided this nautical tribute: a 19th century poem by Henry Van Dyke. I think it's how we should think about all of our lost friends.

"I am standing upon the seashore. A ship, at my side, / spreads her white sails to the moving breeze and starts / for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength. / I stand

and watch her until, at length, she hangs like a speck / of white cloud just where the sea and sky come to mingle with each other. / Then, someone at my side says, "There, she is gone." / Gone where? / Gone from my sight. That is all. She is just as large in mast, / hull and spar as she was when she left my side. / And, she is just as able to bear her load of living freight to her destined port. / Her diminished size is in me -- not in her. / And, just at the moment when someone says, "There, she is gone," / there are other eyes watching her coming, and other voices / ready to take up the glad shout, "Here she comes!" / And that is dying / Death comes in its own time, in its own way. / Death is as unique as the individual experiencing it."

Hopefully when I write my next column COVID-19 will be defeated, you will all be well and I will have happier news.

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My Spring 2020 report was especially long, with so much information to provide about our planned 55th Reunion. Unfortunately, that was not to be.

As I write this, Lehigh has just announced the postponement of the 2020 Reunion, and we are looking toward a very difficult time. As you read this, I hope you and yours have stayed strong and healthy.

Let's work together to plan a 56th Reunion in 2021 to which we can all look forward.

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Hopefully you have noted the recognition given to two of our classmates in recent university publications. The Fall 2019 *Alumni Bulletin* noted the new awards that recognize Lehigh's most successful alumni. Named as the recipient of the Dr. Costel Denson '56 Award was **Frank L. Douglas**. Frank is a longtime veteran in the field of health care, pharmaceutical research and entrepreneurial endeavors. He is a Fulbright Scholar; author; and winner of numerous accolades, including the Black History Makers Award, the Center for Medicine in the Public Interest Odyssey Award, the National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers Lifetime Achievement Award, the Geoffrey Beene Foundation's Rock Star of Science Award and the American Heart Association's Louis B. Russell Memorial Award.

David Evans and his wife, Rita, were featured in the university's 2018-19 Endowment Report for their generosity of funding an endowed scholarship for undergraduate students. Dave related the joy he and his parents had in 1962 when he was admitted to Lehigh and received a scholarship making it all possible. Dave was an engineering physics major and Air Force ROTC cadet. He then spent 21 years in the service, primarily working in satellite systems and laser technology, and teaching physics at the Air Force Academy. He retired in 1987 as a lieutenant colonel and went to work for Aerospace Corp., taking his second retirement in 2009.

We had several '66ers attending the EIWA wrestling tournament at Stabler Arena this past March. They saw Lehigh romp to its third straight EIWA crown, winning three individual gold medals, and qualifying eight of the 10 wrestlers it entered in this tournament

for the NCAA Championships. Regrettably the coronavirus later caused the cancellation of the nationals. **Harry Brown** reported that **Jeff Gallagher**, **Bobbie** and **Dave DeAngelo**, **Karen** and **Barry Jenkins**, **Jerry** and **Jim Sutton**, and **Billy Stuart** were in attendance. Let us know if we missed you.

Paul Williamson took an interesting career path after Lehigh. He had extended his interests in international relations by attending the Vienna-based program conducted by the Institute of European Studies (now IES Abroad) during the spring semester of 1965. The experience of travelling and studying abroad had a profound impact on Paul's future career and interest choices. Following Lehigh, he earned a master's degree at Georgetown's Foreign Service School. Being the spring of 1968, he found the military beckoning rather than the Foreign Service. So, he joined the Navy, which led to flying the back seat of F-4 Phantoms, primarily over the Mediterranean, but including a few months of combat over Vietnam. Then, as an exchange officer, he taught political science and defense policy at the Air Force Academy. His overseas assignments included Kiel, Germany and Karup, Denmark. Then he was back to flying the back seat of F-14 Tomcats. His final assignments were Navy headquarters in London and NATO headquarters for northern Europe near Oslo. Paul returned home and managed family property until 2006. He then toured the country searching for an ideal retirement location and found Asheville, N.C. Paul describes it as funky, with 20 breweries, liberal, green, musical in all genres and very earnest.

In 1979, **Charles Wittman** took over his family fiberglass molding business, where he had been working since 1967. In the succeeding years, as Architec-

tural Fiberglass Corp., it became one of the leading suppliers of molded fiberglass architectural products. He is currently semi-retired, but still involved as a manufacturer's representative. Also in 1979, Charlie met his wife-to-be, Bobbi, on the bus to the start of the New York marathon, the first of many they would run together. They have travelled internationally quite a bit, and he remains an active athlete and coach, especially triathlons and swimming.

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Eric Simonsen related that he and Sue just returned from 24 days in Antarctica. "Down the road," he said, "if you want a few 'bon mots' about our trip to fill some empty space, please let me know."

Doug Lane wrote that he and **Andy Segal** are living on the edge while continuing to work in the office while much of the firm is teleworking. He goes on to say, "NYC is a ghost town with only a few people on the streets this weekend. It is like waiting for a hurricane to hit and hoping it misses you." You have been working too hard, Doug. The windless and silent hurricane has already hit and the storm is already more devastating than Katrina. Stay safe, Doug and Andy.

Bill Washychyn, a man of brevity, noted that he changed his email address to **billwash@gmail.com**. I think we should all write to Bill and ask what he and Anne have been doing lately.

Mike Caruso provides an update on the EIWA wrestling championships: "Lehigh walked away with a basket of trophies, including a blowout team victory (we completed the threeppeat), three individual titles (the Jordan boys: Jordan Wood '21 and Jordan Kutler '20

each won their third), and sophomore Josh Humphries was voted the Outstanding Wrestler. Lehigh qualified ninth out of 10 for the NCAA championships.

“To celebrate on Sunday morning, I hosted a brunch with five current and former coaches and wives (Ed Hamer ’59, Thad Turner ’61, Greg Strobel, Pat Santoro and Brad Dillon ’04), along with NCAA champion Billy Stuart ’66 and our own **Joey Caprio**. Ed Hamer, assistant to Coach Leeman in our days, was inducted into the EIWA Hall of Fame.

Tom Baumgartner writes the following: “When I retired to Ontario, I looked for some volunteer opportunities. I spent seven years on the board of the local community health centre.

“With the curling club currently closed down, I am trying to finish an application for the iPad to sell on the App Store and also arranging online bridge games. We use Skype to talk around the table, so it is almost like playing in person.

“Looking forward to the warmer weather so I can get the boat in the water, open up the pool and play golf. I also want to play tennis, but handling the ball seems to violate the social distancing rule.

“I did attend the Lehigh-Lafayette football weekend and the wrestling match that weekend. The DUs from the late ’60s and early ’70s had an official tailgate location and a block of seats. After the game we all were invited to astronaut Terry Hart’s ’68 house.... The other ’67s there to the best of my memory were **Jim Donnelly**, **Jan Black** and **Carl Roth**.”

The following classmates wrote to me in November 2019 and sadly I misplaced their submissions. Nevertheless, their news is still news to most of us.

From **Russ Massey**: “I transitioned from chemistry to software in the mid ’70s. I work for Honeywell Process Systems,

designing and programming distributed control systems for oil refineries, pharmaceuticals, food manufacturing, etc.”

Russ is the lead software designer for Honeywell’s main controller and he received his sixth patent in 2018. Further, his group had a PowerPC product on the market before Apple.

“One Lehigh man, Dustin Flay ’85, is in my group, and another, Bob Powell ’77, is across the hall. I like the work and love the people, so I’m still working full time. I still play guitar and sing in the church choir. In the past few years I have biked the Delaware Canal trail (both sides) and gone part way up the Two Rivers trail. We keep in touch with our best man, **Dave Nace**.”

Bruce Haines is pleased to report that the Historic Hotel Bethlehem received two national recognitions. “It was 20 years ago that classmates **Bill Trotter**, **Harvey York** and I organized a group to preserve the hotel after it was bankrupt and closed for a year.

“Our vision at that time was to restore the hotel to the national prominence it had held during the Bethlehem Steel era. We are very proud to have been selected by Historic Hotels of America as the No. 1 Best Hotel of its size (76-200 rooms). This recognition follows our designation by *USA Today* as the country’s ‘No. 3 Best Historic Hotel’ of any size. This was quite an honor for the Hotel as well as Bethlehem...”

“We want to thank all of our classmates for their support... and hope to see you in future visits to our alma mater where we offer 15% Lehigh alumni discounts most times of the year.”

Ben Wrigley says that “52 years of life is difficult to shrink into a paragraph at this time... For now, still married to Becky and have two sons and four grandchildren. Still working as a boutique lawyer serving the marijuana business entities arriving to

enter the Michigan market. Live in Grand Rapids and have been here since law school graduation in 1970. More later. Maybe upon retirement.” Please don’t wait another 50 years!

Jerry Silber tells me, “This fall I chaired the fourth annual fundraising dinner for the Israel Cancer Research Fund in Connecticut. Their mission is to raise funds in the U.S. and Canada to fund scientists in Israel looking for a cure for cancer. They do great work. For example, one of their scientists identified the chemistry behind how leukemia works. This led to the development of a drug that has turned leukemia from being an 85% death sentence to an 85% ‘live’ sentence. Two of the other scientists won the Nobel Prize in chemistry for another discovery. The dinner was highly successful, far exceeding previous results. If anyone wants to help cure this disease, they can contact me at: silberjerry@gmail.com.”

Bart Cameron joined about 40 others for a multi-year reunion at the Sig Ep house.

“Sadly, we toasted **Joe Powers**, who passed away in January. Later in June, my wife and I enjoyed a wonderful cruise of the Baltic visiting eight countries with a special focus on St. Petersburg, Russia. In August we hosted a bunch of business school classmates from Kellogg to celebrate our 50th reunion. Our basic plan these days is to travel, reconnect with old friends, and do fun things with our six granddaughters.”

Robert Rickards explains, “One benefit of remaining active in academia past retirement age is that one sometimes receives offers of visiting professorships. During the first part of calendar year 2019 I taught research methods and statistics to Ph.D. students at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand. This fall semester I have been teaching financial accounting

at Lodz University’s School of Management in Poland.

“A second benefit of approaching Last Man Standing status is being invited by professional associations to give keynote speeches about how things came to be the way they are today. This year such activities took me to Queen’s University in Belfast, Northern Ireland; Rangsit University in Bangkok, Thailand; Kherson and Odessa Universities in Ukraine; and Kiel University in Germany.”

’68 Dick Bell, 2016 Redwood Avenue, Wyomissing PA 19610. rtbell68@hotmail.com. After graduating from Lehigh with degrees in engineering and philosophy, **Richard Roberts** earned his M.A. from the University of Iowa in journalism and MBA in education from Harvard. He worked in advertising and public relations. He took up painting and is going to the Masters this year. He received an award in mass communication. He authored two books and a newspaper column. He retired to board of director volunteer work.

Bernard Frick received an MBA from Loyola. He served in the Peace Corps in Brazil. He was a business administrator for the City of York. Then he was a field manager for the public school employees’ retirement system in Pennsylvania. He has five grandchildren.

Charles Gross was a counselor for Arthur Anderson and CFO for a transport company. Presently, he owns his accounting, life insurance and estate firm. He has four grandchildren and enjoys fine wine and gourmet cooking.

George Rosenfield was a family physician in a small New England town for 35 years. He is a full-time active grandfather. He and his wife have two children and three grandchildren. After practicing medicine for

two years in the U.S. Navy, he continued at the Naval Academy before entering into private practice.

Douglas Miller was a certified public accountant for Price-Waterhouse in Boston. He was a financial officer for various public and private businesses. He also lectures on real estate business.

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I received notes from two of our classmates that expanded on details in obits posted by the Alumni *Bulletin* in previous issues.

David Hughes wrote that **Tom Ritter** was the son of Dr. Tom Ritter, Sr. '41, brother-in-law of Dave Hotchkiss '69 and uncle of Liz (Hotchkiss) Tong '96. Tom was a member of Theta Xi and avid supporter of Lehigh Band activities, even as a non-member.

His obituary read in part: "Tommy was (in his words) a know-it-all and professional troublemaker. He was also affectionately known as Grandpa, Ritter, Lion, Uncle Grumpy and Knucklehead. ... He served 11 years as an airborne mission control chief in the Pennsylvania Air National Guard with the rank of Captain. Tommy was a beloved physics and chemistry teacher at Annville Cleona High School. ... He was ... the author of 'Christianity Explained Briefly (and Differently).'"

John Baker wrote about **James Obenshain**. John hadn't been in touch with "Obie" since school days but when I read it, I was reminded of "The Big Chill." John writes that Obie was certainly a lot like the character whose funeral those people attended. Obie played high school basketball in Cincinnati and was a history major

at Lehigh. He was a happy-go-lucky-guy who never had a bad word to say and because of him a lot of the parties we had off campus were "epic." John says "off campus" because the guys who lived in their small apartment building were mainly fraternity dropouts or kick-outs. Obie had been a member at Sigma Chi, but Sigma Alpha Mu, Kappa Sigma and others were represented. Once, let's say "a disagreement" with some young men from the neighborhood, almost all of the Sigma Chi fraternity came there to "establish a safe space" for them.

The obituary says he spent his "entire career" with Cedar Works in Ohio. That's not completely descriptive of his role. Obie was looking for a kind of "back to the earth" life when he left school. He started with a mule and a wheelbarrow, and by 1976 he had started the company, which he owned at the time of his passing (peoples-defender.com/2019/08/29/james-obenshain/) in Venice, Fla. He made bird cages and kids' play sets from cedar and had a boost when they got a contract with Walmart. Obie was a great salesperson. John believes their sales were around \$24 million.

John never saw Obie lose his temper or criticize someone's behavior. He was a "get along" guy and was loved and admired by all who knew him. John has never forgotten their exam preparation at McSorley's Ale House in NYC, nor their many pub crawls through Manhattan. John thought that an unforgettable character like Obie deserved a slightly better send off.

John is president of General Aviation & Electronics in Hackensack, N.J.

David Hendel wrote about his experiences after Lehigh: While David is officially a member of the class of 1969, he had to take an extra semester in the fall of '69. After Lehigh,

he had to lie about his college education in order to find work in the Reading, Pa., area, where he was employed as a silk screen printer for a few months. After getting laid off in the spring of 1970, he started looking for work in the television area and ended up in Boston with his cousin during the student strikes after Kent State.

David worked with Hanley Sound out of Boston. They had done the PA at Woodstock the previous August (which he had attended). However, they really didn't have a full-time position, so David moved back to Reading.

He eventually got a job with Clair Brothers Audio out of Lititz, Pa. Initially, he was hired to help drive a truck out to California (on his wish list for that year), so he jumped at the chance. For about 5 1/2 years, David was an audio engineer working with just about every group that was popular during the early '70s. Some of his memorable tours were with Elton John, Chicago and Bette Midler, among many others. His important gigs included the Concert for Bangladesh with George Harrison, etc., Watkins Glen with the Grateful Dead, Allman Brothers and The Band.

David also travelled outside the U.S., including a tour with Rod Stewart and The Faces to New Zealand, Australia, Hong Kong and Japan. He was the sound engineer in charge of the Rumble in the Jungle concert that was to precede the Ali/Foreman fight in Kinshasa, Zaire in 1974. David also travelled to Mexico City with Chicago, did several shows at Wembley Stadium in London, and he spent a month in England with Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons in 1971.

His last tour on the road was with Bob Dylan and the Rolling Thunder Revue. In the spring of 1976, he got off the road but continued to work for Clair Brothers,

overseeing the shop (scheduling manufacturing and getting equipment ready for tours).

Tired of playing with audio equipment, David found work as an electrical engineer doing industrial automation using computers. He stayed in that field, with two employers, until he retired in 2014.

David currently lives in Lititz with his wife, Kathy. They have two daughters and four grandchildren. David now volunteers for the Lancaster Farmland Trust, the Lititz Historical Foundation, and the North Museum of Science & Nature (in Lancaster). David and Kathy are still lucky enough to travel and try to get to Europe at least once or twice a year.

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By now, we all know of the fateful postponement of our 50th Reunion until June 10-13, 2021, an occurrence well beyond all the oddities of our undergrad days. A number of you checked in with me for reassurance since answers were slim pickings.

News from **Mike Berney (oriorle9826@aol.com)**: "A dedicated cadre of McConn Men from 1969-71 gathered for the EIWA weekend tourney at LU, including Dave Watson '71 (master planner), Vic Keen '69, Rob Kaufman '68, Ray Hoving '69, **Fred Osman, Rich Rubenstein, Jerry Cohen, John Caldwell, Al Schwartz** and Mike Berney. Food and fun! If we had known our gathering would collapse the stock market, we would have made alternate plans." To the '70 EIWA total add myself, **Bob Magee, Bob Benner, Mike Conway, Bob Gerlach, Barry Mitchell, Chuck Lieb, Joe Schultzer** and **Tom Zimmerman**.

From **Reginald Jennings (rallenjennings@gmail.com)**:

“Solve et coagula. The launch of Lehigh’s BALANCE 2020 10th anniversary celebration was a great success. BALANCE stands for Black and Latino Alumni Network for Community and Equity. ‘Solve et coagula’ is the essential alchemical process, to separate and join together.”

Michael Ford (meford70@gmail.com) writes: “Hard to believe, I’m approaching the 11th anniversary of my ‘retirement’ as a (visiting) research associate in the chemical engineering department at Lehigh. I’m working in the operando molecular spectroscopy and catalysis research lab with Professor Israel Wachs. On top of my own projects, I’m helping a new graduate student get started with his thesis research, which is a project extension I worked on a couple of years ago.”

From **Andrew Reish**: “After over thirty years as an Air Force JAG (Judge Advocate General), I then retired to practice as a patent attorney with several legal firms in Northern Virginia. Am now fully retired, enjoying spending time with grandson, Leopold. Son, Andrew, is a medical doctor in the Lehigh Valley area. For that reason and many others, hope that the virus will be history in time for the 50th Reunion. Stay safe and well!” As of April 1st (no Fool’s Day), Andrew says it all—and well.

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Our 50th Reunion is June 10-13, 2021. It will be here before you know it, so mark your calendars. Come see all the magnificent physical changes that have occurred on campus since we graduated. This will be our last big Reunion at Lehigh so please

plan to attend.

Jack Patnik contacted me earlier this year to let us know that his former roommate and very close friend **Dave Klinger**man passed away in January. Jack described Dave as one of the most decent men he ever knew. As for Jack, he retired from FS-Elliott Co., in 2016 where he had been a senior manufacturing engineer for this manufacturer of oil-free centrifugal compressors. He’s actively involved with his church and his two grandchildren.

I got a lengthy email from **Bob Kendig** earlier in the year sharing details of his daughter Catherine Kendig’s ’06 wedding at the historic Watres Lodge at Lake Lacawac in the Poconos. The Lake Lacawac Reserve is a non-profit nature center and environmental education and research facility next to Lake Wallenpaupack and has been used by Lehigh as part of coursework in ecology. Catherine did her senior research project at Lake Lacawac, inspiring her to choose it for her wedding venue. Bob is now completely retired. He had been principal engineer at Curtiss Wright EMD Corp., in Pittsburgh. He met up with **Reggie Guy** and his wife, Judy, during a trip to Estes Park in Colorado. Bob reluctantly admitted that the Colorado trout were unimpressed with his angling abilities. Reggie was an internist at Longmont United Hospital in Colorado prior to his retirement a few years ago.

As I’m writing this, it’s late March and Bob, Reggie and five other Sigma Nu brothers (**Mike Pavlides, Pete Jones, Wayne Montgomery, Ken Fischl** and **George Sabol**) are currently planning a mini-reunion in June at the Omni Homestead Resort in Hot Springs, Va. I hope the coronavirus doesn’t thwart their plans.

George is a metallurgical engineer at Duferco Steel in Matawan, N.J. In fact, he’s the only metallurgist. Duferco is a steel

trading company specializing in low-carbon flat rolled products. George and wife Mimi live in Yardley, Pa.

Ken retired three years ago as vice chairman of Marmon Holdings, an \$8 billion global industrial organization, part of Berkshire Hathaway, headquartered in Chicago. He had been with them and predecessor companies for 40 years. Ken and Marsha call Saratoga, Fla., home, but still maintain a condo in Chicago for the summer months.

Wayne and his wife, Linda, live in Jacksonville, Fla. Wayne does a little consulting on air quality control devices through M-3 Associates, Inc. He also gets to use the skills he learned during a stint in the custom home building business a few years ago when the opportunity presents itself.

Pete and wife Penny have operated Silver Ley Farm, LLC, a small farm in Coopersburg (not far from Lehigh) for the past 10 years. The farm is dedicated to the breeding and enjoyment of quality Huacaya alpacas. Pete is also the sole proprietor of O. J. Jones Associates, LLC, a consulting firm which he describes as a solution-based industrial laser equipment sales company.

