LEHIGH DISPATCH

Editor’s note: Welcome to Lehigh Dispatch, where you can find out what your fellow alumni 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.

’40 Editor’s note: We received word that Edgar F. Whitmore celebrated his 103rd birthday in March! That’s quite an accomplishment. Edgar and his family wondered if there are any other centenarian alumni out there? Send a note to Jessi McMullan at jast@lehigh.edu if so. Congratulations, Edgar!

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Hello everyone! I want to say what an honor it has been to represent the Class of 1943 along with Dad until his passing last year. I loved turning his memories into stories. My baseball column in the Fall 2020 Bulletin prompted Michael Zink ’88 to write and remind me that these columns are an important way to connect the Lehigh community, especially during these challenging times. I am thankful to all who have written letting me know that Dad’s words have been a positive message and they would be very sad to have the column end.

As I write this, my husband wishes me a “Happy Opening Day,” the first baseball season of my life without Dad, but the promise of spring, new life, opportunities and, most of all, hope that the day signifies gives me chills, nonetheless. That hope includes relief from the coronavirus as I am about to receive my second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. I recall my column of a year ago in which I spoke about eradicating the horror of polio and how Mom and Dad broke down crying when they heard I could receive the vaccine. It was the same for us when we stood in line for the shot that would help to rid us of COVID-19, and I wished I could tell Dad that “I got it now.” All that to say the lessons from the past are realized in our present and create the full circle of life.

Michael said he hopes I can keep the column going... but I need a little help! I have to ask once again for anyone, of any class, who has a story, a memory, an opinion or anything at all to share about the Lehigh experience of the 1940s to please write to me. I realize we are talking about grandparents and maybe even memories of great-grandparents by now, but any little story you can share may help someone by bringing a smile or a memory of their experience to light. This will provide a connection for us all as we continue in the Lehigh thread of life.

’46 Editor’s note: Monica MacAdams wrote the following message to honor her father’s decades of dedication to his class. Thank you to the MacAdams family for sharing your father’s wit and wisdom with us.
I am sad to report that my father, Richard Joseph “Dick” MacAdams, died on December 16, 2020, at the age of 95. He greatly enjoyed writing the Class of 1946 column for the 12 years preceding his death, and even though his declining physical abilities made it difficult, he was looking forward to contributing the column due not long after he passed. To Dad, writing the column was not a task, but a labor of love. Indeed, Dad loved all things Lehigh, the school which he relished as a student, launched his career as a professional engineer, and gave him much joy as a devoted alumn.

Dad grew up in the Depression. Times were hard, but his parents scraped up the money to send him to the Catholic schools they thought offered the best education. One day, in elementary school, he and his classmates were asked what they wanted to be when they grew up, and Dad replied “truck driver.” The nun took him aside and said, “No, smart as you are, you’re going to college!” Dad’s parents enthusiastically agreed, and his father specifically insisted that Dad become an engineer, without having any idea how he could afford it. A scholarship to Lehigh made the dream come true.

Although Dad completed his Lehigh degree in less than three years and was a member of the Tau Beta Pi honor society, he didn’t spend every minute studying. Dad thrived on the fraternal camaraderie at Sigma Phi Epsilon, was president of his senior class, and feasted on Lehigh’s smorgasbord of extracurriculars, including the Fencing Team, the Debate Society, Epitome yearbook and the Mustard & Cheese Drama Society. Indeed, it was through his participation in the drama society that he met my late mother, a student at nearby Cedar Crest College. After my siblings and I no longer needed tending, our parents traveled frequently to attend events at their alma maters, and Dad became active in Lehigh’s alumni class leadership.

When I was a kid, Dad would exclaim “Let’s go, Lehigh!” whenever something needed getting done, but many decades later, he ended his class column with the expression “En Avant,” the significance of which eluded me. Dad didn’t speak French. But after his death, my sister found a photo of Dad at his 50th Reunion, holding a banner inscribed “EN AVANT 1946.” (See Celebrations page) French for “let’s go,” it was apparently adopted as the class motto, and it suited him perfectly. With the spirit of his beloved alma mater in his heart, Dick MacAdams was always moving forward, always ready to “Let’s go, Lehigh!” in any language.

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I’m delighted with the responses to my recent class email. Here they are in our classmates’ own words.

From Herb Gretz, gbuss-tork@aol.com: “Well, I am 91 years old. I am a physician OB/GYN. I delivered approximately 6,000 babies. I spent eight years in the U.S. Air Force, practiced 20 years in Schenectady, NY., graduated from Albany Law School, went into the Army in Desert Storm, assigned to West Point as chief of OB/GYN for five years. Then went to Walter Reed in a unit of MD/JDs reviewing medical malpractice cases against the Army. Did that for four years and then retired back to Schenectady, where I am today with wife Shirley of 60-plus years.”

From Don Hoffman, dhoff-mail@nycap.rr.com: “I have been living in the Albany, NY., area for the past 50 years after returning from a stint of living in Rome as chairman of the Italian subsidiary of Huyck Corp. We
were fortunate to buy a sailboat while there and did a fair amount of cruising the Med from Anzio (the nearest harbor to Latina, where the factory was) while living in Rome for three years and commuting to the factory. We had a mate who lived on board to avoid the problems of having the boat stripped at night and he went with the boat whenever we were able to charter it out. Had to give up the boat when returning to the U.S., as Albany is kind of landlocked. The new owner was a DuFour (of the DuFour candy company), and the story I heard was that the boat sank a year later when sailing into Livorno harbor after hitting a boulder. I haven’t run into classmates other than Bill Gladstone when he was moving his baseball team to the Albany/Troy capital district from Pittsfield."

From Robert Jacobs, pat_bob@prodigy.net: “Moved to San Francisco a year after graduating. Married Patricia. Retired from Caltrans (California Dept. of Transportation) after 40 years. Was in Oakland the day of the Loma Prieta earthquake and was in charge of the removal of the fallen freeway. [That] may be the most noteworthy, but I prefer to remember the projects I worked on in design, construction and maintenance that survived. We are currently housebound like everyone else.”

From Arnie Schneider: “After graduating with an ME, I went to work for Curtis Wright Propeller Division (yes, propellers!) in Caldwell, N.J. Some engineers got deferments, but after two years my draft board said, ‘No more.’ I was fortunate to get into the Scientific and Professional Program. They didn’t have a good match for my experience and decided I would make a good electrical technician. I was assigned to a super-secret base in Killeen, Texas. Our task was to maintain atomic bombs! Every morning we got on the bus and went to the underground site. My particular function was to maintain the radars that actuatin the bombs.

“We were under strict security regulations. If we left the base for a weekend (unusual), we had to maintain contact. If an ‘alert’ was called, we had to return immediately. During the alerts, we assembled the bombs and loaded them onto planes at the adjoining Air Force Base.

“When my two years were up, I decided to switch jobs to AMF in Greenwich, Conn. Life in Greenwich was great! I was able to walk to work and often sailed after work. At AMF, I designed missile-handling equipment. My work on the Bomarc launcher took me to Cape Canaveral for a short trip. While there, I saw the first successful launch of the Atlas booster.

“After three years at AMF, I joined GE in Philadelphia. I had numerous assignments at GE all involving moving mechanical parts (i.e., solar arrays, antenna). While there, I also did some consulting on my own and invented and patented a sports whistle with audible and visible outputs. Although I had not been able to interest anyone in the whistle, I am most proud that I got it patented without the help of a lawyer! After 25 years at GE, I decided I wanted to teach. I quit and began teaching physics at Malvern Prep and engineering at Widener, as an adjunct. I enjoyed both teaching jobs — in fact, I enjoyed every job I had! I taught for 15 years and decided it was time to retire. My wife and I now live in White Horse Village, a CCRC [continuing care retirement center] in Newtown Square, Pa.”

From Tom Dowdell: “It’s been a hard year for me like anyone else. No church services or symphony performances to give opportunities to sing in choirs and do some piano playing. It has been propitious that I moved out of the facility in Fargo, N.D., and into my daughter’s (and her husband’s) home here in northwest Washington to be able to retain the freedom to move about. As a result, my physical condition has improved much; walking, cycling, and healthy eating and sleeping.

“My big 90th birthday in July was highlighted by a ‘drive-by,’ 40 or more cars, cyclists circling our property to greet me (at a distance) and extend warm wishes. I’m working on the next 10 years! Best wishes to you, Dick, and thanks for taking over the column.”

’52 Bill Erdman, (407) 644-0391; 1171 Willa Vista Trail, Maitland, Fla., 32751 wce96@seeoursite.org; seeoursite.org/lehigh Received a phone call from David Stickell, and he brought me up to date on his interesting life. Originally from Hagerstown, Md. A few days after he graduated from Lehigh he was drafted and sent to Fort Riley, Kan., where he applied and was accepted to OCS. When the rules changed to say he would have had to stay in the Army a couple of extra months as an officer, he opted out. In their infinite wisdom, the Army made him a medic without giving him any training. David spent his time around Manhattan, Kan., giving shots and driving an ambulance. Corporal Stickell should apply for the job of giving COVID shots.

He went to Penn State to become an educational researcher and became an office manager for Exam Services. Married until 1981, but he says, “My wife and I get along better now than when we were married.” He gave up his motorcycle when he moved to Tampa in 2010 and lets his daughter, Ellen, look after him. He sounded great and reasonably happy with his situation. He still goes to church via Zoom. On February 8, he received his second COVID shot.

Other than Dave’s update it has been very quiet here as I sit by the phone waiting to hear from you guys. I can only assume that you have been so busy that Lehigh updates are low on the to-do list. Hopefully this summer, you all will inundate me with copious reams of dialogue informing the world of your exciting adventures.

In the meantime, I have fully recovered from my bike accident and am back up to an average of 50 to 60 miles a week. I still manage several websites and try to stay ahead of the weeds in our yard—a never-ending job in Florida. My best to you all.

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I am pleased to take on the role of “guest columnist” for this issue of the Bulletin. And, if all goes well and I stay healthy, we might keep this up for future columns. The year of 2021 is especially important to our classmates as it is the year that those of us still alive become 90 years of age. Never in my earlier days did I ever think I would reach 90. Yes, in that category are truly blessed—a Lehigh education, and alive and kicking at 90. Thank you, God!

Mark Kaufmann and his wonderful wife of 64 years, Carole, have been staying close to home in New York City. He says they have had their COVID shots and plan to start moving around again, including to our next reunion. They have a daughter and two granddaughters in California. On their last trip there they had lunch with Joe Morgenstern. Mark worked for Chase Manhattan Bank for 23 years as a senior vice president in the mortgage and acquisition division. He was also treasurer of the prestigious Harmony Club in Manhattan for many years. Speaking of Joe Morgenstern, he continues to write critical reviews of the latest films weekly.
in *The Wall Street Journal*.

**Grant Hansel** tells me he and his wife had a wonderful family reunion at Sugarbush, Vt. Their granddaughter is in Spain on a Fulbright. Our class president, **Joe Workman**, helps me with news and transmitting it to the Alumni Office. **Don Moyle** is enjoying tennis with other old guys in Vero Beach, Fla. **David Fisher** lives in Naples, Fla., and says he will try to come north for our next reunion. **Art Tauck** wrote from sunny Mexico that he looks forward to a possible fall get-together.

Joe Workman keeps in touch with three of his ATO fraternity brothers. **Charlie Bodenstab** is alive and well in “beautiful” Friday Harbor, Wash. **Ed Kearney** has had some health issues, but is otherwise doing well in New Hope, Pa. He and Joe lunch occasionally, but COVID has put a hold on that. Finally, **Bob Sapp** is doing well in a retirement facility in Carlsbad, Calif. Bob said he misses going back to Lehigh events, “but these days are gone forever.”

By now you know that our hope to have a mini-reunion in June was canceled. Perhaps something in the fall could be in the cards. By the time you read this, we will have communicated by email any fall plans. I have been calling classmates for news tidbits, but not getting many responses.

Lehigh tells us that there are (on its records as of late February 2021) 216 classmates still alive. Since we started with some 585, math says 37% of our original class are still around. Does that show the miracle of medicine? Finally, Joe likes to also communicate with you by email. The problem with that is Lehigh has email addresses for only half the class. Please give Lehigh your email, or send it to me and we will get it to the university. And please send me any “happenings” in your life so I can be a better columnist. Send to herbertroemmele@gmail.com or call at 732-796-3013. I’ll be waiting.

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**Ed Hatfield** kindly authored this issue of the column with a very newsy response. We all thank Ed. “Hi Burt...I’m glad you recently asked for some Lehigh ’55 news. It offered a great reason to look back. Can you imagine it’s been 70 years since we met as next-door neighbors (with **John Thalheimer**) on the fourth floor of Dravo Hall? I remember, as naïve 18-year-old freshmen, we were told (I believe in dark naïve 18-year-old freshmen, we were told (I believe in dark Packard Lab) to look to either side and ‘one of you three would not survive four years at Lehigh’. Well, we did! Perhaps the biggest obstacles were not academics but the wonderful homemade bar at our Sigma Chi house, the Talley Ho or that mad dash to beat the midnight curfew at Cedar Crest!

“For both of us 1955 came and we moved on. I received a degree and ROTC commission together as did many of us, and went to Fort Benning, Ga., (starting salary $286/month). Others of our class were there. I roomed (bunked) with **Lt. Lew Shupe**, and Lts. **Bob Kiley** and **Dick Roy** helped make the most of 95-degree red clay. Following the Army, I joined Union Carbide Corp., in NYC and then Pittsburgh, [starting my] 60-year career in the plastic industry. Moving on from Carbide, it was 15 years with Vulcan Inc. (we lived in Ligonier, Pa.), 10 years with Cort Ind. (Toronto/Syracuse) and the past 25 years with my industrial sales agency ... still very marginally involved.

“Pinky and I returned to Lehigh for two football games a season. Perhaps the ‘tailgate’ is a bigger draw than the game. It has been a haven for us Sigma Chis ... **Bruce Waechter**, Bill Burgin and Ferd Thun all ’56, and Harry Brooks ’59, and our wives to keep the spirit of Lehigh, fraternity and friendship alive!”

“I am writing this from Pawleys Island, S.C., where we spend winter months and several beach weeks each summer. Home for the past 25 years is Chestertown, Md., on the Eastern Shore. It is also home for Ferd Thun ’56, Henry Pupke ’60, and Bill Low and John Leek both ’64. We all gather regularly for Patriot League Lunch and welcome this audience to join us.

“But, you are doing a great service to our class and Lehigh. I hope this helps fill some space and we can gather in June for our reunion.”

“Best regards, Ed.”

We have all been through a lot in the past year. Missing the personal “in your face” contacts and hugs with children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren has been tough. Hope you all are OK.

**’56**

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By now you have received word that our 65th Reunion, and all Lehigh reunions, were postponed from June of this year to June 9-12, 2022. The current plans are for our class to join the classes of ’55 and ’57, with a Saturday evening dinner at Lehigh.

It is with a heavy heart that I report the deaths of four special persons.

My real-life and Sigma Chi brother, **Thomas R. Burgin**, died unexpectedly January 10. Growing up in Larchmont, NY, and through the years, we shared much. We were best men in each other’s weddings, celebrated birthdays and anniversaries, mourned our parents’ deaths and traveled together with our wives.

Highlights were a week shared in Kauai, Hawaii, in 2014, a tropical vacation in beautiful Antigua, music at Tanglewood in the Berkshire Mountains and more.

As an undergraduate at Lehigh, earning a B.S. in business administration, Tom was business manager of the ’56 Epitome yearbook, active in the Pershing Rifles and Glee Club, and was elected to the journalism honorary, Pi Delta Epsilon. As an alum, he was a member of the Asa Packer Society.

After a stint in the U.S. Army and two corporate posts, Tom joined the Ridgewood, N.J., Board of Education in 1971, serving as business administrator for 25 years. He also held offices in several community organizations. Tom is survived by Lolly, his wife of 63 years, daughters Laura Bougas, Gail Schoch, Christine Sinkhorn and Amy (Burgin) Walsh ’91, and their spouses, and nine grandchildren.

I also sadly report the loss of a dedicated and enthusiastic class member, **William S. Luce**, who died on Jan. 23, 2021. Bill was class vice president and chairman of our 60th Reunion in 2016, the year he and **Jim White** received the prestigious Alumni Award. Before the event, Bill, Jim, **Bruce Waechter** and
Arthur Anderman contacted class members, encouraging attendance and support. Previously, Bill had served as giving chair for our 55th Reunion in 2011. He was a member of the Asa Packer and Tower societies.

Several years ago, Tricia and I were privileged to join Bill, his wife Shirley, and a few others on a trip to New York City, where we enjoyed lunch and a program at the elegant beau-arts New York Yacht Club, built in 1901 on West 44th Street.

As an undergraduate at Lehigh, Bill was president of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, participated in track, cross-country and wrestling, and was elected to Who’s Who in American Colleges and Universities.

After two years in the U.S. Army, Bill began a long career with Alcoa, moving from California to Pittsburgh, Pa. After 16 years the family returned to his home state, New Jersey, where he founded and ran Kaldave Associates for 30 years, retiring in 2015.

Bill and Shirley, his wife of 59 years who died last year, were the parents of Kimberly Ann Luce and three grandchildren.

Also, sadly, Alan M. Rathbone, a Sigma Chi brother, died last Dec. 29 at his home in Murrysville, Pa.

Also, at Lehigh on an ROTC scholarship, earned two degrees there, a B.S. in chemical engineering in 1956 and, following military service in the U.S. Army, an M.S. degree in metallurgy in 1960.

In Al’s 36-year career with U.S. Steel, he rose from a research engineer to director of research for the entire corporation. He was an avid outdoorsman, golfer and gardener. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Yvonne (Toot), and sons James, Matthew and Stephen Rathbone ’87, and three grandchildren.

I want to mention John H. Kerr MD ’52, who died March 25. He was our friend and, until he retired, our family doctor.

We will miss our visits at the LU alumni luncheons held at the Hershey’s Mill Country Club, where John was an original host.

Stay well, send news, and enjoy this wonderful life.

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Hope you all have had your COVID shot by now—we are all over 80, so in some ways we should all be immunized and ready for our big 65th Reunion in June of 2022. Sorry to have missed the last column. No excuses, just a little writer’s block from a former English C student.

News from Boston has Web Collins having to cancel his wife Anne’s 80th birthday penthouse cruise across the Atlantic, squashed by COVID-19 and then several reschedules but now reset for 2022. In August 2018, his New England partnership (commercial real estate) sold its 50% to CBRE, and Web was given a five-year contract that has not stopped him from a day in the office despite COVID, and they are busier than ever. Two miles from his summer home on Cape Cod is his fraternity brother Dave Dimmick ’59. On weekends they sit in rocking chairs and look out toward his barn and farm and just talk. Not a bad life.

After a busy fall in Belgrade, Maine, gardening and harvesting his beets and carrots, and closing the pool for the winter, Fred Kohler was getting ready for his cross-country skiing and snowshoeing adventures before he starts all over with his spring planting. Fred is also busier than ever since retiring from the University of Maine several years ago as a professor of physical sciences. Three of his four children live in Maine and one not far away in Boston.

Jon Maresca called to report on his recent hip replacement (did great) and his move to Rancho Bernardo from San Diego. Rancho B, according to Google, is one of the best places to live in Southern California, a master-planned community in the northern hills of San Diego, and much better weather than his old hometown of Rockville Center, NY.

Roger Herman, missed his note last year by a week and then missed it again in my absent column, so I hope a year later we are still up to date. Roger’s most memorable activities at school besides his B.S. in engineering physics were all musical; he recounts he learned to play the oboe, glee club, fraternity singing contest, pick up quartets, singing for beers in many of those great local taverns around Bethlehem plus some time with the Cliff Clefs. But as his tastes were more classical music, he joined the much renowned Bethlehem Bach Choir and upon graduating was awarded the Hamilton Humanities Award, with the prize of a very fine Hamilton gold watch, which still runs perfectly today.

Roger ultimately earned his Ph.D. in physics (Yale University) and spent the bulk of his life as a professor of physics at Penn State (Main Campus). Roger and wife Nicky have three children and two grandkids. Besides all his sports exercise activities, his real passion is still singing (classical when accompanied or karaoke otherwise).

A brief email from Win Applegate says he no longer shaves; his beard is now over four inches and growing. He is still living happily in Hamilton Square, N.J.

Sadly, Ed Cahn ’35, one of my Theta Delta Chi fraternity brothers, called me to report the passing of Don Steeber ’55, our house president back in 1955 during my sophomore year. Ed fought off a severe COVID infection last year. He has recovered and claims to be shooting his age in golf.

Stay healthy, and email or call with some updates—need that news!
wife to Alzheimer’s before the Super Bowl. Bill Glose related that Charlie Minnich, our AHS classmate, passed away—he was a Navy commander before he was a superintendent at Bethlehem Steel.

Sharon and Fred Smith sent a copy of their letter and pictures to the Delts (Delta Tau Delta), which included their honeymoon in Jamaica and reunion trip to San Jose, Calif., to visit Anita and Ken Rittenhouse in 2018. Like most of us, they did not see their families for almost a year, but they had a celebration on February 4 of their 60th wedding anniversary with their children Robin, Craig and Cheryl, and granddaughter Ashley. (All had had COVID except Ashley.)

Health is well, but Fred had a knee replacement on February 11. He had two hips replaced previously, and Sharon and he have a total of six cancer events between them. They are looking forward to a normal 2021! On their wedding day the East Coast was shut down with 16 inches of snow; Bob Holcombe and John-Claude Rousseaux were in the wedding. They took a train to New York City, but the departure from Idlewild Airport (now JFK) was delayed until 2 a.m., but the honeymoon at the Plantation Inn in Jamaica was a lot warmer.

Lee Owens’ yearly letter from Australia called it “a year of perfect eyesight 20-20, and not much else. It opened with savage bushfires all down the South Coast of New South Wales and closed with the arrival of La Niña that brought storms and major flooding to the North Coast and all of Queensland. Yes, we can expect fires and floods, but not on this scale. We have changed the climate, are we clever enough and determined to change it back?

“A year of postponements and cancellations: The Ensemble theatre and Australian Orchestra gone for the year, Opera Australia gone for Lynne, Sydney Male Choir tour of Western Australia postponed. Likewise, a keenly anticipated overseas trip to Patagonia with the add-on of a cruise into Antarctica.

“The hardest challenge was to the singing routines, which keep my brain functioning and the joys of fellowship. BANG—the Willoughby Choir closed down without even Zoom sessions. Sydney Male Choir rehearsed via Zoom, which is better than nothing. At year’s end, we managed a performance for wives at Christmas dinner carefully distanced in two long rows, lovely!

“Lynne’s year was equally interrupted. She is a keen bushwalker on the tracks around Sydney three to four times per week, which remained, but not the two-week trip to Europe to walk the Alps and a week in the Norwegian Arctic. No trips to Seattle to see her grandchildren for one and a half years. She added Zoom classes of yoga, Zumba, floor and core exercises, and added a weekly painting class to her program.

“My weekly golf walk has been a lifesaver for body and mood control. In January I won a dozen balls with two nearest-the-pin shots with Sydney Veteran Golfers. It was the last hurrah; everything has since deteriorated. I have given up competitive golf, just walking with no scorecard. It is odd that an activity acquired on a retirement campaign should be so essential to physical and mental health. One of the few outdoor activities booming without restrictions during pandemic conditions.

“Age is requiring some careful reminders of safety and risk-taking. I had a fall on the slippery path and damaged the lower spine. Just a watch-and-wait period while it heals.

“I had been driving a 17-year-old Corolla, and I have been following the weekly online auctions of ex-government fleet vehicles. I used to buy live, but it is different not being able to kick the tires. Result is a 2016 Prius Hybrid with 20,000 kilometers—practically new? The instruction manual will take a year to understand, but I am delighted with it, and I can make a contribution to climate correction!

