The 80,000-strong Lehigh University Alumni Association (LUAA) just finished another great year.

We began the year in summer, with alumni welcoming new students to the Lehigh family at Sendoffs across the world. Shortly after arriving on campus, the freshman class was further introduced to the strength of LUAA, as the Class of 1971 adopted the Class of 2021 at the Rally.

As the fall progressed, alumni activity picked up in earnest, on-campus and off. Lehigh alumni gathered at tailgates and venues across the country, heartily cheering for our Mountain Hawks. Accounting alumni gathered at Ernst & Young in New York City to reconnect and reminisce. Lehigh Lawyers networked in eight cities. Industry leaders in Seattle met for an interactive professional networking reception. The Wall Street Council hosted their Financial Services Forum. We held symposiums on Sustainability and Big Data at venues such as Rauch Business Center and Linderman Library. And of course, there was the 153rd Lehigh-Lafayette game, complete with the first all-alumni tailgate tent, which attracted 500-plus alumni and friends!

Alumni activity continued strong as the spring semester started. We launched the Women’s Professional Alliance in NYC. Alumni shared stories about working with the United Nations. The hot technologies of Blockchain and Cryptocurrencies were discussed at the NASDAQ Entrepreneurial Center. Meanwhile, Lehigh alumni were interviewing and offering jobs to outstanding Lehigh seniors, which contributed to 96 percent of our 2017 graduates being employed or attending grad school!

The year culminated with Commencement and Reunion. New Lehigh graduates embarked on their adventures, well-prepared for anything, taking comfort in the fact that the Lehigh alumni network will always be here for them.

LUAA’s strength comes not only from its members, but the tireless support of Lehigh’s world-class Alumni Relations Team led by Jennifer Cunningham and the monumental efforts of our 1,200 alumni volunteers. Of particular note, Jim Duane ’73 and Gary Liddick ’76 led the Awards Committee for many years and are now preparing their successors to fill their big shoes. We humbly thank them for their service.

I have been honored to lead the LUAA Board of Directors over the past year. The LUAA Board is an outstanding group of individuals who serve as ambassadors for Lehigh and advise the Alumni Relations Team as they’re planning new initiatives and strategies. Their dedication to LUAA is immensely appreciated. The Board is in great shape with Jill Triani ’94 taking over as president and Lauren Manduke ’05 stepping up as senior vice president. I look forward to my three-year term as an alumni trustee on the Lehigh University Board of Trustees.

My final request is that you remain strong ambassadors for Lehigh. When a prospective student from your high school asks about Lehigh, return her call or take her for a tour. When an aspiring Lehigh accounting student asks for career guidance on Lehigh Connects, the new online mentoring platform, happily provide it. You get the picture: We’re the network, and it’s up to us to keep it strong and vibrant for the future generations of Lehigh alumni!

Go Lehigh!

Sincerely,
Patrick Fischer ’97 ’98G
Outgoing President of the Lehigh University Alumni Association (LUAA)
A Multi-Million-Dollar Lehigh Legacy

The $6.6 million gift that Marion and George F. Keller ’44 quietly donated to Lehigh in 2017 speaks volumes about the salt-of-the-earth people they were. George loved walking his dog, camping, tinkering with cars and helping his neighbors. Marion was comfortable in a tent, on a sailboat, or at an elegant party and had a passion for wildlife. George and Marion’s marriage was a close bond that lasted 34 years before George’s passing in 1992. Marion passed in 2017. Their gift established the Marion and George Keller ’44 Endowed Scholarship Fund and will have a profound impact on generations of Lehigh students.

“My uncle felt strongly about giving back and loved his college. What he had learned helped shape him and put him on a solid path to the future,” said Peter Krell, George and Marion’s nephew. “Not having children of his own, he wanted to make a gift to Lehigh because his education really helped him in his career and life.”

The Keller’s generosity will help ensure that the most talented students will have access to a Lehigh education. Their scholarship fund will help the university fulfill its commitment to provide financial aid to cover 100 percent of any student’s demonstrated financial need.

“Lehigh University selects students who have the talent to succeed, and they should not have to go elsewhere because they can’t afford our education. Scholarships and financial aid are the enablers,” said President John D. Simon ’19P. “We are in deep appreciation to George and Marion Keller for their gift that will provide students with an academic experience that will likely transform their lives.”