Mike has been very actively involved in the planning of our 50th Reunion. He’s the one responsible for encouraging your participation in the reunion. Don’t let him down. Mike started a consulting business, MP Affiliates, LLC, in 2013 to capitalize on his broad marketing, sales and project experience with DOD and civilian federal agencies and state and local governments.

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We received some input from classmates since our last column went to print, so I’m moving the lawyer listings to the back burner for this issue.

Bob Lamparter wrote: “Recently, Carol and I had a visit from **Nelson Lytle** and his wife, Lydia Lasichak. Nelson, Lydia, **Paul Urban** and I were at Jefferson Medical College where we shared the same cadaver – Lydia and Nelson legitimately tell people they ‘met over a cadaver.’ I recall six Lehigh grads in my Jefferson class, although some had graduated earlier, with brief careers before entering medical school. **Joe Kreiser** (deceased in 2014) was another one. After medical school, Nelson, Lydia and I were all residents at the Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, Pa. – they in internal medicine and I in general surgery and then later in pathology. They finished their training there in 1979, and that was the last we saw of them for 40 years, until their visit. They were on a road trip and passing through the area on a Monday in October, so we met for dinner in Selinsgrove, Pa. We tried to get another friend, **Ivor Lewis**, who started with us at Lehigh (first two years, then did two at Bucknell, then Jefferson/Geisinger) to come up from the coal regions, but he was out of town. The Lytle-Lasichacks’ two sons went on to medical school and are currently engaged in post-residency sub-specialty training programs.”

(Dr. Bob also shared what he referred to as a “funny anecdote” about a prank Paul Urban played on classmates while at Jefferson. I’ll save the details for a future column when there is more dead space. Authentic Paul Urban!)

An earlier issue of this column prompted Bob to share his own experience with the draft lottery and to suggest a thread we might entertain in future

CELEBRATIONS



1. Ashleigh (Cameron) Millette '12 and her husband, Brian, welcomed daughter Brea Rayne Millette, who was born Dec. 23, 2019 weighing 8 pounds, 1 ounce and was 21 inches long. **2.** Steve Potter '90, with his wife, Daniela, and their children: Josephine, 6; Frederick, 4; and twins Jakob and Julia, almost 3. **3.** Michael Moriarty '92 and his wife, Amie, moved to Hong Kong to work and raise their two children, EW (Edward William), 17, and Cheney, 15. **4.** Ted Dom '74 and his daughter, Isabelle Dom, recently hiked the Inca Trail. **5.** Ryan Chominski '09 and Veronica Vros '09 traveled to Peru last September and trekked the Inca Trail for four days to Machu Picchu (48 kilometers, up to altitudes of 13,800 ft.) **6.** William Keller '15 received the New England-Upstate New York Regional Distinguished Young AFCEAN (Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association) Award.



issues. “Ask classmates their experience with the Vietnam draft and any service-related experiences. I had a 2S deferment at Lehigh and a 2M deferment for medical school. I remember well the birthday lottery during our sophomore year. Everyone in the fraternity house was gathered around the TV set as they announced the dates and numbers. I got a decent lottery number, but not so high that if things heated up worse, I still wouldn’t be drafted. I kept my deferment and decided to take my chances with the draft after graduation. They were drafting most newly minted doctors as soon as we finished our internships, so I was pretty sure I’d be drafted – but as a doctor rather than an infantryman. Luckily for me, the war ended while I was still in medical school, so I didn’t have to worry.”

“After reading numerous pleas for classmate info, I decided that it was finally time for me to provide an update.” That is how **Jeff Glibert** opened a text message received on my cell phone. He continued: “I retired in 2018 after 10 years as a managing director of Promontory Financial, a risk management consulting firm. My risk management consulting career was an effort to fix all the problems I created from the prior 35 years in the banking industry (New York, London and Los Angeles). I am currently on the board of directors of Deutsche Bank USA, the U.S. holding company for Deutsche Bank AG, and chair of the U.S. Board Risk Committee. My wife, Susan (Cedar Crest ’72), and I recently downsized and live in Morristown, N.J. Six grandchildren (plus two more arriving shortly) and traveling keep us busy.”

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Just when you thought you’d seen everything! As I write this column in late March, we are all in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. My wife and I have been self-quarantining, self-isolating, sheltering-in-place for the past few weeks. (Phrases I have never written before!) Toilet paper is almost impossible to find at this point. Don’t know how bad this is going to get, but we’re still being cautious. At least I was able to get to that Phillies-Pirates spring training game in Clearwater before everything was canceled! Thanks to everyone who responded to my email message. A few of you noted that you too were in the Tampa Bay area during the same time period!

Phillip Pfeifer was the first to respond, wanting everyone to know that he recently retired after 37 years of teaching quantitative courses for the Darden School of Business at the University of Virginia. Phillip did his graduate work at Georgia Tech. He lives in Crozet, Va., with wife Donna. They have two boys, Ted, a Stevens Tech graduate who is 30 years old; and Max, 29, who graduated from Notre Dame.

In a humorous response to my email, **Steve Hamp** sent a short missive to let us know that while they have bugs where he and his wife, Patricia, live in Cozumel, “...there are no gators down here!” Just a reminder, he and Patricia own a three-bed, three-bath rental house with a pool on the island that is available to visitors. If interested, contact Steve at Cozumel-casa-patricia.us.

Randy Biggs wrote to report that he had just returned from the St. Pete area where he ran the Skyline 10K with his daughter, a criminal prosecutor who lives in St. Pete. Randy retired after a 20-year career with the U.S. Navy but is still working as a wealth manager with Janney, Montgomery & Scott in Beth-

lehem, where he lives with his wife, and H.S. sweetheart, Cathy.

John Devlin is living in Cape Elizabeth, Maine, where he is retired endocrinologist and past-director of the diabetes centers of Maine Medical Center and Mercy Hospital. John earned his M.D. at Cornell University Medical College and his M.P.H. at the Muskie School, University of Maine. John and his wife, Diane, have a son, Sean, and a daughter, Heather. Heather has given him the joy of two grandchildren, Jackson (5) and Hayden (3). In retirement, John volunteers with Doctors Without Borders, Konbit Sante Haiti Health Partnership, the American Red Cross and the Greater Portland Health FQHC. John and Diane also enjoy traveling in their Winnebago, “Micro Minnie.”

After Lehigh, **Casey Heeg** received a J.D. from the Gonzaga University School of Law. Then, in 2006, Casey earned an M.S. in astronautical engineering from USC, which has been useful in his career as a mission architect for the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. He lives in La Crescenta, Calif., with his wife, Suzy, and his two daughters. Madeline is a sophomore at UC Davis and McKenna is a senior at Crescenta Valley H.S. As far as retirement, Casey responded, “Once my daughters are out of college, I’ll have time to think about that.” Casey also wanted everyone to know that he is always happy to hear from classmates and/or former denizens of Theta Xi.

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

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Ted Dom, who wrote to me not long after reunion and later provided an update and

photos of hiking the Inca Trail, has been patient over the last couple of issues. I had a bunch of letters that strained my space limit, and I didn’t want to chop his update down to fit. So here it is, finally.

He wrote, “I live in Houston, Texas, with my wife, Lynne Whitworth ’80. I moved here in 1981 and continue to enjoy its wonderful climate and scenic landscaping. (I am serious ... so that must mean that I’ve been here too long).

“Lynne is a native Texan (her nickname at Lehigh was, naturally, ‘Tex’) and it took me over 30 years and lots of groveling to earn her certification of me as a naturalized Texan. We have two adult children, Hank (age 31) and Isabelle (age 29), who both live in Houston. One is married and the other is engaged, but no grandchildren yet.

“Following graduation from Lehigh, I worked for a commercial bank, went back to school for my MBA and then moved to Houston to work for a national real estate developer. For the last 19 years, I have been partners in a local real estate investment and management company with a business colleague from that first job in Houston.

“In my free time, I have a late-in-life enthusiasm for exercise after many sedentary years as a parent and soccer dad, chauffeuring my children to too many activities. About 15 years ago, weighing a robust 215 pounds, I decided to hit the gym. Since then I have entered countless running events ranging in distance from 5K to a marathon in 2016 and about a dozen sprint triathlons. I am an average competitor in my age bracket, but it helped me keep the weight off.

“This fall, I [hiked] the Inca trail from Cusco to Machu Picchu on a trip organized by Isabelle’s future father-in-law, who is a native of Peru. So I have been working the StairMaster

to get ready.

“I am very active in the Episcopal church and served on nonprofit boards and several committees, mostly oriented to community outreach and serving the homeless.

“It was great to see you and everyone at the reunion. While a resident of Texas, my family roots are in western Pennsylvania, and hearing the Alumni Band play a wonderful version of ‘Sweet Caroline’ reminded me that I am a Yankee at heart. So, the 50th Reunion is on my calendar, and I hope to make it to a Lehigh-Lafayette football game in the interim.

“Best wishes. To classmates who did not attend the 45th Reunion... it was a great weekend. Don’t miss the 50th!”

Just to bring things a bit more up to date, I spent much of the first weekend of March with my old roommate **Bob Shultz** and fellow Phi Delt Doug Henning ’75 watching Lehigh’s wrestlers win the Easterns in Stabler Area. The event took place just before all hell broke loose with coronavirus, among other things canceling the national tournament, where I think we’d have done very well.

It was fun hanging out with those guys for a couple of days and sharing old stories, one of which – a harrowing drive home from the 1971 Easterns in Annapolis in the midst of the gas crisis, arriving on campus with Bob’s car running on fumes – involved Ted Dom and, I think, **Al Mix**.

Bob said he had no recollection of it, but I’m hoping Al or Ted will corroborate.

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By the time you read this, hopefully, the COVID-19 pandemic will be largely over. We all pray that it will not recur in the fall. COVID-19 has brought death to

many and massive disruption to the world including the Lehigh community. Our 45th Reunion has been postponed to June 10-13, 2021.

Have not heard of any tragedies caused by COVID-19 among any of our classmates. Undoubtedly, there have been many heroic acts in our community to help others. If you have a story to share about how the COVID-19 pandemic affected you or your family or have a story of some heroic act by someone or a group in our class, please feel free to send it to me.

My own family has stayed safe and healthy. We confronted COVID-19 early. One of our sons was traveling in Shanghai when the virus broke out in China. He ended up having to hunker down there with a friend for a while. He texted us pictures of empty streets and checkpoints. He was finally able to return to South Korea, where he teaches, and he had to self-quarantine.

Recently, heard from two of our very accomplished classmates, **Teri (Regan) Maco** and **Rich Swatt**.

Although graduating with a degree in chemical engineering and working in the home and health care products industry in senior executive positions, Teri now owns a tax and consulting practice in the Lehigh Valley. Along the way, she earned an MBA and a Ph.D. in business, and had two boys. Faced with a choice, between the career she loved and her desire for a stable home for her boys, Teri retired at the age of 39. She eventually started her current business targeting small business start-up companies. The business has expanded to multiple states. One of her sons is a partner in the business. Retirement is not in Teri’s plans. Two years ago, Teri returned to the Lehigh Valley where she grew up. With relatives living in Rome,

Teri travels to Italy often. She recently visited **Doug Hansen** and his wife in Connecticut. Teri also keeps in touch with **Curt Schmidt** and was working on and looking forward to our reunion.

Rich Swatt relayed that he retired in 2018 and moved to Wake Forest, N.C., near his daughter and her family. Rich and his wife also have two boys who have become CPAs like Rich. They are blessed with three grandchildren. Out of Lehigh, Rich worked for Arthur Young for about 12 years and then on Wall Street before being the controller of Cushman & Wakefield for nine years. He spent 15 years at ADP/Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc., in segment controllership roles, and finished his career as chief financial and administrative officer at Child Care Aware of America, a not-for-profit in Virginia. Rich would love to hear from his Theta Delta Chi brothers, some of whom he has heard from, via LinkedIn, through **Gene Koontz, Paul Hartzell** and **Keith Spero**. Rich retired from basketball at age 56, which he says was probably one of the wiser things he has done, and is finally playing more golf.

Please send me an email about what you are doing so I can include you in the next class column. Do not be modest. Also, don’t forget to like our class Facebook page run by **Jeff Sherman**. It can be found at: [facebook.com/lehighseventyfive?fref=ts](https://www.facebook.com/lehighseventyfive?fref=ts). Stay well, my friends.

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be during ours in 2021, we get a bonus to connect with our many friends from the Class of 1975.

COVID-19: I am writing this in April in what appears to be the flattening of the curve! In August when you read this, I pray we will be attending plays on Broadway, sporting events, fishing/surfing/swimming at the beaches and socializing at all of these, with caution, and most importantly, socializing with our friends and families. My faith in our country’s science, scientists, first responders, state and federal governments, and the people of America is quite high and filled with hope...God bless.

I was asked how **Paul Loschiavo** is doing and he said “doing fine!” Marine Corporal Sam, who gave his kidney to Paul, was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal for “jumping on a grenade for a fellow Marine.” Paul flew from Florida to California to pin it on him...very cool! Our reunion in 2021 is on his to-do list.

Don McGillen retired from Yahoo/Verizon last year, and he is doing consulting for some start-ups. At Yahoo, Don started a program to donate servers (that Yahoo had retired) and donate them to university researchers. Just before retiring, Don arranged the donation of 80 machines to the Lehigh computer science department. This gave Lehigh significant capability for research using “big” data. At this writing, Don and Violet had just learned their daughter was expecting their first grandchild...for another column!

Speaking of grandchildren, **Paul Leitner** and Martha are first-time grandparents as their daughter gave birth to Paul Leitner-Waldman, born March 17 in Boston.

Bill Tomassini retired after a rewarding career in business development and sales lead-

ership in the IT Industry and SAP ecosystem. Bill and Gail look forward to spending more time with family and friends. They are living and loving it on Skidaway Island in Savannah, Ga., along with a place in Florida.

I cross Facebook paths with **Eric Demaree** on occasion, with pics of family and grandkids. We were ... Drinker 2B, or not 2B! We missed trying to connect at Lehigh-Lafayette last fall, and I want to congratulate Eric and Lynne for recently celebrating 45 years of marriage.

Mary and I were looking forward to our son Bryant '07 '08 and fiancée Heather's marriage on March 29 in Florida, and then along came COVID-19! The actual marriage might have happened by the time you read this, but the celebration was rescheduled for November 16... with a ton of Lehigh attending! Stay safe, stay healthy, stay in touch, my friends.

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Our column in the last issue of the *Bulletin* was full of news.... and this column is nonexistent... zilch news! As I write this we are all sitting home remembering with fondness when our lives were hectic and busy. Now we are self-quarantining and social distancing. I hope this column reaches you at a time when things have settled down and we are approaching some return to normalcy and that you are all safe and well. Send a note!

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As I write this (the end of

March), in a matter of days the novel coronavirus has gone from a little worrisome to a full-fledged, screaming emergency. Considering how many classmates live in hot spots like New York and New Jersey, I hope everyone is taking their "stay-at-home" orders seriously and staying healthy. Here's what some of you were up to before the pandemic:

Marsha (Marson) Moller reports that she stays in touch with **Marilyn (Lasser) Nuber** the most, since Marilyn lived in Boston last summer and fall, near her daughter and two grandchildren. Marsha retired from teaching middle school math and now works part-time for CueThink. CueThink is a web application that helps students become stronger math problem-solvers by using thinking and reasoning skills. The job is fun and leaves her with time to play golf and do volunteer work.

Karen (Talhelm) Knauer retired in the fall of 2019 after 20 years as a reference librarian in her county library. She joined a group of local singers who perform in assisted living facilities. She's looking forward to traveling and spending more time with her one-and-a-half-year-old granddaughter.

Jeff Leknes retired from the Air Force in 2007, from the federal civil service in 2017, and now does consulting work in the railroad industry. He spends a lot of time in rural Normandy, France, awash in peace and quiet as well as rich history.

After 20 years as a senior nuclear design engineer at PPL Inc, **Marci Pevner-Spanitz** retired and started working part-time doing engineering consulting work with a fellow Lehigh alum, Don Kohn '69. She spends the rest of her time doing hobbies and volunteer activities, including being a member of Lehigh's general reunion committee. She and her husband have one son, who was

married in October 2019.

Stephen Dill returned to Boston last February from a marketing consulting contract at a small women's college in Missouri. In August, he began a one-year contract to redirect the marketing efforts at MassBay Community College in Wellesley Hills, Mass. Then in December, he headed back to Lehigh to join the Choral Arts department in singing Vespers in the newly-renovated Packer Chapel. The 2019 holiday season was his next-to-last in New England, as he and his wife Abigail plan to relocate to Los Angeles in mid-2021.

That's it for the news I have on hand, so please get in touch by snail mail, email or Facebook ([facebook.com/groups/Lehigh1978](https://www.facebook.com/groups/Lehigh1978)) to refill my tank.

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Retirement didn't last very long as I am providing contract project engineering support to Nestlé for most of 2020. I think I was driving Dorothy a little crazy during the winter months, so I'm giving her a break to recover her sanity. Of course, I'm mostly working from home during the COVID-19 crisis, so she gets no break after all.

John Gorcsan relocated to Washington University in St. Louis as director of clinical research for the Department of Cardiology and professor of medicine. He was recently honored by the Japanese College of Cardiology as the "Sakamoto Lecturer," considered the most honorable lecture of the meeting of 3,000 cardiologists in Nagoya, Japan. He was recognized for his research on new technologies in cardiac imaging for heart failure patients and inducted as an honorary international member of the

Japanese College. Dr. Gorcsan also will receive an award as national mentor of the year by the American Society of Echocardiography at their upcoming national meeting for his teaching and guidance of trainees in advancing the field of echocardiography.

Jeff Shields shared photos of a Kappa Alpha reunion at his beach house in Virginia Beach during the spring of 2019. A 2020 reunion is being planned. The '79ers joining the festivities were Jeff, **Leonard "Bud" Siegel, Bob Rentler** and **Cal Covert**. Other KA brothers in the group were Roger Failmezger '81, Drew Hadley '81, Jeff Engle '82, Mark Messics '82 and Mark Yoder '82. Jeff notes that the group gets together for some home games and especially Lehigh-Lafayette games. The two Marks have attended 40-plus Lehigh-Lafayette games. Jeff was also in the Marching 97 and returns for all the band and alumni reunions. Finally, Jeff shared that he is currently a computer engineer for the U.S. Army in Aberdeen, Md. He's enjoying life and having a blast.

Rich Earl shares that he's published his second book, a devotional called "In the Hollow: Volume One-Winter." You can purchase a copy at inthehollow.net. This devotional also includes images photographed during Rich's hikes. Those of you connected to him on Facebook have enjoyed the beautiful woodland scenes he frequently posts. As Rich shares on Amazon, "Our minds sometimes require seed to get thinking started. Some folks are fountains of creative thought, but often we need a catalyst. This volume will provide you with seed to tune your mind to things eternal as you allow the daily nuggets to find good ground and take root in your life."

Ken Schaffer writes that

he's now working at Trader Joe's and finds it a great place to work. Ken owned a convenience store in Waltham, Mass., for 30 years, and sold it six years ago. He shared that he also ran into his Delta Upsilon brother **Rick Adams**, who lives in the same area.

Jim Bugbee wrote to say that before the COVID-19 crisis hit, he was able to visit his son Michael and family in Tampa, Fla. During that trip they attended a Lehigh Club of Tampa event, which was a Phillies-Yankees game in Clearwater. They enjoyed the event along with Craig Anderson '60 and wife Judy, Craig Hoffer '70, Rich Revta '71, Tom Spence '78, Joe Rabuck '82, Diane (Burns) Martinez '84, Nicole (Pollaert) Witt '90 and her husband Chris Witt '88, and coordinator Sherrie Moore '01. Jim wishes all '79ers the best!

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After 18 years of being self-employed, **Douglas Elia** accepted a position with the Veterans Health Administration as an engineer at their facility in Danville, Ill. Doug manages renovation and new construction projects in several buildings across the campus. His oldest son, Mark, an Indiana University graduate, works for an environmental firm in Indianapolis, Ind. Son Eric sells Hyundais in Bloomington, Ind., and is a top salesman. Son Sean is a corporal in the Marines and is serving overseas. Son Adam is an airman in the Air Force Reserve and is also serving overseas. Daughter Kateri is studying psychology at Indiana State University. Their youngest, Suzanne, is class president at her high school. Doug and wife Katherine will celebrate their 29th anniversary in September. Katherine is a registered nurse

and has been very busy during the pandemic.

Frank Scattene and freshman year roommate **Joel Isaacson** went to the EIWA championship tournament. They talked about their freshman year Dravo B4 intramural title. **Wally Smerconish** was the prime driver for the championship. They also discussed reunion and called fellow Dravo B4 member, **Hampo Zadoyan**. Hampo lives in California and his daughter is considering Lehigh.