“Bring on the vaccine! Cheers! Lee”

Australia sounds like 2020 was similar to ours, but not with as many personal cancellations! Wow!!

Gary Barber Shop, where the coaches get cut, can’t wait for the Bills to go all the way! And the season to start!

Greecers to the Buffalo Bills and to Anne on her eightieth!

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Our esteemed class has been one of the most generous at Lehigh, starting with our senior class gift headed by the hardworking team of George Karr and Gene Mercy, who just about visited each and every senior living group to make their appeal. Later, ours was the first class to use phonathons developed by George and hosted by Gene in his Goldman Sachs conference room. While there are myriad ways our class makes contributions through the Tower Society, Athletic Partnerships and others, perhaps the most popular is the Asa Packer Society, making a $1,000 or more contribution to the Annual Fund.

Your humble class scribes thought it might be interesting to ask a few of the members (most of whom had their second vaccine shot when contacted and are enjoying new freedom) just what about their Lehigh experience prompts their continued philanthropic support.

Roger Steel took a break from walking the sandy beach of Seabrook Island, S.C., to share: “My Lehigh experience is a prime reason for my business success. I particularly credit Professor Wally Richardson, and I returned to Lehigh some years later and gave him a gift of a humidor for his cigars. It had a plaque on it expressing my appreciation for what he did to prepare me for my future.”

We were blessed at our recent class reunions to have members of Lehigh Vocal Arts not to mention serenade but also lead us in singing the alma mater. While most joined in, the spirited voices of the Kappa Alphas, mostly former Glee Club members, carried not only the tune but also us along.

Bob Shabaker credits: “I was blessed with many rewarding experiences at Lehigh and continue to be grateful for the impact on my academic, choral and social development at that time in my life. Now, I am happy to be able to help support some of the same areas for the current students through my endowment. Presently it is largely devoted to supporting the Glee Club, which we were able to resurrect after it was eliminated shortly after admitting women to the undergraduate rolls.”

Leon Harbold’s continuing support of Lehigh is based on three very positive benefits from his undergraduate experience: an extraordinary, inspiring faculty; student support of his wrestling career; and his living group’s (Beta Theta Pi) collegial atmosphere. Benefits he felt needed to be paid back.

Bill Horn had a great student experience at Lehigh and hopes his support through the Asa Packer Society will help provide today’s students with the same experience that was available to all of us.

Bill Beattie was a scholarship student and never forgot the support he got from Lehigh. He reciprocated by creating The Beattie Scholarships, three fully funded scholarships for
qualified applicants from at-risk backgrounds.

The spirit of Lehigh runs deep within Beall Fowler. His long faculty career gave him an opportunity to see the important and positive impact the university had on shaping the futures of its students. “How could I not support this great institution?”

Bill Gamble’s father and uncle also attended Lehigh. The incredible education and friendships that Bill acquired at Lehigh made a profound impression on him. To the point that joining the Asa Packer Society was one way for him to thank Lehigh for all it did for him.

Harry Brooks appreciated his university experience so much that he is not only an Asa Packer but also a member of the Tower Society, which honors those alumni and friends whose generous gifts support the endowment program.

“I almost didn’t make it,” replied Gene Chew. “Contracted COVID-19 about Thanksgiving and was rushed to the hospital very sick in early December. Limped out of the hospital after four days of touch and go. Sickest ever in my life but very thankful; we 83-year-olds are vulnerable. Lots of prayers were critical. I plan on attending the Reunion in 2024.”

Right on Gene, and your class scribes hope to join you there as well.

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Hello classmates, there is not a lot to write about this quarter. I guess everyone is still hunkered down waiting for everyone to get their COVID-19 vaccinations.

My wife, Gill, and I drove to Florida and spent the month of February in Jupiter. On the way down we stopped by Charleston, S.C., and spent a couple of days with Tom Bliss’ widow, Tricia. Tricia is doing fine with a lot of support from her family and friends in Charleston. She has sold their house and will move into a nice condo near the old home.

While in Jupiter we saw a lot of Bill Ross and his wife, Dottie. As usual, they hosted a Super Bowl party, only this year it was strictly a Lehigh event with just ourselves and John MacWilliams and his wife, Louise, as the only guests. All are doing well.

I received an email from Dick Ullery, who informed me of the passing of Dr. Larry Swanson, who was a Kappa Sigma fraternity brother of Dick’s. Larry passed away suddenly at his home on Oct. 17. Dick, Larry, Bruce Paton, Joe McGoldrick, Dave Hecht and Mac Gowin ‘61 have been Zooming biweekly over the past year to keep in touch. Before that, they met at least once a year somewhere for a week with their wives, usually in South Carolina or Virginia and lastly at the Bedford Springs Hotel in Bedford, Pa. Larry is missed by all of them and many others, including his wife, Dana. At age 82 he was still working as associate dean of the School of Atmospheric Sciences at Stony Brook University. He had quite a distinguished career at Stony Brook, and his impact both there and elsewhere will be felt for many years.

By now you will all have received the news that our 60th Reunion has been delayed another year. We hope to see all of you in early June 2022. If it gets delayed again, maybe we will just have to wait and celebrate our 65th in 2025. Hopefully, the case of fine French wine that Jack Kennedy is donating will still be very drinkable next June.

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Bummer! Our 60th Reunion was postponed until June 2022. Well, so be it. At least President Paul Smith’s email generated lots of fresh news, more than I can actually squeeze into this single column. But don’t let that discourage the rest of you from writing to me; I have three more columns to fill before we get together on campus and share news face-to-face.

I’ve been working with Paul, Ed Watters, Dave Hapke and Toby James on a proposed endowment to be dedicated to the university at the reunion. It will recognize the important role that Lehigh has played in our lives and establish a permanent legacy for our great class. I hope that you will be able to lend your support to this important effort (see lut61.com).

Tom Parliament blames the pandemic for cancellation of his plans last year to visit Machu Picchu in Peru, take a Mediterranean cruise and tour Scandinavia. He and his lady friend reside in Mahwah, in Bergen County, N.J., but winter in a 55+ community near Tampa, Fla. He has two daughters, both living in the D.C. area.

One of Ken Larsen’s favorite Lehigh stories is when, some 40 years ago, he introduced his son, Rick, who was a high school wrestler, to Lehigh’s national champion Mark Lieberman ’79, at a Chicago Lehigh Club dinner. Young Rick was thrilled when Mark looked him in the eyes and asked, “Are you a wrestler?” Ken is now living alone in Willow Springs, Ill., having lost his wife five years ago. But both of his sons and their families live nearby, forest hiking trails are handy, the train to the Loop is within walking distance, and a brewery is within 100 yards. “How much more could a Lehigh grad want?”

Doug Braendel drove all the way from Pennsylvania to Georgia to get a haircut during the pandemic! Well, not exactly. His kids live in Georgia and in Florida, so he and his wife hopped in their car four times last year to visit them, where he got groomed twice in the open barber shops down south. Their third child lives in Germany (too far for a haircut!). He serves on the boards of the PA Pro-Life Federation and Orphan Voice, a ministry in Vietnam. During tax season he helps seniors fill out their federal tax returns.

Murry Cohen has traveled widely to all of the countries in Europe, except Moldova and Belarus. He is concerned over the rising anti-Semitism in Europe, reminding him of loathsome confrontations in his youth. He retired from psychiatric practice three years ago. He is now active in the animal rights movement and is president of the board of In Defense of Animals.

In 1988, David Daniels and his wife, Dana, moved to Guildford Surrey, England, where he became a high school teacher and department head at the American Community School just south of London. They have lived there ever since. Dave looks back proudly on his “worthy and interesting” 54-year teaching career. He earned a master’s in English at Rutgers and spent most of his career on this side of the pond at East Aurora High School in upstate New York. He promises to fly back for our 60th Reunion next year.

Unfortunately, Pete Wright won’t make it back to the reunion from Seattle, since he is in caregiving mode for wife Nancy, who suffers from Alzheimer’s. He fondly reminded me of the hoagie man’s visits to Dravo in our freshman year, much to the pleasure of Pete Apsay, Bob Rothkopf, Charlie Slingshoff ’62, Bob Meyer and Jim Rhodes. “Ah, sweet youth!”
I’m getting tired of being part of a major historical event. It seems that the only time we get out is to visit with a doctor, get a vaccine, pick up a takeout dinner or do an errand. And even the doctors arrange for “virtual” visits on Zoom. Our high-tech lifestyle has made us proficient in FaceTime, Zoom, Venmo, email, portals and social media. We are octogenarian techies.

My column deadline comes at the end of March Madness. The NCAA Basketball brackets are a refreshing change to the overdose of political and pandemic media reporting. The Lehigh Women’s team won the Patriot League and went to the big dance in Austin, Texas. Unfortunately, they were eliminated in the first round.

The EIFWA were broadcast from Spooky Nook Sports Complex in Manheim, Pa., on FloWrestling. Your columnist watched the entire event. All 10 вес weights including four freshmen qualified for a trip to the Nationals in St. Louis. Lehigh won its fourth consecutive Eastern Championship with four Eastern champions. The 2021 NCAs were not as kind to Lehigh this year, with only five going into the second day of the event and no All-Americans (top 8).

I received my annual updated six-page report from Dave MacAdam. Dave is a retired math professor living in Chatham, Mass. Over the years Dave has reported on his travels, especially his annual visit to the Baffin Island in the far north of Canada and the largest island in the Arctic Archipelago. The years 2020 and 2021 have been of a different sort for Dave. He started out 2020 canceling planned trips to Scotland, Germany and Nova Scotia and self-quarantined at his home on Cape Cod. Dave now had a lot of time to practice his new recorder and bagpipe, and transcribing, arranging and even composing new tunes. COVID has limited Dave’s opportunity to play Irish/Celtic music with other musicians in the pubs and other venues on the Cape. Zoom became the option for meeting other musicians, and he joined a Zoom session organized by his piper friends.

Sue and Bob Downing celebrated Bob's birthday in March in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. When I spoke with Bob, he was getting ready to go to happy hour with his fraternity brother Bob Vossen. Vossen is retired and lives in Amagansett, N.Y. Downing also reported that he played golf with Buddy Gitlin. Bob reports that Buddy is planning to retire from his position as executive vice president of Risk Strategies Companies in Boston. Buddy plans to spend more time at his home in Delray Beach, Fla. In order to pass the time between golf, skiing and yachting, Buddy will be selling yacht insurance.

Swinging too many golf clubs can be bad for your health. At my column deadline Ron Johnson and Jim Morgan were each recovering from a laminectomy, back surgery that relieves pressure on the spinal cord. The recoveries far exceeded their expectations.

Our 60th Reunion is coming up on June 9-12, 2022. Since the last two reunion weekends were canceled due to COVID, there will be many exciting events going on. Mark your calendars now and encourage other classmates to do the same. Our class is looking for volunteers to help organize a memorable event. Class President Downing is looking for a venue for our class dinner that will be special. If you thought that our 55th Reunion was a hoot, wait till you see what’s planned for our 60th. Remember, you don’t realize how old you are until you sit on the floor and then try to get back up.

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From Gordon Hoare: “I am healthy, happy with family, and very busy living in Vermont in Mad River Valley near Sugarbush and Mad River Glen. Been very active with the local Rotary, working for Sugarbush weekends, tennis, skiing, online duplicate bridge, so life’s been active and fun.”

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I’m beginning to think I’m writing columns to place in a time capsule. I concluded my spring column with: “By the time you read this, we will be a few months into the new year. Hopefully, we will all be well, many will have been vaccinated, and COVID-19 will be behind us. Folks will be back to work and the markets thriving. Our government will have peacefully transitioned for the 46th time in 224 years. The press will rediscover America’s greatness, and we will all feel good about ourselves again.”

Well, it’s the end of March, and lots of us have been vaccinated, unemployment is down, and the markets are thriving. We have transitioned our government, albeit not as smoothly as we should, and even The New York Times is finding some positive news.

I, too, have some positive news. Rob Gibby checked in with an update on his life and racing plans. Here’s his report: “I’ve been very fortunate that despite some minor health issues, all the important parts are still working pretty well. In January, I retired from the two companies that my son, Ross, and I started. My new role is doing special projects. We started a precision machine parts business about 15 years ago, and with Ross’ internet skills, it grew rapidly. A few years ago, he started a new company that recycles scrap plastic and turns it into aggregate for concrete. Now I’m learning about the intricacies of extrusion machinery for that company.

“My car passion continues stronger than ever. A very good lifetime pal has enabled me to race at Bonneville Speed Week for the past 15 years. Our car is a custom-built race car that looks like a ’34 Ford. I’ve gone 210 mph, against a record of 213. Hopefully, this August, we can break the record.

“In our senior year, I bought a 1931 Ford station wagon, which I just recently passed on to the Gilmore Car Museum in Michigan. I still have a fun car for each of my children, when I can’t drive anymore.

“My three children are all doing well. My four grandchildren range in age from 20 to 15. Fortunately, I get to see a fair amount of them.

“As the years roll by, I appreciate, more and more, the life lessons learned at Lehigh.”

I called Dick Rabinow to ask how he and Kitty were doing. Dick, having spent his career in the energy business, is very familiar with the specifics of the unique Texas power generation and distribution approach. He’s also very involved with the more general challenges with transitioning to renewable energy. It’s complicated and made my head hurt. Coincidentally, during our chat I mentioned Rob’s racing plans. Turns out that one of Dick’s high-rise neighbors also races at Bonneville and knows Rob.

I had a long chat with Jack Holt. He and Peggy are doing well. He says he’s still in PT but has resumed his activities, albeit with a little less intensity.

Jay Lacke has been good enough to chase down a few classmates for me. Jay stays in touch with Doug Quayle, his Delta Chi brother and fellow Lehigh radio station broadcaster. Doug retired in 2000 after a 35-year career in employee benefits and investment management. Since then, he and Sue have enjoyed a lot of travel (all 50 states, over 90 countries and all seven continents), reading, photography, a little golf and lots of time with family. Sue (Rosenberger) Quayle is the sister of late fraternity brother John Rosenberger ’63. Sue and Doug were married in 1964 and will celebrate their 57th anniversary in September. They live about 15 miles east of Sacramento and have a place in the Sierra Mountains that Doug says was a real treat during the lockdowns. Their two boys and families live in the LA area, and their daughter and her family live nearby and can get together regularly. Doug is still working ... a bit. He has had a number of manufacturers he represents to have the flexibility to spend more time with family, travel, play golf and tennis, and generally enjoy life in what he calls his “slow down years.”

I contacted Scott Lau to ask if he could help me find his Sigma Chi brother, 1960 Turkey Trot champion and my Dravo D2 roommate, Bruce Brown. Scott did not have anything except to say he thinks Bruce is in New England. Does anyone know where Bruce is these days? Scott and Lois have had their jabs and, like all of us, are hoping to resume normal living soon. They are looking forward to their annual visit to Nags Head, N.C., this summer and to a couple of weeks in St. Augustine next January and February. Like many of us, Scott and Lois will celebrate their 57th wedding anniversary this year. They have three children and five grandchildren ranging in ages from 13 to 27. A couple of grandchildren live close by in Midlothian, Va.

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The following is from a press release from Lehigh. I am including parts of it here to be sure every member of the Class of 1965 sees it. Please take the opportunity to thank Kenneth Woodcock when you see him at our next reunion, whenever that is.

“A $5 million gift made by arts philanthropist Kenneth R. Woodcock ’65 will endow a director’s fund for the Lehigh University Art Galleries (LUAG). The Woodcock Director’s Fund will ensure the protection and preservation of the university’s teaching collection and fulfill the full potential of LUAG as a driver for arts education and engagement for both students and the community.

“The fund represents the largest gift ever given to LUAG and will be administered by Director William Crow. Woodcock shares Crow’s vision that art can be an interdisciplinary engine for teaching, learning and research.

“I hope that this gift will be a catalyst for all Lehigh students to develop a love and appreciation for art of the rest of their lives,” Woodcock said. “With William Crow leading the effort, I’m confident we can broaden the experience for both students and the community.”

“After graduating from Lehigh in 1965 with a degree in mechanical engineering and earning an MBA from the University of Pittsburgh in 1966, Woodcock began his career...
with DuPont. He then served as a commissioned officer with the U.S. Public Health Service, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Federal Energy Administration and the Department of Energy. He was the environmental advisor to the energy czars during the Arab oil embargo of 1974.

“In 1981, he was involved in the founding of the AES Corporation, a global electric company, rising to senior vice president in 1987 and retiring in 2004 ….

“Woodcock and his wife, Dorothy, have been actively involved with many nonprofit organizations where they reside in Washington, D.C., and M-atunuck, Rhode Island.”

J o e K o r f f reported: “I had it too and it’s no fun, but I feel great now. I was married on Feb. 13 to Mary Zink.”

A l a n M i n o f f emailed: “My first grandchild, a boy, was born on May 31 last year. He lives with my son and his wife in Manhattan. Tina and I closed on a condo in Naples, Fla., in early March. Looking forward to winters there.”

J i m A d a m s reported: “Got my first vaccine shot. Big relief. Did my happy dance on the way out. Retiring is interesting. I had been practicing law from 1969 until full retirement two and a half years ago. Each week now consists of one Sunday and six Saturdays. Keeping busy as ever, but now tending to my priorities, rather than those of my clients. Just assigned to a local Police Advisory Board. Interesting timing. Our community seems to be doing okay, but we want to stay that way. Lawyers have been accused of treating people like mushrooms—keep folks in the dark and feed them manure. I have taken to creating mushrooms from wood, on my lathe—with the lights on and no manure.”

J o e l G o l d s t e i n reported that he and Jean “did have to cancel one trip and restrict visits with grandchildren. We took a short Florida cruise in the beginning of March 2020, which we probably would have canceled based on what we know now. Fortunately, no problems. Jean has filled her schedule with numerous Zoom activities (book clubs, movie discussion groups and Mahjong). I try and do as little as possible, except for reading the NYT cover to cover each day. We do venture out for essentials … but follow the rigid protocols. Both of our children and their spouses were able to work from home, but the changes in remote learning directives are challenging. We do FaceTime/Duo with them frequently, but it is not the same. We recently attended a Zoom comedy hour presented by Rabbi/comic Bob Alper. He was very entertaining.”

H e n r y S c h l e n k e r reported: “My wife, Gayle, and I live on the Chesapeake Bay in Solomons, Md. I still work part-time in D.C. in real estate development (affordable housing) and spend one day a week as a volunteer ambulance driver/EMT aide. Golf (and a new puppy) have kept me fairly active, but my golf scores have not improved much over time. We have two grandchildren in Colorado and two grandchildren nearby in Alexandria, Va.—although we don’t get to see any of them face-to-face very often. I keep in touch with a number of fellow Betas—Bob Schmidt, Jim Marchant, Dave Etzel, Duane Beacher, John Harper ’65 and Blair Smith. We are all bummed about not being able to get together for our annual golf tournament and literary discussion (OK, maybe it’s just golf) each fall. Look forward to seeing folks whenever we do have our 55th Reunion.”

And on that note, the university has announced a three-year combined reunion for the Classes of 1965, 1966 and 1967 for June 9-12, 2022. So, get your shots (vaccine or otherwise) and c’mon down, or up, whatever the case may be. You won’t want to miss the fun activities and opportunity for comradery with old and new friends.

R i c k B a g g e l a a r writes that the Phi Delts are doing Zoom calls to add a “silver lining” to the “dark cloud of COVID.” They have been calling every couple of weeks for the past year. The ’67 classmates participating are George Bussmann, Fred Weed, Rick Funk, Bryant Griffin and Dick Utzinger. Ted Howell’s ’68 (“longtime honorary member of our class”) also calls in. Rick says, “The free-wheeling, raucous calls are a blast—reminiscing and talking smack. Ironically, the pandemic has drawn us closer because of the regular Zoom calls.” Rick recommends it highly.

Fred Weed wrote to D’Arcy Roper on March 25, “Sad news to pass on—Rick Funk passed away this morning. A sad day for Baggi, Utz, Bussmann, Griffin and Howells … Our reconnect was one of a few bright spots associated with COVID.”

B i l l C a v a n a g h recently suggested organizing a Zoom meeting for the Betas as other classes have successfully done.

B i l l W a s h y c h y n made a good point to remind classmates to update their contact information. If you did not receive an email from me in late March, please send me an updated email address. Thanks!

J o h n M c M a n n wrote, “I decided to write after seeing Russ Massey’s news in the last issue. Russ was my freshman roommate, a great guy who was always trying to get me to go to his church. Russ, you will be glad to hear that I am an elder of a Presbyterian church in Gettysburg.”

John is disappointed that he has lost touch with many good friends since Delta Phi was removed from campus, allowing for no more reunions with his brothers. He has stayed in touch with two good friends, Bob Riley and Dick Guyer ’66. Bob, Dick and their wives meet to sail the Chesapeake Bay. He relates the most terrific sail that they ever had was an eight-day trip with great winds throughout the British Virgin Islands in a chartered sailboat. They also did late-night phone calls from their boat to friend and expatriate Ken Damm in Melbourne, Australia.

John continued, “Kudos to Lehigh for launching me on an intriguing career. The most interesting position I had during 15 years with the Navy was as technical analyst with Naval Intelligence for advanced marine vehicles. Curiously, I was down the hall from the infamous Jonathon Pollard (served 30 years in prison for spying). Later, the Air Force hired me to be their director for the Air Force’s participation in a program to identify militarily critical technologies and to prevent certain proscribed nations from obtaining those technologies. My next position was with the Air Force Systems Command as the director of
the command’s international cooperative research and development program with a number of allied countries. I finished my 20-year Air Force career with the Air Force Office of Scientific Research.”

Classmates with sailboats in the Annapolis area are invited to call John at 717-408-8500.

**Bill Reamy** writes that he and his wife, Joyce, are well and both have their first inoculations. They have been “sequestered for the whole year, are healthy, but going stir-crazy.” Joyce is a homebody and doesn’t mind so much, and Bill writes poems and songs to keep his mind active. But he admits to watching too much TV.

Bill wrote the following poem in December 2020, titled “Yesterday’s Mail,” about how they are surviving the pandemic.

“They gave it a number and gave it a name, / Corona or Covid, it’s still all the same. / But the 19 in front is very misleading, / It killed 2020; ’21 is conceding.

/ The year when even the simplest pleasure / Must be disrupted by the famed six-foot measure. / When handshakes and hugs are put on the shelf, / And in most conversations, you talk to yourself. / Hand cleansers and masks the vogue of the day. / And time is not ripe yet to put them away. / When groceries and liquor are dropped at your door. / Will I ever see the inside of Shoppers once more? / Where deaths and new illnesses top all the news, / But sports and canned concerts my mind can amuse. / But many move on as if nothing’s amiss. / No masks, no spacing—an ignorant bliss. / That’s one of the reasons this pandemic stays, / And threatens our lives for 300 days. / That’s also the reason I overreact /

Conservative, careful with my every act. / My son says I’m anal, too worried, too strict. / And I’ve had occasions where actions conflict. / But I remain cautious and overly so. / Why not?—nothing to do, nowhere to go. / At 75 I’m in a top bracket: / COVID in my chest will severely attack it. / So I leave the groceries (kept those freezer-bound), / Deli/Vries and packages, and mail by the pound / To stay in the hallway, for one day or more. / So why should I rush? Let it sit on the floor. / Tomorrow I’ll tend to it all without fail, / And be as content reading yesterday’s mail.”

**Robert Rickards** writes, “The time saved by not having to commute internationally has facilitated the editing of my sixth book. ‘Management Accounting in China and Southeast Asia’ is the first one published in English (the other five were published in German). Springer Nature has begun publicizing the book, which should be available in early May.