The Keller scholarship fund will aid in Lehigh’s newest partnerships with the American Talent Initiative and the Posse Foundation to help bring more talented lower-income and first-generation students to campus. These students will be further supported by Lehigh’s Center for Access and Success program. The program, which complements efforts around financial aid and scholarship, provides services that ensure students thrive and are able to achieve their full potential once they come to campus.
Lives Well Remembered

George and Marion lived a peaceful life and were devoted to their three nephews and two nieces. Krell remembers them fondly and with great respect.

“I just adored my Uncle George. He was smart and classy and had such a wonderful, easy-going demeanor about him,” he said.

Krell shared that his uncle joined the Army in 1942 while a Lehigh mechanical engineering student. He was called to active duty in 1944 and left for World War II while still a student to fight in the India-Burma theater. Krell told a story about his uncle befriending a stray mutt in the jungle. The dog took to him instantly and stayed with him throughout the duration of the war. He said his uncle credited the dog for alerting the sleeping camp that Japanese soldiers had “breached the perimeter” and that the dog saved the entire unit. Upon his honorable discharge, George’s rank was a first lieutenant. He returned to Lehigh after his tour and graduated in 1947, but he still considered himself a member of the Class of 1944.

George joined Esso after Lehigh and worked for more than 40 years as a mechanical engineer with the company’s fuel lines division. When he retired in 1988, the company was called Exxon Research and Engineering. Krell said his uncle preferred to do hands-on work and turned down management positions so he could continue designing and improving automobile engine components. When there was an industry-wide effort to design a catalytic converter, his uncle had an instrumental role in making improvements that helped the environment.

“He had a great work ethic and loved to be an engineer,” said Krell. George felt most comfortable outdoors, especially riding his bicycle and taking daily walks in the Watchung Reservation near his home. He and his wife had a television, but it was only watched for special occasions such as when they “crowded around the TV to watch the first moon landing.”

Krell remembers his Aunt Marion as a fun, athletic and caring person who was very outgoing. She would challenge him and his cousins to run races when they were young. She earned her degree from Douglass College, which is now part of Rutgers University, and worked for 45 years in social services. At the height of her career, she was the supervisor of Child Services in Rockland County, N.Y. Even after her retirement, she volunteered her time at Children and Family Services and stayed in touch with many of her clients.

“She volunteered well into her 80s,” remembered Krell.

Marion and George often took their nieces and nephews on camping trips. Always easy-going about his nieces and nephews, he would challenge them to run races when they were young. He often stopped at a covered bridge, museum or a special garden to learn about it. One trip was spent camping in Massachusetts during the cranberry bog harvest.

“We learned about the cranberry industry and watched them harvest the cranberries,” said Krell. His cousin, Craig, and their uncle’s favorite dog, Sam, were also on the trip.

Reflecting on the gift his aunt and uncle gave to Lehigh, Krell said, “My uncle was not a high roller. He didn’t have expensive tastes. He was a saver. He was a man who did his job. It was never a question. ... It was always in the plan to leave a gift to Lehigh.”

—Peter Krell, George and Marion’s nephew

Making History at NYSE

When the opening bell to the world’s largest stock exchange rang at 9:30 a.m. on May 25, a woman was at the helm.

Stacey Cunningham ’96 became the first woman president of the New York Stock Exchange in its 226-year history.

“Since the moment I first stepped onto the trading floor over 20 years ago,” Cunningham shared on her LinkedIn page, “the NYSE has always held a special place in my heart. I am humbled and honored to have the opportunity to lead this organization.”

Cunningham earned her bachelor’s in industrial systems and engineering, beginning her career as a summer intern in 1994. After graduation, she joined NYSE as a specialist for Banc of America Securities. Prior to taking over as president, Cunningham was NYSE’s chief operating officer, overseeing the equities, equities derivatives and exchange-traded products businesses.

In an interview with Lehigh’s alumni Bulletin, Cunningham credited her Lehigh degree for her ability to think through complex problems. Earlier that year, she had supervised the introduction of NYSE Pillar, a new trading technology platform, to the organization.

“When I look at my evolution,” Cunningham said, “I had three defining stints—the engineering education, the trading floor and the years focused on sales and client relationships. As COO at the NYSE, I put all three together.”

Cunningham’s appointment makes her the 67th president of the NYSE since 1792.