Robert Drumme and wife, **Doriann (Johnson) Drumme** are retired and live in Portland, Ore. They have four children and five grandchildren.

Lisa Ansilio recently moved to St. Louis, Mo., to take a new job as assistant general counsel of securities for Edward Jones.

David Cook worked 20 years as a clinician leader at the Mayo Clinic. David worked for Chinese Venture Capital from 2016-2019, setting up a private health care system in Shanghai. He recently returned to the U.S. and is vice president of research and development at United Health Group in Minnetonka, Minn.

Brian Woolford shares his 2019 highlights. In April he embarked on a cruise, visiting Colombia, Panama City, Costa Rica, Honduras, Guatemala and several ports in Mexico. In August, he took a cruise of Alaska and also spent time in Vancouver, Canada. In September he celebrated his 35th medical school reunion in Syracuse, N.Y.

Rick Neff is living in Cincinnati, Ohio, and is an independent consultant in additive manufacturing and marketing. Rick traveled to Atlanta in February where his oldest son, Jackson, finished 62nd in the Olympic Marathon Trials. Middle son Henry conducted the rest of his semester at Ohio State with distance learning. Jackson also had to deal with the cancellation of his a cappella group's competition and his

summer internship in economic analytics. Youngest son Tyson is a junior in high school and adapted to distance learning as well as filling his spare time online with friends competing at video games. Wife Judy is a primary school nurse and is keeping the family sane. Rick looks forward to connecting on LinkedIn, email or other social media platforms while working from home.

Anne (Prince) Bock and Timothy Bock '84 sold their farm near Kutztown and moved to Lehigh County.

Sarah Goldie wrote on behalf of her late husband, **Peter Goldie**, who passed away in March. Peter had a short struggle with cancer of the esophagus and passed peacefully in his home, while holding Sarah's hand. Sarah has set up a PayPal donation account to help with her 12-year-old daughter's continued care: [GoldieFamilyTrust@lbin.com](https://www.paypal.com/donate/?url=https://www.goldiefamilytrust.com).

Rosene (Shenk) Clark joined the Institute for Defense Analyses (IDA) as a research staff member in their operational evaluation division. IDA is a non-profit corporation that operates three federally funded research and development centers in the public interest addressing the most challenging U.S. security and science policy questions.

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As I write this column on St. Patrick's Day, America is

in the midst of a battle with COVID-19, the likes of which we have not encountered in our lifetimes. Hopefully, as you read this many months from now, America will have won the battle, and our health and economy will have been restored. Because of the crisis, I have only the update below, and would ask that you continue to update me on your family, careers and milestones. With all best wishes, John.

Ray Dragon wrote in and said: "My wife and I have been living the two MBA consulting lifestyles: I do litigation, forensic and valuation consulting with Anchin, Block & Anchin in NYC, where I focus on business and intellectual property valuation and lost profits damages analysis. My wife, Kathleen Selinka Dragon '81, recently started as a banking consultant with Trelia. Need to keep the cash rolling in with all the tuition bills. My son, Eric, is a math and economics major in his sophomore year at Washington & Lee and plays on the varsity soccer team, which got to the D-III sweet 16 round. My daughter Jackie (Princeton '19) is applying to med schools and working in Philly. Hope all is well with you, if you are in N.Y., we should have lunch."

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with any news, and I will include it in the column.

Jim Reid wrote me that mentioning the names of the Dravo A4 girls brought back many fond memories. JR spent a lot of time on Dravo A4, hanging out and socializing with us. Jim has been living in Charlotte, N.C., since 1988. His daughter recently graduated

from NC State and is a financial advisor for Vanguard. It was great hearing from JR.

I recently attended a Women in Business event on campus at the end of February. It was great to see my freshman roommate, **Sandy Denton**, at the event. Sandy lives in NYC and is part of a startup that developed an application called Bond. The company provides a 24/7 personal security concierge service through an app and live security monitoring center. The app provides an array of services to help you feel safe.

As I write this column, we are in the midst of the pandemic. Events have been canceled. We are quarantined, working remotely and practicing social distancing. I hope by the time you read this column that the pandemic will be in the past, and things go back to normal. Stay safe and healthy and I hope to see you soon, maybe at a Lehigh football game. Please send me a note on how you are doing.

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Hello, classmates! I am writing this column deeply entrenched in my bunker, periodically peering out my second-floor home office window at the world outside. So, there is not much difference in my life during this incredible time. I hope by the time you read this, the restrictions are lifted, and that people are well and productive again. I feel for the Lehigh students, who have had their academic life and activities interrupted at a critical time and for the Lehigh employees, who are having to cope with an unprecedented crisis. I hope you are all well, safe and protected.

I have only a few items—

people have been silent, their minds on other things. **Mary Beth (Cooleen) Tully** was kind to send me an update on her philanthropic activities with the Alpha Phi Foundation. Mary Beth is the chair of the Foundation. The Alpha Phi Foundation focuses on women's heart health, which I think you will agree is a quite worthy and underrepresented cause.

I gleaned the following from the Lehigh website (category: news to me): "**Deseriee Kennedy** was recently appointed associate dean of diversity and inclusion at the Touro College Law Center, where she has been a faculty member since 2007.

"A passionate advocate for the abused, Kennedy has been involved with several groups, including a board member of the Safe Center, L.I., which helps victims of domestic and child abuse. She has also worked pro-bono on children's rights and capital punishment cases, and is published in several areas.

"Kennedy earned her bachelor's degree in social relations from Lehigh University, and her juris doctorate from Harvard University. She was also an Honorable Abraham L. Freedman Fellow at the Temple University School of Law."

Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf recently appointed **Mark B. Sheppard** to the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing to serve for a two-year term as one of 11 commission members. Sheppard serves as co-chair of Montgomery McCracken's White Collar and Government Investigations Practice Group and a member of the firm's executive committee. His practice is focused on white collar criminal defense, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission Enforcement, and complex commercial civil litigation. Sheppard earned his bachelor of arts in government

from Lehigh, as well as a juris doctorate degree from the Dickinson School of Law in 1987. He is the president-elect of the Pennsylvania Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and has served as a member of the Joint State Government Commission's Advisory Committee on the Philadelphia Court System and as a Judge Pro Tempore for the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas."

As a final note, **Suzanne (Taylor) Thompson** shared her first day story on the Lehigh University Alumni Facebook page. Check it out—it's hilarious.

Finally, I want to thank everyone who sent me updates. It is very much appreciated. Please continue to drop your news, and I will fit it in.

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As I write this from Maryland, we are under a "stay-at-home" order due to the coronavirus. The classmates I checked in with are in similar situations in various locations, and we've all just learned that our reunion has been postponed for one year.

Karoline (McAdam) Obora and her husband have been living in Naperville, Ill., for the past 21 years. Their oldest son has "re-homed" from University of Chicago, and she also has two high school freshmen who are currently remote learning while Karoline and her husband are working from home. Karoline works for IAT Insurance as an enterprise program manager for a large-scale business and technology transformation project.

Bonnie (Levy) Reagan is a global program director for an oncology development team at Novartis. She and her family are living in Parsippany, N.J., and her daughter Carolyn is a rising second-year business student at Lehigh. On campus, Carolyn

works as a Lehigh Liner, soliciting donations... so you might just get a call from her once the students go back to campus this fall. Bonnie's younger daughter, Rebecca, is a junior in high school who is also looking at Lehigh. Bonnie got together with **Janine (Tomassini) Keller** for some holiday shopping. Look for an update from Janine in the next issue.

I was delighted to hear from my freshman roommate, **Mari (Coulter) Butler**, who is also living in Maryland, not too far from me, with her husband and two sons. We are planning a post-coronavirus meet up.

I checked in with **Caroline Power Gangl** and she told me that last summer she and her family traveled to Estonia for the Estonia Song Celebration and on a whim decided to text **Hillar Puskar** to see if he was there as well. It turned out that sure enough, Hillar, wife Kirsten, and their daughters (who are accomplished Estonian folk dancers) were also attending. They had a little trouble finding each other in the crowd of close to 100,000, but what a small world! I never knew that Caroline was Estonian. Her mother was able to leave Estonia before the complete occupation by the Soviets. She was placed in a displaced persons camp until she became a translator for the International Refugee Agency, which was part of the United Nations. Eventually she emigrated to the U.S. and settled in New Jersey.

Stephanie Joy Pervall succumbed to COVID-19 in May after a lengthy illness. As her middle name implies, most of us will remember Steph for her beautiful smile, friendly demeanor and infectious laugh. Stephanie lived in M&M while on campus. She was a member of the Lehigh U Choir, Black Students' Union and several other organizations as

a student, and was an enthusiastic advocate for Lehigh and mentor as an alumna.

I am sad to report that a dear friend, **Bonnie (Winokur) Bancroft**, passed away in February. She is survived by her husband, also our classmate, **Ned Bancroft**, and their four beautiful children. One of their sons is a Lehigh graduate and another is currently a student. Please see the “In Remembrance” section of this magazine for more information. I remember Bonnie for her kindness toward everyone, her witty observations and her great sense of style. She was fiercely devoted to her family, and if you knew her, you understand what a huge loss this is.

Kyle (Friedman) Greenburg helped to care for Bonnie until the end and hosted our class of Alpha Phi the weekend of the memorial service. One of my fondest memories from last year was sitting on a bench in Bonnie’s town with Kyle and Bonnie, just people watching and talking on a sunny afternoon. I didn’t realize it would be the last time I would see her. I’m deeply grateful for that time together.

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Which reminds me, so I was having dental surgery without anesthesia; you could imagine the pain. Oh, wait, that wasn’t dental surgery without anesthesia, that was me trying to get you, my fellow ’86 classmates, to

respond to requests for input to this column. Oh, stupid me.

“Dear sir or madam, will you read my book? It took me years to write, will you take a look? (the Beatles).” **Michelle (Miller) Davis**, who got her M.S. in education from St. Joseph’s University following her Lehigh degree in finance, and whose career path includes banking, teaching and college admissions consulting, just published her first novel, “Learning to Bend” (learningtobend.com). Check it out at your local independent bookseller (or if need be, via the big behemoth booksellers). And remember, find it in the fiction section; not the fitness section!

I thought she only knew how to post to the general ledger, but **Cathy Engelbert** can really post up, evidently, as she segued from Deloitte’s CEO to be the WNBA’s first commissioner, responsible for setting the WNBA vision and overseeing the league’s day-to-day business and basketball operations.

I write this column, using the usual tools: laptop, internet, my notes from your emails, letters, and Western Union telegrams, plus a glass or two of Maker’s Mark. But for this column, it includes some “Old Grandad” as **Bob “Rooster” Conway** reports he’s a grandfather; his eldest daughter, Amanda, a Ph.D. (from that school that was defeated by Lehigh basketball in the 2012 NAAs) and her husband, also a Ph.D., have a 3-year-old daughter and live in Durham, N.C. Bob’s daughter, Shannon, graduated from HPU (that’s either Hawaii Pacific University or High Point University, or it could be, but unlikely, Harry Potter Universe) focusing on outdoor education, and daughter Lindsay graduated from Fordham University, Lincoln Center. Bob and wife Michelle sold their home in Duxbury, Mass., and moved to Newport,

R.I. Be careful what you wish for, Rooster, but Bob notes that any ’86ers passing through Newport should say “hello.”

Living the Charles Kuralt life, **Sue (Sibley) Vowell** and **John Vowell**, spent last winter in the Mojave National Preserve, where they were spelunking in lava tubes, hiking meteor craters, climbing mile-high sand dunes, and cruising through Joshua Tree forests. As we’ve learned, though, don’t count them out of the working world; this spring/summer, they’ve been working as enumerators for the U.S. Census Bureau, in Boundary County, Idaho.

Missy (Capuano) Rohland’s son starts his Lehigh sophomore year this autumn. Missy joined a new start-up, Digital Construction Works, which provides digital automation, integration, twinning services and fit-for-purpose solutions to automate and optimize the construction process. In essence, moving the construction industry away from paper and into a digital world. I hope Mike Brady keeps up with the industry changes.

George Deligiannis’s eldest son graduated from Lehigh this spring as an industrial engineer and is pursuing his master’s in Bethlehem. George’s second son is headed toward his junior year at USC, and his daughter is studying medicine at Plymouth University in the UK.

“Love and music you’ll find everywhere. People always having fun down there, so come along. I’m on my way to Cuba... (Desi Arnaz).” George visited Cuba, this spring. Why would I go to Cuba, you ask, because “I get off on ’57 Chevys (Eric Clapton).”

“The time has come for us to say sayonara. (Hasegawa Yoshida [you know it from the “M*A*S*H” movie]).” [Save the date for Reunion 2021: June 10-13, 2021](#)

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In 1987 or even in 2019 I don’t think any of us would have predicted where we are now: in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic. I think the shock of waking up every morning and saying to ourselves, “Is this really happening?” has worn off and now we are trying to get by each day.

My family and I are in New Jersey which is one of the hotspots for the coronavirus. All of the kids around the country have left their colleges and are now attending online classes, schools in New Jersey are closed and my kids are spending the end of their senior and freshman years stuck inside the house. They are attending online classes, playing piano and guitar, and playing Fortnite until late hours. My husband is conducting virtual courtrooms from one of our upstairs bedrooms, and I am fortunate in that I can work from home and also scoot over to my office in Red Bank to work, check mail, have calls etc. My dog, Gus, has adjusted to us being home and enjoys his walks several times a day where I try to rack up steps. Several times a week I deliver groceries and argue with my 79-year-old mother about why she should not go to the supermarket or out in public. She responds by telling me I should not tell her what to do.

As of the date I am writing this, we have been lucky enough not to be impacted health-wise by this pandemic, but obviously know that is a possibility. Sessions on Zoom, including a Lehigh night with friends—**Lisa Hakim, Jill Tirnauer, Andrea (Worth) Robik, Daniella (Boebert) Titterton** and **Kathy (Reichert) Koenig**—have helped make the isolation a bit more bearable. I have seen

postings on Facebook of other Lehigh Pubnight Zoom sessions, where different groups have congregated to help through the isolation.

One of the “benefits” of the isolation is that we all have had a chance to spend time with our families and step out of the rat race. Kids have come home from college and the city; families are sitting around the dinner table to eat meals and play board games. Everyone has had a chance for a breathing session and more family time due to being locked inside with each other. Friends have just spent Passover and Easter in isolation with contacting family through FaceTime and Zoom.

Still not sure what to tell my 15-year-old daughter when she asks when she can hang out with her friends again or my son who is supposed to be attending the University of Pennsylvania in the fall to play sprint football. I hope and pray that I will not have to clean out my bank account to pay for online college and that things will go back to “normal” soon. Although the media and experts keep telling us that there will be a “new normal” and not what we are used to. I am hoping that we keep our freedoms in check and that life returns to as normal as possible. I am sure we are all looking forward to hugging our parents, gathering with friends, getting our hair and nails done, and going to the grocery store without worrying.

For all of us I hope these days come soon. Stay safe, healthy and keep in touch. We need each other now more than ever. Keep posting on Facebook. Love you guys.

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So, just a few things have changed since the last column,

right? We all find ourselves in the new upside down, or the new normal as quarantine, or in some cases the quarantini or The Tiger King/Netflix binging, takes over. It has only been a few weeks, and I see many have mastered Zoom, relived the past and caught the Lehigh-Duke game on CBS, and are finding ways to keep busy, keep working, keep active and keep in touch while also social distancing. I think the trophy for most alumni on a Zoom call to date goes to **Bryan Kleppe** who was able to get 35 ATOs together for several hours of laughs. I also have seen the Thetas, the DGs and others posting. It is a wonderful way to feel connected and share experiences while we maneuver through these difficult times.

And while we are home catching up, I know many of our classmates and fellow alumni are deep in the throes of the COVID-19 battle. **David Adinaro M.D., M.Eng., FACEP** is the chief medical officer at the N.J. Field Medical Station in Secaucus and right on the front line of this pandemic. He and his team, in conjunction with the Department of Health, the National Guard, the N.J. OEM and others worked quickly to get this Meadowlands outpost up and fully functional to help the hospitals with acute overflow care. Keep up the fabulous work, David, and thank you!

Bruce Alperin dropped me a note to check-in and noted that he is very busy, as the company he works for, Aramark, has high demand for their services (facilities, cleaning, food), and they are also providing some temporary field hospitals. He also noted that with everyone at home, his house is feeling a bit smaller. I can relate to that!

I’ve taken some of the free time I’ve had to go through old photos, correspondence and

other files in an effort to clean out. Flipping through my Lehigh files has been a delightful way to pass time and has me smiling a lot as I remember our antics on Old South Mountain. I look forward to seeing many of you in person during the late summer and fall, as we emerge from this time at home, stronger, braver and more determined to make an impact, while we continue to have some fun. Hopefully we will be able to raise a glass, if not hug or shake hands, while watching a football game this fall. Until then, try to play by the rules, enjoy the slower pace and embrace life. Cheers!

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Stephanie (Fallone) Kleinman, Becky (Visconti) Petry, Sue (Barone) Heffernan, Pam (McAfee) Masinko, Cathy (Suswal) Pezzuti and Kari (Saylor) Gras met up for a weekend reunion in LBI in September. Becky lives in Telford, Pa. She and husband Steve have two boys, Rohan and Kirill, ages 14 and 11. She accepted a new position at Greene, Tweed & Co., last summer after taking two years off to devote more time to her children. Sue and husband Brian live in N.J., and she enjoys working part time at Creature Comfort Pet Therapy. They have a daughter, who is a freshman at Penn State, and two sons ages 16 and 14. Stephanie has three children with her husband, Larry, and they live in Emerson, N.J. Their oldest daughter, Rachel, is in her junior year at Clemson and son Tommy is a freshman and playing ice hockey at the University of Colorado. Daughter Jillian is finishing seventh grade. Pam relocated to Atlanta after graduation and currently lives in Roswell, Ga., with

husband John and youngest son Mac. Her career combined with her lifelong passion for basketball and lacrosse have led her to her current career as a high school marketing teacher and girls’ varsity basketball coach. Pam and John’s oldest son, Justin, is a certified PGA golf professional. Their daughter, Jessi, was a senior at Notre Dame, where she played lacrosse. Mac is a sophomore and plays lacrosse for his high school. Kari and her husband, Ed, live near Charlotte, N.C., and keep busy with their three kids. Jonathan is a junior finance major at Appalachian State University; Katharine is a senior in high school and will join her brother at App State in the fall to study nursing; and Lindsay is a sixth grader.

Fun was had by all at a virtual Lehigh pub night in late March organized by **Jenn (Gans) Blankenfein**. In attendance: **Steve Droesch and Jen (Barbiero) Droesch; Gene Souther; Jeff Kollin; Charlie Fersko; Jay Cannell and Neil Cannell; Judy (Bernstein) Schwartz; Jenn (Czin) Schwartz; John Goldberg; and Tracy (Bradley) Frary and Eric Frary.**

I grabbed some news from **Jenn (Beauchamp) Akins** and her husband, Rob, who live in West Chester, Pa., with their two sons. Brian (21 and at UPenn) and David (18). She is a physician practicing in OB-GYN. Jenn and many of her Delta Gamma girls gathered at Tracy (Bradley) Frary’s home in Avalon the weekend of Jan. 11, 2020 for yoga, spa and a visit to the Cape May winery.

Jenn DiClerico is living in Garden City, N.Y., with her three sons. She is the director of communications for the International Federation of Accountants. **George Schott** recently moved to Plainville, Mass., where he is working for Hilco Vision in sales and

marketing.

Jay Ricca is still living in NYC and working in fixed income on Wall Street. Most recently Jay has adopted a vegan lifestyle and loves it.

Tony Wolk lives in Short Hills, N.J., and is doing a good deal of commuting to Massachusetts, where he is the executive VP for development for House Works, a home healthcare company.

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I am writing this column on April 1 although it will not arrive in your mailboxes until August. As the global pandemic continues to gain momentum, I simply cannot imagine what the world will be like by the end of the summer. No matter where our classmates call home, everyone's existence has been altered in some way by this virus, and I sincerely hope it has spared both you and your loved ones. Living in this unprecedented moment in history has been humbling at the very least.

Toby Hanna reported that he spent 2019 celebrating his 25th anniversary with his wife, Peg. They have lived in Stockton, N.J., since they have been married, which is a charming little town on the Delaware River. Toby has been with ERM, an environmental consulting firm for the last 20 years and currently leads their global air quality practice. Both of his sons are at Lehigh, Liam '20 (Theta Chi) and Luke '23. They checked all the Lehigh boxes—engineering majors, smart and like to have fun! His family went to the Lehigh Class of 2023 new student sendoff in Stone Harbor, N.J., where **Steven Lee** and **Debbie (Ernst) Lee** were the hosts. A shout out to Liam and all the

2020 graduates who will not be able to participate in spring ceremonies to mark their hard-earned diplomas and are now entering a professional world that is almost unrecognizable.