“One last item. My high school class maintains an interactive forum. Recently, three alumnii were reminiscing on it about having crushes on a boy, who had moved away during junior high school. I didn’t know the boy then, but I did get to know him as a young man. I informed them that **Tracy Leute** had majored in finance and graduated in our Lehigh class of 1967.”

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This is my second column since **Dick Bell** passed the baton. I have to submit this column before my first column has been distributed. Therefore, I have not received any slings and arrows on the first column, or any information from our classmates to pass on.

Fortunately, the alumni office sent me a link to a New York Times article about Frank Miller. Frank became a celebrity because he is a 74-year-old who wanted to throw the hardball again. He had been a pitcher for Lehigh when he was a freshman and even hit a grand slam. Fifty-plus years later his wife, Alice, gave him a new glove and a book, “K: A History of Baseball in Ten Pitches.” He would carry a ball around the house practicing the grips for the 10 pitches, particularly the Mariano Rivera slider. He needed to throw to someone, so Alice put a notice on the local NextDoor and, to their surprise, received 76 responses. Ten showed up in January to play catch. A reporter and cameraman also came, which resulted in local TV coverage and the Jan 15, 2021, New York Times article.

But it did not stop there. The promotion person for the Texas Rangers saw the story and invited Frank to come to their new stadium to meet players and throw with them. Frank told the Texas Ranger representative he had to bring his core group, including players from the North Dallas High School team. The Texas Ranger representative initially was not happy with the size of the crowd, 37, but agreed when he realized Frank would not back down. Frank knew it was a once in a lifetime event for the high school team (and for himself). Subsequently, just to put some icing on the cake, Frank appeared on the MLB Network “Hot Stove” program and would hardly let the host have any airtime. Here is the internet address to the “Hot Stove” segment: mlb.com/video/miller-on-a-special-game-of-catch/?t=mlb-network.

If you are in the Dallas area and have a need to throw the hardball, and Frank’s notoriety continues to grow, you just may be able to follow the Goodyear Blimp to Cole Park, where Frank and his guys are playing catch. Frank was a civil engi-
can teach me to shoot par. They signed me up as right-handed.

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Saul Epstein writes that he and his family, like the rest of us, have had a quiet few months and thankfully are all healthy and constructively busy.

Saul and his wife, Bobbie, will be married 45 years on July 4. They live in Bala Cynwyd, Pa. They have two children who are both married. Daughter Emily lives in their neighborhood with their two grandchildren. She is a stand-up comedian (although fewer opportunities to perform with the pandemic). Their son, Fred, is a musician living in the Boston area managing a music school. Bobbie is a retired schoolteacher keeping herself busy but missing the freedom to travel.

Saul and Bobbie have traveled extensively all over the world for many years. They hope to resume these travels again next year. Besides all the normal locations in Europe, South America and Asia, they enjoyed a safari in Botswana, and Saul climbed to the base camp of Mt. Everest with his neighbor 10 years ago.

Saul continues to work out of choice. He owns a clothing importer with an office in the garment district in NY. (“most of my employees working from home”) and a warehouse operation in Bensalem (just north of Philadelphia). Saul was traveling regularly to China for the business, but not in the last 12 months. Since departing Lehigh, Saul earned his law degree from Penn and a master of laws from NYU while serving in an Army Reserve Unit in Camden, N.J., after attending the U.S. Military Language School in Monterey, Calif., for a year studying Chinese Mandarin.

Saul was a tax partner at Ernst & Young (EY) until the mid-1990s. He oversaw the U.S. tax practice in London for three years before returning to Philadelphia to run that tax practice. He taught part-time at the Fox Graduate School of Business at Temple University for over 20 years. He then became entrepreneurial—building apartment complexes in Florida and North Carolina and then buying and operating multiple businesses in the mid-Atlantic region and in Mexico.

Pete Townes writes that he officially retired after nearly 40 years in ambulatory health care as administrator, program and funding developer, and author. His focus was access to care for medically underserved populations. Having no desire to just watch the world go by in retirement, Pete now does part-time work as a senior consultant to the National Association of Community Health Centers, as well as serving on the Board of a local free health clinic. He also does “classic books” recording for a reading service run by our local National Public Radio (NPR) station. Pete and his wife, Susan—whose 95-year-old father is now the oldest licensed attorney in Indiana—live in a suburb of Indianapolis about five miles from their social worker daughter and 3-year-old grandson. Pre-COVID, they enjoyed visiting their actor/singer son in Los Angeles, and they are hoping to pick that up again in the foreseeable future.

Pete has been in fairly recent contact with Kappa Alpha fraternity brothers Ralph Markert ’70 (my singing buddy at Lehigh, who recently built Pete a banjo with a beautifully hand-carved neck), Jack Frost ’70, Doug Simes ’71 and Wes Gewehr. A recent personal highlight for Pete was getting fully vaccinated (Pfizer)—definitely an emotionally freeing experience.

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From uber-surgeon David Dines (ddinesmd@gmail.com): “I’m chief of shoulder fellowship at Hospital for Special Surgery in N.Y., working with son, Josh, on the sports and shoulder service. He’s a doctor for the MLB Mets, and I’m medical director of the ATP Men’s Tennis World Tour. We have a new baby grandson, Freddie, who turned one in April. My wife, Judy is busy in her decorating career and as awesome grandmother to Josh’s kids, Freddie and Poppy.”

Startling news came from one classmate about another.

Bob Mayer (robert_a_mayer Jr@hotmail.com) wrote about “Chuck Lusk—great guy, great family, wonderful life; we’ve been to many wrestling matches together in recent years. Chuck went in for four-hour back surgery and everything seemed totally successful; within a day, he had a hemorrhagic stroke in the base of his brain; unknown cause. Chuck’s lucky to be alive; his struggle to recovery may be slow and has been up and down. We all should be happy for every day we have. It really hit me hard, after I had gone in for a knee replacement in October (great recovery so far); he had his surgery December 2 and I’d just emailed him to wish him well; you just never expect the worst.” Amen to that, Bob, to both you and Chuck.

I had my fifth cardiac stent procedure since ’94 (not counting the dreaded 2013 bypass) but still somehow count my blessings—including spending March 27-29 at Nick Zunas’ home, the biggest outing of my COVID Year.

From Don Forrester (dforrester@switchhc.com): “Just finished my teaching with The Renaissance Society at Sacramento State. I found that teaching two classes is more than I want to do. So, I’ll only teach ‘Climate Chaos and The Individual’ for a second time this fall and plan on teaching ‘Delaying Death and Avoiding Disability’ for the fourth time next spring.”

Mike Berney offered: “Since spring 2020, the men of McConn, spurred on by David Watson ’71 (and occasionally me), have been reconnecting with pals. Between 1966-1976, Lehigh lists nearly 200 alumni from McConn house. Via Zoom calls with many (more than 50) of the McConns in that era, we’ve ‘seen’ each other frequently. The 1970 classmates who’ve participated in the fun: Mike Berney, John Caldwell, Harry Clymer, Jerry Cohen, Jon Green, Doug Griffes, Bill Oehlke, Fred Osman, Alan Schwartz and Chris Zerby.

Note: I have a list of names across 11 years, 1966-1976; if people want to reach out, or update their contact info, they can call or text 717-350-6070 or email oriole9826@aol.com.”

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to be held next year. There is consideration of a mini-event to coincide with a football game in the fall if conditions are conducive and safe. We’ll keep you posted.

Special thanks and recognition to the affinity group leaders (AGL) (Gerry Berger, Bob Kendig, Harry Spagnola, Bob Hess, Gene Lucadamo, Rich Wasch, Bob Hansen, Sam Dugan, Charlie Hauss, Stan Vasiliadis, Bill Buskirk and Tom Martin) who contacted about half of our classmates to encourage their participation in the reunion. I suspect you’ll hear from them and perhaps some others regarding next year’s celebration. If you haven’t been contacted, it’s too late to volunteer to be an AGL. Please contact the committee at lehigh71@gmail.com. The inbox is checked weekly.

Gene Lucadamo retired from Lehigh in industry research engagement (his second career) in August 2019 and plunged into retirement just ahead of the pandemic. He had worked at Air Products from graduation until 2001. Helping with the reunion committee as an affinity group leader, Gene found contacting his Delta Upsilon brothers a happy diversion during a rather bleak winter. He spoke to or exchanged emails with Dave Ball (Ore.), Curt Benefield (Texas), Lin Bower (Md.), Frank Cacciuti (Pa.), John Clay (Conn.), Eliot Goldwarf (Montreal), Dwight Griswold (N.C.), Arnie Jarmak (Mass.), Joe Kesselring (Pa.), Wayne Laitala (Texas), Gary Naylor (N.C.), Bob Summers (Conn.), Tom Upton (N.J.), Bob Vigeland (N.C) and Keith von der Heydt (Mass.).

Charlie Hauss writes that after 40 years, he’s retired from teaching/school administration for the third time and it’s finally sticking. He also retired as a scoutmaster after 20 years but is still active in Scouts (BSA). Charlie provided me summary updates on some members of MBM3/Thornburg classmatess. Ginny and Jim Bush are still living in Reading and enjoying Jim’s retirement from DSM Engineering Plastics. Rich Bolden retired as a computer programer from the PA Department of Corrections a decade ago. Rich is a 30-year whitewater guide and student of river flows at Pocono Whitewater Rafting. Norm Jones retired after 32 years with Morgan Stanley in NYC. He’s now an active volunteer at the National 9/11 Museum. Phil Barnhart lives in Akron, Ohio, and claims to be busy as ever. He’s retired from Babcock and Wilcox. Joel Left is enjoying life as a retired math teacher from Aberdeen HS in the Hartford County (Md.) Public School System. He and his wife Jane live in Havre de Grace, Md. Marina and Mike Sedonic moved back to Dunmore, Pa. (wife’s decision) from Virginia after Mike’s retirement as a civilian engineer in the Naval Sea Systems Command. Mike had a record 33 1/3-year career with NSSL. Mike still attends Lehigh wrestling matches.

Marty Matijasich asked that I end my column by traveling back in time to September 1967, when we gathered one warm evening in Grace Hall for a “Smoker.” A man by the name of “Steck” led us in learning Lehigh fight songs, a few slightly bawdy ballads and a slogan. We left the gathering as the Class of 1971. And it’s still “71 for Fun!” Hope to see everyone at our 50th in June 2022.

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Here is our fifth focus on attorneys, still presented in reverse alphabetical order. In January, Blake Johnstone phoned, unaware that the previous issue of this column already revealed his first name. He confirmed that his law practice has intentionally become a bit more “laid back” these days, and that he had already received his COVID-19 vaccinations because he is an active first responder with his local volunteer rescue organization in the Edison, N.J., area.

Having specialized as a corporate attorney in Boulder, Colo., since the early ’90s, Michael I. Friess appears to be retiring this year. He earned his J.D. at University of Pennsylvania School of Law, and practiced in New York before heading west, where he was a partner in the firm of Schulte, Roth & Zabel, advising the financial services sector about matters of securities regulatory compliance. During his tenure there, Mike held corporate officer titles (chairman, president, CEO and secretary) with several holding companies invested in United States–China trade relationships.

Our class president as we became Lehigh alumni was Olrich Foucek III, who received his law degree from Case Western Reserve University School of Law in 1975. His active practice activities include a wide range of business areas and litigation. Although he joined one of Allentown’s oldest and most prestigious law firms soon after graduation, it has grown and merged over the past 40+ years.

Now Ollie is a managing partner of the Allentown office of a tri-state (N.J.-N.Y.-Pa.) firm: Norris, McLaughlin, P.A. Devoted to Lehigh is an understatement. He was our speaker representative when we adopted the Class of 2022 at their Freshman Rally. He has served as president of the Alumni Association and has fulfilled terms on the Lehigh Board of Trustees. Other board chairmanships throughout the Lehigh Valley—many of them supporting the fine and performing arts—are too numerous to include here.

David J. Foster received his B.S. in electrical engineering, then attended Dickinson School of Law and joined the firm Costopoulos, Foster & Fields in Lemonye, Pa., in 1976. He’s a partner in the firm and has been there ever since. Dave’s practice specialties concentrate on litigation, criminal defense, personal injury, medical malpractice and defective/dangerous products.

Terence L. Faul is another classmate who earned his J.D. at Penn Law. He serves Of Counsel with the firm of King, Spry, Herman, Freund & Faul, one of Bethlehem, Pa.’s largest. His expertise is in commercial law and real estate transactions for national, regional and local firms as well as professional practices. He is a frequent presenter at seminars addressing formative, operational, contractual, ethical and liability issues for varied enterprises, and customer relationships for Realtors and real estate attorneys. He has served as solicitor of the Bethlehem Public Library and Pen Argyl Municipal Authority for more than three decades. Terry was also the editor-in-chief of our 1972 yearbook, Epitome, and has been an active participant with our reunion planning committee since the beginning years.

Tony M. Edwards is senior executive vice president, Nareit, Washington, D.C. His law degree was awarded by the University of Miami School of Law. He also received post-grad training at the Georgetown University Law Center, earning an L.L.M. in taxation. Four years as a tax adviser for the IRS Office of Chief Counsel led to a partner role with Morrison & Foerster LLC in D.C. In 1993, Tony joined Nareit and was executive VP and general counsel for 25 years until advancing to his current position in 2019. The REIT in Nareit stands for “real estate investment trusts,” and their mission involves encouraging
1. Kelly Wallace ‘05 married Thomas Kelly on November 21, 2020 in an intimate church ceremony followed by a reception at their new home in Avon, Conn. 2. When asked to reminisce about favorite Lehigh memories, Jodi (Landau) Ryan ’85 called out bed races as a particular favorite. Here she is in the spring of 1982 with the Theta Chi brothers. From left to right: Don Carver ’85, Brad Mitchell ’85, Jim Morabito ’85, Scott Kennedy ’85, Ray Held ’85, Bob Borowik ’85; row behind: Joe Hancock ’85, Kenny Litwin ’85; foreground: Scott Burghoff ’83 3. Pete Hilaris ’83 and friends have found new connection opportunities during the pandemic over Zoom. Here he gathers with classmates Kendra Jones, John Perri, Pete Pietrucha, Karen (Stein) DiVerdi, Geoff Ziegler, Mary Frances (Donley) Forcier and Cheryl (Miller) Scarzello. 4. Peter Hilaris ’83 poses for a picture during a hike with daughter Alexandra, wife Janet, soon-to-be daughter-in-law Luciana and son Nicholas in Acadia National Park. 5. Dick MacAdams ’46 poses with a flag with the class motto “En Avant.” Dick wrote the class column for the 12 years before his passing in December 2020, and he always ended the column with that encouraging phrase.
large-scale investment in commercial real estate.

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One of the things I’ve enjoyed about assuming the reins of this column from David Morrison three years ago has been the opportunity to reconnect with classmates I knew while at Lehigh. An additional bonus has been connecting with so many members of the Class of ’73 that I never knew as an undergrad.

One of those members, Randy Hull, recently sent an email stating, “I think this is my first alumni note ever... it only took 48 years!” Randy and his wife are currently living in Houston but are planning to relocate back to Pennsylvania later this year. The Hulls have two daughters; one a psychologist living in Philly, and the other a cardiologist living in New Haven, Conn. Randy retired in 2018 after 35 years in the industrial gas business and 10 years in energy/LNG/power generation. He is also an amateur writer on the subjects of politics, capitalism and U.S. history. He spent his first year of retirement writing a book titled “Political Malpractice in America: Republic at Risk.” Randy has received endorsements on the book from fellow Lehigh alumni, including Michael Smerconish ’84 and Charlie Dent ’93G. Randy remarked that one of the few positive outcomes of the pandemic has been that about 15 to 18 of his former hallmates from McConn House (one of the Centennial Living groups) now gather twice each month via Zoom to reminisce and check in with each other. He says the group is planning a mini-reunion this September when they travel back to the campus for the Lehigh-Princeton football game.

John Swartwout reports that he is living in Watervliet, N.Y., and works as a section chief and environmental engineer at the New York Dept. of Environmental Conservation in Albany. His division is responsible for managing state and federal superfund and brownfield cleanup sites. In 2018, John spent a week as part of a delegation made up of descendants of the original Dutch settlers in Albany who traveled to their sister city, Nijmegen, in the Netherlands. According to John, Nijmegen is the oldest city in the Netherlands, and “we visited everything from Roman ruins to World War II military cemeteries.” John has also been a very active volunteer, serving as corporate board president of the Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership Seminars of New York; secretary of the Kiwanis Club in Latham; and a member of the Vestry of Trinity Episcopal Church in Watervliet. John says he plans to retire in a couple of years but has no plans to leave upstate New York.

Geoffrey Krystal and his wife, Ellen, celebrated their 41st anniversary this past March. Their marriage was blessed with three children: Becky, a Washington Post reporter and mother; David, Lehigh ’07, a Los Angeles orchestrator with film credits to his name from movies like “Hidden Figures” and “Shazam”; and Ben, who teaches at the International Bilingual School in Hsinchu, Taiwan. After 31 years in Richmond, they moved to the D.C. suburb of Dumfries, where Geoffrey retired in 2019 from his position as professor of medicine and chief of the hematology/oncology section at the Richmond Veterans Affairs Medical Center. Prior to that position, he served for 31 years as a cancer researcher and clinical oncologist on the faculty of the VCU School of Medicine.

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

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This story illustrates a little-understood tool in the class columnist’s bag of tricks: insulting your classmates.

My reminder two columns ago that “In case you haven’t noticed, we’re old. Don’t go to your grave unacknowledged in the Alumni Bulletin” finally drove Rick Muir to write me after decades of procrastination. And he had an amazing story to tell.

I hope more of you take the hint.

“…I have always enjoyed your Lehigh Dispatch entries,” he wrote. “Over the years I have sympathized with your plight in reaching out to classmates for tidbits of information to share. Many times, I added a line item to my to-do list to write, but as you know, never did.

“But now your reminding us that we are old has finally prompted me to comply with your request. Although honestly, I do not feel ‘old.’ Anyway, here goes . . .

“Upon graduating from Lehigh, I embarked on a 38-year career with PricewaterhouseCoopers, an international accounting and business advisory firm. Although I traveled a fair amount on business, my work offices as well as residences remained in the NYC/Tri-State metropolitan area. I married in 1975, and together with wife Janie (a Moravian alum) raised three wonderful children. We lived in New Jersey for close to 20 years, and then in Connecticut for another 20 years or so.

“We had a small farm in Conn., on which we assembled a collection of domestic and farm animals, many of them rescues. Horses, donkeys, goats, potbellied pigs, cats, dogs and a few others made up the crew. In addition to lots of activities with our children and the farm, I was a NY. Jets season ticket holder for almost 40 years (please, no jokes), regularly frequented Yankee Stadium and also managed a few hockey games at Madison Square Garden each year.

“But then a few years ago, having retired in 2012 and seen our kids all move westward, Janie and I decided to head that way as well. So, we packed up the cats, dogs and farm animals and moved the entire gang to rural Wyoming, where we now have a small ranch at the base of the Wind River Range of the Rockies. The animals love it, and with substantial assistance from my son-in-law (a native of Wyoming, and former wildlands firefighter), I have pretty much reinvented myself recreation-wise. I have replaced attending NY. sporting events and tailgating with outdoor and back-country wilderness activities, including hiking, camping, boating, snowmobiling, ice fishing, hunting and more (although truth be known, I still regularly listen to NY. sports talk radio and watch the Yanks and Jets—yes, we do have internet here in Wyo.).

“To top it off, one daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter live just across the field from us. Our other daughter is not too far away, in Colorado, and our son and his recent bride are a bit farther away, in Nebraska. We all manage to keep in touch often.

“All-in-all, no complaints how life has played out.”

I love it. OK, geezers, who’s next?

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Our class reunion has been canceled again because of COVID concerns. Lehigh cannot be too careful during this pandemic. By mid-summer, things should look a lot better due to the vaccines. Our next regularly scheduled reunion will be our 50th in 2025. Can you believe it?

Because we won’t be together this June and because this column is in need of some variety, I thought I would write...
about my affinity for Lehigh University. My hope is that my statement about Lehigh will spur you to send me your thoughts about Lehigh for our class column.

It is obvious that we would not be where we are today in our life’s journey without having attended Lehigh. Although Lehigh is not perfect, I feel very, very fortunate to have attended Lehigh and to continue to be associated with the University. I met my wife, Valerie (Smith) Hirsch ’83, through Lehigh. She graduated from Lehigh after we left, and we met through the D.C. area alumni activities. We were married in the Lehigh chapel, and one of our sons went to Lehigh. Lehigh changed my life in so many positive ways and is a large part of our family experience.

My four years at Lehigh, though not without struggles and disappointments, were a learning, enlightening, rewarding and fun experience. I was fortunate to have been taught by great teachers like Joe Dowling, Alex Waldenrath, James Frakes and Gil Stengle, who all instilled in me a desire to learn more and discover meaningful and exciting aspects of life. The education I received at Lehigh launched me to desire further schooling and on a tough but rewarding 40-some-year journey practicing law.

While at Lehigh, I was fortunate to have been coached by Thad Turner ’61 and Gerry Leeman, two great Lehigh gentlemen, who treated me like every other wrestler on the team even though I was not accomplished and helped me develop more wrestling skills than I thought possible, but who also taught me some great things about life.

I feel blessed by all the Lehigh friendships I developed—among my freshman-year dorm mates, the freshmen I met as a Gryphon, my fellow Gryphons, my wrestling coaches and teammates, university administrators and my classmates. Many have been lifelong friendships. What a wonderful thing that has been.

And I didn’t even want to attend Lehigh. Growing up near Annapolis, I came to detest the obnoxious Lehigh wrestling fans when I went to cheer on Navy. Lucky for me, my uncle, who was a high school guidance counselor, convinced me at least to apply to Lehigh. I remember sitting in my parents’ car while they drove me to Bethlehem to drop me off for our freshman year, looking out on the parched farm fields in Pennsylvania, thinking, “I am really going to hate this place.” Nothing could have led up being further from the truth.

Lehigh gave me a feeling that I was valued and allowed me to grow into a young man. After my parents, those at Lehigh helped me build the foundation for my life. For that, I will forever be grateful and appreciative.

What does Lehigh mean to you? My hope is that you will want to share your story about Lehigh. Please send me your thoughts. Your classmates will want to hear from you. And don’t forget to “like” our class Facebook page run by our great classmate Jeff Sherman. It can be found at: facebook.com/lehighseventyfive?ref=ts.

Mark E. Goehring, 10 Princeton Drive, Shamong, NJ 08088. (609) 841-0389 (C); MarkGoehringLU76@gmail.com; Look for me on Facebook! “2020” COVID-19 continues to play into our lives: Reunion 2021, our 45th, was canceled till 2022. The good news is now it will be Class of 1975, 1976 and 1977 all bundled into one “wild and crazy” weekend. We all have great friends from both classes, and our class organizers will make sure we have a group gathering or two!

Armin Valhinger and his wife, Christine, packed up and left South Jersey after 27 years to live in Malvern, Pa., closer to three of his children and three grandchildren, in addition to a place in St. Augustine, Fla., close to his daughter, Kerry. Armin retired from a company that morphed through BF Goodrich/Geon/PolyOne/Mexichem after 42 years. Many of us had one of those “morphs”!

Armin is Sigma Chi, and the Sig brothers have been gathering at Pete’s Tavern on 19th Street in NYC for many years with many Sig classes. With COVID in 2020 that was canceled, and they are diverting to a park gathering in North Jersey for refreshments and reminiscing. I can remember my first intro to the Sig house, as we were in their bar watching the Munich Summer Olympics and the controversial U.S.A. basketball loss to the Soviet Union ... tempers were quite high! My blood pressure is going up just writing about it again!