Tom Anderson and Cathy (Krahnke) Anderson just hit 28 years together! Their daughter, Charlotte, is heading into eighth grade and they too have an engineer on South Mountain. Their son Henry '22 is a Sig Ep. And to quote Tom, "Could have been Kappa Sig but we know how that went."

Steve Potter checked in and even included a family picture. After graduation he went to work in Budapest, then to Yale business school and then onto Johannesburg and finally London. He said he was fortunate to be in the right place at the right time and was able to retire after his company was bought prior to the 2008 crash.

After that he travelled the world for a few years and along the way met his German/Italian wife, Daniela. They married in 2013 and now have four children: Josephine, 6; Frederick, 4; and twins Jakob and Julia, almost 3. (I can confirm that all are adorable.) They now live in Florida and summer in Bavaria.

Steve said he now spends his time fishing, chauffeuring the kids and changing diapers; however he sees that future ratio dropping to almost all chauffeuring very soon.

Bob Keane works as a senior environmental engineering manager for a construction company in Long Island called Posillico. Name sound familiar? He's been with them for almost six years and in 2019 obtained all the environmental permits to open the first fixed base soil washing facility. This facility opened last October and can remediate up to 300 tons of contaminated soil an hour.

Bob and his wife Marnie (Kurzrok) Keane '89 were emp-

ty nesters until March when their son, Adam, a freshman studying film and TV production at Quinnipiac University was sent home for the rest of the semester and daughter Ellyssa left NYC to work remotely for the accounting firm BDO. Things suddenly got real cozy again!

Remember to save the date for our rescheduled Reunion weekend—June 10-13, 2021. See you there!

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Hello, Class of '92! As I write this column, we are in the midst of dealing with our new pandemic reality. I hope that when you read this, we are through the worst of it and that you and your loved ones are safe and well.

Michael Moriarty ('92 MBA '93) felt inspired to share the following update. "It is hard to believe that many in our class are turning 50 this year. I still feel like the young adult that was roaming the halls at Linderman Library and working with my best friends on the football team." Michael and his wife, Amie, moved to Hong Kong to work and raise their two children, EW (Edward William), 17, and Cheney, 15. After a long career in M&A and corporate finance, he is now a general manager, currently making toys. He also serves as board member for a company dedicated to eliminating modern slavery and human trafficking. Outside of work, he spends a lot of time playing tennis, snowboarding

and surfing. For his birthday, **Calvin Hobbs** will be joining him for a surf trip to Bali. He remains in regular contact with fellow football players and old coaches.

Shawn Donahue shared that he and his family are healthy and safe in Bethlehem at the time of this writing, living close to Goodman campus for almost 17 years. Married in 1999, his wife, Christina (Zarnas), graduated from Moravian College in 1994. They have three children—Maria, 17; Constantine, 14; and Grace, 9. Maria recently made her decision to commit to the University of Pittsburgh where she will play lacrosse. Shawn co-founded Veraxia Commercial Real Estate Solutions, a boutique industrial commercial real estate firm back in 2010. He planned to celebrate the 10th anniversary in May despite being closed during the pandemic. He started his career in commercial banking, where he spent 10 years. He also worked directly for Michael Andretti and indirectly for Mario Andretti as director of finance with Andretti International for four years. A truly memorable and once in a lifetime experience was attending the Indy 500 with Michael. He also has a great story about getting to race with Michael. As a surprise for his 50th birthday, his wife sent Shawn and his son to Portland, where they got to see CJ McCollum '13 with the Trailblazers play Zion Williamson and the New Orleans Pelicans.

Catherine (Teets) Parzynski ('92 '95G '05G) and **Michael Parzynski** currently live in Lansdale, Pa. Catherine is an associate professor of history and department coordinator of history and political science at Montgomery County Community College. Michael is network architect for Berkadia Commercial Mortgage. They

celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in August. Cathy and Mike are board members on the Lansdale Area Fundraising Society (LAFS), an organization dedicated to raising money for local charities through the Lansdale Beer Tasting Festival. They started the beer fest 10 years ago with neighbors looking to give back to the community with a fun event and really good beer. Over breaks, Cathy and Mike enjoy traveling, including an annual trip to St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands with **Stacey (Hamilton) Sandler** and **Jack Sandler**.

Kristine (Turville) Delano is married to Chris Delano '93. They have three adolescent kids—all at home doing remote learning at the time of this writing. They have had lots of games and family time amid virus social distancing. Chris is a busy modern architect. Kristine, retired from 25 years of financial services strategic development, just finished her first novel and is “trying to find an agent or be struck by lightning.”

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By the time you read this, several members of the Class of 1993 will have freshmen at Lehigh. Welcome, Class of 2024!

Michelle Tillis Lederman released her fourth book “The Connector’s Advantage,” which hit No. 1 in career guides, No. 1 in personal success and No. 17 in all non-fiction during the launch. Her new book went global as did her first book, “The 11 Laws of Likability,” now in 10 languages. In other news, she is speaking across the country and dragging her two boys to a few international locations for “work-cations.” She lives in New Jersey with her family and two rescue dogs.

Jason Rubery reports that he continues to be a “Bethlehem boy.” He moved to Bethlehem in the late '70s because of his dad, Professor John Gatewood, who recently retired from teaching at Lehigh. He has lived in Bethlehem Township since 2002 with his wife, Jennifer, and their three children: Alec (ninth grade), Nathan (eighth grade) and Kiersten (sixth grade). After graduating Lehigh, he worked various jobs before landing a job in early 1995 at Air Products in Trexlertown. He runs into quite a few Lehigh grads at corporate HQ. One of the first questions he asks them: “What is the correct title of the game: Beirut or beer pong? Sadly, in recent years it’s transitioned to the latter.” He enjoys Lehigh football and basketball games when his schedule allows.

After Lehigh, **Rob Bernardino** went to medical school and then trained to be an oculoplastic surgeon. After that, he was in academics, first at Emory and then Yale. Ten years ago, he was lured to join a private practice, Vantage Eye Center, in Monterey, Calif. In Monterey, he is the only oculoplastic surgeon in the Central Coast offering reconstruction and cosmetic surgery of the eyelid and eye socket. He and his wife of 16 years, Andreana, an architect, have two boys, Trevor, 11, and August, 6. The boys are involved in travel soccer, and Trevor participates in the Olympic Development Program for his age. For fun they like to road trip for food finds, (plenty in California) and Rob enjoys tinkering on cars and taking them to the local racetrack, Laguna Seca. He still has family on the East Coast and makes a yearly pilgrimage to an Eagles game with his youngest brother and visits his oldest brother, a district attorney in Allentown.

Darren Saks and **Kristan**

(Atwell) Saks live in Woodcliff Lake, N.J. They have three children and two of them (twins) are part of the Lehigh Class of 2022. Ryan is a sophomore studying for a double degree in civil engineering and architecture. Jake is part of the IBE program with a focus on civil engineering. Their youngest daughter, Madison, is a freshman in high school and has her sights on the Lehigh Class of 2027. Darren has been working as a pediatrician at Tenafly Pediatrics for the past 18 years. Beyond doing the heavy lifting of raising three children, Kristan has worked as a special education teacher and is a community leader currently on her second term for the Board of Education. They have been married for 23 years and spend a lot of time with other Lehigh graduates. Darren’s love of soccer and wonderful experience on Lehigh’s men’s soccer team inspired him to keep active in the sport and coach his daughter’s club soccer teams, which include the daughters of many other Lehigh grads.

Finally, some sad news. **Susan (Berkowitz) Hydro** passed away in September 2019 after a long battle with cancer. Our deepest condolences go out to her husband, **Steve Hydro**.

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As you know, the class column is written months before you actually get to see it in print. This is obvious to those of you who read about your wedding announcement in the column when you are having your second child. As I write this column, it’s during the COVID-19 crisis—and it’s April 1 to be exact. I wish this were an April Fool’s Day joke. I certainly hope that by the time you read

this, it will be long over, and we will go back to normalcy. If not, then I hope that **Aaron Burda** is still posting dance videos on social media. Aaron’s dance moves and Tiger King are the only things getting me through this!

Robin (Wylie) Disalvio and her husband of 10 years have three girls: Jessa, Claire and Emma. Robin has worked for UnitedHealth Group since 2003. **Jon Van Order** currently lives in the Clermont-Ferrand area of France with his two daughters. Jon has worked for Michelin for 20 years and is responsible for European truck tire manufacturing.

Eric Lewis owns his own architecture firm in Baltimore; **Cathy (Christoffel) Ferris** has been living in Copenhagen with her husband and two kids for the past three years and prior to that in Scotland. She recently reconnected with **Gretchen Repasky**, who also resides in Denmark. **Jessica Huertas** was newly appointed to the LUAA Board of Directors. She had served as co-chair for LU BALANCE for more than 10 years. Jessica works at Accolade, Inc., in Plymouth Meeting, Pa., as a clinical operations lead for the women’s health team and lives in Norristown, Pa.

Mike O’Hara and his wife, Marie, recently moved to Glover Park, Washington, D.C. They have a son, Brennan, and daughter, Quinn. Mike runs the D.C. operations for Bohler Engineering and is working on rebuilding major urban neighborhoods like Union Market, Buzzard Point, the Yards, Ballpark and now HQ2. **Mary Chaffier Banonis** is a corporate attorney at B. Braun Medical in Bethlehem. She married Jason Banonis and they have two boys, Andrew and Zachary.

Sheila Shovlin recently moved to Pittsburgh after five

years in Philadelphia. She is a software engineering manager and Agile coach for Ansaldo STS. She married Daragh Byrne in the summer of 2017. The wedding was attended by **Renee Beshara Goodman** and **Erinn Tarpey Hill**. **Brian Ricker** lives in Lincoln Park, N.J. He married Rebecca Okken, who he met while at Lehigh, but who attended Cedar Crest. They have three kids under 15 and recently got a dog, Buddy. Brian works for CBRE doing environmental due diligence on commercial real estate transactions in NYC.

In the time that it took me to tell you that **Jennifer Long** left the Today Show for The Tonight Show, she went back to the Today Show. The commute to the sixth floor at 30 Rock rather than the ground floor was just too much.

I hope you are all doing well and when you read this, you will find a way to send me an email!

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'96 Jen (Crimmins) Keen, 17 Windsor Drive, Foxborough, MA 02035. (508) 543-5036; jen@keensense.com
Hi, Class of '96, I hope this column finds you well. One of the first things they tell the class correspondents is that we shouldn't reference the weather or when we are writing our column, as it takes a while until it actually gets to print. Well, I'm going to disregard that advice right now. I haven't received any updates from classmates, despite my asking multiple times, so you are stuck with my thoughts!

I'm writing this update

on April 1, 2020. We are in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic. Schools are closed, and Lehigh is closed with students learning remotely. Spring sports aren't happening, and winter sports came to an abrupt end. Our kids are home and navigating the new normal, online classes and remote learning. We are all in lockdown mode, staying home, washing hands and praying that this pandemic comes to a quick end.

So, I write to you today, with my hopes, that by the time you read this *Bulletin*, we are in a better place. I hope that the world, and America, gets through this with the smallest amount of infections and casualties possible. I hope that our Lehigh families aren't impacted. I hope, as a nation, we can weather these tough times and come out stronger because of it. I hope this crisis brings change to the way we react to pandemics going forward, and Lehigh is at the forefront of that with our new College of Health. I hope that there were Lehigh engineers using their brilliant minds to figure out ways to make these tests work better and faster, figuring out vaccines, and how to change industries to make face shields, ventilators and other needs. I hope we have all recovered from these trying times. And, most importantly, I hope you are well.

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I hope that the Class of '97 is safe, sound and weathering the current environment. The current "pause" does not allow for much of an update. But if you find yourself in a position to provide any news, please do not hesitate to contact me with

an update!

In news, **Carrie "Chippie" Hubbell**, founder and CEO of Carrie Dunham, has launched a revamped website featuring her stylish, sophisticated and practical handbags, clutches and accessories. She has reinvented the classic Bermuda bag with multiple convertible bases and tons of fun covers, bag straps and more. Also, her bags and accessories are designed and manufactured in the USA. She is generously offering a 20% discount for Lehigh alumni, with code lehigh20 at carriedunham.com—so enjoy!

'98 Gregory Kuklinski, gjk4@alum.lehigh.edu

I hope that all of you are safe and well, and by the time that you read this, we are all back to work, enjoying the outdoors with friends and family, and going to watch a ballgame. While many of us are at home, I will add some class photos to our Facebook page. If you have not joined our Facebook page, the link is below. Besides email, it is the other way that I communicate with all of you. Stay safe and healthy everyone!

Tom Roman shares that he recently got married to Jessica, and they have a baby girl named Rile Catherine. Tom also published a book called "The Vision," which is available on Amazon. You can read more about his company and his book at romanmedia.com/create-your-vision/.

Dan Burkey sent over some exciting news. He has been inducted—along with the University of Connecticut president and eight others—into the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering (CASE). As noted in *UConn Today*, "Election to the Academy is based on the applicant's scientific and engineering distinction, achieved through significant contributions in the form of

publications, patents, outstanding leadership and other factors." Dan is currently the associate dean of undergraduate education, outreach and diversity in the UConn School of Engineering and a professor in chemical engineering.

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

Class of 1998 Facebook Page: [facebook.com/groups/Lehigh98/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/Lehigh98/)

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Hello, Class of 1999! I hope as you read this that you and your families are all healthy and well!!

I have a wonderful update to share with you from **Steven Claves '99 '02G '04G '05G!** Steven wrote that he and his wife, Erika, recently celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary in April, a day after their daughter Emma's 8-1/2 birthday (yes, half-birthdays are a thing). The month prior they recreated the magic of their special day with a photo-op at the original ceremony's location, Disney's Yacht Club gazebo. They escaped Orlando just prior to the pandemic shutdown, luckily after Steven was able to live out many of his childhood dreams at Star Wars Galaxy's Edge ("It was awesome!"). The family currently resides in Murrysville, Pa., just east of Pittsburgh, along with their two dogs, a Wheaten Terrier, Stella, and a very large bernedoodle, Pliny (named after the IPA). Steven has now been employed at Arconic's Technology Center (formerly Alcoa) for about seven years and is currently a technical specialist in the aerospace product development group. He is researching new aluminum al-

loys and/or processes for both structural thick plate and skin sheet applications. He keeps busy in the off-hours with various house projects, including building a backyard rock climbing wall and American Ninja Warrior-style obstacle course. Continuing the nascent family legacy, Steven's nephew Jack is a member of Lehigh's Class of 2023, majoring in IBE-Finance. Thanks so much for the update, Steven!!

I would love to hear from you as well! Please send me an email, and I'd be happy to share your update with our class. Wishing you all the best!

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As we go into summer, I think we can all agree that it has been a crazy start to 2020. I hope everyone is doing ok and has plenty of toilet paper. Also, thank you to all of our essential worker classmates!

We have had minimal updates from the crew, which considering our spring makes sense. **Becky Burris** let us know that "Life is moving along. Husband and two kids are fine." Information I love to hear.

I hope everyone is holding up ok. We are holding steady in Clifton. Continue to stay safe and keep those updates coming. Until next time, kids; wash your hands!

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'02 Laura (Schwamb) Carino,

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Greetings, fellow Class of 2002 alumni,

As I write this, many of us are staying home, working remotely, trying to teach our kids, practicing social distancing, and attempting to stay healthy while we all do our part to flatten the curve. The world is certainly different than it was just a few short months ago, and I hope that by the time you are reading this issue in the warm, summer months, that we are past our hardest days. Please join me in thanking all medical personnel, first responders and essential workers who continued to work and risked their own health in order to keep the rest of us safe. You truly are our heroes. I know that there are many of you in our '02 class, so on behalf of all of us, thank you.

I do have a few updates on some of our '02 friends, so let's dive right in to give us something else to think about!

Erin (Jobson) Rechler and **Halley Rechler** recently moved locally to Lloyd Neck, N.Y., and their boys Graham (5) and Ashton (3) are enjoying the beach next to their home. Erin met up with a bunch of Lehigh ladies including **Liz (Markulin) DeStefano, Heather (Lerch) Kuchera, Lauren (Ross) Motch, Dawn (Reda) Freyder, Erin Rebele Goodwin** and **Elizabeth (Piaggese) Rieland** in Las Vegas for a much-needed girls weekend last April. They didn't give a lot of details, as we all know that what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas.

Alyce (Porawski) Myers shared that she wanted to say hello and give an update! She is now in her 10th year of teaching at the high school level and enjoys teaching dual credit anatomy and physiology, as well as honors biology and zoology classes. In 2017, she was awarded the Indiana Biology Teacher of the Year Award! She is currently taking

more graduate microbiology and anatomy courses through Indiana University and will continue teaching high school and college courses. She has been married to her husband, Cullen, since 2010. They have two children, Eva (8) and Christian (5). They currently live in West Lafayette, Ind., and celebrate both their Lehigh and Purdue backgrounds. They hope to get back on campus for a Lehigh-Lafayette game soon!

I hope our social distancing experience has taught all of us the importance of human connections and staying in touch with friends and family. I would love to be able to share updates about you and your families, so please continue to send information my way. Hopefully, our next issue will have many, many updates! All it takes is a quick email, Facebook message or text! Please, 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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As a result of the recent state of global affairs dealing with the coronavirus, the future is uncertain. So, let's learn to focus on the present. Let's be grateful for all that we have. Let's hold our children and loved ones a little tighter. Let's create lasting memories now. Be well and safe my friends. Until next time....

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

To call these times challenging is a woeful understatement. I hope this note finds each of you doing well.

I reached out to **Hetal Jani** after I learned she won a Woman of Worth Award from L'Oreal Paris in 2019 (wow!). She's done some amazing things in the last 15 years. Here's a summary in her own words:

"After graduating with a degree in behavioral neuroscience, I worked at Kaplan, teaching a range of pre-high school to grad school exams and realizing my passion for education. Seeing students struggling because of the type of support they had, I started Studor in 2007, providing academic support services by focusing on the relationships that contribute to an individual's learning environment.

"While I applied a lot of what I learned at Lehigh, I still longed to meet the unique needs of my students. So, I started coursework in applied behavior analysis at Queens College in 2010. Needing to improve my advocacy skills, I entered Harvard Graduate School of Education in 2011, while traveling back and forth from Boston to NYC to work on Studor. I graduated in 2012, receiving the Intellectual Contribution Award, and started my MBA from IE University in 2013. My IE cohort represented so many countries, which let me tap into my Indian culture. I'm born and raised in NYC to Indian immigrants and felt that half of me was always muted. I remember realizing this first at Lehigh, and had started a fusion dance group called Taraana, blending hip-hop, modern and Indian dance. We were even featured on local news in 2003, speaking about diversity and the importance

of representation. That's why being able to connect with individuals around the world made my IE experience incredibly meaningful.

"I graduated in 2014 and finished up my master's in applied behavior analysis at the same time. It seems the world had been preparing me for a very difficult moment that year. A student was threatened with marriage simply because she got an average grade. She was only 12 years old at the time. Her mother said to me, as someone with East Indian roots, I should understand their West Indian culture, and know that she couldn't speak up for her daughter at home. After four years working with this student who was academically stellar, her potential was being limited because of other barriers.

"In 2015, I founded SPEAK Circle to highlight stories of diverse career women. Thinking this was all that was needed, I moved to China to work in education on teacher training and curriculum development. All the while, I kept learning about what young women in the U.S. truly needed and SPEAK Circle became SPEAK Mentorship, using technology to connect strong diverse women as mentors to young women. I moved back in 2017 to work on SPEAK full-time. I've come full circle, working on my own identity conflicts every day now by helping others understand their identity and maximize their potential.

"Since then, I've had the honor of being named a L'Oreal Paris Woman of Worth in 2019, where I was presented my award by Dame Helen Mirren! This year, I also received the Daily Points of Light award, an initiative founded by George H.W. Bush. I have a long way to go before I'm making the level of impact I know I can have, but I would not be here today if it

weren't for my early learning experiences at Lehigh.

"I hope to stay more connected to Lehigh, and, recently, have been working with the Lehigh Baker Rebelles, a group of Lehigh women entrepreneurs who collaborate on strengthening entrepreneurship amongst current Lehigh female-identifying students. Giving back and lifting up other women has become central to my life satisfaction, and I wouldn't have it any other way!"

Thanks for all you do, Hetal!

Also, mark your calendars for our 16th Reunion the weekend of June 10-13, 2021!

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'06 **Katie (Murray) Pennline,**
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What a crazy 2020 so far... Here's hoping that when you read this life will be back to some version of normal. I'm writing this in April from the mountains outside of Pittsburgh as my family and I left central London to isolate ourselves (comparatively) here until the pandemic is over. Unprecedented times for sure, and I hope everyone is safe and well.

As I spend these strange days at home with my husband and my (almost toddling) toddler, Emi, I think to myself—what a story we will have to tell her someday about this surreal few months that we all spent as a world, separately battling this virus together by staying home.

With that in mind, here are a few other classmates who were cooped up earlier this year with their little ones: **Peter Green** and his wife Megan welcomed their fourth child, Lydia Mae, who was born on June 29, 2019. **Adam Williamson** and Megan (Plunkett) Williamson '05 welcomed their second child (Kieran Rhys Williamson) to

this world on Nov. 20, 2019. A little over a month later, **Ali (Linsk) Butash** and her husband, Joseph, welcomed their son, Aaron Joseph Butash, on Dec. 22, 2019. **Lauren (Hal-gash) Johnson** and husband Dan welcomed their daughter, Blair Elizabeth, to the world on March 19, 2020. Lauren, Dan, and big brother Bradley (who turns 4 in May) are all loving the newest addition to the family!

Mike Dobkin and **Meghan Berkenstock** welcomed a son, Daniel, in August 2018. Mike is an architect at BCT Architects in Baltimore and Meghan is an assistant professor of ophthalmology at the Wilmer Eye Institute, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. She was honored with the Emerging Leader Award from her alma mater, Drexel University College of Medicine, for mentoring medical students interested in ophthalmology.

Mike O'Donnell has been enjoying the challenge of growing great tech teams in the NYC start-up scene. He got to take in the view of the city working in the World Trade Center, and recently started a new role with a small group of talented engineers.

David Webster graduated from the University of Texas School of Law, and then worked briefly for the Dallas Stars minor league team before becoming a Judge Advocate General in the U.S. Army. Since then, he's been working in Dallas, Texas, as a trial lawyer and the most senior associate at Bell Nunnally and Martin, LLP, which just celebrated its 40th anniversary. Last year, he got married to a beautiful, intelligent journalist, Natalie Posgate of Dallas, Texas, who especially loved David's writing for *The Brown and White* when he attended Lehigh. The couple just added a new addition to their family, a beautiful German

Shorthaired Pointer named Stella. David was recently appointed to the board of several academic institutions in Dallas, including his high school, Greenhill School.

Kara Baylog, is celebrating five years working for Oregon State University Extension with a focus on community and landowner support on forest management and wildfire preparedness.

That's all from our class for this *Bulletin*. Please send me your news any time you think of it! Wishing you a happy and healthy rest of the year.

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'07 **Brian Roth,**
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Concetta (Pesotini) Eudicone and **Greg Eudicone** announce the birth of their son, Samuel (Sam) John Eudicone. Sam was born on March 24 at 10:12 p.m. weighing 8 pounds, 11 ounces. Big brothers Leo and Oscar are very excited to welcome him to the family.

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

Thank you for staying connected.

'09 **Bobby Buckheit,**
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Writing this column in the middle of the coronavirus quarantine, so hopefully everyone is staying safe and we have emerged from the COVID-19 crisis by the time this column is published. Just want to make a special thanks for members of

the Class of 2009 that are essential personnel and front line health care workers. With that, here are a few updates from the Class of 2009.

Ryan Chominski and **Veronica Vros** traveled to Peru last September and trekked the Inca Trail for four days to Machu Picchu (48 kilometers, up to altitudes of 13,800 ft.). Very nice living vicariously through the photos that Ryan sent, as well especially while trapped at home.

Katherine Rumbaugh and **Stephen Wentz** were married on Jan. 24. Ironically, they never crossed paths while at Lehigh and met in 2010 through mutual Lehigh friends.

A couple coronavirus-inspired updates as well (as per a special request). **Kate Kodet** has been leaning on her molecular bio degree (MAC ATTACK!) to explain how viruses and pandemics work to her musician husband, and was super glad to have seen **Kristen Stimola Fox's** adorable twins before quarantining went into effect.

Doug Grapski also provided this update, "a friendship rooted in social distancing circa 2005 as Warren Square E residents (yes, that was an actual freshman dorm) continues today in the domestic epicenter of our current pandemic. **Colin Vorhies** and Doug Grapski continue to socially distance with their respective partners Lauren Vorhies (Haselton) and Emily Lawrence by walking their dogs in Seattle on opposite sides of their neighborhood streets."

I received the following contemplative note from **Shelley Hull**:

"The wilderness is a physical, emotional and spiritual place. It is both beautiful and fierce. Similar to C. S. Lewis' description of Aslan, it is good, but it is not safe.

"Last summer I spent two weeks with Solid Rock Outdoor Ministries in the Wind

River Range of Wyoming. They shared about liminal thresholds, a Latin term originating from rites of passage in African culture. Liminal thresholds were crossed by young people to enter adulthood. Their current identity and skills were no longer sufficient for the challenges awaiting them.

"Liminal spaces are characterized by a confusion, a sense of self-doubt, a lack of identity and a loss of social status. When we enter liminal spaces, we can move forward, stay still or move back to familiarity.

"We need a guide with experience to walk beside us.

"I encountered liminality in Wyoming last summer. It was our longest travel day. The trail was steep and rain began falling as we climbed downhill. We dropped packs, put on rain gear, but immediately came across a large boulder field. I was tired, hungry and fearful of falling. The group forged ahead while I fell behind, ashamed of my fear. Andrew, our leader, noticed my distress, and came to my side.

"Andrew did not carry my pack for me, but he did walk with me. He was patient and kind. He believed in me. He had traveled this path before. He has over 20 years of experience in the backcountry.

"I challenge us to embrace the liminal space we have entered, to find a mentor one step ahead, and to mentor others behind us. I encourage us to realize that we can face hard things, that we are stronger together than apart, that we need a multi-generational community around us who believe in us. We need to believe in ourselves after we have changed and to resist the temptation to slink back into old identities that no longer define us. I encourage us to embrace our new identities that emerge once the swirl of liminality subsides. To communicate who we have become with confidence and to offer

help to those around us.

"Liminal spaces serve as catalysts for growth or destruction. We flourish or crumble depending on whether we ask for help in our distress. Sometimes, when we are scared, we need a wise guide by our side to help us take the next step."

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Hello classmates, I know we've had to delay reunion a bit, in anticipation of the rescheduled reunion—here's a teaser on what some of your classmates have been up to:

Baby news! **Jessica Gorelick** and husband Jake Gorelick ('09) welcomed their second daughter, Mia, back in March. And, a little earlier **Allie Sternberg** and husband Brandon welcomed their daughter, Maya. **Ashley (Ruby) Rose** and her husband also welcomed their second daughter, Sydney Elliot Rose, in December. Also in December, **Elisa McBratney** and husband James McBratney ('09), welcomed their baby boy, Austin.

Career news! **Pat Groome** recently left PwC to join private equity firm Blackstone in the Real Estate Finance group, focusing on managing the global opportunistic real estate platform. **Will Frece** returned to NYC from Shanghai and took a position as a Director, Global Program Manager for Infrastructure Developer Experience at American Express.

Can't wait to see everyone at reunion next year!

Hope everyone is staying well!

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'11 Sri Rao, *sridevi211@gmail.com*

Hello, Class of 2011! I am writing this article amidst the uncertainty of the

COVID-19 pandemic. I know many of our classmates had to reschedule big life events including weddings, travels, showers and graduations. Please reach out to me and let me know when these events get rescheduled. Our Lehigh family continues to grow as our classmates get engaged and plan their future weddings. Here are some of the upcoming weddings:

Randi Ackerman and Mark Zaleski '12 are engaged to be married in October 2020.

Ariana McAvoy is engaged and set to marry Matthew Perrino on Jan. 17, 2021.

In typical fashion, **Brittany Bartlett** got engaged to her fiancé, Kevin Groves, beneath the ocean with all of her fishy friends. They are set to be married on June 19, 2021.

This edition is very light so please continue to send me updates throughout the year at sridevi211@gmail.com.
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I'm writing this column on April 1, after Lehigh has moved to online classes and we are in the midst of strange times with COVID-19 consuming us. I hope and pray that things have taken a turn for the better, and by the time this article comes out in summer, we have all recovered and the world has healed. Reconnecting (even virtually) with old friends definitely lessens the intensity of the pandemic. Enjoy the latest class updates!

Matt Fullam took on a new role as senior finance manager at Omnicom Media Group in NYC, while most of his free time is spent playing with his indie-rock band, Parlors. The group consists of Matt on lead vocals/guitar, his brother, Dan,

on drums, and two childhood friends on bass and lead guitar. They play shows often throughout NYC, including a recent show on July 23, 2019 at Mercury Lounge. Parlors has six singles on Spotify, check out parlorsband.com for upcoming shows and releases!

Ashleigh (Cameron) Millette and her husband, Brian, are still loving life in Los Angeles, and were blessed with a daughter Brea Rayne Millette, who was born Dec. 23, 2019, weighing 8 pounds, 1 ounce, and 21 inches long.

Brenna Tudor graduated with her MBA from the University of Georgia in May and accepted a job with SC Johnson as an associate brand manager in their Chicago office.

On June 1, 2019 **Julia Morris** married Zack Alcorn in Manchester, Vt. She now resides in a new home in Morristown, N.J. On March 14, 2020, **Kelsey Engle** married Michael Lotman at the Chesapeake Bay Beach Club on Kent Island in Maryland. One of the very last weddings allowed before the quarantine, and Julia (Morris) Alcorn was her maid of honor! The couple met working for McCormick, which has most recently moved them to Bentonville, Ark.

Congratulations all, stay safe and take care!

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Hi Everyone! I am **Leah Paulson**, and I am excited to join Mike as co-correspondent for the Class of 2014. I work in student affairs at West Chester University of Pennsylvania and am passionate about creating

a memorable, educational and equitable experience for college students at our large public institution. I think so fondly of my five years at Lehigh (I stuck around to earn a master's of education after completing my bachelor's in 2014) and would be thrilled to hear what you are up to and to reconnect with you. Our class has achieved so much, so for this iteration of our class column, we would love to focus on some of these monumental life events.

Ashton (A.J.) Hood spent two years as a seventh and eighth grade math teacher, basketball coach and athletic director for Dayton Leadership Academy in the inner city of Dayton, Ohio, prior to beginning law school at Cincinnati College of Law. Ashton earned his juris doctor degree in May 2019 and was honored after graduating as the 2019 Judge Nathaniel Jones Center for Race, Gender, and Social Justice Award for a mentoring program he helped start in partnership with Hughes High School. A few of Ashton's writings will be published in the upcoming edition of the *Freedom Center Journal*, which is a collaboration between the Cincinnati College of Law's Center for Race, Gender, and Social Justice and the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center.

Ashton currently works as a law clerk/assistant attorney general in the collections enforcement section of the Ohio Attorney General's Office, and upon successful completion of the upcoming Ohio bar exam, he will have his license to practice law. Ashton is also engaged to be married to his best friend, Dr. Rachele Dulan!

Daniela Rossi graduated with her master's of environmental management from Yale University in May 2018 and is currently working in Washington D.C., at the Environmental

Protection Agency (EPA). Daniela is an Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE) Fellow at the EPA where she supports federal partnerships and a national program called Urban Waters. Daniela lives in D.C. with her partner, **Rylan Collins**, who is a mortgage loan officer for PNC Bank. Daniela and Rylan are enjoying the city together with their puppy, Rue the Cockapoo.

Ram Sinha is finishing medical school in June 2020 from Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine in Bradenton, Fla., where he completed rotations in allergy and immunology, hematology/oncology and pulmonology. Prior to beginning medical school, Ram completed a master's of science in medical sciences from the University of South Florida. He recently matched for his residency in internal medicine with AtlanticCare Regional Medical Center in New Jersey. After living in Florida for five years, Ram is excited to be in his home state of New Jersey for his residency!

As always, feel free to email me (leahpaulson22@gmail.com) or Mike (michaelronan214@gmail.com) at any time. We love receiving your news!

'15 Kerry Mallett, kerryamallett@gmail.com
The Class of 2015 has had a lot to celebrate over the last few months. **Rebekah Sloan** got engaged to her fiancé, Jay, and they are planning their wedding for May 2021. **Elly Johnston** also got engaged during a ski trip to Lake Tahoe in February, and **Molly Brooks** and **Robert Weber III** got engaged in July and will be married in November.

Danielle Anecchino got married in St. Martin. **Rob Solis** got married in April in Novato, Calif., and started his first year of residency in

otolaryngology-head and neck surgery at the University of California, Davis.

William Keller received the New England-Upstate New York Regional Distinguished Young AFCEAN (Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association) Award for "spearheading the Lexington-Concord's 5K Fun Run, which resulted in more than twice last year's participation, \$6,000 in local donations and nearly \$20,000 for the AFCEA Educational Foundation."

Finally, **Alex Bloom** got a new position as an associate at Gair, Gair, Conason, Rubinstein, Bloom, Hershenson, Steigman & Mackauf.

Sadly, and understandably, our five-year reunion has been postponed due to COVID-19. In the meantime, mark your calendars for June 10-13, 2021, and maybe plan a virtual Zoom hangout with Lehigh friends you haven't caught up with in a while!

'16 Rachel Sholder, rachelsholder@gmail.com
Hi all! I hope everyone is enjoying summer. I traveled to Big Sky, Mont., for an aerospace conference and got to spend a day in Yellowstone National Park. Right after I returned from the trip, the COVID-19 quarantines began. I've been working from home and living at my childhood home with my family in New Jersey. I was supposed to travel to Peru in April with Sam Kay, but just like everyone else, we had to adjust our plans. We're hoping to go in September.

Amy Haber graduated from Lehigh and moved to the island of Grenada to attend St. George's University School of Medicine. In May of 2020, Amy officially became an M.D., and began her anesthesiology residency at Boston University Medical Center.

After graduating from Lehigh, **Amanda Derby** received her master's in human development and psychology from Harvard Graduate School of Education. After receiving this degree, Amanda worked as both a clinical research coordinator and youth educator. Since then, she transitioned into working as a behavioral therapist for children with autism. Starting in the fall of 2020, Amanda will be pursuing her doctorate in clinical psychology from William James College.

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'17 Robert Hillman,
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Hello again, Class of '17!

At time of writing there are plenty of alumni and current students who are practicing social distancing. Hopefully by the time this edition reaches us, we can look back and appreciate the precautions we all took for the collective health of our communities. Keep sharing your Lehigh pride while we get through this!

I got in touch with the first of my housemates from Montclair Avenue, **Patrick "Patch" Kroell**. Patch was a design major and double minored in entrepreneurship and architecture history. At Lehigh he was a project manager/senior designer with the Fusion Design Studio and a tuba player with the Marching 97. Our senior year together in the 97, Patch co-wrote one of the halftime performances, featuring the songs "Hooked on a Feeling" by Blue Suede and "All-Star" by Smashmouth.

Patch now lives in Brooklyn, N.Y., with his fiancée, Natalie! Putting his design and entrepreneurship skills to use, he is the senior creative for a group that works with several businesses. The work includes all aspects of creative development, including

branding, social media advertisements, website management, trade show booths and more. He manages the day-to-day work for Biohazard Coffee, Low Carb Keto Products and Variety Fun Snack Care Packages. He has also reconnected with two other Lehigh alumni to continue work on a project from our senior year. They had been working on designing a board game called "Last Year of Carbon" and hope to have significant steps forward on it soon. You can learn more about it at lastyearofcarbon.com.

The second housemate I got in touch with was **Jonathan "Jon Wood" Wood**. Jon double majored in history, and earth and environmental science along with minoring in creative writing. Many of us remember Jon as a talented trumpet player in many Lehigh ensembles, including the Wind Ensemble, Jazz Orchestra, Symphonic Band, Brass Chamber Ensemble and Marching 97. Our senior year, Jon led the 97 as our exalted drum major (the man in the tall hat with the staff). Along with his dedication to the music of Lehigh University, Jon was a member of Kappa Kappa Psi, the national honorary band fraternity. Outside of the realm of music, Jon was a member of the Society of Environmental Scientists and a member of Phi Alpha Theta history honor society.

Jon lives in Warren County, N.J., with his fiancée, Casey Kozoh '16. The two of them have bought a house and live with their dog, Corky. Starting in January this year, Jon started a new job as a project scientist with JM Sorge Environmental Consultants. His work includes field and office work such as performing soil and groundwater sampling and writing due diligence reports. Both of them, as well as Patch and Natalie, were able to come up to Boston last November to join other Lehigh alumni as we packed The

Harp bar with Lafayette alumni, and watched the Le-Laf football game live stream.

From the Class of '17 to the Class of '20, the last class with whom we shared the campus, congratulations on completing your time as undergrads! Our hearts go out to you that your time on campus this last semester was cut short. We've all experienced leaving Lehigh sooner than we ever wanted to. Good luck with the next adventure of your lives, and we'll see you back in Bethlehem 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 Facebook group [facebook.com/groups/LUClassof17/about/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/LUClassof17/about/) and 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!

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It all started as a "passion project" for **Emily Goldenberg** and **Benjamin Manning**. The duo was determined to prove that just because college was over, it didn't mean they had to give up on extracurriculars. While Goldenberg spent her four years at Lehigh as a member of the Melismatics a cappella group, Manning was the drummer for a popular band on campus called Burn It Down, known for their legendary performances at the notorious Funhouse. Both of these Lehigh alums saw no reason why their musical careers should stop there. Upon moving to Philadelphia after graduation, the two recruited alumni friends from Lehigh's Ivy League rival, the University of Pennsylvania. Together, the Lehigh and UPenn alumni created a band called CityWide.

Since their creation in early 2019, CityWide has released their debut EP, "One Hundred Thousand Dollars," which is available on all streaming sites (Spotify, Apple Music, Tidal, Google Play, etc.). With Goldenberg on vocals and Manning on drums, the duo is accompanied by guitar, bass, keyboard and trumpet throughout the four-song album. Everything from song-writing, to production and even to the album cover art was completed in-house. Check it out if you can!

But streaming sites are not the only platform their original music has played on. Back in the good old days of January 2020, when we were hopeful for a year filled with activities outside of the house, CityWide played live on the radio! Any true Philadelphian can tell you—Radio 104.5 is Philly's go-to Alt Rock radio station, and Goldenberg and Manning had the pleasure of playing on the 104.5 "Live at 5" radio segment. Here, CityWide did their first live performance of "One Day" (found on their album) and an acoustic cover of Lorde's "Green Light," which the band will be releasing to streaming sites soon. The performance can be found on YouTube ("CityWide on Radio 104.5 Live at 5!") or on their Instagram (@CityWide_TheBand).

Although all spring and early summer shows have been cancelled due to COVID-19, CityWide is anticipating a busy end of summer and fall packed with shows. You will find them anywhere between the bustling Philadelphia bar and live music scene to the more relaxed beach bars of the Jersey Shore. In addition, more original music is on the way, and they can't wait to share it with you. Make sure to follow them on Instagram, Spotify, Apple Music or any other streaming site for frequent updates about their future endeavors!

'19 Sabrina Morawej,
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The Class of 2019 has celebrated its first year as Lehigh graduates, and I am eager to report the many paths we are taking.

Some readers may be familiar with the name, **Sam Bencheghib**, as he made headline news in July for his formidable plan of running across the country to raise awareness about the deleterious effects caused by plastic pollution. In between his running-filled days, he met with students, governors, representatives and senators with the goal of awakening their consciousness and effecting policy change. He experienced several bodily injuries throughout his course, but nevertheless persevered to make it to California on Feb. 1, 2020, which he concluded by jumping into the Pacific Ocean. You can learn more about Sam and his sibling's activism on their website, makeachange.world.

Tanairy Ortiz and **Eliza Dent** were both serving in the Peace Corps up until early February and late March, respectively. Eliza was serving in Senegal and Tanairy was fulfilling her service as an ESL (English as a Second Language) teacher in China until the coronavirus outbreak resulted in the cessation of all Peace Corp programs. Their service was meant to last approximately two years but was abruptly cut short—they only served abroad for a few months. Each wrote about the disappointment on their Facebook accounts. Eliza appeared to be handling it well, although nonetheless upset. Tanairy, being in China at the time of the outbreak, was hastily moved out of China and into Thailand before coming back to the United States, expressed the insecurity she was now experiencing reimagining her new life plan. According to Peace Corps director, Jody K. Olsen, Peace

Corps posts will “be ready to return to normal operations when conditions permit.” (Source: CNN).

In my fall 2018 article, I made everyone privy to my vacillation between entering the workforce full-time and continuing my education. After completing an eye-opening gap year of working as a research study interviewer for the University of Washington, I realized how truly passionate I am about population health. I have accepted admission to the University of Pennsylvania's master of public health program. In the face of a global pandemic, my entrance into this field seems more than fitting, and I am excited to one day contribute to the improvement of health care systems and policies.

Aizel Magsino recently announced accepting a position as junior data analyst for Express Scripts, a Cigna Company. She expresses appreciation to be given the opportunity to work in one of the leading national health companies.