Some of the regulars at the Sig gatherings are Dr. Sandy Crape, Gary Jackson ’78, Mark Rickert, Ken Cooke and Jim O’Donnell ’77. Gary has retired from an executive position with an oil company in Texas and now has a 100-acre farm with his wife outside Pittsburgh. Heck, let’s have reunion there! Dr. Sandy Crape still enjoys his dental practice in Fairfield, Conn. His wife, Karen (Kent) Crape ’77, still consults in interior decoration. Jay Rich has lived with wife Cindy in Hamburg, N.Y., and retired in 2019 after a career in logistics. Mark Rickert’s financial firm was bought by a bigger Wall Street firm, where he was paid nicely and stayed on the payroll. Jim O’Donnell is VP of HR for a manufacturing company in Warrington, Pa., and enjoys family at the Jersey Shore. Jeff Bigach is a CPA and lives with his wife and son in Nashville.

Tony Rocco has been in the Army for several tours and advanced to sergeant major before his recent retirement.

In other news, I received an email and read about Marty Baron retiring from The Washington Post as executive editor. What an adventure Marty has been on his entire life. I met Reid Wilson from The Hill some years back, and he told me Marty is one of the best newspaper editors to come along in the last 30+ years ... LA Times, Miami Herald, Boston Globe, and to finish with WP! Wow! Ha! I am guessing Trump wore him out! Great to see all these retirements and all living and enjoying our twilight times with family and friends ... in spite of COVID. Cheers to all!
governance at the New York City Department of Education. He reports that “this job has been one of the most challenging and rewarding of [my] career, supporting 1.1 million NYC students transitioning to remote learning in March 2020 and then returning to school (as least part-time) in September 2020. [I] was part of the IT team that managed the work to procure, set up and distribute over 450,000 internet-enabled devices to students so they would have the appropriate technology to participate in remote learning.”

Scott lives in New Providence, N.J., “with his lovely wife (third time’s the charm).” His three children are in California and his four stepchildren are spread across the East Coast—Washington, D.C., Philadelphia and N.J.

Lynn (Reisteter) Newbould wrote that she had planned to retire in 2020, but left retirement to start her own business, and join the COVID challenge. Newbould, Love Sourcing Strategies LLC (newbouldlove.com) was founded in March 2020. She reports that “we provide support and outsourcing strategy support including budget negotiations to cutting-edge small biotech clients. Our largest client is Adagio Therapeutics, a company that is currently conducting three COVID clinical studies and has the front-runner monoclonal antibody candidate that neutralizes the virus plus all the variants, something no other antibody can do. Every day I work to support these studies and advance this antibody, which will save multiple lives. Retirement can wait as I’m actively involved in the most important work of my career.”

Not too soon to start planning for our 45th Reunion! That’s right ... pretty hard to believe. Right now, Lehigh is planning for Reunion 2022, on June 9-12, 2022, and the Classes of 1977, ’76 and ’75 will be invited to celebrate their respective 45th Reunions together on-campus and offering cluster class dinners. Stayed tuned ... lots more info to follow as the year goes on.

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Greetings, classmates! With 2020 now hindsight, I hope by the time you read this, your lives will be back to normal, and not just “the new normal.” I’ve been happy to see many of you posting that you’ve been vaccinated against COVID-19. However, given the time lag in producing this column, a lot of the news still relates in some way to the ‘rona.

Steve Collins owns Coast Brothers Janitorial Service in Pinellas Park, Fla., which sells janitorial supplies, and a related website, buwitbyhecace.com. Although Coast Brothers struggled during the pandemic, the internet business picked up some of the slack. With enough money to pay his own bills, Steve decided to help local artists by hiring them to paint original murals on his company’s four box trucks. The brightly colored murals feature sea life, including a turtle, a grouper and a pair of bottlenose dolphins. You can see the turtle mural, which I think is stunning, and a link to a news article about Steve in our class Facebook group, facebook.com/groups/Lehigh1978.

Rob Nahigian of Auburndale Realty in Newton, Mass., usually has news of traveling all over the country teaching and lecturing on commercial real estate topics. Last fall and winter, though, with large in-person gatherings still not possible, he spent a lot of time ... teaching and lecturing on commercial real estate topics to audiences all over the country via Zoom. In addition to speaking to real estate agents, he gave a class on entrepreneurship at the Boston Architectural College. I thought the title of his talk to the Seattle Commercial Brokers Association was particularly appropriate for 2020: “Chaos and Calamity with Logistics/Supply Chain Industrial Real Estate.”

Maryalice (Surdovel) Moroz was planning to travel in 2020, but well, you know, pandemic. She had to cancel a trip to Ireland to see her daughter compete in the World Irish Dance Championships, and another to Tennessee to see both of her daughters compete in the North American National Irish Dance Championships. In addition, her oldest daughter’s wedding, originally scheduled for last October, had to be rescheduled for this October—her fingers are crossed. A bright spot for Maryalice has been riding twice a week and volunteering at her local therapeutic riding center, Special Equestrians of Warrenton, Va. She says, “Horses are awesome!”

In January, Alice (Levin) Lenthe retired for the second time, from the position of environmental health and safety (EHS) director at Villanova University. Previously she retired after 31 years at Merck, ending her position of executive director, EHS for North America. Now she’s ready for some fun.

Howard Andrews is living in Hershey, Pa., and working for AMP/Tyco/TE. He describes himself as “not retired yet, but on the way.” A hobby is running, and late last year he finished his 50th marathon. All six of his children are out of the house and off to real jobs around the world, in Alaska, Maryland, Vermont, near him in Hershey, and in Sweden.

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

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Mark Layton wrote during February that he retired from Collins Aerospace (formerly ARINC) in Annapolis, Md., in July 2020, after 21 years of service. Mark was managing a team of network and systems engineers providing air-ground data communications for commercial airlines. The ARINC network is a vast, worldwide system using VHF, HF and satellite links to provide coverage around the globe. Mark noted that retiring during a pandemic was weird as he hardly ever saw a soul for quite some time. However, he is enjoying having time for hobbies such as steam engines, photography and ironwork.

Barry Glickman checked in to share this update. “After nine months of working remotely while in quarantine in New York, we relocated to sunny South Florida for the winter. Thirty miles from my office or 1300 miles, the law practice workday remains the same ... far too long. Though, I must say, it is nice to have the opportunity to be outdoors. I am wrapping up my second and final term on the Lehigh University Alumni Association Board of Directors. It has been very fulfilling. In addition to other LU volunteer work, I am continuing to help to build the Lehigh Lawyers Association, an affinity group focused on developing a social, business, educational and professional network, assisting legal professionals to remain connected to Lehigh and giving back to Lehigh through its support of its faculty and mentoring students interested in a legal career. We are proud to have produced a vir-
tual/on-campus event in April in partnership with a professor who teaches an undergraduate constitutional law class and LU’s Center for Career & Professional Development.”

Lori Southworth was featured in a donor spotlight article at lehighgoblet.com (“Get your fill of all things Lehigh”). The article was written in recognition of Matching Gift Month and noted Lori’s steadfast participation in the IBM matching gift program. This article also includes a nice group photo from our class reunion. Check it out!

Gail Price has been recognized as a 2021 New Jersey Super Lawyer in the Land Use/Zoning category. You can find her at Price Meese Shulman & D’Arminio P.C. in Woodcliff Lake (or hanging out at Lehigh from time to time).

I would like to thank two fellow alumni for helping me to get through this past winter in good spirits. Barry Hamlette sent me links to register for several of his virtual concerts sponsored by libraries and other organizations. I enjoyed his vocal and guitar performances, sharing good music spanning decades. I also bought a Kindle version of one of Rich Earl’s ‘80 “In the Hollow” devotionalals, which I was reading daily for three months. Thanks guys, for cheering up my winter.

Since Craig Buhrendorf told me he could not find this page, I am sharing the link with you that I gave to him. To find our class page on Facebook, you can go to https://www.facebook.com/groups/finer-79er/?fref=nf

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Vince Fagan retired after 40-plus years in aviation. He spent over 30 years as an Air Force pilot, and 22 years as a pilot for a major airline. He finished the last 10-plus years of his career as a senior manager at the Federal Aviation Administration. The legacy continues as his son, Alex, was just awarded his Air Force pilot wings in December at Columbus Air Force Base in Mississippi, the same base at which Vince had received his wings 39 years earlier. Vince and Caroline finished building their retirement home last year on a cove in Churchton, Md., which he describes as “Mayberry on the water” where everybody knows everybody, and they all watch out for each other. Vince says hi to all his Lambda Chi Alpha brothers, and to stop in anytime for crabs and beer.

Mike Newbern and his wife, Liz, moved to Bethlehem, Pa., this summer. Mike retired from coaching and teaching but will be working for an insurance company, and Liz will be working at a rehab center. They are very happy to be back in the Lehigh Valley!

Frank Scattone runs the official football statistics crew at Goodman Stadium. Frank was one of 482 people who attended Lehigh’s first regular season football game occurring this past winter. He gives credit to all of the coaches, the athletics facilities staff and the athletics administration. Through their efforts, in addition to holding a football game, they have been supporting all of the other spring and winter sports and their athletes to navigate the new protocols to have practices and games since January. While the game against Holy Cross was a loss on the scoreboard, it was a win for Dean of Athletics Joe Sterrett ’76 and his staff.

Bob Schultz has a new address, 4240 Campbell Drive, Bethlehem, PA 18020.

Ted Bahr just became a grandfather and is looking forward to seeing baby Margaret without having to wear a mask. Meanwhile, Ted is shipping vintage psychedelic rock posters from the late ’60s worldwide out of the Bahr Gallery in Oyster Bay, NY. He is keeping himself plenty busy.

I wish the best to all my classmates. ’8-O! GO! GO! ’8-O! GO! GO!

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

Jennifer Miller continues to be very involved with Lehigh as one of the directors of the Wall Street Council affinity group and its subgroup, the Women of the Wall Street Council.

“We didn’t let the pandemic stop us from holding our 14th annual Financial Services Forum for the students,” she said. “Usually, we bring 60 or more alums onto campus on a Saturday [in the fall] to speak about various opportunities in the financial services industry. This year we split it up into nine weeks on Wednesdays via Zoom.

“Personally, it was a busy year. The small firm I worked for in N.Y. for nine years was bought by Cleveland-based MAI Capital Management. They wanted a N.Y. flagship, of which we are the base. I continue with my role as an international equity portfolio manager, and I am co-chair of the newly formed MAI Women’s Network as the firm makes a push for greater diversity. I still live in Manhattan but spend a lot of my time in Larchmont in the warmer months racing my sailboat, Goldilox, playing tennis and kayaking. That gets rounded out by playing the violin and quilting in the winter. I’m always in touch with my roommate (it doesn’t matter that it’s been 40 years, she will always be my roommate after living together for three years!) Betsy (Farb) Wertheimer. She and her husband, Scott Wertheimer, recently moved from Chicago to Park City, Utah. I also recently spoke with my freshman roommate, Tami (Scherer) Huckfeldt, who is doing well in New Jersey.”

Greg Manion married his high school sweetheart a year after college; job changes and promotions took them from New York to Rhode Island then to Wisconsin back in ’94. Greg has four grown daughters ages 26 to 33. Two are married, and his first grandchild was born in early 2021. His oldest daughter is an attorney—and is married to one—and they are both in private practice and very happy with their choice of profession.

Anne Marie (Blackler) Reynolds spent most of her career in the airline business, building data analytics solutions. She worked for Continental Airlines in Houston for many years, and then became a consultant with BKS Consulting, after the merger with United. Her firm has managed to keep afloat despite the pandemic, with a lot less traveling, and a lot more work from home. The brightest side is that her two children live in Houston, with their families. She has three, almost four, grandchildren, so it has been a treat being around home more often.

Geno Curran retired as lead mechanical engineer from Tobyhanna Army Depot up in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania and is now working part-time with CACI International as liaison between Tobyhanna and Army Research and Development facilities. He and his son, Kevin ‘14G, started Curran Brewing Company. It is a small three-barrel system microbrewery near Moscow, Pa. As they mainly produce kegs for sale at local
establishments, the COVID-19 lockdowns have not been great for business, but both are hanging in there and hoping 2021 brings along the big comeback.

**Ann (Dragoumis) Murtlow** has settled in Indianapolis with her husband of 34 years, Jim. After graduating from Lehigh, Ann enjoyed a 30-year career in the electric utility industry with Bechtel Power Corporation and AES, which took her from the Washington, D.C., area to London, England, and then back to the U.S as president and CEO of Indianapolis Power & Light Company, where she was recognized as Large Utility CEO of the Year in 2010 by Electric Light and Power Magazine. After nearly a decade at IPL and after deciding to stay in Indianapolis, Ann launched a second career in the nonprofit space in 2013 as president and CEO of United Way of Central Indiana (UWCI), the fifth-largest United Way in the nonprofit’s vast $3 billion global network. She has been deeply involved in U.S. network strategy and execution. UWCI was the first organization in the country to launch a community-wide COVID Economic Relief Fund in March 2020, a move that received national attention in philanthropy circles. In December 2020, UWCI was a recipient of a $25 million transformational gift from billionaire MacKenzie Scott, one of only 384 nonprofits out of 6,400 evaluated. In her spare time, Ann also serves on the boards of directors of two public companies: Evergy, Inc., and Wabash National Corporation. Ann and Jim have two grown children. Ally (30) is a national channel sales manager for a UCaaS company, Dialpad, and lives in Chicago. Tyler (26) is a financial analyst for Ford Motor Company and lives near Dearborn, Mich. Mama couldn’t be prouder but is ready for some wedding bells and grandchil-
dren—neither of which is likely in the near future! And about the pandemic? Being able to work remotely has given Ann, Jim and their 12-year-old puggle, Brooklyn, the opportunity to spend all winter in Naples, Fla. Not too shabby!

Stan King called me from his villa in the Cayman Islands to announce the exciting news that he has formed a fund investing in cryptocurrency—mainly Bitcoin, Ethereum and Dogecoin. Leave it to Stan to always be at the forefront of the latest investing craze.

Keep your emails coming for my column. I hope you have all been well.

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Happy summer, Class of ’83! As you read this, it is my hope that everyone is safe and healthy, the craziness is almost over, and everyone is venturing out and seeing people. I was thrilled to receive some news to share.

**David Thomson** reported that the Class of 1983 Scholarship has grown to over $82,000 as of June 30, 2020, and assists a junior computer science and business major from Brooklyn, NY. Thank you to all classmate who have contributed to this scholarship over the years. David also mentioned that the Lehigh University 2019-2020 Endowment Report listed 23 members of the Class of 1983 as Tower Society members. Our classmates have been generous to Lehigh.

**Peter Hilaris** wrote: “My son, Nicholas, is working in the city, remotely of course, and just got engaged in October. They are waiting for 2022 till things are safe. My daughter, Alexandra, is working as an ER nurse at Mt. Sinai West, so keeping busy. “As far as others, we have kept in touch better this past year than in many years with Zoom. Our last gathering in-
cluded: Pete Pietruca, living in Manhattan; Geoff Ziegler, living in Philly; John Perri, who just moved back east from San Diego to Amish Country, Pa., close to Carol (Adamcek) Ellis. Also had Kendra Jones, via the Los Angeles area, and Kris Kwakil from Texas, whose son also just got engaged, Cheryl (Miller) Scarzello from up in Vermont, Karen (Stein) DiVerdi from up in Boston and Mary Frances (Donley) Forcier from Virginia.”

**Brad Parkes** wrote: “Nothing new for myself; I remain self-employed as an insurance broker here in Wayne, Pa. Working from home is nothing new; I’ve been working from home for 30 years. My wife, Terry, retired in July, and we are adjusting to her being home while I’m trying to work! I’m sure we are all adjusting to working from home with our family members!

“My oldest son, JB, works in Radnor, Pa., for e-Money, as a programmer. Our daughter, Kristen, had her ‘COVID wedding-1’ in November here in Wayne, for a small crowd of family and wedding party. We hope to be able to celebrate ‘wedding-2’ in October for our extended family and friends.

Our youngest, Brian, is finishing up his senior year at Penn State, studying mathematics. Not sure if he’s going onto grad school for his Ph.D., or looking for a job. If anyone is looking to hire a math major, please call me!”

I have run into Ray Glenson in Sea Isle City, N.J. But with COVID lockdowns I have not run into any other classmates.

Enjoy your summer and fall and please send me your news and any pictures you want to share. I am looking forward to seeing people and attending Lehigh events this fall. We will be tailgating again and are looking forward to reconnecting with everyone.
according to your means. Even a little amount helps, as it shows other contributors and institutions how engaged we Lehigh alumni are.

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

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I mentioned to my son, who is a recent Lehigh grad, that I used to love to go to the pinball arcade in Bethlehem, and he said there was no pinball arcade there now. It got me thinking about favorite memories from my Lehigh days. I asked a few people from our class what they recall fondly, and the responses were a delightful trip down memory lane.

Lynn Anne Miller said she loved getting dressed up for Saturday afternoon cocktail parties at the fraternities. “This was such a great tradition—it’s really a shame it died out. It was so interesting to see professors and administrators socializing with students in quite a refined atmosphere! And one of my biggest regrets is I never thought to take a photo of my Palmer hallmates and DG sisters trudging up the Hill in high heels!”

Lynn Anne went on to say, “I treasured the close relationships we enjoyed with faculty and staff—whether in the classroom, office hours, IFC cocktails, via The Forum or at the language houses. I wonder how much of that tradition of student-faculty-admin social interactions continues today. To me, it was the most special thing about Lehigh.”

Jodi (Landau) Ryan added, “Greek Week was always such a great time at Lehigh! Everyone was excited and having fun. Greek eating and pie eating contests, bed races down the Hill and around Deadman’s Curve (not like they do it now on a straightaway), and more! Halloween was also something I look back fondly on—so many creative group costumes! And sunrise cocktails—the ultimate training for networking in the business world!”

Julie Anderson Rakestraw mentioned how she loved football games in the old Taylor Stadium. “Tailgating in the parking lots beforehand was fun, but the best part was having everyone go to the games. Getting dressed up for IFC cocktails on Friday was so much fun too. I also appreciated the location of Wawa near the Engineering Library, which made for very convenient study breaks.”

Caroline Power Gangl said, “As a poor freshman, I enjoyed getting dressed up with my hallmates on Dravo A3 and some of the guys from A2 to go to Chez Rathbone! It was nice to be together in a different setting, taking as long as we wanted to eat our dinner.”

Caroline (McAdam) Obora fondly recalls “Get Smart at Mart—studying in the basement all night, the basement computer room with Engineering 101 programs, Tally Ho dinner, and sunbathing on the beach in front of the University Center.”

Tina-Marie (Trovato) Oravetz remembered, “There was a vintage clothing store on 3rd St. that I loved called Fol di Rol. I loved sitting in Linderman under the dome or in one of the window seats to read. Spent a lot of time at good ole Wilbur Drama workshop and the costume shop in Chandler Ullman. Cocktail parties on home game days also a favorite!”

Carol (Martin) DeSimone cited “cocktails, football games at Taylor Stadium, Goosey Gardner and the Bridgeworks.”

Ned Bancroft recalled “Selecting your trout at Spring Valley Inn. Kibitzing with the WWII tail gunner that owned Purity Beverage distributor. Hiking to the Star. First date with Bonnie (Winokur) Bancroft was a tour at the brewery, and we were both hung over.”

Roy Borgeson remembers celebrating his 21st birthday at Manny’s. “Yup ... it was a ritual ... such a nice owner. Smart folks (and we got into Lehigh, right?) knew this would be an all-day commitment. Like a 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. kinda thing ... and of course y’all gotta shoot pool too. Coming off the J. Geils concert Feb. 21, 1984. Billy Abbott ’86 (same birthday as me) and I successfully fulfilled our mission ... long live Uncle Manny’s.”

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Looking for “Lehigh University Class of 1986” on both Facebook and LinkedIn.

“Somebody I wear pajamas in the daytime” (Crash Test Dummies) commenced much earlier than expected, with the work-from-home bit, since March 2020.

Following stints at American Express and Virgin Mobile, David Trimble is executive vice president, commercial operations at FirstView Financial, with executive oversight of strategic channel partnerships, leading product management and marketing.

“You know, after all these years, I realize (Dave) I hate your call for ’86 news because it reminds me how boring my life is (Derek de Bastos),” Derek is eight-plus years as chief technology officer at EchoStar Satellite Services, Englewood, Colo. Derek and his wife were electrical engineer majors, as is their son, Ricky, who completed his junior year at the Air Force Academy. Derek notes if you added up his first five Lehigh semesters’ GPAs, it would equal Ricky’s kick-arse GPA. Derek’s middle child, Kaytie, finished her Penn State freshman year, leaving daughter, Gia, finishing up high school. See you at Jazzfest in New Orleans, Derek.

Ted Rudel ’87 and Ellen (Villegas) Rudel recognized their 30th anniversary, but postponed the celebration until it is safe to travel; they recently downsized their home, moving to Morristown, N.J., from Spartan, N.J. Their son, a software developer with General Motors in Atlanta, graduated from Stevens Tech. Their daughter is earning her Yale doctorate in environmental engineering. Ellen has a new gig, marketing with Teva Pharmaceuticals in Parsippany, N.J. Ellen has been socially distant dining, hiking and biking with Sandy (Bevan) Ritchey, Sue (Zavesky) Morris, Lisa (Fauci) Keenan, Dave Huber and Susan (Peper) Boudreau.

John Marren is socially distantly celebrating 14 years with biopharma CSL Behring, having watched the company grow fourfold. Keeping it bearable, John enjoys paddle tennis, skiing and golf. (John didn’t indicate if that was some sort of triathlon or if he does these things separately; with John, you never know.)

Many of us met friends for life during our undergrad years. Unfortunately, “for life” has no set definition.

Alpha Phi’s Carol Zuckerman passed away this past winter. Carol was a first-grade schoolteacher in Davie, Fla., but had previously lived in Paris, France, as well as California and Maryland.

In December 2020, we lost Marc Unger. Marc was one of our classmates I met early in the fall of 1982 and stayed friends with thereafter. If you had the good fortune to have befriended Marc, as well, I need not tell you of his vivaciousness, empathy, sense of humor, sense of adventure, sense of curiosity and wondrousment, sense of intrigue and sense of intellectualism. It’s hard to forget Marc’s smile and his laugh. Marc’s love for Lehigh
was embraced by his wife, Suzanne, and their daughters Morgan '17 and Ryann '20, so it’s fitting they’ve established a memorial scholarship in his honor (https://bit.ly/3bl31jm). Marc was such a great guy; the limits of this space don’t allow me to do him justice. While we march on, he remains in our ranks.

“She blinded me with science. And hit me with technology” (Thomas Dolby). At the behest of his wife, Fred Glick took a 23andme test, only to be connected with his birth mother (who also took the test), and ultimately his birth father. Having been adopted, Fred only knew his loving adopted family. Over the course of a year, Fred has met each birth parent’s families, and it’s been a storybook story. Oceanside, Calif.-based, Fred is president of Amergent Hospitality Group, Inc.

This has been column No. 100 for me, for those of you keeping score at home.

“...I guess I’m here to stay. Till someone comes along and takes my place. With a different name, oh and a different face” (Joe Cocker).

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It seems like things are finally getting back to normal, or the new normal. Lehigh did resume sports this spring and even played football. Lots of us are getting vaccinated as states open up vaccinations to the 55-plus crew. Who ever thought we would be in that group? We are venturing out to Phillies games, gatherings and getting on planes again. By the time you read this, hopefully things will be more open and back to the way they were “before.” We are all burned out of Zoom and the virtual world.