As always, I am privileged to share any class news with our alumni network. Reach out to me on Facebook or my alumni email sem219@alum.lehigh.edu. Stay healthy!

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Hello everyone. What a crazy time. I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy during the COVID-19 crisis and is (hopefully) enjoying spending lots of time with your family. First, I want to thank all of the nurses, doctors, first responders, grocery store workers and all the essential businesses that are the backbone of our country right now. It is truly amazing what you do every day.

Currently, my household is filled with my parents, myself, my youngest sister (a senior in high school in a similar sit-

uation) and my other younger sister (she had to return home early from her study abroad). So, you can only imagine what that is like! I am excited to report some good news. My youngest sister, Allie Hite, will be attending Lehigh next year as a member of the women's soccer team. So proud (and jealous) that she will have the next four amazing years. I can say I am the best older sister for leading her in the right direction!

For my classmates and myself, this has been really hard on us, and it does not feel real. While we were home on spring break, we received an email about the termination of the semester. For the majority of us, the last time we will be students on campus will be when we retrieve our items from our houses. It is truly heartbreaking. However, with this, we have a lot to be thankful for. Lehigh is a truly special place. We have loved, laughed, cried and changed in these four short years, and there is nothing I would do differently about my time at Lehigh. I am so thankful for everyone who has impacted me at this university, and I am so proud to say that I attended Lehigh. Though it may not be the ending my classmates and I had hoped for, we will continue to celebrate Lehigh and its traditions as alumni, and we have all the alumni before us to thank for that. While I do wish we had a senior week, a graduation and one more sandwich at the Goose, I am really thankful for all the memories Lehigh gave us. We will carry them for the rest of our lives.

There are many students/organizations that deserve to be recognized. To every winter and spring senior athlete, thank you for how hard you worked for the past three years. Some of you were so close to being a Patriot League or a national champion, and you deserve to be. Thank you to *The Brown*

and *White*, who have continued to publish weekly during this crisis. To the Student Senate, who have worked tirelessly to fight for students' best interests. To every professor, who has been so accommodating and has been there for us beyond the weekly Zoom call. Though it may not be the senior year we hoped for, I know the Class of 2020 will be stronger and more united than ever. I can not wait to join the Lehigh legacy and am looking forward to becoming more than a student at Lehigh. I look forward to seeing everyone at our first alumni weekend and maybe celebrate our graduation then! Be well, be safe and be thankful for those who are putting their lives at risk to provide our essentials and to care for those that are stricken with the coronavirus.

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Spring semester was definitely one for the books from all the unprecedented changes caused by COVID-19. Thus far, our transition to remote online learning has been pretty seamless; however, I can speak for all students when I say that the hardest part is being apart from friends. Hopefully, Joey Saba's story can connect you back to the Lehigh community.

Joey Saba is a junior majoring in bio-chem and minoring in sociology. He aspires to be a future doctor, which is why he is dedicating this summer to taking the MCAT. In February, he was accepted in the Martindale Honors Program, a prestigious honors program where 12 students from all different majors study and travel to the country of Argentina. During this trip, Joey, along with his cohort, will be able to meet with specialists in

different fields, ranging from agriculture, to society, to the economy. After their trip, each student is given the opportunity to publish a research paper on a topic of choice but with a proposition to finding a solution to a current problem in Argentina. Because of the virus and the current state of the world, the trip to Argentina that is scheduled to occur in May is now tentatively moved to August. Nonetheless, Joey is very excited about this travel and research opportunity: “I’m fascinated by Martindale because we’ll get exposure to a different culture from many different perspectives. Plus, it’s a really unique way to do something good for the world.”

As Joey and I were chatting about Lehigh’s campus closure for the rest of the semester, he says the one thing he misses most is his friends. Being home gave him the sobering realization that “we took a lot for granted,” from going out on a weekend to studying with friends at the library. This realization is why Joey is looking forward to senior year as a time to focus on the many friends and acquaintances he has made on campus.

Want to share your Lehigh story? Email me at amc321@lehigh.edu!

’22 *Leidy Iglesias,* lmi222@lehigh.edu; *Andrew Isaacson,* aji222@lehigh.edu
Hello, Class of 2022. My name is Andrew Isaacson, and I will be one of your class correspondents for the *Alumni Bulletin* going forward!

I hope all of you are staying healthy and taking care of yourselves and your family during these unprecedented times. This is not the semester that I envisioned back in January and am disappointed that we won’t be returning to campus. The drastic spread of

COVID-19 has led to courses becoming remote and cancellations of numerous annual events.

One of the most heartbreaking parts about this situation is that students who were studying abroad this semester were told to come home. Study abroad is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for which some people wait their entire lives. Although it was the right decision, many students were denied the full experience because of this unexpected situation.

In addition, Lehigh made the decision to cancel all summer abroad programs but will hopefully be up and running again this upcoming fall.

The outbreak has also cancelled all spring NCAA seasons and denied opportunities for athletes to compete for league and national championships.

The women’s basketball team was on the verge of a Patriot League championship, but Coach Sue Troyan informed the team prior to their semi-final game that the rest of the Patriot League tournament and NCAA tournament were cancelled. The team came into the tournament with a 10-8 Patriot League record and some of the top performers were **Emma Grothaus**, Camryn Buhr ’20, **Megan Walker** and Cameryn Benz ’20.

The men’s wrestling team had some huge wins against ranked opponents this year and won the EIWA Championships in Stabler Arena. They were confident going into the NCAA Championships; however the tournament got cancelled and unfortunately denied Jordan Kutler ’19 (fifth-year athlete) and the rest of the senior class an opportunity to go out on top.

Greek Life took one of the biggest hits with school being shut down for the rest of the semester. This is the semester

where first years find their brotherhood or sisterhood for their remaining time on campus, but that will have to be postponed for a few months. It also didn’t help that the school put all chapters on a “pause” through much of the early part of the semester. Sororities had only one week of new member education and fraternities had little to no new member education.

While I haven’t been getting the same Lehigh experience from home, I’ve still been making the effort to reach out to friends and teachers. Although it’s been harder for me to keep a routine, I still feel like my days are productive, and I’m maintaining strong Lehigh connections through FaceTime or Zoom. I encourage all of you to check in with friends during these uncertain times and reach out to professors to let them know that you’re still willing to put in the work for their class.

It is a challenging time for the university and the entire world, but I have faith that everyone can come out of this with a new positive attitude on the world, and we all come back stronger and better than ever. I encourage all of you to continue practicing social distancing and staying home because the sooner we act, the sooner we can all return to our normal lives and save lives. I have faith in the entire class and Lehigh family.

I’m looking forward to being one of your class correspondents going forward and keeping you and the alumni connected.

Stay safe and healthy!

’23 *Laura Duffany,* lx223@lehigh.edu; *Ana Victoria Smith,* avs223@lehigh.edu
Editor’s note: *The Class of 2023 will be represented by a team of correspondents. They*

plan to work together to span the class and bring interesting stories from every corner to light. Here we get to meet them. ...

As the saying goes: “Live each day as if it were your last.” The grass has sprouted and flowers have bloomed. While spring blooms at Lehigh University, one may hear the crickets and buzzing insects that flutter in the warm breeze. One may see the vibrant greenery of the landscape dotted with colorful flowers. One may smell the sweet scent of the slowly thickening summer haze. But what one may not see, nor hear, nor smell? The students and faculty of Lehigh University.

No one saw it coming. On Dec. 31, 2019, a report from the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the presence of a new form of coronavirus called COVID-19. Who knew that such a tiny, inanimate thing, could wreak havoc on the world? Fast forward to March 11, 2020, Director-General of the WHO, Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, declares the COVID-19 health emergency a pandemic. The following day, March 12, 2020, an email was sent to the Lehigh community: “Lehigh moves to remote learning for remainder of academic semester.” Within a short time, confusion and anxiety ensued. Athletics seasons canceled. Musicals and shows shuttered. Greek life postponed until fall.

Caroline Mierzwa says, “It made the panic of COVID-19 more visceral and made me realize that this pandemic is real and that no one is immune to getting the illness.” Like the seasons through time, life had begun to change. There was much fear, but Lehigh stood true to its name of resilience. The many wonderful students and faculty persisted. As **Jude Gerhart** exemplifies, “We all make changes to make the most of what we have.”

Many of the students under-



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stand the situation as **Noor Musharraf** believes, “It was something that the school had to do.” In just days, the Lehigh community had quickly adapted to the situation. As **Addie Pintor** describes, “I play the piano and flute, work out, catch up on Netflix shows, and make late night video calls with my friends from Lehigh.”

Laura Duffany, class co-correspondent writes:

“Hey guys, Laura Duffany here writing from my home in Puerto Rico! As I type away, I imagine all of the exciting, different places you, the readers, come from! How lucky I am to be amidst the wondrous diversity that is Lehigh! We all have great hopes of changing the world, and Lehigh has provided the amazing opportunities to do just that! Serving as an example is my fellow classmate, **Samantha Cardenas**. She is participating in the 2020 Global Social Impact Fellowship, focused on alleviating the child malnutrition crisis in Sierra Leone, Africa. Working with a group of six other undergraduate students, Sam is creating a line of nutritiously delicious products, including peanut butter bars and corn milk drinks, fortified banana pudding and sweet potato muffins. The group travels to Sierra Leone this summer to conduct fieldwork, assessing the effectiveness of their products. Through interdisciplinary studies and ideas involving creativity, nutritional science and engineering, the team is combining efforts to make an impact on Sierra Leone’s community. In my short time at Lehigh, I have come to see what Lehigh is all about: collaboration and passionate ideas.”

Through adversity and tribulation, the Lehigh community has adamantly collaborated in upholding our “shared responsibility.” **Shayne Conner**

says, “I’ve been lucky enough to cope the same way I always have, staying home and hoping for the best.” **Victoria Drzymala** beautifully explains, “At first I thought this was the worst thing to happen during my freshman year, but now I realize that it’s a way to come back stronger next semester.”

GRADUATE

P.C. Rossin College of Engineering

Peter Christian M.S. '77 recently published “What About the Vermin Problem? A Guide to Avoiding Damaging Business Practices.” In this book, he applies 40 years of knowledge as an executive and trusted business adviser to pointing out the good, bad and ugly of business. “He has seen businesses succeed or fail... The stories are real. Who did or is doing them doesn’t matter. What does matter is what to do, how to do it and why it should be done. It is a matter of success or failure, the choice is yours.” The book can be found on Amazon.

After graduation, Peter worked for Air Products and Chemicals, Crayola Corporation as an executive director, and started and ran the premier business consulting group in the Lehigh Valley, Enterprise Systems Partners Inc. (espi). During that time, he worked with over 300 companies, locally, nationally and internationally.

He has since retired for Florida in 2019 and is living in Hernando County, where he is an active member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Gulf Coast Manufacturers Association.



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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 May 15, 2020:

1940s

Edward M. Sharp '40, Free-land, Pa., Feb. 8, 2020. Mr. Sharp was a member of the Tau Beta Pi and Phi Beta Kappa honor societies. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, attained the rank of lieutenant colonel. Professionally, he was the managing partner of Sharp's Bakery and retired as vice president of Citerrio USA Corp. He was also a member of the Tower Society.

Henry D. Chandler '41, Dorset, Vt., Feb. 29, 2020. A Chi Psi brother, Mr. Chandler was also a member of the golf and soccer teams, as well as the Glee Club. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II. He spent over 30 years at General Foods Corp., retiring as vice president of human resources. His son, Henry L. Chandler, is a member of the Class of 1972.

Richard B. Palmer '43, Burlington, N.C., March 17, 2020. Dr. Palmer was a Theta Delta Chi brother, and a member of *The Brown and White*, the debate club, the Glee Club and the track team. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and retired from the Army Reserves as a major. He made his career with Texaco Inc., retiring after 30-plus years as a

company executive. He received an honorary doctorate from Lehigh in 1979. He was the son of the former dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Phillip Mason Palmer, for whom the dorm is named. In addition to his father, his brothers—Parker Palmer '37, Carl Palmer '38, Robert Palmer '40 and John Palmer '48—are members of the Lehigh family. Dr. Palmer was also a member of the Asa Packer and Tower societies.

Theodore Peters Jr. '44, Cooperstown, N.Y., March 19, 2020. Dr. Peters was a Sigma Phi brother, editor-in-chief of *The Brown and White*, and a member of Tau Beta Pi and Omicron Delta Kappa honor societies. He served in the U.S. Navy for 26 years, including World War II and the Korean War, retiring as a commander. He taught medical biochemistry and researched at the University of Pennsylvania, Harvard and Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital. He was also a member of the Asa Packer Society. His son, William Peters, is a member of the Class of 1979.

William Bernard '45, Albuquerque, N.M., March 15, 2020. An Alpha Tau Omega brother and wrestling team member, Mr. Bernard served in the U.S. Merchant Marines

during World War II. He made his career at the Los Alamos National Laboratory.

Daniel L. Jerman '45, Hackettstown, N.J., March 21, 2020. Mr. Jerman served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Throughout his career, he was the chief engineer for the Pittsburgh and West Virginia Railroad, assistant chief engineer for the Maine Central Railroad, and a consultant with Parsons Brinkerhoff Quade and Douglas. His son, Douglas Jerman, is a member of the Class of 1982.

Ronald J. Skilton '45, Walnut Creek, Calif., Feb. 14, 2020. Mr. Skilton was a member of Tau Beta Pi and Pi Tau Sigma honorary societies. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and worked for GE Corp., for 36 years.

Carleton S. Wastcoat '45, North Branford, Conn., March 13, 2020. Mr. Wastcoat was a Theta Delta Chi brother and a veteran of the U.S. Navy during World War II. He worked for Caltex Petroleum in human resources for 40 years. His son, Richard Wastcoat '83, and granddaughter, Eliza Wastcoat '20, are members of the Lehigh family.

Charles R. Bigelow '46 M.S. '55, Wilmington, Del., Jan. 15, 2020. A member of Tau Beta Pi honor society, Mr. Bigelow was a veteran of the U.S. Marines. He worked for the DuPont Company for 38 years, before serving as the chairman and then president of the Compressed Gas Association in Washington, D.C. His brother, Daniel Bigelow, was a member of the Class of 1948.

Nester W. Blanco '46, Brandon, Miss., Jan. 20, 2020. Mr. Blanco was a petroleum engineer, retiring from Placid Oil Company.

Frank J. McGrath '47, New Milford, Conn., Dec. 5, 2019. Mr. McGrath was a member of the fencing team and a veteran of the U.S. Army during World War II. He retired from Exxon Cor-

poration, where he had worked as a chemical engineer for many years. His son, John McGrath, is a member of the Class of 1978.

August T. Kaufman Jr. '48, Bethlehem, Pa., Jan. 9, 2020. Mr. Kaufman served in the U.S. Corps of Engineers Combat Regiment during World War II. He worked for Bethlehem Steel Corp., retiring as chief engineer of the metallurgical coal miners assigned to the Charleston division of the Bethlehem Mine Corp.

Bernard W. Levinger '48, Fort Collins, Colo., Jan. 17, 2020. Dr. Levinger was a mathematics professor at Colorado State University.

Lewis I. Mengle '48, Lancaster, Pa., March 16, 2020. A Theta Chi brother, Mr. Mengle was a veteran of World War II. He worked for RCA Corp., retiring as an engineering leader in the picture tube development division, holding several patents. He was a member of the Asa Packer and Tower societies.

Ebon P. Weaver '48, Beavercreek Township, Ohio, March 13, 2019. A veteran of both World War II and the Korean War, Mr. Weaver served as a navigation officer in the U.S. Air Force. He worked as a research chemical engineer at Uniroyal until he retired as manager of technical services. He then went on to be the technical director of Dexter Plastics.

Joseph E. Barnett '49, Murrysville, Pa., April 18, 2019. A veteran of World War II, Mr. Barnett was an Alpha Tau Omega brother. He worked as an insurance broker with Conover and Associates. His grandfather, John Howard, was a member of the Class of 1887.

Charles H. Engler '49, Bridgewater, N.J., Feb. 6, 2020. Mr. Engler was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He worked at Engler Instrument Company as vice president of operations.

Robert N. Honeyman '49, Newton, Mass., Jan. 24, 2020. Mr. Honeyman was a Theta

Delta Chi brother. He worked for GE at the Knolls Atomic Power Lab.

1950s

Ralph N. Anderson '50, Vista, Calif., Nov. 18, 2019. Mr. Anderson was a Sigma Nu brother. He retired from Raytheon.

William A. Coombs '50, Camden, S.C., Feb. 11, 2020. A Chi Phi brother, Mr. Coombs was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and the Korean War. He worked for the DuPont Company.

Richard A. Hoffmann '50, Lawrenceville, N.J., March 13, 2020. Mr. Hoffmann was a Sigma Phi brother and president as an undergraduate. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He spent 36 years with Imo DeLaval.

Robert A. Limons '50, Bloomington, Ind., May 5, 2020. Mr. Limons was a World War II veteran and former employee of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation.

Fredel A. Rauch '50, Debray, Fla., April 27, 2020. Mr. Rauch was a veteran of World War II. He was an insurance consultant with Metropolitan and other companies.

Walter R. Smalley '50, Charlotte, N.C., April 13, 2020. Mr. Smalley spent his professional career at Westinghouse Electric. He was a metallurgical engineer and worked on many of the early milestone projects of commercial nuclear power production, both in the U.S. and Europe. He volunteered with his class and was a member of the Lehigh Wrestling Club. His brother, Herbert Smalley, is a member of the Class of 1953.

Paul E. Solt '50, Allentown, Pa., Oct. 2, 2019. Mr. Solt was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He was employed at Fuller/GATX and was the owner of Pneumatic Conveying Consultants. His brother, David Solt, is a member of the Class of 1946.

Donald J. Wain '50, Lan-

caster, Pa., March 6, 2020. Mr. Wain served in the U.S. Army Chemical Corps. He retired from Armstrong World Industries.

John W. Young '50, Asheville, N.C., April 7, 2020. A Phi Sigma Kappa brother, Mr. Young was also a veteran of the U.S. Army. He retired as financial analyst manager from the Bordon Co. He was a member of the Tower Society.

Louis W. Bevier '51, Palm City, Fla., May 1, 2020. A Phi Delta Theta brother, Mr. Bevier was a member of Tau Beta Pi, Omicron Delta Kappa and Pi Tau Sigma honor societies. He served in the U.S. Army in Korea. He was employed Raytheon, where he worked on launching Amana's first microwave oven and originated the marketing phrase, "The Greatest Cooking Invention Since Fire," before establishing his own company, Bevco, Inc, in 1975. His father, Kenneth Bevier, was a member of the Class of 1919.

Walter H. Davis '51, Reading, Pa., April 7, 2020. Mr. Davis was a veteran of the U.S. Navy Air Corps during World War II. He made his career with Western Electric and worked as a software engineer in his retirement. His son, F. Kenneth Davis, earned his MBA from Lehigh in 1982.

William L. Gladstone '51, Dover, Mass., April 30, 2020. Mr. Gladstone was a Pi Lambda Phi brother, track team member and a member of several honors societies. He worked for Arthur Young where he co-architected the groundbreaking merger of Arthur Young with Ernst and Whinney, which created the world's largest professional services firm at that time. He later was the president and owner of the Tri-City ValleyCats, a Troy, N.Y.-based Class A affiliate of the Houston Astros. As an alumnus, he won the Alumni Award in 1976 and the L-in-Life Award in 1996. He volunteered as a planned giving class

chairman for over a decade. He was a member of the Asa Packer and Tower societies and his daughter, Susan Gladstone, is a member of the Class of 1979

Thomas W. McNamara '51, San Diego, Calif., Jan. 28, 2020. Mr. McNamara was a soccer player, member of *The Brown & White*, and Phi Delta Theta brother. He was a career Naval officer and he worked for Cubic Corp.

Donald H. Stires '51, Far Hills, N.J., April 3, 2020. Mr. Stires served in World War II in the U.S. Navy. He was a Phi Gamma Delta brother, and member of the *Epitome* year-book staff. He worked as the Somerset County Engineer for 11 years, then transitioning into the Civil Defense Coordinator. He founded Pave-Rite Inc., and Donald H. Stires Associates. His Lehigh family includes his children—Donald H. Stires Jr. '72, Peter Stires '80, Todd Stires '82, David Stires '85 and Craig Stires '89—and his grandchildren—Hilary Stires '10, Emily Stires '11 and Donald H. Stires '17. He was a member of the Tower Society.

Colborn Theodore Blaisdell '52, New Tripoli, Pa., April 3, 2020. Dr. Blaisdell was a Psi Upsilon brother and played lacrosse. He was also a veteran of the Korean War. He was the director of anesthesia at Sacred Heart Hospital and served on the committee to plan and build the Allentown/Sacred Heart Hospital Center (ASH), which became the Lehigh Valley Health Network. His daughter, Susan Blaisdell, is a member of the Class of 1987.

James V. Cartledge Jr. '52, Levittown, Pa., April 26, 2020. Mr. Cartledge was a CPA, he worked for American Meter Co./Singer in Philadelphia.

Robert O. Grim '52, Grand Beach, Mich., March 12, 2020. Mr. Grim was a member of Tau Beta Pi honor society. He retired from BP Amoco Corp.

John G. Hanson '52,

Chesterfield, N.J., Feb. 27, 2020. A track team member, Mr. Hanson served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He retired from Congoleum Corporation. His son, Thomas Hanson, is a member of the Class of 1986.

Daniel D. Dubosky '53, Venice, Fla., Jan. 11, 2020. A member of the Marching 97 during his time at Lehigh, Mr. Dubosky was a U.S. Army veteran who spent his career at Bell Telephone Laboratories. He earned a juris doctor degree at New York University in 1966, and continued to serve at Bell Labs for over 20 years as a patent attorney. His son, David Dubosky, is a member of the Class of 1982.

Gerald W. Hannay Jr. '53, Rumson, N.J., Jan. 13, 2020. A Chi Psi brother and member of the lacrosse team, Mr. Hannay was a veteran of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He was an industrial engineer and his career included a family foundry, Barnett, which he managed and owned over several decades.

William C. Horn '53, Bethlehem, Pa., May 6, 2020. Mr. Horn was an offensive guard on the undefeated 1950 football team and a Phi Delta Theta brother. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and spent his career with Bethlehem Steel.

Thomas H. Jones Jr. '53, Audubon, Pa., Jan. 4, 2020. Mr. Jones was a Theta Delta Chi brother. He worked for Bethlehem Steel Corp, as well as the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. His son, Richard T. Jones, is a member of the Class of 1983.

John T. Morrison '53, Schuylkill Haven, Pa., Dec. 26, 2019. Mr. Morrison was a brother of Phi Gamma Delta and a member of the wrestling team. As a student he won the R.A. Lewis wrestling trophy in 1950. He coached wrestling at Schuylkill Haven High School

for many years and was inducted into the Pottsville Chapter of the PIAA Wrestling Officials Hall of Fame. His varied career included work for the family business, Auburn Brick Co., as the chief executive of the Morrison Ford Motor Co., as a real estate agent and as a substitute teacher.

George M. Muha '53, Cream Ridge, N.J., Feb. 13, 2020. Professor Muha taught chemistry at Rutgers University for 30 years. He was a Phi Beta Kappa member and veteran of the U.S. Army.

William W. Mumford Jr. '53, Manchester, Conn., April 29, 2020. Mr. Mumford was a Phi Delta Theta brother and football player as a student. He worked for Proctor and Gamble and then for the Monsanto Company in their plastics research business.

Edward P. Stuhr Jr. '53, Clifton Park, N.Y., May 2, 2020. Mr. Stuhr spent his career as a financial manager for Schenectady International.

Caspar P. Kaffke '54, '55, Mendham, N.J., April 4, 2020. Dr. Kaffke was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was also a Sigma Phi Epsilon brother and player with the Mustard & Cheese. He spent the majority of his career in the field of human resources for companies including Mars Inc., Automatic Data Processing, Standard Oil of Ohio/BP and Emerson Radio. He was a member of the Tower Society.

Stuart S. Kingsbury Jr. '54, Doylestown, Pa., April 17, 2020. Mr. Kingsbury was a Theta Xi brother. He was a member of *The Brown & White* as well as the *Epitome*. He served in the U.S. Army and was employed by Socony Vacuum Oil Company, later known as Mobil Oil. He then owned a real estate and appraisal firm.

Clifford S. Lasto '54, Woodbridge, Conn., March 4, 2020. Mr. Lasto was a member of the golf team. He co-founded Air-Vac Engineering Co. and spent 60 years working with the company.

Austin E. Mullen '54, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Jan. 7, 2020. Mr. Mullen was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He worked in real estate.

William K. Rohwedder '54 M.S. '57 Ph.D. '60, Peoria, Ill., Feb. 24, 2020. Dr. Rohwedder worked for many years as a mass spectroscopist at the USDA. He was a member of the Asa Packer Society.

Peter N. Taylor '54, Venice, Fla., Jan. 7, 2020. Mr. Taylor was a lacrosse player and Theta Delta Chi brother. He was also a veteran of the U.S. Army, and he went on to work for U.S. Steel as a metallurgical engineer.

John C. Wallace '54, Osprey, Fla., May 14, 2019.

Otto H. Atkinson '55, Fairfield, Conn., Dec. 17, 2019. A Kappa Sigma brother, Mr. Atkinson served as a Green Beret in the U.S. Army and was one of the original Delta Force members. He worked in the box-making industry as president at various companies.

Michael J. Jackson '55, Davenport, Iowa, March 11, 2020. Mr. Jackson was a veteran of the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a Delta Upsilon brother and soccer team member. He worked for Alcoa.

Harold T. Leidy '55, Piermont, N.Y., April 8, 2020. Mr. Leidy was a Delta Chi brother.

Robert L. Pratt '55, Porters Neck, N.C., Feb. 26, 2020. Mr. Pratt spent his career with DuPont.

Thomas W. Stone '55, Westminster, Md., Feb. 14, 2020. Mr. Stone was a Phi Gamma Delta brother. The majority of his career was with *The Baltimore Sun*, in advertising.

John C. Tully Sr. '55, Middletown, N.J., Feb. 26, 2020. Mr. Tully was the inventor of the variable speed drill, while working for Chicago Pneumatic Corp.

David A. Bristol '56, Houston, Texas, Jan. 2, 2020. Mr. Bristol was a member of the choir

and the fencing team, where he won a collegiate gold medal. He worked as a mechanical engineer, first with General Electric, where he was issued numerous patents related to pressure-measuring devices, and later with the Hewlett-Packard Company and then Agilent Technologies. He was also a member of the Asa Packer Society.

Frederick R. Ells '56, Parma, Ohio, Feb. 5, 2020.

David G. Gallaher '56, Clearfield, Pa., April 1, 2020. Mr. Gallaher was a four-year starter for the wrestling team and was the Mid-Atlantic AAU champion. He also wrestled in four NCAA Championship Tournaments. He retired as president and CEO of Clearfield Machine. He also co-founded Clearfield Powdered Metals. His son, David Gallaher Jr., is a member of the Class of 1978.

Robert J. Hunter '56, Union Dale, Pa., Feb. 4, 2020. Mr. Hunter was a U.S. Army veteran. Prior to retirement, he was employed as a corporate executive for SmithKline Pharmaceutical Company and Lewis Corporation.

Anthony T. Johnson '56, Hobe Sound, Fla., Feb. 11, 2020. A veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces during the Korean conflict, Mr. Johnson was employed at Bell Telephone Laboratories and later started his own company supplying products to utilities.

George T. Keller '56, Wernersville, Pa., Jan. 27, 2019. Mr. Keller was a member of *The Brown and White* staff, as well as a member of the track and cross country teams. He worked in the areas of accounting, auditing and production for several companies including Prudential, PP&L and Morton International.

Allan B. Kime Jr. '56, Asheville, N.C., Feb. 11, 2020. Mr. Kime was a Sigma Chi brother. His 39-year career included positions with Bethlehem Steel,

GE Aerospace and Lockheed Martin. He attended more than sixty consecutive Lehigh-Lafayette football games.

F. David Lepper '56, Newport News, Va., March 1, 2020. Mr. Lepper was a member of the golf team and Lambda Chi Alpha brother. He served as a fighter pilot in the U.S. Marine Corps in the Korean War and later in the Reserves. He made his career in sales in the paper industry.

George S. Meinel '56, Blue Bell, Pa., Feb. 4, 2020. A Chi Psi brother and veteran of the U.S. Navy during the Korean War, Mr. Meinel worked as a sales engineer and manager before starting his own consulting firm. He volunteered with his class and won the Alumni Award in 1976. He was also a member of the Tower Society.

William A. Muirhead '56, Venice, Fla., Dec. 9, 2019. A Sigma Nu brother, Mr. Muirhead was a partner at Muirhead, Gaylor, Steves & Waskom.

Wayne D. Parker '56 '57, Gladwyne, Pa., Feb. 25, 2020. A Phi Gamma Delta brother and soccer player, Mr. Parker served in the U.S. Army. He was a principal for over 40 years with Powers Craft Parker and Beard, an insurance brokerage firm. He volunteered with his class and fundraising efforts extensively and won the Alumni Award in 2011 for his service to the university. He was also a member of the Asa Packer and Tower societies.

John R. Williams '56, Bethlehem, Pa., Jan. 4, 2020. A veteran of the U.S. Army during World War II, Mr. Williams made his career as a psychiatric aide at Allentown State Hospital.

Howard J. Levitz '57, Ardsley, N.Y., April 5, 2020. Mr. Levitz was a member of the lacrosse team and a Pi Lambda Phi brother, as well as a veteran of the U.S. Army. He specialized in real estate law in Manhattan

for almost 50 years. His father, Benjamin Levitz, was a member of the Class of 1928.

Albert N. Olsen '57, Bernardsville, N.J., Feb. 15, 2020. Mr. Olsen was both treasurer of his class and his fraternity, Theta Delta Chi. He founded Olsen & Thompson P.A. in 1961. His children, Peter Olsen '84 and Jonathan Olsen '86; daughter-in-law, Stephanie (Hosfeld) Olsen '85; and grandchildren, Robert Olsen '21 and Kirsten Olsen '18, are members of the Lehigh family.

James M. Horkheimer '58, Charleston, S.C., Jan. 18, 2020. Mr. Horkheimer was a Tau Delta Phi brother. He also volunteered with his class, helping to produce his class's 50th Reunion yearbook. He was also a member of the Tower Society.

John K. Simms '58, Bethlehem, Pa., April 6, 2020. Mr. Simms worked as an engineer in the research department for Bethlehem Steel for over 30 years before retiring.

Peter R. Burdash '58, Highland, N.Y., March 2, 2020. Mr. Burdash was managing editor of *The Brown and White* and president of the Chi Psi fraternity. He worked for Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation as news director of Corporate Communications.

Richard D. Stapleton '58, Branford, Conn., Dec. 30, 2019. An Alpha Sigma Phi brother, Mr. Stapleton was a lawyer and CPA. He retired as the executive vice president of administration and finance, secretary and general counsel to the Lane Construction Corp. He was also a lifetime member of the Cheshire Fire Department.

David E. Seifert '59, Lower Heidelberg Township, Pa., Dec. 29, 2019. Mr. Seifert was a member of the Asa Packer Society.

Carl P. Terpack '59, Raleigh, N.C., May 3, 2020. Mr. Terpack worked at IBM for more than 30 years and retired as executive of comput-

er integrated manufacturing. He worked as a consultant in retirement. His daughter, Laura Terpack, is a member of the Class of 1986.

1960s

James R. Beilstein '60, Williamsburg, Va., March 21, 2020. Mr. Beilstein was a Theta Delta Chi brother, member of the basketball team and of *The Brown and White* staff. He practiced law in Pittsburgh as a partner of Morehead & Knox and resigned to serve full time as a labor arbitrator on the Board of Arbitration of US Steel and the United Mine Workers. His son, James Beilstein Jr. '90, and daughter-in-law, Kathleen (Barber) Beilstein '90, are members of the Lehigh family. He was also a member of the Asa Packer Society.

Richard F. Garfield '60, Ridgewood, N.J., Sept. 5, 2019. A Sigma Chi brother and member of the soccer and lacrosse teams, Mr. Garfield worked for Cannon Mills.

Charles W. Ostrom III '60, Fort Wayne, Ind., Feb. 22, 2020. Mr. Ostrom was a Theta Xi brother and an All-American nominated four-year varsity lacrosse player. He had a career in commercial sales for the paper industry. He served in the New Jersey National Guard.

Edward J. Rinalducci '60, Savannah, Ga., March 25, 2020. A Psi Chi brother, Dr. Rinalducci was a professor emeritus at the University of Central Florida, where he taught psychology for 28 years. He previously taught at Georgia Tech for eight years and at the University of Virginia for 12 years. His daughter, Jennifer Rinalducci, is a member of the Class of 1997.

Robert R. Campbell '61, Lansdowne, Pa., Feb. 3, 2020. Mr. Campbell was a Delta Chi brother. He worked at Bethlehem Steel for decades before starting Bob Campbell Building Designs, an architectural design firm.

Carlos M. Baralt '62, Rock Hill, N.J., Feb. 14, 2020. An Alpha Phi Mu honorary society member, Mr. Baralt spent most of his life working as an industrial engineer. He owned and operated Homelite Corporation for many years, and later worked for Bloomberg. His daughters, Sylvia (Baralt) Bolock '84 and Alicia (Baralt) Barbour '86, are members of the Lehigh family.

Eugene P. Berg '62, Bethlehem, Pa., March 22, 2020. A veteran of the U.S. Army, Mr. Berg taught in the Bethlehem School District.

John D. Bingley '62, Yardley, Pa., Dec. 9, 2019. Mr. Bingley made his career as an engineer in the field of space electronics at Lockheed Martin and other heritage companies, including RCA, GE and Martin Marietta. Throughout his 40-year career, he received eight U.S. patents and five foreign patents in the design of flight- and ground-based circuits and systems.

Richard B. Miller '62, Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 20, 2020. As a student, Mr. Miller was a member of Alpha Phi Omega, Beta Alpha Psi and the rifle team. Professionally, he was the founder of the JM Associates Federal Credit Union. He retired from the City of Jacksonville. He volunteered with his class as an alumnus.

Charles I. Shubin '62, Baltimore, Md., Dec. 28, 2019. Dr. Shubin taught pediatrics to medical students at the University of Maryland and Johns Hopkins University for over 50 years. He worked at Mercy Medical Center. He was a former chair of the Governor's Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect and a founding member of the Baltimore City Child Fatality Review Team. Recently, he received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Maryland Chapter of the Academy of Pediatrics.

James A. Barry Jr. '63, Newtown, Pa., March 6, 2020.

Mr. Barry was a Sigma Phi Epsilon brother and member of the Marching 97. He worked in the banking and finance industry. He volunteered extensively with his class. His daughter, Elizabeth Barry, is a member of the Class of 1990.

John W. Dickey '63, Blacksburg, Va., May 12, 2019. Dr. Dickey played lacrosse and soccer, he was also a brother of Beta Theta Pi. He was a professor emeritus of urban affairs and planning, and public administration and policy at Virginia Tech.

Robert D. Gage '63, Meredith, N.H., Feb. 18, 2020. A Chi Psi brother and multi-sport athlete, Mr. Gage was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War. He made his career in international manufacturing and business operation roles with a variety of multi-national corporations. He also backed venture start-ups as CFO and CEO. His children, Edward Gage '91 and Derek Gage '94, are members of the Lehigh family.

H. Merritt Hughes Jr. '63, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., April 29, 2020. A Theta Chi brother, Mr. Hughes was a third-generation funeral director at H. Merritt Hughes Funeral Home.

Ernest A. Remig '63, Bonita Springs, Fla., Feb. 9, 2020. Mr. Remig was a Chi Psi brother, as well as a member of the baseball and basketball teams. He began his career as a CPA at Price Waterhouse, moved into money management and eventually served as president at J. & W. Seligman, before starting his own investment management business.

S. Ruffin Maddox Jr. '63, Arlington, Va., March 24, 2020. Mr. Maddox was a Psi Upsilon brother and soccer team member. He went to Vietnam as a civilian engineer, inspecting construction sites for U.S. military structures. He worked at his family's civil engineering

REMEMBERING Ricardo Viera



An Innovator for Visual Literacy

Ricardo Viera led LUAG for 44 years

RICARDO VIERA, AN ARTIST, CURATOR AND SCHOLAR who led Lehigh University Art Galleries (LUAG) for 44 years and who grew the university's holdings to a world-class collection of more than 15,000 works of art, passed away April 1 at his home in Miami Beach. Viera died after suffering a cardiac arrest, his family said.

Viera, an innovator for visual literacy and an advocate for Latin American art, retired from Lehigh in 2018, leaving a rich legacy in the arts. He first arrived at the university in 1974, and as the director and chief curator of LUAG, he established a visual laboratory and teaching collection program that expanded the collection from 2,500 objects. He established a nationally recognized collection of Latino and Latin American works on paper, photography and video, and he taught courses in museum and curatorial studies, special topics in the history of photography, public art and visual thinking strategies.

His passion for art was obvious in both his demeanor and the exhibitions he oversaw. Whenever he spoke about the educational aspect of LUAG's work, he would become particularly enthusiastic. "We don't collect objects. We collect ideas," he said in a 2017 interview. "We are not here to preach one thing, to interpret things one way. We are here to expose [people] to things that in our judgment have a certain kind of quality."

A Renaissance man, Viera was an accomplished chef, Bonsai horticulturist and a malacologist. He had a deep knowledge and appreciation of music, mainly opera, and was himself a gifted tenor. But he mostly loved artists,

and he reveled in the opportunity to discover and promote their work and art. He was guided by the belief that all individuals are works of art, and he was as generous as he was generative.

"Ricardo was someone who, with a smile and a mischievous gleam in his eyes, embraced life in the fullest possible way," said his colleague, friend and EatArt collaborator Norman Girardot. "Indeed, the beauty and power of Ricardo's presence and accomplishments on this very strange planet was that he inspired and energized everyone he ever met. He provides us with absolute proof that an artist and art can truly change the world for the better."

The last exhibition Viera curated at Lehigh in 2017 brought a private Cuban collection of works on paper by Wifredo Lam for the first time to the United States. Critically acclaimed, the project took 20 years to realize, but Viera never had abandoned hope.

"Ricardo Viera was a force of nature—a comet, a tornado, a much needed creative catalyst in a sometimes sleepy world, a tender mentor, and a good friend," said Mark Wonsidler, curator of exhibitions and collections at LUAG. "He touched countless lives as an artist, a teacher, a curator, and of course as a museum director. His loss is felt greatly by all who knew him. He leaves behind a brightly burning torch for all of us to carry forward."

Viera was born on Dec. 15, 1945 in Ciego de Avila, Cuba to Jose Silvestre Viera and Roselia Ramos and emigrated to the United States at age 17 through Operation Peter Pan, a mass exodus of over 14,000 unaccompanied minors who left Cuba between 1960-1962.

A Vietnam veteran, he received scholarships to study visual art. He held a diploma from the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston; a BFA from Tufts University, and received his MFA from the Rhode Island School of Design.

Viera is survived by his wife, the concert pianist and Latin American music scholar Martha Marchena; his daughters Solange Sales and Milena Sales; son-in-law Raul Martinez; two granddaughters, Sophie Lou Martinez and Ulla Veronique Martinez. He also leaves his sister Maria Pino and brother-in-law Mario Pino, brother Carlos Viera and nine nieces and nephews.

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—MARK WONSIDLER

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and land survey firm and served western Montgomery County in the Maryland House of Delegates from 1970-1974.

Michael D. Schlain '63, Florianópolis, Brazil, March 27, 2020. Mr. Schlain retired from the New York Stock Exchange Group as a principal.

Alex B. Kamara '64, Freetown, Sierra Leone, Nov. 20, 2019.

Robert A. Titlow Jr. '64, Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 16, 2020. Mr. Titlow was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He worked as a contracts attorney for Allison Gas Turbine.

Charles M. Wistar '64, Annapolis, Md., Nov. 15, 2019. Mr. Wistar was a Phi Gamma Delta brother. He volunteered with his class and on the Alumni Association Board of Directors. He earned the Alumni Award in 1979. He was the president of Selene Annapolis Yachts.

Peter T. Meszoly '65, Silver Spring, Md., Nov. 24, 2019. Mr. Meszoly was a member of the fencing team and residence hall leader. He served in the U.S. Army and worked as general counsel for several organizations.

C. Garland Roper Jr. '65, Freeport, Maine, March 9, 2020. Dr. Roper worked as a school and family psychologist for many years before changing careers to work as a market research consultant. His father, C. Garland Roper '36, and brother, Jonathan Roper '68, are members of the Lehigh family.

James V. Arnts '66, Centreville, Md., Feb. 26, 2020. Mr. Arnts worked for Westinghouse and later Northrop Grumman.

James S. Green V '66 M.S. '67 Ph.D. '69, Allentown, Pa., Dec. 24, 2019. Dr. Green was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He was a professor at Moravian College, where he was the advisor to the Amrhein Investment Club and founding coach of the women's soccer team. Previously, he was a professor at Lehigh University. Other employers included NASA, Langley Research Center, where

he was a faculty research fellow, Singer Company, Diehl Division, where he was a junior engineer, and Mitre Corporation.

Robert D. Restuccia '66, Rockford, Ill., March 5, 2020. Dr. Col. Restuccia served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps. He was a pediatrician, working at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and Walter Reed National Military Medical Center.