I recently spoke to **Jill Tirnauer**. Jill is leaving D.C. after a 20-year stint and relocating to South Orange, N.J. COVID isolation made her realize she wanted to be closer to friends and the New York area that she has missed. She is job hunting and consulting and hopes to work in the nonprofit field. Cannot wait to see Jill and have her closer to us all in the New York area.

**Brad McGowan** and I also had a chance to catch up. Brad spends a lot of time in Siesta Key, Fla., with the love of his life, Melissa Gray, and they have some exciting news planned (the column guidelines won’t let me say, but stay tuned). Brad is enjoying Florida and all it has to offer but also comes up north to the New York/New Jersey area.

**Kathy (Duggan) Trimble** and her husband, Dave Trimble ’86, recently became grandparents to Maggie Trimble Petersen. Their daughter, Caroline, had the baby in March 2021. Congratulations! Perhaps we have a future Lehigh alum. Kathy and Dave are enjoying their new little bundle and being indulgent grandparents.

**Jon Ansbacher** recently retired from Ernst & Young. Jon joined the company right out of college and had an outstanding career. He is enjoying his retirement and enjoying time with family and his cats. Jon’s friend Mike Cyan (not an alumnus himself, but husband to Jacqueline (Cordaro) Cyan ’88 and father of Gabriella ’18 and Michael ’23) provided the update.

**Ted Johnson** participated in a September 24, 2020, virtual seminar sponsored by the National Society of Black Engineers’ Lehigh Chapter. Johnson, who graduated as a civil engineer from Lehigh, later earned his master’s and doctorate at the University of Virginia and works at NASA’s Langley Research Center in Hampton, Va. Ted is the director of the Structural Mechanics and Concepts Branch, supervising the analysis of aerospace materials and structures and ensuring their fitness for space travel. After joining NASA in 1993, Johnson climbed the ranks until his most recent promotion in 2014. In the virtual seminar, Johnson said that black engineers face a distinct challenge in the workplace, where racism and bias still prevail. “You can’t let it bother you,” he said. “You can’t change other people’s minds, but if you can do good work, you will move forward.” Ted is an inspiration to engineers at Lehigh and is a true rocket scientist.

Please update me on what is happening in your lives and any event that brings Lehigh alums together. Let’s hope that the fall allows us to engage once again in the community that we all love. Looking forward to it.

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A huge shout-out and thank you to **Dave Best** for stepping up and writing the last column. I’m going to be handing over column responsibilities to Dave but promise to step in and write a guest column from time to time.

The last year has certainly been interesting. I’m thrilled to be vaccinated and on the mend from a few broken bones. Had dinner with Karin (Verkooyen) Curtis ’90 and **Keith Curtis** this week—it was so wonderful to dine out, inside a restaurant—and got to see pictures of their new grandson, Lucas. I cannot believe we are firmly in the grandparent age range.

I also heard from another high school and Lehigh classmate, **Mike Zink**. Mike and Teresa (Kent) Zink ’89 moved back to the U.S. after 10 years abroad. What started as three to four years in Singapore was extended by another six in Germany driven by Mike’s work at Evonik Industries. He is still working for them. The company asked him to relocate to their new office in Philly last summer, allowing them to move back to Paoli, Pa. They loved their experiences overseas, but with both kids in college on the East Coast, it was a good time to get back home. The Zinks are now all Lehigh family members! Their daughter, Anna, is a sophomore studying history and elementary education. She also joined the university choir where Teresa and Mike met. Dr. Stephen “Doc” Sametz was excited to have a “choir granddaughter” (his words, and not his first). Their son, Henry, graduated from Fordham in psychology and theology and is now in the Lehigh College of Education pursuing a Ph.D. in school psych. I think this means we have a good chance of seeing the Zinks at the next reunion!

**Kim Kassar** and his wife, Shauntel, reside in Lincoln Park, N.J., with their two kids, Joey (18) and Tia (16). Kim specializes in personal bankruptcy while trying to help debtors save their homes and operates his own law offices in Fairfield and Florham Park, N.J. He also serves as the municipal prosecutor for the Borough of Lincoln Park. And when he is not working, or spending time with the family, Kim is an owner and participant of Tak Driver TV and bowhunts all over the world. You can watch him on the Pursuit Channel.

I recently had some time to catch up with **Roger Tashjian** and **Tom Johnson** to talk about real estate and set up our own referral network. All three of us have started real estate businesses in the last couple years focusing on different markets in the tri-state area. Roger, wife Jen, and their children, Matthew and Olivia, call Ordall, N.J., home. Matthew will be graduating from Lehigh this spring. When Roger isn’t working at Bergen Realty Team, or his marketing company
(201Marketing.com), or being an ad hoc professor at Lehigh, during the summer you can find the Tashjians enjoying their home in Lavallette, N.J.

Tom “Tojo” Johnson recently left the corporate marketing world/Mastercard and is pursuing his passion for photography and transforming his photographs into digital artwork. Check out his stuff at Tojo Artography on FB. On the real estate front, Tom is “back home” working at Brown Harris Stevens in their Westport, Conn., office. And congratulations to Tom and his fiancée, Liz, on their upcoming nuptials!

As for me, I’m busy trying to help clients find homes in Monmouth and Ocean counties in N.J. With the exodus from NYC, the market has been hectic, but I’m enjoying it and lucky to get a few clients settled over the last year. If you or anyone you know wants to live closer to the beach or is looking for a great place to land in N.J., reach out (sellwithlandinnj.com). If you need a real estate agent in North Jersey or Connecticut, Roger and Tom are ready to assist.

It has been an absolute pleasure being your class correspondent these last 30 or so years. I have no doubt Dave will do a fabulous job and that he would welcome any news or guest columnists along the way.

P.S. I hope to see many of you at the Jersey Shore this summer, and a reminder, Lehigh/Lafayette is a home game, so plan to join the fun!

Editor’s note: Thank you, Kellie, for 31 years of service to your classmates and the university. Your love for Lehigh shines so brightly through your words and the connections and lifelong friendships you’ve shared over the years. We will miss you!

A hearty welcome to Dave Best, who steps in here to fill Kellie’s shoes. Please share your news with him at dave@bestcollege-consulting.com.

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Baylor Chapman is thrilled to announce the publishing house Artisan will release her new books series called “Living with Plants.” The three single-subject books (“Home Sweet Houseplant,” “Project Succulent” and “Tabletop Gardens”) are adapted from her two previous books “Decorating with Plants” (2019) and “The Plant Recipe Book” (2014). “Plants make our lives so much better by bringing calm to an environment, cleaning the air, and even adding ‘soul’ to a home. Hoping that my new books provide some inspiration to plant experts and newbies alike,” she says.

Adam Gottbetter and I recently connected as our boys both attend Tulane University. Adam and his family moved to Boca Raton, Fla., in 2014. He builds select service hotels in south Florida. He also co-founded the fastest-growing background check company in the U.S., Vcheck Global. He also serves as an advisor to several family offices on private and public company transactions. Adam is in contact with Peter Coker ‘90, Andrew Baker ‘90 and Thomas Grossman ‘88, and he recently visited with Gregg Wolfson during a visit to LA. He also bumped into Brad McGowan ‘87 at the Boca resort last year.

Mark Hertzberg is living in Owings Mills, Md., with his wife, Randi, 13-year-old daughter and two dogs. They have three older sons (25, 20 and 19)—two in California and one in Wisconsin. Mark is president and owner of registered investment advisory firm WBH Advisory.

Charlie Persko’s acting career is in full swing, and in February he shot a scene on HBO’s “Succession,” season 3, episode 5, where he played the fifth shareholder to speak up in a shareholder meeting. In March, he shot his very first guest star appearance on “Blue Bloods,” season 11, episode 14, which aired on Charlie’s birthday, April 30. And back in 2019, he appeared in “Fosse/Verdon,” episode 2, next to Sam Rockwell in the “Damn Yankees” rehearsal scene, and “City on a Hill,” season 1, episode 4, in a “walk and talk” with Kevin Bacon and Aldis Hodge.

Kelly (Eckbreth) McVey and her husband, Jim, are living in Boxford, Mass. She is a senior project manager at Liberty Mutual Insurance supporting various IT projects across multiple international markets. Their oldest daughter, Katherine, graduated from Babson College in May 2020 and started her master’s program at NYU in integrated digital media in January. Their youngest, Sarah, is finishing her junior year in high school remotely.

Brett Paddock and his wife, Maria, had their second daughter in January. Pierce Cohalan and his wife, Sarah, welcomed River Fox Cohalan, also born in January. Pierce is an elected judge for Suffolk County, a JAG for the Army and a ferry boat captain for Fire Island. Lorraine (Trezza) Miller has relaunched her gratitude app, gratitude-tobliss.com/app-refresh. This has been a difficult year for many, and likely a good time to reflect on the positive and show gratitude for our health, family and friends.

Finally, congrats to those of us who have kids graduating from Lehigh in May! My daughter Marlee; Wendy (Klein) Gracias’ daughter, Gabrielle; Greg Wilson’s son, Mac; Jim Hausmann’s son, Jim; Chris (Barner) Seymour’s daughter, Samantha; and Andrea (Romantini) Holland’s daughter, Gavrielle.

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Well, another year and another canceled reunion. So much for me running around Bethlehem trying to get news for this column! I guess our 35th will be that much sweeter.

Staring at a blank page, I reached out to my Alpha Phi pledge class, and they did not disappoint!

There is now a grandma in the house! Karin (Verkooyen) Curtis and her husband Keith Curtis ’88 finally have a baby boy after raising four daughters. Their oldest delivered the little guy in February, and his new aunts are thrilled. Their youngest is at Penn State, the third is a paralegal for the Manhattan DA, and the second is also in NYC as a graphic designer at the Discovery Channel. Never a dull moment with that wonderful family.

Donna (Haviland) Casazza can be found in Middletown, N.J., minutes away from Karin, Tina (Reynolds) Haviland and Toni Smith Hemphill. She and her husband have three children and believe none of them want to attend Lehigh because “all of our stories scared them away.” Her oldest son is a freshman studying engineering at Virginia Tech, the middle boy is a high school senior and will attend West Virginia, and their daughter is a freshman in high school.

Tina is married to Donna’s brother and they have two sons—a senior and a sophomore in high school. She continues to work in product development for beauty companies and has been consulting for the past nine years.

Tracie (Galena) Vizza lives in Plymouth Meeting, Pa., with her son, 13, and daughter, 17. This has not been a fun year for any student, but it’s been even more stressful for high school
seniors trying to figure out college. However, her daughter was quick to rule out Lehigh for being “way too steep.” (Tracie probably loaded her up with textbooks and made her walk up to her freshman dorm room on the third floor of Drinker.) Tracie owns her own law firm with five other attorneys, where they primarily defend health practitioners and hospital institutions in Pa. and N.J.

Also in the Philadelphia region working as an attorney is Meredith Seigle. Home is in Gladwyne, Pa., with her husband of three years. Meredith now works part-time on “fun” cases and manages two construction projects full-time. Her only daughter is about to graduate from the Huntsman Program at UPenn and will then head to NYC, where she’ll be working in investment banking and finance. She plans on leaving her COVID puppy at home with her lucky mom.

Sam (Leff) Dorf and Bryan Dorf have been married 28 years. This has resulted in two boys, one a recent finance grad from Lehigh, now working in NYC in IT consulting, and the other junior at Ithaca College, where he plays soccer and is majoring in exercise science. Last year they sold their home in Westchester County, N.Y., and moved to North Stamford, Conn. Bryan’s medical practice is in Stamford, and he was redeployed to work at Phelps Memorial Hospital treating COVID patients during the lockdown last spring. (Thank you, Bryan!) Sam is a director of operations for Northwell Health.

Connecticut is Catherine (Barnes) Neligan’s home state as well. She is in Ridgefield with her husband and three children. The oldest daughter is a high school senior, their second is a sophomore who is currently practicing for his driver’s test, and the third is finishing seventh grade. Cat lamented that there are many, many sports with many, many practices. She keeps busy volunteering and involving herself in local town issues, occasionally writing news articles and press releases for town organizations and groups.

Jennifer (Schindler) Lowitt is an attorney in NYC and commutes from Riverside, Conn. She and her husband have three kids, a son who is a sophomore at UVM studying health policy and emergency medicine, a second boy who is a junior in high school and a daughter who is in seventh grade busy preparing for her bat mitzvah.

Caroline (Busch) Packman and her husband have just returned to NYC for his work during the pandemic ... after living in Los Angeles for 23 years. With two boys ages 16 and 12 plus a new dog, what could possibly be stressful about that? Welcome back!

Beth (Hershman) Lachtman and her family are in Westchester County. Their oldest son is a junior at Syracuse University, where he spent most of the school year quarantined in his fraternity and studying information technology and communications. Their youngest is a senior in high school and headed to the University of Wisconsin this fall. Beth has been teaching preschool for 12 years. She previously taught kindergarten in NYC and then took a 10-year hiatus to stay home with the boys.

Corey (Schreiber) Marello checked in from Short Hills, N.J. Life is full for her, her husband and their three children. Their oldest son graduated from University of Southern California and is currently working in San Francisco as an investment banker. His younger brother is a junior at USC attending remotely but enjoying the Socal lifestyle. The youngest daughter is a sophomore in high school studying hard while wearing pj’s. Corey retired from practicing law when she started a family but has returned to school to become an integrative health and nutrition coach.

Julie (Rupprecht) Gravatte has three “amazing” daughters and an empty nest near Williamsburg, Va. Her oldest daughter graduated from the United States Naval Academy in May 2020 and is now in Jacksonville getting ready to deploy with the British Royal Navy for a trip around the world. (That is so cool you may want to read that sentence again.) The twins are sophomores in the Corp of Cadets at Virginia Tech. Julie wrote that she is “not sure how all three of my girls ended up doing the military thing, but I’ve become a big fan.” Julie received her MBA after Lehigh, and when her kids were in school full-time, she joined Ferguson Enterprises doing commercial real estate for the last 15 years.

Jenny (Wynett) Cope has called Colorado home since 1994 and now lives in Boulder with her husband and three kids. Their oldest is a sophomore at Northwestern studying journalism, and the twins are seniors in high school. Jen is an accountant working for nonprofits and is currently the CFO at U.S. Center for SafeSport in Denver.

And last but never least is Sandra (Longo) Durante, checking in from Bergen County, N.J. Her oldest son is a freshman engineering major at Lehigh, and when she had to log into the school’s parent portal, Sandra ended up looking at her own student transcript records. She said that “sadly, I remember doing much better than I actually did.” I think that is true for many of us! Her middle daughter is a junior in high school, and her youngest son is in eighth grade.

After graduation she did production and merchandising for about 10 years in the fashion/garment business, and then after her children were born, she worked part-time on and off for years. About two years ago Sandra started working with her husband, doing the financials and operational back-office “stuff” at his engineering consulting firm.

At the end of 2020 Sandra was diagnosed with breast cancer that was treated with a lumpectomy and radiation. She has been sharing her story to remind women to get their annual checkups and screening because her literally saved her life. During this time when so many of us are avoiding doctor’s offices and hospitals because of COVID, please make that appointment if you are (over)due. We are wishing her all the best in her continued recovery.

Diving right in with thanks to all who’ve so kindly sent me news, knowingly or not!! Keep the emails coming, especially if you want to see your name highlighted here!

Nikki (Fish) Nudelman and her husband live in Boston and have two daughters. Both had their bat mitzvahs in the last year—one the weekend corona hit the U.S., and the other by Zoom in January. Nikki has been volunteering at the food pantry and delivering food to the elderly since last March. It has definitely kept her sane this last year.

Cori (Mason) Berger and her family relocated from NYC to Aspen during COVID. Their youngest, who recently had her bat mitzvah, is in school in Aspen, and they all seem to be enjoying the change of pace. Her oldest son is a senior at Penn, and her middle son is a freshman at Michigan.

Susan Lanter Blank had dinner with Stacey Winter
and Dana Susman recently. Stacey’s and Susan’s kids are in school together in NYC, so they get to see each other all the time—well, they did when going to school was a thing. Maybe by the time you read this, enough people around the world will be vaccinated and life will be headed back to (the new) normal. Dana is a lawyer at Kane Kessler and has two college-aged kids.

Brett Sherman founded a new law firm, Sherman & Ticchio, in February. The firm, located in New York but able to help people across the country, serves individuals with inaccurate credit reports and background check report issues.

Congratulations to Stephanie (Gitkin) Hawk, who recently celebrated five years at her startup, Cobalt Digital Marketing. CobaltDigitalMarketing.com 

Holly (Hoffman) Ash and Michael Ash live on Long Island, where they both work in commercial banking. Their older son, Derek, is living in NYC and is a CPA working in the ESG Group at Deloitte. Their younger son, Alec, is a senior at the University of Michigan and after graduation will be working at Raytheon in the Boston area.

The Moss family just surpassed three years living in the Minneapolis suburbs. Mike Moss works at UnitedHealth Group as senior director of talent analytics and research, helping company management identify and address opportunities to create a more engaged and productive workforce. He and his wife, Tisha, a Minneapolis native, are enjoying the relatively slower pace of Minnesota and loving every minute of raising their two girls and boy: Davi, 13; Addie, 11; and Tate, 8. Coaching or managing teams, and chauffeuring their two travel soccer studs and budding football star give them more than enough to do when humans are allowed to congregate, so Mike and Tisha are making the most of the extra time allotted by the quarantine (often doing nothing and enjoying it).

Thank you, Lisa Wagner-Sandhaus, for this update: “On a recent trip to Colorado to visit family and colleges, I had the joy of spending the day with Christina Kiffin, an accomplished photographer. The week before we met, her work was published three times with two articles in the Sunday New York Times and a book called ‘A Bite of Boulder.’ ‘A Bite of Boulder’ is a collection of more than 40 recipes from Boulder’s favorite restaurants along with stories of the dishes and the people behind the food. More information about her and her beautiful work is on her website, ChristinaKifffenphotography.com, Amazing work. Great job, Christina!”

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Hello all, I hope that you are truly enjoying this summer and are doing well. It’s been a while since our last update, so let’s get right to it.

Scott Kornfeld says, “The Lehigh tradition continues!” His and Pam (Goebel) Kornfeld’s ’93 oldest child, Jeremy, will be in the Lehigh Class of ’25! Scott, Pam, Jeremy and younger brother Drew (Lehigh ’27?) reside in Westfield, N.J. They keep in close contact with Paul Witte and family. Other classmates also reported that their children are part of the Lehigh family! Marcy (Solomon) Baker’s daughter, Samantha, is graduating in May with an IE degree and will be a fourth-generation grad! Marcy’s father and grandfather are Lehigh grads. She is the pediatric medical director for Baycare Medical Group in Tampa, where she lives with her husband, James Baker. Jennifer (Owczarek) Steele and Don Steele’s ’93 daughter, Erica, is a freshman on the Lehigh field hockey team!

Others also shared college news. Tyler Tomlinson and his wife, Sarah, live in Doylestown with their five children. The oldest children are starting to look at colleges, and hopefully, Lehigh is in their mix. Adam Maze’s daughter, Rebecca, is a junior at the University of Florida College of Nursing. The family is extremely proud of her accomplishments thus far. Their son, Ryan, who was just accepted to UF, will most likely be pursuing a career in sports medicine when he starts in June. Michael Moriarty is happy to be back with Disney as president of Hong Kong Disneyland. He will be an empty nester soon with his son heading to Hampshire College and his daughter to boarding school in the U.S. He wishes everyone a healthy and prosperous Year of the Ox!

Alan Calderon and his wife live in Springfield, N.J. Their daughter is a freshman in the University of Delaware hospitality program. Their son is a sophomore in high school at the Academy for Information. After about 20 years in the real estate securities industry, Alan is currently the CFO for a digital imaging company in Springfield. Between spending time with kids and having worked in Manhattan, he has not been back to Lehigh as often as he would like.

Jon-Henry Barr provides an update to his last update. He was named to Insider NJ’s “Insider 100 Cannabis Power List.” Six years of hard work eventually paid off: A November 2020 statewide referendum to legalize was approved by N.J. voters, and signed into law by the governor. JH says although an unexpected pursuit, it has been the most worthwhile and rewarding political endeavor of his life. Now, he resumes his 20-year municipal prosecutor career “by focusing on real crimes, rather than wasting time on a joint found in someone’s pocket.”

Peter Corbin and his wife are still running Corbin’s Crusaders Sports in NYC and Westchester (25th year)! Since the pandemic shut them down in 2020, they returned and helped to run Camp Robin Hood, one of the few COVID-safe bubbles in the country, and had a mask-free New Hampshire summer! Lehigh Pikes enjoyed laughs together during regular Zoom Thursday pub nights last spring. The following ’92 classmates attended: Mike Sirak, Sean Foy, Steve Feller, Shawn Masterson, Mike DeNie, Frank Shepard, Paul Biondi, Matt Lemp, Chris Weitz and Bryon Rubin, as well as many from other classes.

Chris DeAngelis reports that he moved to China 15 years ago. He runs a business helping global technology companies to build and grow their businesses in China, complicated by trade wars and global politics. When not in China, he spends his time in Fort Lauderdale. He enjoys playing golf with his daughters (ages 13 and 9).

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Greetings, friends. I hope you and yours are well. Reading the Bulletin always makes me think of new beginnings. These might include new jobs, moving to a different part of the country, helping kids start college or perhaps graduate and jump into that first job, new relationships, or new experiences that keep us engaged with the world and each other. Please keep us posted on the “new” in your lives.

Maurice Malfatti is married to Meghan, and they have two young children, a daughter, Auguste, and son, Loch. They split their time between
Glenside, Pa., with her 16-year-old daughter and 15-year-old son. A lawyer by training, she is currently trying her hand at grant writing instead of practicing law and has been writing grants for the West Philadelphia Alliance for Children (WePAC), which works to open libraries in public schools in Philadelphia previously shuttered due to school district budget cuts. In July 2020, she was appointed to fill a vacant seat on the Cheltenham School District Board of School Directors. Jenny says, “Joining a public school board in the middle of a global pandemic has proven to be an interesting challenge!” She has kept in close touch with several ‘93 alumni, including Suzanne Lind and Adam Sucov (who are married), Parul Mehta and Wendy (Marian) Sutaria, all of whom live in New Jersey.

Phil Saliba is a managing director at Deutsche Bank and heads the firm’s restructuring finance business. He resides in southern Connecticut with his wife and three daughters.

Sean Markey leads Arcadis North American Rail Practice from an engineering perspective. He reports that he and his wife of 27 years, Kimberly, are “enjoying [our] children, who have transitioned to adults.” Son Casey (23) is finishing up his chemical engineering degree at the University of South Florida, and daughter Ashley (26) is working for Henry Schein. They reside in Ponte Vedra, Fla. As the former captain of the Lehigh golf team, Sean enjoys golfing with his family when they have the opportunity. He reports that he sees Megan Eves and Matt DeMarco ’97 as they are at the same firm and collaborate on a somewhat regular basis.

Chris Andujar and his wife, Melissa, live in Mooresville, N.C. Chris and Melissa met in Army ROTC at Lehigh (she graduated from Cedar Crest). They have three older children, a 16-year-old son, and they are guardians to their daughter-in-law’s 16-year-old brother. Melissa is a senior risk analyst for Wells Fargo, and Chris works for Ion Carbon & Minerals, LLC, a coal, carbon fuel and mineral company. They enjoy spending time on Lake Norman.

Brad Nelson and his wife Judy (and their business partners) recently celebrated the eighth anniversary of Two Rivers Brewing Company in Easton. Two Rivers (https://wwwtworiversbrewing.com) is a full-service brewpub and brews all of their own beer, usually 14 taps. Two Rivers beers have won numerous awards at international competitions, and their food has won local awards. They opened a second location in Quakertown, Pa., in September 2019 inside the Trolley Barn Public Market.

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Lori (Montemurro) Goldstein sold her first adult historical fiction book, “Love, Theodosia” (releasing November 2, 2021, from Arcade), a Romeo & Juliet for Hamilton fans with an imagined love story between Theodosia Burr and Philip Hamilton, set amid the pivotal election of 1800. This is Lori’s fifth novel, joining her first four

‘96

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Hello, Class of ‘96! Virtual cheers to 25 years! Although our reunion is being postponed until next year, it promises to be even better as we will have all the surrounding graduating years there too. It will be the most epic reunion yet, as you not only have our awesome Class of ’96, but you’ll have friends and classmates from a few extra surrounding years!

For those of you who haven’t joined in on the fun, please join our group on BrightCrowd. More and more classmates keep adding their information, and it is fun to peruse the site and see where everyone has landed. About 100 of our fellow alums have logged in, please join them! You can find the 1996 Bright Crowd community today by visiting lehigh.brightcrowd.com/1996!

There is no news to report, so this report is short and sweet. Please send me information for the next Bulletin!

‘97

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I hope that 2021 has been a wonderful year thus far, and that the Class of ’97 is safe and sound. We are certainly in an interesting time, and I cannot imagine Lehigh life—24 years ago—in the midst of a pandemic! I am grateful for the experiences and the memories of those unfettered days. As such, it has been

in that area for the last eight-plus years after moving from the NYC metro area. He wrote that if anyone is in the Burlington area and looking to grab a beer to watch Lehigh-Lafayette in the fall, please look him up.

Glenna Stone recently marked the 10-year anniversary of her interior design firm. Glenna Stone Interior Design is a Philadelphia-based award-winning interior design firm creating interiors that are a harmonious marriage of beauty, function and lifestyle. I was able to spend a few minutes on her website and was impressed with her absolutely beautiful work. Her website is glennastone.com.

Stay well Class of ’97, and please do not forget to keep me updated!

‘98

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I hope that this finds you enjoying the summer. Despite all the changes this year, Lehigh was still able to play Lafayette in their 156th meeting at Lafayette on April 10. It won’t be too long before we will all be at tailgates for the 157th meeting at Lehigh in the fall. It was great to hear from many of you who have not shared news previously. Please keep the news coming!

Christopher Miller writes that he has started a new job at Stantec as associate/senior project manager as an architect in their Philadelphia office.

Vin McCaffrey is the CEO of Game Plan, a leader in athlete education technology. His company and InXAthlete recently merged to help create the most comprehensive athlete development and career services solution. Game Plan’s roster of more than 250 organizations includes the NFL, NBA and over 200 collegiate athletic departments. Two Lehigh alumni, Cody Ferraro ’14 and Max Wessell ’16, are founders of InXAthlete.

Jonathon Babek writes that
he recently moved to Hong Kong with his wife, Lawren, and two children. They are opening a new veterinary clinic with specialists in internal medicine, Chinese medicine and hospice.

Francisco Anselmi moved to London in the summer of 2020. He joined Melissa & Doug, a toy company, as director of operations for the EU. For those of you who live in London or work in the same industry, feel free to reach out to Francisco.

Yvonne Bleam notes that she moved to a startup biotech, TG Therapeutics, to lead the commercial training department.

Jeff Stoll writes that he joined KPMG as a partner/principal. He is the national leader for life science strategy consulting for deal advisory and strategy (DAS). DAS provides a range of strategic and operational consulting services largely supporting Fortune 500 companies and private equity firms.

Bill McQueen and his wife, Caroline, are living and skiing in the mountains of Evergreen, Colo. He runs his own fund, Quarter Horse Capital, and his wife is a Realtor at RE/MAX. He runs his own fund, in the mountains of Evergreen, Colo. He runs his own fund, in the mountains of Evergreen, Colo.

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Please take a few moments to contact me with an update about yourself or about a friend in our class. Feel free to send me an email, a text or check out our Facebook page. I look forward to hearing from you soon!

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Greetings, Class of 2000! It’s shocking to think about how much the world has changed since March 2020. COVID-19 has impacted the world in ways we never thought possible. I know we all desire a sense of normalcy. My prayer is that you and your families are all safe, happy and healthy.

I am excited to report that classmates have checked in with updates.

In late 2020, Gregg Hilzer became a partner with the firm of Pashman Stein Walder Hayden, P.C., based in Hackensack, N.J. He “focuses his practice on cannabis law, white-collar criminal investigations, complex litigation and regulatory matters. He was also recently named co-chair of the firm’s Cannabis and Hemp Law Group.” Gregg, his wife and two daughters reside in Hoboken, N.J.

Jeremy Smith and his wife, Sarah, welcomed their third son during the pandemic. Zian now joins his older brothers Jack (4) and Rhett (2). The family resides in Hershey, Pa.

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7, and Tessa, 4. She also shared this testimonial. I share it in hopes that it encourages anyone who may be facing similar challenges:

“When I was pregnant with Tessa, we learned she had spina bifida. It was so scary. We were sent to CHOP for a whirlwind of appointments and were candidates for open fetal surgery. So, at 23 weeks on January 20, 2017, we had surgery together. They closed the hole in her back while I was still pregnant with her. I had to stay in Philly near CHOP (away from my husband and son for the most part) after that for weekly appointments and to be safe. I did get readmitted at about 31 weeks, and she was delivered at 34 weeks, on April 6 that year. She had a 19-day stay in the NICU and a surgery at about five months old, but she is doing amazing. She walks independently and is a sassy, stubborn little girl. There will always be extra challenges, but we’re glad we had that option to give her the best shot. I share this in case it can help anyone else going through the scary diagnosis days when pregnant and all the information and choices are thrown at you.” Thanks for sharing, Jill, and for encouraging others who may be going through this.

Chris Neu wrote in an update, too. He and his wife, Colleen, are expecting their first child, a baby girl, in July. They’ve been working from home since March 2020 and, he adds, his Lehigh hoodies have been a staple in his “work attire.” Chris works at Merck and is the process development lead for Molnupiravir, a COVID-19 treatment in Phase II/III clinical trials. He writes, “[I am] hoping this with the other great vaccines and Phase II/III clinical trials. He has actually been working in the office eight out of the last 12 months. He lives in Scranton, Pa.

Stacie Brennan wrote in, too. And it seems she just couldn’t shake her love for Mountain! Stacie joined the staff at LUAG about a year and a half ago as the inaugural curator of education. She shares that they have been working hard to make the collection of over 17,000 works of art accessible to both the campus and the community through a variety of exciting exhibitions, programs and resources. If you’re in the area, check her out!

The next update is from Heather (Tomasetti) Kaufman. Heather is the co-founder and chief innovation officer of Full Circle Brands, three better-for-the-world brands in the areas of housewares and consumer goods, including Full Circle Home, Soma and the upcoming For Good. She started the business with a friend while living in Shanghai, China, about 12 years ago. She’s also a mom to three amazing kids.

Paul Kaser and Erica Shusterman Kaser ’04 bought a home in River Edge, N.J., in April 2020. Paul is the director of college counseling and career relations at the nearby Bergen County Academies, one of the top high schools in the nation. Their six-year-old daughter, Eliana, keeps them busy and loves visiting the Lehigh campus!

And last, but by no means least, is Meron Mengistu ’03 ’08G. Meron was featured in the Spring 2021 Lehigh Biological Sciences Newsletter. Check out why she chose Lehigh (twice!) and what she’s been up to at lehigh.edu/~inbios/News/newsletter/2021/2021Alum Spotlight.html.

Well, that’s all folks! I’m super grateful for all of our classmates who took time to pen updates for me to share. Thank you! And if you’re reading this and know you haven’t shared what you’re up to in a bit, consider sending in your update for my next column. Looking forward to hearing from more of you all next time!

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It has been well over a year since the world was stopped because of the pandemic. It has been a slow walk back to normalcy. Thankfully, brighter days are ahead for us. If you have any news to share, please reach out to me by email. I love to share your updates. Till next time.

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I guess I’m an old soul, because in the world of social media, streaming and on-demand everything, I so enjoy the opportunity to slow down and get to dig deeper into what’s going on in someone’s life. That’s why I am especially appreciative of Kelly Wallace, who sent me a wonderful update on her life!

Kelly was spurred to write to announce her marriage to Thomas Kelly on November 21, 2020. “The original wedding plans included a ceremony at Packer Chapel on campus, with a reception in The Grand Ballroom at Historic Hotel Bethlehem. The COVID-edited celebration included an intimate church ceremony followed by a reception at our new home in Avon, Conn., which we moved to in August from Boston, Mass.

I decided to keep my maiden name, although I am hearing a lot of ‘Kelly Kelly’ these days,” she joked.

Sidebar: Can I just say how impressed I am with all of you who have taken a major life event this year and done a COVID-pivot?

Kelly has worked for Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital-Needham as a senior major gift officer in the Office of Philanthropy for the last five years. Before that she worked with “MDLIVE, on the partner development team selling telemedicine (access to the provider networks, as well as the software to health plans); as the director of marketing at Consumer Medical, a medical decision support company—and as a fun fact, the founder of the company, David Hines ’84, went to Lehigh also; and before that I worked in the Office of Philanthropy at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center.”

Kelly not only keeps Lehigh near and dear when she reminiscences with her older brother, Christian Wallace ’03, but she keeps in close touch with many of her Lehigh friends. “Erica (Panis) Becker (Conn.) was one of my matrons of honor at my wedding. While Erica and some of my Delta Gamma sorority sisters are spread apart, we keep in touch with a daily text group and try and get together for reunions often, including a trip back to campus in 2019 with Jessica TERlecki (Colo.), Meredith Somers (NY.), Jessica Hochberg ’04 (NY.) and Emily (Danner) Posner (Md.),”

Kristi (Miller) Mahoney, JoAnn (Barton) Wislocki, Donna (Schaller) Linsalata ’04 and Samantha (Baxter) Eicher all live in the Boston area and threw Kelly a “socially distant and safe-during-quarantine bachelorette afternoon” when her planned bachelorette in Charleston, S.C., was canceled.

Kelly also mentioned that she is close with Suzanne (Aronow-
Hello from the Cayman Islands! I hope everyone is well! Throughout the pandemic, we have swapped our Wellies for flip-flops. The island is shut to tourists and there are no cases of COVID, so we are in a little bubble, which has its pros and cons, but we are making the most of it. Our daughter, Emi, is 2.5 years old as I write this in April. She’s adorable little girl named Birdie, who is 14 months old as I write this. He owns a popular restaurant on Nantucket called the Nautilus, which opened in 2014, and he and his team recently opened a new location in Boston’s Seaport District. The restaurants are built around the idea of a shared social experience and seek to provide a setting for guests to enjoy the interplay between food, cocktails and wine, as well as ambiance, energy and atmosphere. Sounds delightful!

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Rich Stein can’t believe it’s been 15 years! He’s married, and the couple have a three-year-old. They live in Jackson Heights, Queens, and he works for Disney Streaming Services as a senior software engineer on Disney+. I’m sure many parents reading this will join me in thanking him and Disney+ for helping us get through lots of long days at home!

Morgan Volkart ’06 ’0G had a baby girl named Gia in August 2020 in San Francisco. Busayo (Boosy) Odunlami and Maureen Brophy’s son, Preston-Rose Ibukunololuwa, celebrated his second birthday in September 2020. They live in Atlanta, Ga. And speaking of seconds, Michael Mormak and his wife welcomed their second baby boy in July 2020.

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Jayne (Carapezzi) Pillemir recently secured a book deal! Antonia Markiet at HarperCollins has acquired world rights to “Still Mine,” written by Jayne and illustrated by Sheryl Murray. The picture book is about the endurance of love after loss, and the comfort that comes from the memories that you keep with you always. Publication is scheduled for winter 2022, and a book signing at Lehigh will likely be in the works once the book goes on sale!

Thanks to everyone who sent me things to share—I love hearing from everyone. That’s all from our class for this Bulletin. Please send me your news anytime you think of it!

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Dear Class of 2008, my name is Olivier Lewis, and I am happy to serve as our new class correspondent. I volunteered because of my love of Lehigh. I studied there from 2003 to 2008, majoring in international relations, French and journalism. During my undergraduate years, I worked as a Gryphon and Head Gryphon, volunteered as a member of the University Committee on Discipline, dabbled as a DJ for WLVR 91.3 FM, and became a prominent member of the College Democrats, the French Club and The Brown & White. Other experiences of the time include three semesters with the ROTC and a semester abroad at the American University of Cairo.

Although as a freshman in 2003 I arrived from France, where my parents had retired, I was actually born in Fountain Hill, Pa., and spent my childhood in Hellertown, Pa. My father, David Lewis, was a professor at Lehigh in the 1980s, and one of my siblings, Nick Lewis ‘82, studied at Lehigh for a joint degree in mechanical engineering and liberal arts. He is an Alpha Sigma Phi alumnus. Although I spent most of my life since 2008 in Europe, and Nick moved to Wellington, New Zealand, in 2004, two of our other siblings still live in the Lehigh Valley.

I hope this column will reflect our class, serving as a medium to share news and memories. Please send me what you want to contribute at olivier.lewis@alum.lehigh.edu or via LinkedIn: linkedin.com/in/olivierlewis/.

Bobby Buckheit, lehighclass2009@gmail.com

At the time of this writing, we’ve been in lockdown for a little over a year now, and I have to say, I have been impressed by how active and engaged our class still is. Here are just a few things your classmates have been up to.

Lots of new additions to the Lehigh family recently! Brett Pelton and Lindsay (Salomon) Pelton welcomed a baby girl, Kholo Jade Pelton, on May 27, 2020. Andrew Kump and his wife welcomed Bodhi Lincoln Kump, born on October 1, 2020. Jessica (Gehl) Dow and Joe Dow welcomed daughter Eliza Leila on November 3, 2020. Tim Young and wife Sarah had their second child, Wyatt Alexander, welcoming him in December. This year, Stephanie Bujarski Eyer and her husband, Benjamin, welcomed Jackson Joseph Eyer into the family, born January 3, 2021.

Paul Schweitzer and Kimberly (Kushner) Schweitzer welcomed a baby boy, Leo Gale Schweitzer, on January 14. Tim Buirkle and Jennifer (Curran) Buirkle welcomed their third child, Anna...
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Buirkle, in February; the family now has three girls.

Also expanding their families: Dan Olson and Danielle (Clark) Olson in December, who reported, “We officially became a family of five, adopting foster daughter Kayla, who just turned 2 years old.” And Caitlin Katrinie Brown and Josh Brown ’08 moved to Decatur, Ala., three years ago for Josh’s job with Air Products, and on New Year’s Eve 2020, the couple adopted a baby, Joseph Isaiah Brown.

In marriage news, Victoria Hessler got engaged to Benjamin Downey. Additionally, some of our colleagues are making great things happen in the world! Stephanie Magnuson is in Sydney, Australia, working for Sea Shepherd, curbing marine debris and advancing public awareness of sharks/shark conservation. Also in Australia, Kristy Caltabiano recently enrolled at the University of Queensland to get a master’s of environmental management, and is hoping to pack up and move there this summer (COVID permitting). She’s accepting visitors in 2022! Finally, Arielle Lapp formally obtained her architecture license this year—congrats!

That’s all for now, keep the updates coming. As always, I love hearing from everyone!

Stay healthy, my friends. Nick

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Hope everyone is enjoying the summer! Marcela Zablah moved back home to El Salvador in October of 2020 after living in Madrid for two years, studying for her master’s at IE Business School. She is now back to working with her family creating brands and products in the consumer goods industry.

Kristin DeStefano and Adam Johnston got married on New Year’s Eve in a small wedding with their parents and siblings after eight years together.

Kyra Dragone moved to Seattle, Wash., and started at Seagen as the first manager of operational excellence in medical affairs.

Jordan Rowan moved with his wife, Gabriela, and daughter Lilo from Cape May, N.J., to Waterville, Maine, in the fall. Jordan is the opening General Manager for the Lockwood Hotel, a boutique hotel, restaurant and bar owned by Colby College and operated by Charlestonville Hotels. Jordan is thrilled to be leading the team on a project integral to the revitalization of Waterville’s downtown business district.

In November 2019, Jarrett Herold co-founded the company Electric Sheep Robotics. This year, their autonomous commercial mowers will actually be deployed at Lehigh! They will be partnering with Brightview Landscapes and mowing a large part of Goodman Campus this year with the robots. Follow Electric Sheep on LinkedIn for their latest.

Zach Hyder got married on April 25 to Chelsea Maymon, and they held their small back-yard wedding at their first home in Collegeville, Pa. Zach works at TGaS Advisors, a division of Trinity. Mark Whitmeyer accepted an assistant professor position in economics at Arizona State University and will move to Arizona in June with his wife, Kristin, and his dog, Scarlet, after the group had lived in Bonn, Germany, for a year. Congratulations all!
Hi all! Hope everyone had a great summer, is staying safe and is ready for the fall (aka Lehigh-Laf season)! Per usual, please continue to send me messages about any updates related to you or any other Class of 2013 alum!

In professional news:
Alexander Gault became a registered architect in New York State. Anne Marie Kercherberger presented research data on the effects of HIV medications (integrase strand transfer inhibitors) in women living with HIV at the Conference of Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections (CROI) in Seattle, Wash., as a medical student, graduated from Emory University School of Medicine, and published a first author research paper in Clinical Infectious Disease (CID). In 2020, she finished up her first year of internal medicine residency at University of Texas Southwestern in Dallas in June. She plans to stay in Texas for the next two years of residency training.

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

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Hi Everyone! Leah Paulson and Mike Ronan here. We hope you are staying healthy, and we are excited to share some updates with you all!

The first one is a personal update for me (Leah): I got engaged to Ben Dunmire ’16 in February! I stayed at Lehigh to pursue my master’s from ’14–15, and if it weren’t for Residence Life placing us as Gryphons together in M&M during that year, our paths as chemical engineering (Ben) and global studies (Leah) majors may not have crossed. So, thank you to the Gryphon Society for bringing us together and kicking off our love story!

Lissy (Warrick) Glover and Curtis Glover welcomed their first son, Gabriel Wilson Glover, in October 2020. Since graduating from Lehigh, Curtis has been part of the Whitting-Turner Contracting Company and is currently working on the City Ridge project in NW D.C. Lissy has been working in quality assurance at the gene therapy company REGENX BIO. She is currently working from home with her newest co-worker, Gabriel.

Feel free to email either of us any time (Leah at leahpaulson22@gmail.com or Mike at michaelronan214@gmail.com). We love hearing your updates!

Jordy Salcedo recently graduated med school, moved to Philadelphia and started his pediatric residency at St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children. Despite COVID, he has had the chance to visit campus a few times recently and see all of the new changes. He also joined the Class of 2016 reunion committee. He is always happy to provide advice and mentorship to anyone interested in the medical field.

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Megan Olivola, meolivola@gmail.com
Margaret Claire (Herndon) Brucher has had a very busy and exciting 2020 and 2021. She married Alan-Michael Brucher ’19 on August 15, 2020. Their wedding was small and intimate, and even included their cat, Charlie!

Additionally, Claire recently published her debut poetry collection, “Safer in the Pillow Fort.” Her love of writing has been around since she was little, and her love of poetry began during her time at Lehigh. Her senior year, she worked one-on-one with Professor Bob Watts to create an anthology of poems, many of which are featured in the collection. Her poetry has been awarded the Kachel Prize, featured in Lehigh’s literary magazine, and read out loud in a poetry reading and discussion event at the Bethlehem Area Public Library.

Claire says, “Safer in the Pillow Fort” is about fear. Hiding from it, thinking about it too much and looking for ways to mask it.”

“Safer in the Pillow Fort” is available on Amazon for purchase. Claire can also be reached through her poetry Instagram, @MargaretClaireB, or her website: margaretclaireb.com.

Editor’s note: Many thanks to Sabrina Moraweij for her six years as class correspondent. She shared her class’s story through the transition from students to alumni by offering personal glimpses and always had an array of stories. We are also pleased to welcome Alexis Parsells and Claudia Cohen as the new class correspondents. They can be reached at aparsells@elp-inc.com and claudiacohen10@gmail.com respectively.

From Alexis: “My name is Alexis Parsells, and I am thrilled to be a new 2019 class co-correspondent. I am always grateful for the professional path my studies paved, the lifelong friends I made and the life lessons I learned along the way. Over the past two years since graduation, I have been working full-time as a civil engineer for a small land development firm. I have been with my company, Engineering & Land Planning Associates, since I was an intern, beginning the summer after my junior year. I was lucky enough to find my ideal first job at the Lehigh career fair and have been expanding my experience ever since.

“I help clients plan and develop their land, whether it be residential, commercial or recreational land. At Lehigh, I was in the IDEAS program, focused on civil engineering and architecture. Both aspects of my educational background have set me up to excel in this line of work. For my engineering discipline, I took many classes on soils and geotechnical engineering, foundation design and construction management. The architecture studio classes really prepared me for my current work since I spend most of my days creating site plans.

“I started at Lehigh in M&M dorms and lived in the Trembley apartments as well. A lot of my time was spent with my
sorority, Alpha Gamma Delta, which was made up of some of the smartest girls I know. I had a great time living in the chapter house, serving as social events coordinator and volunteering. I was involved in theatre productions and open mic nights on campus and in the Community Service Office whenever I could. Lehigh University holds some of my most cherished memories and will always have a special place in my heart.

From Claudia: “Hi all! My name is Claudia Cohen, and I am Lex’s partner in crime as class co-correspondent. I am excited about this role, but more importantly, I am excited to be hearing from all of you on your life updates and publishing them in this column!

“Currently, I work at Porter Novelli, a N.Y.-based PR and marketing firm, where I focus primarily on digital advertising and social media. Due to the recent pandemic, I have found myself living between New York and Florida! I enjoy doing most activities, but my main hobbies include tennis, aviation, investing, golf and screenplay writing.

“I started my Lehigh career in the Williams dorm in the Lower Centennials and ended it at 311 East 5th Street. While attending Lehigh, I loved being: VP of business development and historian of Alpha Omicron Pi; the president of Lehigh Chabad; the president of the Lehigh Chess Program; the event organization lead of the Lehigh Fintech Group; and playing club lacrosse. I was lucky enough to have the opportunities to attend Lehigh Silicon Valley and Lehigh Costa Rica. I was a business-minded English major who earned minors in entrepreneurship and computer science. I cannot thank my professors, classmates, friends and mentors enough for the memories, knowledge and confidence they instilled in me during my time at Lehigh University.”

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Greetings, Class of 2020! As we move on to a hopeful 2021, I am excited to share some of my classmates’ notable accomplishments since virtual commencement last year. I wanted also to thank the Lehigh administration on behalf of the Class of 2020, for hosting an in-person commencement this May.

Keanna Ghazvini was promoted at Pfizer to senior associate while obtaining her master’s in health communication at Johns Hopkins University during the pandemic. Keanna was quoted in The New York Times as a spokeswoman for Pfizer. At Lehigh, Keanna studied journalism, communications and minored in health medicine and society and Chinese.

After graduating from Officer Candidate School in the Marine Corps his junior year summer, Jack O’Brien was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Marines after Lehigh graduation. After graduating from the basic school this spring, he is currently attending Naval Aviation School in Pensacola, Fla. Jack studied finance at Lehigh.

Both Kevin Loughlin and Palmer Ferrara graduated Lehigh ROTC. Palmer is currently in the armored division of the Army and is currently learning how to command and drive tanks. Kevin works in transportation for the Army; he is learning how to coordinate a fleet.

After graduating from Lehigh with a degree in mechanical engineering and a minor in aerospace engineering, Tyler Gram-igna began working at Williams International.