J. Roger Auman '67, Pennside, Pa., Jan. 27, 2020. Mr. Auman served in the U.S. Air Force as an air traffic controller and worked as a computer programmer for AverCom.

Donald M. Cloud '68, Jamestown, R.I., April 3, 2020. A Pi Kappa Alpha brother, Mr. Cloud was a veteran of the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He founded Early, Cloud & Co., and was its chief executive officer.

Terry G. Larimer '68, Allentown, Pa., May 5, 2020. A Theta Xi brother and member of the Marching 97, Mr. Larimer was a longtime *Morning Call* writer, columnist and editor best known for his coverage of the Philadelphia Eagles, Lehigh University athletics and Lehigh Valley sports. His brothers, John Larimer '62 and Daniel Larimer '68G, are members of the Lehigh family.

Matthew R. Leek '68, Ashland, Ore., Feb. 23, 2020. Mr. Leek was a Beta Theta Pi brother and a member of the wrestling team. He worked for General Electric, as well as had a career in financial planning. His brother, John Leek, is a member of the Class of 1964.

George W. Boileau '68 MBA '72, Ocean Grove, N.J., April 12, 2020. Mr. Boileau worked as the Atlantic County treasurer. He was a member of the Tower Society.

Edward G. Greybill III '69, Macungie, Pa., June 10, 2019. Mr. Greybill served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of Alpha Lambda Omega. Prior to retiring, he was an IT programming technician at

Pfizer Co.

1970s

William C. Lawyer '70, York, Pa., Jan. 3, 2020. Mr. Lawyer was a member of the baseball team. He retired from Met-Ed, where he had 33 years of service as an electrical engineer.

David J. Klingerman '71 M.S. '73, Cheshire, Conn., Jan. 18, 2020. Mr. Klingerman worked for Sikorsky Aircraft for 23 years and finished his career at Butler International.

Chester A. Raczowski Jr. '71, North Plainfield, N.J., April 19, 2020. Mr. Raczowski was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He worked at Railroad Express and as a substitute teacher.

Frederick W. Schroeder '72, Tomball, Texas, Feb. 17, 2020. Dr. Schroeder specialized in marine geology with an emphasis in plate tectonics. He had a 32-year career with ExxonMobil.

Morgan J. Koch Jr. '73, Wyomissing, Pa., March 29, 2020. A Chi Psi brother, Mr. Koch retired as corporate controller of the Formpac division of Sealed Air Corporation.

John V. Reynolds '73, Bethlehem, Pa., Jan. 27, 2020. As a student Dr. Reynolds was a member of the track and cross country teams. He taught political science at Moravian College.

Thomas J. Scott '73, Springfield, Township, Pa., Jan. 10, 2020. A Phi Gamma Delta brother, Mr. Scott was a veteran of the U.S. Army during the Vietnam era. He worked as a customs and immigration officer in Philadelphia.

Margaret M. Kittek '75 M.S. '86, Bethlehem, Pa., Nov. 20, 2019. Ms. Kittek was a member of Town Council and *The Brown & White*. She worked as a senior research chemist at Air Products and Chemicals. Her daughter, Claudia Frances Anewalt, earned her graduate degree from Lehigh in 2008.

Don A. Crewell '76, Pas-

adena, Calif., March 17, 2020. Mr. Crewell was a Gryphon and member of the track team. He was the director of financial aid at Caltech and had previously been an associate director of financial aid at Lehigh.

Jane W. Gumble '76, Stow, Mass., Jan. 16, 2020. Ms. Gumble was the director of the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development.

Theodore C. Simon Jr. '78, Cranston, R.I., Sept. 21, 2019. A Pi Kappa Alpha brother, Dr. Simon was a scientist for Pfizer Pharmaceutical for 10 years, retiring in 2016 as head, global science and technology group and GMAP comparative medicine.

Susan (Stemple) Morris '79, Acton, Mass., Dec. 13, 2019. Susan was part of the first pledge class of Gamma Phi Beta, and a member of the lacrosse team, *The Brown and White* and senior class executive council. She worked for 40 years in public accounting, industry, finance, and banking and taxes. At State Street Corp, she rose to the level of VP of taxation and was responsible for the total corporate tax return, which, when printed and stacked, stood four feet. She was part of a settlement the company paid for discriminating against their top female and minority executives. Her brother, Donald Stemple '80, and daughter, Katharine Morris '14, are members of the Lehigh family.

1980s

Bruce G. Higley '80, Cleveland, Ohio, May 17, 2019. Mr. Higley was a Delta Tau Delta brother. He worked for The Albert M. Higley Co., a construction firm founded by his grandfather in 1925, where he was the chairman.

Gary B. Wippick '81, Westport, Conn., Jan. 3, 2020. Mr. Wippick made his career in computers and network engineering working with major

REMEMBERING Clifton E. Mowrer Jr. '53 '95P

Dedicated Volunteer, Public Servant

'Tip' was the *Bulletin's* Class of 1953 correspondent for 55 years



Clifton E. "Tip" Mowrer Jr. '53 '95P, an alumnus known for his dedicated volunteer work at Lehigh, passed away on April 25, 2020. He was 88.

Tip never missed a deadline in his 55 years as Class of 1953 correspondent for the *Bulletin*. He held many other roles over the years, including class vice president for more than a decade, visitors' desk volunteer for 18 years, and member of the Senior Alumni Council for 17 years. Tip was a frequent Phonathon caller, encouraging his large network of classmates to donate to and get involved with their alma mater. For more than 30 years, Tip and his wife, Barbara, contributed to the Lehigh Fund.

"Tip taught me what the Lehigh family means," said Jessi McMullan '05, class notes editor for the

Bulletin. "He demonstrated the value of our bonds with our classmates and the university through his actions working to plan mini-Reunions with his classmates every year and his words as class correspondent."

In an oral history recorded in 2013, Tip recalled the day he left Lehigh after graduating with a Bachelor of Science in business in 1953. He looked back at the campus, sadly, and thought, "Well, that's it. I'm gone.' Little did I know how involved I would be!"

In recognition of his dedication to his alma mater, Tip received the Alumni Award in 1998 for continued support of the university, directing talented students to Lehigh, and contributing significantly to his community. In 2010, he received the George F.A. Stutz '22 Award, presented to a senior alumnus for lifelong leadership and service in diverse roles within the Lehigh community.

The Bethlehem native entered the Army after graduation, serving during the Korean War. After being honorably discharged, Tip studied milk processing at Pennsylvania State University and joined his family's dairy and ice cream business until it was sold. He then joined the insurance industry, becoming a partner in the Hampson Mowrer Kreitz Insurance Agency until his retirement after 35 years.

A firm believer in the value of education, Tip served on the boards of the Bethlehem Area School District and the Bethlehem Vocational-Technical School. He was an inaugural member of the Board of Trustees responsible for the formation of Northampton Community College.

Tip's community service also included roles with the Bethlehem Water Authority and Bethlehem Rotary Club.

Tip and Barbara enjoyed traveling, and he loved to wear his Lehigh gear and meet fellow alumni all over the world. The couple were married for more than 60 years until her passing. He is survived by his children, sons Jeffrey and Andrew '95G and daughter Susan Mowrer Benda, their spouses, and three grandchildren.

Tip will be dearly missed by his friends on the Lehigh staff, as well as his classmates.

"I have wonderful memories over many years about Tip," said friend and classmate Joe Workman '53. "They are best summarized by the word 'dedication.' His death is a great loss to me and to our class. I was humbled to have been asked, at his direction, to attend the small family-only gathering and graveside service. Tip was wearing his Lehigh tie." —*Cynthia Tintorri*

banks and brokerage houses.

Mark L. McAlpine '84 M.S. '96, Media, Pa., March 12, 2020. Mr. McAlpine was a Theta Xi brother. He served as the deputy state game warden.

Mark A. Votaw '84, North Canton, Ohio, Jan. 18, 2020. Mr. Votaw was a brother of Pi Kappa Alpha and a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

Bonnie (Winokur) Bancroft '85 MBA '91, Greenwich, Conn., Feb. 5, 2020. Mrs. Bancroft was an Alpha Phi sister, as well as a member of the track and cross country teams. She worked as a public relations partner catering largely to non-profit clients as well as working on many author events, where she excelled in promoting programs. Her husband, Thomas "Ned" Bancroft '85, and children, Nicholas Bancroft '17 and Cornelius Bancroft '20, are members of the Lehigh family.

Stephanie Joy Pervall '85, Westhampton, N.J., May 2, 2020. Ms. Pervall was a member of the Black Students' Union and the choir as a student. As an alumna, she volunteered with BALANCE, the Media and Communications group and the LUAA Board of Directors.

Amy B. Rowan '85, Bryn Mawr, Pa., March 22, 2020. Dr. Rowan completed the six-year combined BA-MD Program at Lehigh University and the Medical College of Pennsylvania. She was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Prior to establishing a private psychiatric and consulting practice in Bryn Mawr, Dr. Rowan held academic appointments and leadership positions at New York University, MCP-Hahnemann School of Medicine, The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and the University of Pennsylvania.

William N. Luyben '86, Wyomissing, Pa., Jan. 28, 2020. Mr. Luyben worked as a CPA, most recently for Penske Truck Leasing in the audit department. His brother, Michael Luyben, is a member of the Class of 1987.

REMEMBERING Vincent G. Grassi

A Beloved Instructor

Vincent Grassi taught courses across all four years of chemical engineering education

Vincent G. Grassi, a professor of practice in the department of chemical and biomolecular engineering in the P.C. Rossin College of Engineering and Applied Science, passed away May 3 in The Villages, Fla., from esophageal cancer. He was 64.



A much-loved instructor, Grassi taught courses in all four years of chemical engineering education, freshman through senior year. He was the 2019 recipient of Lehigh's Donald B. and Dorothy L. Stabler Award for Excellence in Teaching,

which recognizes a faculty member who demonstrates exceptional talent in encouraging students to understand alternatives and make choices. He received the Rossin College Faculty Experiential Learning Excellence Award in 2019.

"We have lost an unusually gifted instructor, passionate student mentor and a dear colleague who embraced new methods of pedagogy, took an active role in the KEEN [Kern Entrepreneurial Engineering Network] initiative within the department and explored new tools of engineering education through entrepreneurial skill development," said Mayuresh Kothare, R. L. McCann Professor and chair of the department of chemical and biomolecular engineering. "He took a particularly active role in encouraging women chemical engineering students to excel in their courseworks and eventual career planning."

Grassi received his B.S. in chemical engineering from the University of Rochester in 1978, and an M.S. in 1985 and a Ph.D. in 1991, also in chemical engineering, from Lehigh. He held various leadership positions at Air Products and Chemicals Inc. in Allentown, Pa., from 1978 to 2013. Grassi served as an adjunct professor in Lehigh's department of chemical and biomolecular engineering from 2008-2013. Following his retirement from Air Products, he joined the Lehigh faculty full-time as a professor of practice in chemical engineering, where he continued to teach until his passing. Grassi also held key positions in the American Institute of Chemical Engineers.

Grassi is survived by his wife, Kimberly, daughter, Christine, and sister, Susan.

1990s

Deanne M. D'Armiento '91 M.Ed. '92, North Plainfield, N.J., Feb. 20, 2020. Ms. D'Armiento was a member of the track and tennis teams. She taught middle school in the North Plainfield School District and coached high school track and field for over 25 years. She also coached girls' basketball, girls' tennis and was a staff member for the varsity football team.

John F. Sponza '91, Wilton, Conn., Feb. 28, 2020. Mr. Sponza owned John Sponza Painting.

William T. Meadows '93, Ocean View, Del., March 9, 2020. Mr. Meadows was a member of the wrestling team. He practiced law for 10 years in Camden County, N.J.

Mitsuru Niwa '93, Medford, Mass., Jan. 9, 2020. Mr. Niwa was a product support engineer for Polycom for over 20 years.

2010s

Leopold Bonisese III '10, North Wales, Pa., Dec. 28, 2019. A Sigma Alpha Mu brother, Mr. Bonisese worked as a biochemist for GlaxoSmithKline.

GRADUATE

Marcella Dimmick M.A. '50 Cert. '60, Bethlehem, Pa., March 12, 2020. Ms. Dimmick was employed at the Saucon Valley School District for 42 years, retiring in 1977. She taught English, French and history for 25 years and served the school district as a guidance counselor for the last 17 years of her career. Her brother, Ray Dimmick, was a member of the Class of 1947.

Allen H. Meitzler M.S. '53 Ph.D. '55, Ann Arbor, Mich., March 21, 2020. Dr. Meitzler was a retired applied physicist with the Ford Motor Company's Systems Research Lab and former adjunct professor on the Dearborn campus of the University of Michigan.

Robert H. Hamerstone M.A. '55, Whitehall, Pa., Jan. 30, 2020.

Mr. Hamerstone was a veteran of the U.S. Army during World War II. He taught, retiring from Delaware Valley Regional High School.

Ronald E. Philipp M.S. '56, Belvidere, N.J., Jan. 27, 2020. Ret. Col. Philipp served in the Army from 1954 to 1984. He served in post-war Korea and spent two years in Vietnam as well as stateside posts. He was last stationed at Picatinny Arsenal, N.J., as a mechanical engineer. After retiring from the Army, he worked for the U.S. Golf Association as director of the test center. He also taught at Lafayette College and West Point while working on his degrees.

Ki S. Joung M.S. '61, North Andover, Mass., Feb. 5, 2020. Following a brief stint in academia, Dr. Joung joined Allis-Chalmers Corporation, where he worked for 20 years, rising to the level of vice president and general manager of the Mining Systems Division, which supplied heavy machinery and systems to the mining and construction industries worldwide.

Joseph C. Neuklis M.S. '62, South Bend, Ind., May 5, 2020. Mr. Neuklis taught biochemistry at Temple University School of Medicine. He worked for Bayer Corp and retired as the superintendent of vitamin manufacturing with over 30 years of service.

Robert H. Rampetsreiter M.S. '62, Menomonee Falls, Wis., April 18, 2020. Dr. Rampetsreiter's career included positions at Rust Engineering, Sargent and Lundy, Klug and Smith, Graef, Anhalt and Schloemer, and a professorship at Marquette University. He launched Rampetsreiter Engineering in 1981 and ran the company for over 30 years.

Ronald S. Narzisi M.Ed. '63, Bethlehem, Pa., Jan. 23, 2020. Mr. Narzisi spent his career teaching at South Mountain Middle School in the

Allentown School District.

John J. Fox Jr. M.A. '64, Danvers, Mass., March 18, 2020. Prof. Fox served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He retired from Salem State College where he was a teacher, author, oral historian, and leader of the Explorers Lifelong continuing education program.

Richard L. Kantor M.A. '65, Hellertown, Pa., May 10, 2020. Mr. Kantor taught history for 35 years at Saucon Valley Middle School. He could often be found manning the ticket booth for school sporting events.

Cyrus J. Ohnmacht Jr. Ph.D. '66, Audubon, Pa., Feb. 12, 2020. Dr. Ohnmacht held postdoctoral positions at Lehigh University and the University of Virginia. While at UVA, he was instrumental in the discovery of the antimalarial drug Mefloquine. All told, he spent a 35-year career in medicinal chemistry, retiring from AstraZeneca. He held over 40 patents and authored more than 50 publications.

Vincent A. Facchiano M.Ed. '67, Bethlehem, Pa., Dec. 25, 2019. Mr. Facchiano taught fifth grade for 35 years in the Allentown School District.

Irvin T. Edgar Ed.D. '68, Hershey, Pa., March 21, 2020. Dr. Edgar retired as the bureau director for the Pennsylvania Department of Education, having previously served as a science advisor for the state and was a former biology teacher at Raub Junior High School in Allentown.

Joseph T. DuBois Ph.D. '68, McLean, Va., Dec. 12, 2019. Dr. DuBois retired as director of the office of statistical analysis after 34 years at the U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Evelyn (Moore) Musselman M.Ed. '68, Nazareth, Pa., April 21, 2020. Mrs. Musselman worked for the Bethlehem Area School District, where she

taught at the elementary level and in the gifted program for 26 years. Her son, Alan Musselman, received his graduate degree from Lehigh in 1989.

Barbara (Byrd) Sonberg M.S. '68, Abington, Md., Jan. 6, 2020. Ms. Sonberg worked in the real estate finance field for most of her career. She worked for over 20 years for Enterprise Community Investment and retired as a senior vice president of asset management. Her daughter, Joanne Sonberg, is a member of the Class of 1996.

Theodore W. Robbins M.S. '69, Wilmington, N.C., Jan. 30, 2020. Mr. Robbins worked for Western Electric and held several patents.

Patricia (Paulus) Stickler M.Ed. '70, Tucson, Ariz., Feb. 1, 2020. Mrs. Stickler was employed as an elementary school teacher for the Northampton Area School District for 32 years.

Anna T. Kralik M.Ed. '71, Naples, Fla., Feb. 2, 2020. Mrs. Kralik taught nursing and founded several nursing programs at colleges. Her children, Ronald Kralik '73 and Gary Kralik '76, are members of the Lehigh family.

Edward J. Zabinski M.Ed. '72, Birdsboro, Pa., Jan. 2, 2020. Dr. Zabinski was a veteran of the U.S. Navy during World War II. He worked as a teacher and administrator in the Berks County Career Centers for over 20 years.

Richard H. Duke MBA '75, Napa, Calif., Feb. 25, 2020. Mr. Duke's career included time at Westinghouse, Mellon Bank and Development Dimensions International.

Carol J. Kinney M.Ed. '75, Bethlehem, Pa., March 25, 2020. Ms. Kinney worked as a teacher at Centennial School of Lehigh University, at Asa Packer Elementary School and was department Chair of Special Education at Freedom High School.

Joann N. Spencer M.Ed. '65 Ed.D. '74, Allentown, Pa.,

April 19, 2020. Dr. Spencer was the first African American female certified teacher to be employed by the Allentown School District. Her teaching career centered on training teachers within the collegiate environment. She taught at Lehigh, as well as Moravian College and Kutztown University.

Jean (Weik) Hertzog M.Ed. '76, Bethlehem, Pa., Jan. 5, 2019. Mrs. Hertzog worked as a nursery school teacher at First Presbyterian and served as a volunteer EMT for Hanover Township.

J. Barry Hilbert M.Ed. '77, Wyomissing, Pa., Jan. 18, 2020. Mr. Hilbert was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was the principal of the junior high school in the Muhlenberg School District.

Ruth (Whittaker) Kresge M.Ed. '77, Lehigh, Pa., March 4, 2020. Mrs. Kresge worked as a special education teacher for the Lehigh Area School District for 28 years.

Stephen J. Bonkowski, Westwood, Mass., Jan. 3, 2020. Mr. Bonkowski worked in higher education, most recently at Massachusetts Bay Community College. He also was a realtor with Caldwell Banker.

Jeannine M. Duane M.Ed. '79 Ed.D. '89, Long Valley, N.J., March 24, 2019. Dr. Duane taught in elementary schools in Bermuda, Japan, Hawaii, the Marshall Islands and Chester, N.J.

Michael T. Petrash MBA '81, Center Valley, Pa., Feb. 12, 2020. Mr. Petrash worked for over 30 years as a CPA at Air Products and Chemicals and later for KNBT before retiring.

Wanda L. Staley M.Ed. '81, Murfreesboro, Tenn., March 3, 2020. Dr. Staley was a teacher for over 50 years, the last 20 years at Morehead State University, teaching counselor education to graduate students.

Joseph P. Kuterbach M.S. '83, San Diego, Calif., Jan. 20, 2020.

Patricia T. Latessa M.A.

'87, Miami, Ohio, March 17, 2020. Mrs. Latessa taught at Moravian Academy in Bethlehem, Pa., and taught history and psychology at Lakota West High School in Cincinnati from 1998 to 2011.

Kenneth C. Snyder III M.S. '88, Bethlehem, Pa., Feb. 27, 2020. Mr. Snyder was teaching physics at Muhlenberg College, where he has been a member of the faculty for the last 28 years while pursuing his doctorate from Lehigh.

Pauline L. Snyder M.Ed. '88, Emmaus, Pa., March 6, 2020. Ms. Snyder was a teacher and intervention specialist first for IU #13 and then the Allentown School District for 32 years.

Bernard A. Indelicato M.Ed. '89, Easton, Pa., April 15, 2020. Mr. Indelicato worked at Bethlehem Steel as an engineer, initially in the ironmaking division and then the refractories group. He holds a patent in his field. After retiring, he worked as a framer and art instructor at Art and Drafting Connection in Bethlehem for over 10 years.

Bruce W. Frace MBA '90, Richmond, Ill., June 4, 2019. Mr. Frace worked for Amtrak for many years.

William F. Metcalf M.S. '96, Bethlehem, Pa., May 4, 2020. Mr. Metcalf worked as a principal electrical engineer at Microchip.