Leigh Friedman is also working at Pfizer on the research and development stability of the COVID-19 antiviral. She is using analytical techniques to characterize the antiviral drug under evaluation. Leigh earned her degree in biology at Lehigh.

After graduating from Lehigh with a degree in pharmaceutical chemistry, Olivea Vasquez is now attending graduate school at Tufts to pursue her Ph.D. in chemistry. At Lehigh, Olivea spent a lot of time conducting organometallic research in the Chen Lab. Now, she has joined the Clay Bennett Laboratory, where she will be working on novel flow chemistry techniques as they relate to carbohydrate synthesis.

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Lehigh juniors are still staying active and planning for the future. Eva Ehrich applied to about 30 internships for the summer. This includes several museums of natural science and production management internships since she is majoring in anthropology and economics with a minor in theatre. Though she might not get credit for them through Lehigh, she is looking forward to the experience.

As an Eckardt Scholar, Ehrich is also preparing for her senior year capstone project. She is hoping to do anthropological research in her hometown of Seattle.

Grace Enriquez serves as a youth representative from Lehigh to the UN, which means she is paired with a nongovernmental organization and advocates for them at the United Nations. In mid-March she was part of the Commission on the Status of Women event, where people from all around the world virtually discussed gender equality. They specifically focused on equity in Nigeria and how COVID caused an increase in gender-based violence since most resources were closed during quarantine. Enriquez says they are hoping to hold a similar in-person event at Lehigh next year, where other students would be able to engage in the discussion.

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Hello again, everyone! While the fall semester on campus at Lehigh was a difficult adjustment for many, the spring’s warm weather and reduced COVID cases on campus have been a sign of positivity for the future ahead. Faced with another major COVID outbreak at the beginning of the semester, and following some heavy restrictions on and off campus, the setbacks facing our campus community have yet to hold Lehigh students back from making the most of their freshmen experience.

The Class of 2024 proudly brought in the first group of students to study in the College of Health, where students can receive a bachelor’s of science in population health and a minor as well. There are a multitude
focusing on the unique aspects of life at Lehigh, many new freshmen arrived on campus for the first time starting in the spring semester. Unsure of what to expect, Jaclyn Sasson decided to stay remote for the fall semester because of the uncertainty of campus life and how COVID would be handled. Starting college off at home was difficult, and she didn’t feel as motivated without a library or being in an academic setting, as well as the lack of peers around her. After seeing Lehigh’s new protocols and increased testing regarding COVID, Sasson and her family felt comfortable for her to come to campus for the spring semester. Since arriving, life on campus has been much better than she expected. She was worried that finding a group of friends would be difficult and that she had missed out on forming initial relationships, but joining a sorority and meeting friends in her dorm have helped her feel like she fits in on campus. She says everyone was very welcoming and friendly toward her when she arrived, which is a testament to the kinds of people Lehigh students are.

Outside of academics and the social life on campus, most Lehigh freshmen typically try to get involved in a few clubs or extracurriculars. However, with a majority of clubs being held virtually or not at all, many have found it difficult to find and join organizations on campus. Despite the shift from in-person to virtual tours instead of April 30, 2021:

1940s
Charles T. Edwards ’41, Springfield, Va., Jan. 8, 2021. Mr. Edwards was a wrestler and Delta Upsilon brother as a student. He served as a pilot in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He went on to work for the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission.

John G. deGrouchy ’43, Princeton, N.J., March 26, 2021. Mr. deGrouchy was a Phi Sigma Kappa brother and a member of the football and swim teams. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He worked for Pratt & Whitney Aircraft for 33 years in various engineering and senior manage-
ment positions contributing to the development, production and service of commercial and military engines.

William A. Heck '48, Midland, Texas, Feb. 18, 2021. A veteran of World War II, Mr. Heck played football as an undergraduate. Professionally, he was a geologist and owned and operated Heck Exploration with his sons. His brother, Ted Heck, was a member of the Class of 1944.

William Heller '48, Forked River, N.J., Feb. 19, 2021. Mr. Heller was a veteran of the U.S. Army during World War II. He worked as a CPA for IBM World Trade.


David W. Rogers '48, Naugatuck, Conn., Jan. 13, 2021. A Sigma Phi Epsilon brother, Mr. Rogers interrupted his education to serve in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He worked for Uniroyal's footwear division, before going on to own and operate several businesses, including Liquor Bazaar.


Ethan A. Smith Jr. '48, Sammamish, Wash., Feb. 18, 2021. Mr. Smith was a veteran of the U.S. Army during World War II. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II and the U.S. Army during World War II. He spent nearly all his career with Bell Laboratories, focused on the field of semiconductors. He volunteered with the Senior Alumni Council and as a visitor's desk greeter. He was also a member of the Tower Society.

Spencer H. Collmann '49, Newtown Square, Pa., Jan. 17, 2021. Mr. Collmann was a Theta Xi brother and a member of the Marching 97. He began his studies before leaving to serve in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He retired from the Chilton Company. His brothers, Warren Collmann '43 and I. Reid Collmann '44, as well as his daughter, Lori Collmann Flowers '78, are members of the Lehigh family.

Robert N. Kendig '49, York, Pa., Feb. 2, 2021. Mr. Kendig served in the U.S. Army during World War II and the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was a mechanical engineer and designed a crane system used for loading and unloading ships, for which he was the patent holder. His son, Michael Kendig, was a member of the Class of 1974.

James T. Long '49, Chestertown, Md., Feb. 16, 2021. Mr. Long served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was president of Guy C. Long, responsible for many projects in the Philadelphia area, including the original King of Prussia Mall, Christiana Mall and Jefferson Hospital.

Pelligrino P. Porrarro '49, Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., Dec. 23, 2020. Mr. Porrarro served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a member of the track and football teams. He made his career with Prudential Insurance Company, culminating as president of district agencies and executive senior vice president.

Edwin D. Shackelford '49, The Villages, Fla., March 28, 2021. A Theta Delta Chi brother, Mr. Shackelford served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He spent 37 years working with DuPont as a project manager in the construction division of the engineering department. He spent another 12 years working for SECRCA in Pa.

Robert A. Vannerson '49, Concord, Mass., Dec. 22, 2020. A Sigma Phi brother and president, Mr. Vannerson's education was interrupted by service in the U.S. Army during World War II. After graduation, he went on to spend his entire 40-year career with Liberty Mutual Insurance Co., the last 15 years as a manager of the personnel development department.

1950s

Charles M. Close '50, Clifton Park, N.Y., April 3, 2021. Dr. Close served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He worked in industry but spent most of his career teaching at R.P.I., where he was a professor of electrical, computer and systems engineering. He chaired the department for many years. The Close Doctoral Prize is named for him. He also published three textbooks.


Andrew K. Morris '50, Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 25, 2021. Mr. Morris was a member of the football and basketball teams, and a Phi Delta Theta brother. He served in the U.S. Army in Korea. He owned and operated two Trane-franchised commercial sales offices, and sat on the board of the fledgling Trek Bicycle. For his illustrious career and community contributions, he was awarded the Alumni Award in 2015. He was a member of the Asa Packer and Tower societies.

Alfred W. Pettit '50, East Greenwich, R.I., Jan. 11, 2021. Mr. Pettit served in the U.S. Navy after World War II and the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict, and then for 35 years in the Army Reserve and National Guard, retiring with the rank of major. He also worked as a planning engineer for Western Electric for over 30 years. His daughter, Andrea Wittchen '01G, is a member of the Lehigh family.

Charles W. Ridinger III '50, Williamsburg, Va., Dec. 2, 2020. Mr. Ridinger was a Phi Gamma Delta brother and military veteran. He owned and operated a lawn care business.

Donald P. Schlegel '50, Bethlehem, Pa., Feb. 17, 2021. Mr. Schlegel served in the U.S. Army during World War II. As a student, he was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa honor society. He joined Bethlehem Steel, ultimately serving as assistant controller overseeing all operations of the steel plants before retiring. After leaving Bethlehem Steel, he was president of ABC Small Business Consulting Inc., and a business analyst for the Small Business Development Center of Lehigh University.


John H. Van Ness '51,
Jaffrey, N.H., Jan. 4, 2021. Rev. Dr. Van Ness was a Presbyterian minister, psychotherapist and teacher. His father, John Van Ness, was a member of the Class of 1923.

Arthur E. Bondy ’52, Walkill, N.Y., March 22, 2021. A Sigma Alpha Mu brother, Mr. Bondy served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He founded two manufacturing, import and marketing companies, and served as president during his 50-year career.

Robert E. Canfield ’52, Cold Springs, N.Y., Dec. 26, 2020. An Alpha Tau Omega brother and soccer team member, Dr. Canfield had a 50-year career in medical research, most of it at Columbia University. His focuses included the fundamental mechanisms of cellular protein production, bone metabolism and the origins of Paget’s disease, and the hormonal changes of pregnancy, ushering in a new field of investigation into previously unrecognized early pregnancy loss.

John O. Collins Jr. ’52, Englewood, Colo., April 20, 2020. Mr. Collins was a Pi Kappa Alpha brother and member of the Marching 97. He retired from Johns Manville Corporation.

Charles W. Dumont III ’52, Downingtown, Pa., Dec. 22, 2020. Mr. Dumont was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean Conflict. He worked for 30 years as a sales manager for Fearn Foods, a division of Kellogg Company.

Charles R. Durrell ’52, Chesterfield, Mo., Jan. 30, 2021. Mr. Durrell was a veteran of the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a member of the Marching 97 and the Glee Club as a student. Professionally, he worked as an electrical engineer, retiring as president of Durrell Security.

Charles G. Hutch ’52, Bethlehem, Pa., Dec. 31, 2020. Lt. Col. Hutch served in the U.S. Army in Korea. He worked for Bethlehem Steel for many years. He was a member of the Senior Alumni Council and welcomed guests to campus at the visitors’ desk for many years.

John H. Kerr ’52, Malvern, Pa., March 25, 2021. Dr. Kerr was a Sigma Nu brother and a veteran of the U.S. Army. He had a private internal medicine practice in Wayne, Pa., and was affiliated with the Bryn Mawr Hospital for over 35 years. His daughter-in-law, Jayme (Hyde) Kerr ’86, and grandson, Ian Kerr ’15, are members of the Lehigh family. He was also a member of the Asa Packer and Tower societies.


Gealy W. Wallwork ’52, Indiana, Pa., Dec. 31, 2020. Mr. Wallwork was a Chi Phi brother, as well as a member of the Marching 97 and lacrosse team. He worked for several mining and coal companies throughout his career. He was a trustee of Indiana University of Pennsylvania for many years.

Robert A. Abel ’53, Rockville, Md., Oct. 14, 2020. Mr. Abel was an Alpha Sigma Phi brother and member of the Mustard & Cheese Society. He retired from the Veterans Administration.

James P. Bond ’53, Beaumont, Texas, March 18, 2021. Dr. Bond was a Pi Kappa Alpha brother, as well as a member of the Glee Club and the tennis team. He practiced as a hematologist-oncologist for over 40 years.

George T. Crisp Jr. ’53, Bend, Ore., April 26, 2021. Mr. Crisp was a Theta Xi brother. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. He worked in education as an AP English and Humanities teacher at Clackamas High School.

Robert R. Cutler ’53, Orelend, Pa., Jan. 14, 2021. Mr. Cutler was a Lambda Chi Alpha brother and veteran of the U.S. Army. He made his career with Powerhouse Equipment and Engineering. He was a member of the Tower Society.

Jerald E. Hanks ’53, Jacksonville, Fla., April 8, 2021. A U.S. Air Force veteran, Mr. Hanks had a 60-year professional writing career including newspaper experience, serving as writer in the Apollo/Saturn V moon landing program, and as president and owner of the public relations firm of Hanks-Livingston Inc.

Robert I. Schiff ’53, Palm Beach, Fla., May 3, 2020. Mr. Schiff was a Tau Delta Phi brother.

Walter E. Bennett ’55, Brookfield, Wis., March 6, 2021. A veteran of the U.S. Army, Mr. Bennett was an Alpha Sigma Phi brother and a member of the Glee Club. He owned and operated Walter Bennett Enterprises.

Joel L. Bross ’55, New York, N.Y., Dec. 29, 2020. Mr. Bross was a Pi Lambda Phi brother and member of the Mustard & Cheese Society. He worked for Douglas Elliman as a vice president. His son, Scot Bross, is a member of the Class of 1986.

Wilson H. Buck ’55, Bethlehem, Pa., Jan. 24, 2021. Mr. Buck was a retired collections manager for Bethlehem Steel.

Robert H. Engel ’55, Vestal, N.Y., Dec. 25, 2020. A Lambda Chi Alpha brother, Mr. Engel served in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers before his career with N.Y. State Electric & Gas. His son, David Engel, is a member of the Class of 1979.

W. Robert Kilbourn II ’55, Joppa, Md., Jan. 29, 2021. Mr. Kilbourn was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He worked as an engineer for several companies, including Lockheed Martin, where he ran the Advanced Materials and Technology Lab, and retired from Insect Control Research. He was a member of the Tower Society.

William A. Strohl ’55, Highlands Ranch, Colo., Dec. 8, 2020. Dr. Strohl was a Theta Chi brother and a member of the wrestling team and Phi Beta Kappa honor society. He helped to found the department of microbiology at what is now the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. He spent the rest of his career there.

John Balaskas ’56, King of Prussia, Pa., March 18, 2021. Mr. Balaskas was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving in Korea. His children, John Balaskas ’86 and Juliann Balaskas ’91, are members of the Lehigh family.

Thomas R. Burgin ’56, Ridgewood, N.J., Jan. 10, 2021. Mr. Burgin was a Sigma Chi brother and a member of the Epitome yearbook and Pershing Rifles. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He worked as the business manager for the Ridgewood Board of Education. His brother, William Burgin ’56, and daughter, Amy (Burgin) Walsh ’91, are members of the Lehigh family.

Constantine Filipos ’56, Bethlehem, Pa., March 1, 2021. A wrestler, Mr. Filipos was also a U.S. Army veteran who served in post-war Korea. He was employed by Bethlehem Steel Corporation for 27 years, ending his career as supervisor of the real estate division of asset management. He then began his second career by purchasing landmark seafood restaurant Youell’s Oyster House. His brother, Michael Filipos ’51, and his wife, Barbara Filipos’70G, are members of the Lehigh family.

James H. LeVan Jr. ’56, Morrow, Ohio, March 10, 2021. Dr. LeVan served as a Coast Guard Academy surgeon. He went on to a career as a private orthopedic surgeon. His father, James LeVan Sr., was a member of the Class of 1926.

Mr. Luce was president of Phi Gamma Delta and a member of the track team. He served in the U.S. Army before joining Alcoa Corporation. He then founded and ran Kaldave Associates Inc. He volunteered extensively with his class as an alumnus, calling classmates to encourage reunion turnout and fundraising. For this service, he was awarded the Alumni Award in 2016. He was a member of the Asa Packer and Tower societies. His father, Donald Luce ’24, and son, David Luce ’90, are members of the Lehigh family.

John M. MacKeith ’56, Cedar Grove, N.J., Jan. 13, 2021. Mr. MacKeith was a basketball player and a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. He flew for Pan American and Air Jamaica his entire career.

James L. Naylor Jr. ’56, Lee’s Summit, Mo., March 17, 2021. A Theta Xi brother, Mr. Naylor began his career building water towers for Chicago Bridge & Iron. He worked all over the country. He served as a town councilman in Chester, N.J., and in his retirement started a home inspection business.

Allan M. Rathbone ’56 M.S. ’60, Murrysville, Pa., Dec. 29, 2020. A Sigma Chi brother, Mr. Rathbone served in the U.S. Army before coming back to Lehigh for his graduate degree. He had a 36-year career with U.S. Steel, culminating as director of research. His son, Steve Rathbone, is a member of the Class of 1987.


Eugene E. Lester Jr. ’57, East Hampton, NY., March 3, 2021. Mr. Lester began his career in finance at First National Bank of East Hampton and was elected East Hampton town supervisor in 1970. He served as deputy Suffolk County treasurer for 24 years and was an associate professor at Suffolk Community College. He served for eight years in the National Guard.

Francis M. Miller ’57, Media, Pa., Nov. 28, 2020. Mr. Miller retired from Boeing. He was a member of the Asa Packer and Tower societies.

John A. Scheuer ’57, Cincinnati, Ohio, April 3, 2021. Mr. Scheuer was an Alpha Sigma Phi brother and a member of the Marching 97 and Mustard & Cheese Society. He was the president of Custom Software Co.

Richard C. Theis ’57, Bethlehem, Pa., Feb. 10, 2021. Mr. Theis worked in the Lehigh bookstore for many years.

William J. Timar ’57, Bethlehem, Pa., April 12, 2021. Mr. Timar worked as an engineer for Bethlehem Steel.

Steven C. Beach ’58, Burlington Township, N.J., March 9, 2021. Mr. Beach interrupted his studies to serve in the U.S. Army as a paratrooper. After graduation, he had a nearly 30-year career with York Borg Warner/York International Corporation.

John Dickie III ’58, Parkville, Md., Dec. 25, 2020. Mr. Dickie served in the U.S. Army at the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground. After his service, he stayed on at Edgewood in civil service as a project engineer working in chemical defense systems research.

Frederick G. Ferber ’58, Vero Beach, Fla., Jan. 1, 2021. Mr. Ferber was a veteran of the U.S. Navy during World War II. He worked for Prudential Insurance and then Prudential Securities, where he retired as managing director. His son, Todd Ferber, is a member of the Class of 1988. He was also a member of the Asa Packer and Tower societies.

Joseph M. Gratto ’58, Keyser, W.Va., April 8, 2021. As a student, Dr. Gratto won two EIWA championships, as well as an NCAA wrestling championship. He is in both the Lehigh Athletics and the EIWA halls of fame. He also was a Phi Gamma Delta brother, and the winner of the Bosey Reiter Cup his senior year. Dr. Gratto began his service in the U.S. Marine Corps in Vietnam, and retired as a decorated lieutenant colonel. He made his second career in academia, serving as the president of Potomac State College of West Virginia University. His brother, Thomas Gratto, is a member of the Class of 1962.


Peter E. Jahn ’58, Whittier, Calif., Jan. 30, 2021. A member of the fencing team, Mr. Jahn was a civil engineer who helped to build and inspect the Throgs Neck and Verrazano-Narrows bridges. He continued his career working on projects across the country and world.

Thomas W. Malek ’58, Limerick, Pa., April 9, 2021. Mr. Malek worked as an engineering designer for LCR Embedded Systems Inc., an electronics manufacturer, for over 20 years.

Charles E. Minnich ’58, Coopersburg, Pa., Jan. 6, 2021. Commander Minnich served 22 years in the U.S. Navy. He was a superintendent at Bethlehem Steel before retiring.

Richard R. Schaberg ’58, Ventura, Calif., April 25, 2021. Mr. Schaberg worked in the field of medical equipment with Gould Medical Products, then in electronics with Rockwell Science Center, and then his last job before retiring was at Kaelvo Corporation.

Jon H. Shively ’58, Albuquerque, N.M., Nov. 14, 2020. Dr. Shively was a member of the Marching 97 and Glee Club. He was a professor at California State University in the mechanical and materials department. He also served as department chair and associate dean, as well as published over 100 technical papers.

Walter K. Taylor ’58, Monticello, N.Y., April 13, 2021. Mr. Taylor was a Sigma Alpha Epsilon brother, as well as a member of the Glee Club. He worked in the fuel business with Combined Energy Services, All Gas & Welding Supply Co., Tri-State Carbonation Service and Wechsler Pool Supply Co.

Peter M. Tiger ’58, Warwick, N.Y., March 31, 2021. Mr. Tiger was a veteran of the U.S. Army National Guard. He worked as a mechanical engineer and owner of Service Maintenance Corporation.

John T. Boettger ’59, Southern Pines, N.C., Jan. 8, 2021. A Sigma Phi Epsilon brother, Mr. Boettger had a 36-year career with Public Service Electric and Gas. His daughter, Judith Boettger Dobbie, is a member of the Class of 1984.

Michael L. Kuenne ’59, Forks Township, Pa., March 25, 2021. Mr. Kuenne was a veteran of the U.S. Navy Reserves. He was a coach and officiated NCAA college football. He worked as a labor relations consultant, where he negotiated countless contracts for major corporations in the food industry. He attended countless Lehigh football games and could be found sitting under the final H in Lehigh’s Goodman Stadium. His children—Leigh Kuenne-Runak ’93, Michael Kuenne ’97 and MaryBeth (Kuenne) Lockard ’96—are members of the Lehigh family.

Robert E. Schwartz ’59, Mamaroneck, N.Y., Feb. 1, 2021. Mr. Schwartz was a tax attorney for American Express.

Kent L. Straat ’59, Delray Beach, Fla., Feb. 18, 2021. Mr. Straat served in the U.S. Army
An Effective Educator

Keith M. Gardiner taught at Lehigh for more than three decades

Keith M. Gardiner, 88, PROFESSOR EMERITUS in the Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering (ISE) in the P.C. Rossin College of Engineering and Applied Science, passed away on May 24, 2021.

Over more than three decades at Lehigh (1987-2018), Gardiner taught courses in organizational planning and control, manufacturing management and systems, micromanufacturing and materials science.

He served as the director of the former Center for Manufacturing Systems Engineering (MSE), and its associated cross-disciplinary Master of Science program, beginning in 1990 until the program was phased out in the late 2010s. During his tenure, a distance education version of the MSE program was started, and manufacturing systems engineering was taught to industrial students all over the country, according to Mikell Groover, Lehigh ISE professor emeritus. “Keith was the driving force behind the MSE program during most of its existence.”

ISE Professor Emory Zimmers adds, “As I recall, Keith was particularly effective when he would draw on his broad base of manufacturing experiences to provide examples in both the strategic and tactical components of courses and industrial seminars that he taught.”

Gardiner also coordinated and implemented the first-year practical engineering course, Introduction to Engineering Practice, which was launched in 2003 and is still a requirement for engineering students today.

Gardiner’s research areas included the design of products, processes, and systems; microelectronics manufacturing and systems; organization and management; and continuous improvement. He was particularly interested in design issues relating to organizations, products, processes, and systems; relationships between materials and process selections and the manufacturing systems interactions; micromanufacturing; economic, environmental, socio-technological, and sustainability issues associated with future manufacturing systems; technology transfer; and the field of bioengineering. He authored textbook chapters and presented at manufacturing conferences.

Gardiner also devoted energies to curriculum development and the study of issues related to the education of the future workforce, writing and contributing to papers published in the proceedings of multiple American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE) conferences.

In 1993, he was elected to the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (now SME) College of Fellows and received the organization’s Joseph A. Siegel Service Award in 2003.

Gardiner was a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), the international honor society Phi Beta Delta and the scientific research honor society Sigma Xi.

He was the author of numerous articles published in professional journals and served in editorial roles for publications such as the Journal of Electronics Manufacturing, Journal of Manufacturing Systems and the Journal of Manufacturing Processes.

He was born on March 30, 1933, near Manchester in the United Kingdom. He studied metallurgy at Manchester College, earning a B.S. in 1953 and a Ph.D. in 1957. He was a Registered Professional Engineer in Manufacturing Engineering and a Certified Manufacturing Engineer.

Early in his career, Gardiner worked on nuclear fuels development in the Atomic Power Division of the English Electric Company. He also worked on manufacturing methods development in the Aero Engine Division of Rolls-Royce, where he studied machining processes for advanced gas turbine materials and the early use of computers to analyze metal-cutting data.

Prior to joining Lehigh, he spent 21 years at IBM, where he served in the company’s manufacturing research labs in the UK and in semiconductor development activities in Vermont. He also helped create and operate IBM’s corporate Manufacturing Technology Institute, developing, delivering, and managing education programs and curricula. He also taught mechanical engineering as an adjunct professor at the University of Vermont and a visiting professor at Southern University.

Gardiner led a study of business and industry in Pakistan on behalf of the United States Agency for International Development in 1983.

He resided in Bethlehem, Pa., and was a former chair of the Lehigh Valley Engineering Council and the Engineers’ Club of the Lehigh Valley. He was recognized as Engineer of the Year by the Lehigh Valley chapter of the Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers in 2004.

Gardiner is survived by his daughter, Helen Gardiner-Parks, of Charlotte, N.C., and her three children, as well as by his wife, Bernice Bult Gardiner, of Bethlehem, and her four children and five grandchildren.—Katie Kackenmeister
before graduation. He was a Chi Phi brother. He began his career at Bethlehem Steel, then worked for IBM and for many years was an executive recruiter at William H. Clark & Associates.

Joseph M. Wenzel ’59, Port Chester, NY, April 18, 2021. A Sigma Nu brother, Mr. Wenzel played basketball and football as a student and was drafted by the Cleveland Browns. He and his wife co-founded LADY BUDD, a women’s retail operation.

1960s

John A. Cirello Sr. ’60, Sun City Center, Fla., Aug. 28, 2020. A Delta Chi brother, Mr. Cirello made his career with Celanese Corporation as a product manager. He was elected to two terms as councilman in Raritan, N.J., and served one term as Raritan’s police commissioner.

Hiroshi A. Dodohara ’60, Lusby, Md., Jan. 24, 2021. Mr. Dodohara had a more than 50-year career with the U.S. Government at the Naval Ordnance Station and the EPA.

Clinton R. Miller ’60, Medford Lakes, N.J., Jan. 2, 2021. Mr. Miller was a Lambda Chi Alpha brother and a member of the tennis and baseball teams. He served as a captain in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserves for 20 years. He was superintendent of schools in the North Hanover Township School District.

Henry R. Pupke ’60, Chestertown, Md., Feb. 8, 2021. A veteran of the U.S. Navy, Mr. Pupke served in the naval blockade during the Cuban Missile Crisis. He worked as a financial adviser with Merrill Lynch for over 50 years. He retired as senior vice president and was awarded the company’s Lifetime Community Service Award in 2002. At Lehigh, he endowed the Henry R. Pupke Family Scholarship and was a member of the Asa Packer and Tower societies. His children, Karl Pupke ’87 and Karen Pupke ’90, are members of the Lehigh family.

Bruce A. Stauffer ’60, Colchester, Conn., April 10, 2021. Mr. Stauffer worked for Pratt & Whitney for more than 40 years.

R. Lawrence Swanson ’60, Stony Brook, NY, Oct. 17, 2020. A Kappa Sigma brother, Dr. Swanson was a member of the lacrosse team. He worked as an oceanographer. He started at NOAA before moving to Stony Brook University, where he was head of the Waste Reduction and Management Institute.

Edward T. Swire ’60, Clifton Park, NY, Jan. 25, 2021. Dr. Swire specialized in internal medicine and gastroenterology. He served in the U.S. Air Force medical corps and had a private practice in Troy, NY.

Bruce E. Cowan ’61, Williamsburg, Va., Jan. 7, 2021. Mr. Cowan was a brother of Theta Delta Chi and a member of the basketball team. He was also a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He worked as general manager for Thomasville Furniture Industries.

William L. Evoy ’61, Moorstown, N.J., Jan. 8, 2021. An Alpha Chi Rho brother, Mr. Evoy was a lawyer and financial adviser.

Herbert V. Peterson Jr. ’61, Vero Beach, Fla., Jan. 19, 2021. Mr. Peterson was a Chi Phi brother and member of the Marching 97. He worked as an executive in several banking roles in New York City and New Jersey. His son, H. Bradley Peterson, is a member of the Class of 1994.

Thomas W. Rees ’61, Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 19, 2020. Mr. Rees was a champion fencer in foil and a member of the Marching 97. He worked for General Electric Aerospace, investigating the fire on the launchpad of the Apollo 1 spacecraft. He became head of development at Superior Tube Company, concentrating on stainless steel and titanium.


H.J. Levine ’62, Clifton, Va., Feb. 5, 2021. Mr. Levine was an assistant professor of law at American University and the owner of Presidential Coin and Antique Company.

Larry M. Smith ’62 ’63, Jamesville, Va., Feb. 8, 2021. Mr. Smith was an electrical engineer. He retired from Lockheed Martin.

Richard A. Straub ’62, Morristown, N.J., Nov. 11, 2020. A Phi Sigma Kappa brother, Mr. Straub worked in telecommunications roles for AT&T, retiring as director of regulatory affairs for NECA. He was an executive committee member of the Lehigh Wrestling Club and a member of the Asa Packer and Tower societies.

William C. McIntire ’63, Glendora, Calif., Dec. 14, 2020. Mr. McIntire served in the U.S. Army for 20 years as an officer in Vietnam, Germany, Congo and numerous states. Following his service, he worked for the Los Angeles County Office of Education.

Elvin J. Newhart ’63, Palm Coast, Fla., Jan. 3, 2021. An Alpha Sigma Phi brother, Mr. Newhart was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. He worked as the president of the former Newhart Foods Inc.

Victor Rosenberg ’63 MS ’66, Ann Arbor, Mich., April 11, 2021. Dr. Rosenberg spent his academic career at the University of Michigan in the School of Information. He also founded Personal Bibliographic Software (PBS), which was sold to Thomson Reuters and later became part of Clarivate’s Endnote business.

Charles H. Singer ’63, Bedford, N.Y., March 2, 2021. A Pi Lambda Phi brother, Mr. Singer ran a sports photography business, Photofile.


Robert J. Haehnle ’64, Lititz, Pa., Dec. 21, 2020. Mr. Haehnle worked for the U.S. government as a civil engineer and project manager. He was employed by the U.S. Navy, Air Force and Army Corps of Engineers, as well as NSF and NOAA.

James M. Link ’64, Branford, Conn., March 17, 2021. Mr. Link was a Phi Kappa Theta brother. He helped to start the Housatonic Community College, where he taught psychology and sociology. He also served in the administration and retired as the academic dean.


H. Bruce Frutchey ’65, Longwood, Fla., April 22, 2021. Mr. Frutchey was a Sigma Chi brother. Professionally, he owned and operated his own accounting firm for nearly 35 years.

George W. Howland III ’65, Von Ormy, Texas, April 13, 2021. A Delta Chi brother, Mr. Howland was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He spent the majority of his career as a marketing management and research professional in the financial industry. His father, George Howland Jr., was a member of the Class of 1941.

Joseph Klosek ’66 M.S. ’76, Wescosville, Pa., March 26, 2021. Mr. Klosek worked his way up during his career at Air Products, retiring as a senior engineering associate. He was often called upon to help develop challenging new technologies. He co-holds seven
patents and co-authored 30 publications.

Gary B. Lewis '66 M.S. '68, Norton, Mass., May 6, 2020. Dr. Lewis was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He worked for NASA, Johnson & Johnson, Mansfield Scientific and DuPont, where he led a team in developing the methodology of the mass production of Kevlar. He also founded his own biomedical firm, Viamed Corporation, where he specialized in the development of cardiac stents.

John R. Skinner Jr. '66, Parkland, Fla., Feb. 14, 2021. Mr. Skinner worked in the radio and television industry as an on-air personality and engineer. He was instrumental in the development and promotion of low-power TV.

Donald D. Beane '67, Southampton, N.Y., Jan. 12, 2021. A Sigma Phi brother, Mr. Beane spent his career in financial services, retiring from Camden Asset Management as the COO.

D. Richard Funk '67 MBA '68, Tulsa, Okla., March 25, 2021. Mr. Funk was a Phi Delta Theta brother and a member of the football team. He worked as an attorney.

S. Walker McCune IV '67, Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 3, 2021. Mr. McCune was a Psi Upsilon brother. He made his career in healthcare administration, including founding and leading several community-based organizations.

Michael N. Raskin '67, Lisbon Falls, Maine, Jan. 4, 2021. Dr. Raskin practiced clinical psychology. He was an author and opened Dr. Mike's Madness Café.

Nicholas B. Stone '67 MBA '71, Chucky, Tenn., Sept. 11, 2020. Mr. Stone retired from Consolidated Freightways Inc., where he was responsible for truck maintenance.

Francis B. Weiskopf Jr. '67, Baltimore, Md., Jan. 21, 2021. Mr. Weiskopf worked as an engineer for the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory. His father, Francis Weiskopf Sr., was a member of the Class of 1940.

Richard A. DiGiacomo '68, Danville, Pa., April 17, 2021. Mr. DiGiacomo was president of the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity. He worked for PPL.

Gregory R. Reed '68, Nazareth, Pa., Jan. 25, 2021. Mr. Reed was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He worked as an attorney.

Oscar Suros '68, Naples, Fla., April 9, 2021. Mr. Suros worked for the engineering department of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey for 34 years. He won many awards and retired as the chief structural engineer and assistant chief engineer for design.

Bruce D. Emig '69, Easton, Pa., Jan. 4, 2021. Mr. Emig was a veteran of the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He owned and operated the firm Bruce Emig CPA.

Thomas J. Smull '69, Bethlehem, Pa., Jan. 5, 2021. A veteran of the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War, Mr. Smull was the manager of database systems at Lehigh University for 34 years. His grandfather, Judson Smull '06, father, Judson Smull '36, and son, Judson Smull '16, are members of the Lehigh family.

1970s

Kenneth F. Bender Jr. '70, Bethlehem, Pa., Jan. 25, 2021. Mr. Bender had a wine consulting career in Chicago. His father, Kenneth Bender '48, and sister, Patricia (Bender) Hale '75, are members of the Lehigh family.

Brian R. Maguire '70, Duncannon, Pa., March 4, 2021. Mr. Maguire served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. He spent his 35-year career with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Environmental Protection.

John B. Burling Jr. '71 MBA '73, Statesboro, Ga., Feb. 16, 2021. A Phi Delta Theta brother, Mr. Burling was also a member of the basketball team. He worked as an accountant for Newport News Shipbuilding, Ashe Facilities Services and Georgia State University.

Michael S. Duguid '73, York, Pa., April 17, 2021. Mr. Duguid was a Kappa Sigma brother, as well as a member of the Epitome yearbook and the lacrosse team. He spent his career as a communications manager at York International, now Johnson Controls.

William C. Dove '75, Vista, Calif., Jan. 5, 2021. Mr. Dove was a Sigma Phi Epsilon brother. He worked for Thermo Fisher Scientific as a financial analyst. He was also a member of the Tower Society.

John D. Gorman Jr. '75, Bethlehem, Pa., Jan. 4, 2021. Mr. Gorman served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. He worked as a consultant for companies such as RCA, Xerox and Kraft Food Industries.

Harry D. Loyle '76, Dayton, Ohio, Dec. 30, 2020. Mr. Loyle was a Psi Upsilon brother and member of the wrestling team. He was an entrepreneur who thrived on helping others achieve their business goals. His son, Benjamin Loyle, is a member of the Class of 2004.

Deane G. Marfone '77, Laguna Hills, Calif., March 3, 2021. Mr. Marfone was a Sigma Alpha Mu brother and a member of the ice hockey team. He worked in sales his entire career.

David J. Harte '78, Allentown, Pa., Jan. 12, 2021. Mr. Harte worked as the director of engineering for Ashley Development and previously owned and operated Harte Engineering.

Joseph C. Dille '79 M.S. '81, Telford, Pa., Jan. 4, 2021. A Delta Upsilon brother, Mr. Dille worked for Brooks Instrument for over 37 years. He has 21 patents. His son, Joseph Dille, is a member of the Class of 2015.

Clifford J. Park '79, North Wales, Pa., March 11, 2021. Mr. Park was a Delta Chi brother.

He made his career in sales, finance and as a business owner. His children, James Park '10 and Shannon Park '13, are members of the Lehigh family.

1980s

Mark E. Daniels '82, Greenville, S.C., April 12, 2021. Mr. Daniels was a Sigma Chi brother and a member of the tennis and football teams. He owned and operated many businesses during his career, including Blue Energy Equipment.

William S. Petersohn '84, Lafayette Hill, Pa., Feb. 11, 2021. Mr. Petersohn was a Theta Delta Chi brother and ice hockey team member. He worked for the Mortgage Capital Trading Company. His sister and brother-in-law, Lori (Petersohn) Israelite '82 and Craig Israelite '81, and his brother Joshua Petersohn '89, are members of the Lehigh family.

Andrew S. Stillinger '85, Chatham Township, N.J., Feb. 23, 2021. Mr. Stillinger worked in research engineering with NJIT. He was a member of The Center for Solar & Terrestrial Research, which required him to travel extensively to Antarctica.

Craig A. Lembo '86, Stony Brook, N.Y., March 25, 2021. Dr. Lembo practiced internal medicine for over 30 years.

Douglas R. Butler '88, Shohola, Pa., Feb. 21, 2021. A rugby player at Lehigh, Mr. Butler was a respected professional in financial risk management systems, serving major U.S. and world banks.

Randy E. Rinker '88, Wyo-missing, Pa., April 18, 2021. Mr. Rinker worked as a computer systems analyst for Core BTS for more than 20 years.

1990s

Kristin N. (Cuscela) Siano '93, Rye, N.Y., Jan. 18, 2021. Ms. Siano was a track team member and Delta Gamma sister. She
worked as press secretary to U.S. Rep. Phil English. She then built a corporate career in New York with J.P. Morgan, Morgan Stanley, Alliance Bernstein and Guardian Insurance. She also taught English as a second language courses at the college level. She was a member of the Asa Packer Society. Her sister, Susan (Cuscela) Carlson, is a member of the Class of 1988.

Michael E. Gardiner ’96, Charlottesville, Va., Feb. 10, 2021. A member of the lacrosse team, Mr. Gardiner made his career in finance before transitioning into education. He won many awards and championships as a lacrosse coach.

Kristin L. (Ambrosio) Braine ’97, Sayreville, N.J., March 7, 2021. Ms. Braine was a member of the ski team. She worked for DeLoitte. Her brother, Joseph Ambrosio, was a member of the Class of 2002.

Andrew H. Brannon ’98, Tryon, N.C., March 15, 2021. Mr. Brannon was a member of the golf club and the Mustard & Cheese Society. He worked for Red Hat software company.

Joleen R. (Codner) Doverspike ’99 M.S. ’01, Elkridge, Md., Feb. 28, 2021. Ms. Doverspike was a member of the cycling and gymnastic clubs, as well as a student associate of the Martindale Center. She was the director of eastern region hardware engineering for Northrup Grumman and had numerous patents, disclosures and publications during her 20-year career. Her husband, Joshua Doverspike, is a member of the Class of 1999.

2000s

Brian J. Balderston ’08, Wharton, N.J., Jan. 7, 2021. Mr. Balderston was a member of the Marching 97. He worked for the U.S. Army as a computer scientist at Picatinny Arsenal.

Michael F. Hennessy ’08, Delray Beach, Fla., Jan. 2, 2021. Mr. Hennessy was an Alpha Tau Omega brother, as well as a member of the crew and rugby teams. He worked in the financial services industry. His wife, Anna (Glanfield) Hennessy, is a member of the Class of 2008.

2010s

Emma A. Melendez ’12, Boulder, Colo., Aug. 18, 2020. Ms. Melendez was a member of the volleyball team. She earned the Patriot League Defensive Player of the Year award in her second season. She worked for IBM in consulting and later as a government contractor.

Charles D. Hargrave ’15, Nashville, Tenn., April 7, 2021. Mr. Hargrave was a Theta Chi brother. He worked in supply chain management for Damco (Maersk subsidiary), Ascent Global Logistics and StockX. His parents, David Hargrave ’79 and Anne (Fitzpatrick) Getz ’81, are members of the Lehigh family.

Michael J. Schmerbeck ’15, Plumsteadville, Pa., April 2, 2021. An Alpha Tau Omega brother, Mr. Schmerbeck worked for several software development companies and was the lead engineer building the platform for the new application Ripspot.

GRADUATE

Fu-Kei Chang M.S. ’47, Ph.D. ’50, East Brunswick, N.J., April 8, 2021. Dr. Chang retired from Amman & Whitney in NYC.

Amedeo H. Galvani M.S. ’51, Virginia Beach, Va., Dec. 18, 2020. Capt. Galvani served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, and for 30 years after, retiring as the commanding officer of the Naval Station Boston.

Robert Strauss M.S. ’54, McLean, Va., Nov. 25, 2020. Mr. Strauss made his career in the communication satellite field. His specialty was microwave amplification transmission and linearizing power systems including photovoltaics.

John D. Crecca Jr. M.S. ’55, Granville, Ohio, Feb. 20, 2021. Mr. Crecca served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He worked for DuPont and Owens Corning Technical Center, and as a private consultant.

David W. Arner M.Ed. ’60, Bethlehem, Pa., Jan. 16, 2021. Mr. Arner had a 36-year career in education, as a math teacher, guidance counselor, basketball coach and junior high school principal.

Richard E. Laury M.A. ’60, Bethlehem, Pa., March 1, 2021. Mr. Laury was a veteran of the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He made his career in education and retired as an elementary school principal in the Bethlehem Area School District.

John Kachmar M.Ed. ’64, Northampton, Pa., April 17, 2021. A veteran of the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict, Mr. Kachmar taught in the Phillipsburg School District for 35 years. He taught various accounting and business courses at the high school level.

Demetrius Scantzos M.S. ’64, Clarks Summit, Pa., Feb. 28, 2021. Mr. Scantzos was a mechanical engineer for RCA for many years before becoming a real estate developer. His children, Marian (Scantzos) Robitzer ’88 and Lazaros Scantzos ’95, are members of the Lehigh family.

Marie A. Solensky M.Ed. ’64, Hazel Township, Pa., Jan. 7, 2021. Mrs. Solensky was a remedial reading specialist in the Hazleton Area School District for 32 years.

John C. Keyser M.A. ’66, Allentown, Pa., March 29, 2021. Mr. Keyser was a veteran of the U.S. Army during World War II. His 40-year career in education spanned three school districts as teacher, counselor, coach and referee. He is in the Jim Thorpe and Carbon County sports hall of fame.

Bruce C. Ferretti MBA ’66, Sarasota, Fla., Dec. 16, 2020. Mr. Ferretti was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He owned Lehigh Lumber.

John W. Monaghan M.A. ’66, Allentown, Pa., March 4, 2021. Mr. Monaghan was an educator in the Allentown School District. He also owned John W. Monaghan, Realtor, the largest real estate brokerage in the Lehigh Valley in the 1980s.

Frank E. Reed Cert. ’67, Allentown, Pa., March 29, 2021. Mr. Reed was a veteran of the U.S. Army during the Korean War Era. He was the principal of Troxell Junior High School in the Parkland School District for 29 years.

Richard O. Wenger M.S. ’67, Bethlehem, Pa., Dec. 22, 2020. Mr. Wenger spent most of his career at Bethlehem Steel as a chemical engineer.

teacher before going to law school. She was elected to the Sauk County Circuit Court, Branch 3, as the first female judge. She had many professional responsibilities with the Wisconsin State Bar, University of Wisconsin Law School, Wisconsin Trial Judges Association and National Judicial College.

Robert C. Flemming MBA '68, Macungie, Pa., Jan. 21, 2021. Mr. Flemming was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He worked for Arthur Andersen and Air Products & Chemicals for many years. He also served as the controller for Lehigh County for three terms.

Suresh K. Desai M.S. '69 Ph.D. '72, Charlotte, N.C., Jan. 27, 2021. Dr. Desai worked in the power industry for Gilbert Commonwealth.

Robert J. Fix M.S. '69 M.Eng. '07, Allentown, Pa., Feb. 7, 2021. Mr. Fix worked in research and development as a paint pigment chemist. He was employed at Kelly Scientific at Crayola in Easton.

Robert H. Egolf M.A. '71 Ph.D. '78, Forks Township, Pa., Feb. 12, 2021. Mr. Egolf taught English at Allen High School and served as the president of the Pennsylvania Council of Teachers of English and later as the English Language Arts curriculum coordinator for the Allentown School District. He was also an adjunct professor at Muhlenberg and Lehigh.

Hiroshi Tada Ph.D. '72, St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 19, 2021. Dr. Tada co-authored a textbook in the area of fracture mechanics and taught for many years as an affiliate professor at Washington University in St. Louis.

Addison Cash M.Ed. '73, Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 27, 2021. Rev. Dr. Cash was a veteran of the U.S. Army during World War II.

Brent W. Jackson M.Ed. '73, Calabash, N.C., April 7, 2021. Mr. Jackson worked in elementary education and as a painting contractor.

Daniel P. Kozar M.S. '73, Lower Macungie Township, Pa., Feb. 19, 2021. Mr. Kozar served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He worked as a senior project engineer at PPL for 33 years.

Robert M. Wilson Ph.D. '73, Williamsburg, Va., Dec. 21, 2020. General Wilson served in the U.S. Army active duty for 33 years in various command, staff and leadership positions, including Korea, Vietnam and as the head of the department of mechanical engineering at West Point.

Melvin A. Montanye Cert. '74, Warminster, Pa., Dec. 24, 2020. Mr. Montanye made his career in education, retiring as the principal of Rush Elementary School in Bensalem School District, where the library bears his name.

Lawrence J. Bezdiecki MBA '76, Nescopeck Township, Pa., Feb. 7, 2021. Prof. Bezdiecki was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He taught accounting at Moravian College.

Robert M. Puchyr M.Ed. '77, Dawson, Pa., April 10, 2021. Mr. Puchyr worked as a social services administrator for the Access Services of Bethlehem.

Dorothy Ruggiero Cert. '77, Roseto, Pa., Feb. 1, 2021. Ms. Ruggiero made her career in elementary schools, serving as a teacher, librarian and principal. In 2006, she was inducted into the Bangor Area School District’s Hall of Fame.


Nancy L. Tarsi M.Ed. '79, Phillipsburg, N.J., Feb. 19, 2021. Dr. Tarsi worked in many facilities as a counselor. She was also an assistant professor at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville and Columbus State University in Georgia.

David L. Yandrasitz MBA '79, Coplay, Pa., Dec. 23, 2020. Mr. Yandrasitz worked for many banks during his career. Most recently, he was a commercial loan officer for First Commonwealth Federal Credit Union.

Keith W. Lenhart Cert. '80, Macungie, Pa., April 19, 2021. Mr. Lenhart was the circulation director for The Morning Call for over 30 years. He also taught special education in the Allen-town and Northwestern school districts.

Danton A. Ponzol M.A. '80, Durham, Pa., March 2, 2021. Mr. Ponzol was a history teacher and theater director. He was the author of the book “Lionel: A Century of Timeless Toy Trains.”

Kenneth D. Magee MBA '81, Bethlehem, Pa., March 19, 2021. Mr. Magee spent many years with Mack Trucks, including 15 years as the vice president of parts operations. He was also a supply chain consultant.

Joan T. (Herring) Mulhern M.Ed. '81, Houston, Texas, Feb. 18, 2021. Mrs. Mulhern practiced law before transferring her energies and enthusiasm into raising her family.

Daniel D. Albright M.Ed. '90, Orefield, Pa., March 1, 2021. A veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, Mr. Albright was also a guidance counselor at East Hills Middle School and a counselor at the Valley Youth House.

George P. Bluhm Ed.D. '00, Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 8, 2021. Dr. Bluhm was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and a professor at Harrisburg Area Community College.

Ana M. Caram MBA '04, South Whitehall Township, Pa., Feb. 7, 2021. Mrs. Caram was a chemical engineer with Keystone Cement. Prior to that, she worked for two decades as an environmental engineer at Bethlehem Steel. Her husband, Hugo Caram, is a faculty member in the chemical engineering department.
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