—Mary Ann Lynch ’16G
LEHIGH DISPATCH

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

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With much sadness, I report that Dick Huyett’s wife, Fran, passed away this past year. They were married soon after Dick graduated. As I recall, they met at a party held at the fraternity house to which Dick and I belonged.

She and my late wife both came from Bethlehem and were classmates at Cedar Crest College in Allentown.

Dick, a native of Birdsboro, Pa., still lives in La Mesa, Calif. (near San Diego).

On a lighter note, let me report that I was delighted to hear from Bert Bartlett recently. Bert reports that he still lives in Washington, D.C., and is still able to get around even though he now needs a cane.

Speaking for myself, a cane doesn’t hack it for me anymore, I now must use a walker to steady myself.

And speaking of steadying myself, makes me remember an old joke Professor Al Rights (of the English Department) told over and over: He claimed that he had an uncle who took a drink now and then to steady his nerves. Sometimes his uncle’s nerves got so steady, his uncle couldn’t move!

The rest of this column will be devoted to a bit of history regarding Broadway that I gleaned from a handbill which one of my daughters sent me:

1927: Kern and Hammerstein produce Show Boat...the first musical in which the songs carried the plot forward. Prior to this, Broadway shows had mostly songs or skits which were strung together in the form of a revue.

1943: Rodgers and Hammerstein produce Oklahoma! One of the first “integrated musicals” in which dialogue, songs and dance all serve the plot of the show. (This was the first Broadway musical yours truly had ever seen—WOW, what a show!)

1944-60: Rodgers and Hammerstein produce Carousel, South Pacific, The King and I, Flower Drum Song, and The Sound of Music, cementing the book-musical formula for Broadway hits during this period.

Nowadays: The fare being served on Broadway is no longer as appetizing to me as it once was: Sweeney Todd, Equus, The Changing Room...ugh!

R.I.P. Fran Huyett.

En avant!

Dick MacAdams

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Paul Kelly wrote me on Dec. 20, 2017 as follows (some edits for length):

“In the Lehigh Bulletin I received today, Bob Macaulay ’49 wrote that he was looking for stories/memories for WWII or Korea—heroic, interesting, amusing, etc.

“Well, I was in the lead landing craft coming off the mother-ship when we U.S. Marines landed at Inchon Harbor with Gen. Douglas MacArthur. When our landing craft rode up on the sandy beach, the back door fell open and all 20 of us ran and headed up the sand expecting to be hit with a rain of bullets. We could see Seoul right ahead of us. Much to our surprise, not a shot was fired at us. We walked single file on both sides of the road, about 30 feet apart, looking for snipers. Our job was to kill them. The people were all hidden; they didn’t know what to make of us. But the little children came out—begging. Without slowing down, we gave them cans of C-ration and candy bars. I can still hear their call of ‘Hey Joe, Hey Joe’ and see their outstretched hands.

“Years later, in 1974, my Frau took up Kidder Peabody as our broker. Walter Neff was my contact. When I found out that he had been in the Korean War, I asked him why there was no opposition when I landed at Inchon. He laughed. He was a sergeant in Army Rangers that came in and landed in Inchon Harbor in little rubber boats. In vicious hand-to-hand fighting, all the North Koreans were killed or captured. All the machine gun nests and artillery positions had been destroyed. All the U.S. officers were killed. Sgt. Neff finished the job. For that he was given a battlefield promotion to first lieutenant.

“I spoke at Walter’s funeral a couple of years ago. As I told the story, I began to hear clapping. Walter was being given a standing ovation. Imagine! A standing ovation at a funeral! It seems that Walter had never told his family. They knew he was promoted to first lieutenant, but not what for. So, thanks to Walter and the Army Rangers, I survived the landing.

“My appendix started acting up. The medic poked around my abdomen and said, ‘We have to get you down to the M.A.S.H. unit before this thing bursts.’ So he put me in a jeep and off we went. The place was nothing like the TV show. Nobody was in charge, it seemed. They had a chow line, but no utensils. You got a metal tray and you had to eat with your hands!! I wasn’t hurting anymore so I was put on hold. I was put in a tent with about 20 South Korean soldiers. I was talking with the medics running in and running out. These poor Korean soldiers were dying of some wild liver or kidney disease. Every hour or so they would come and take another dead body out! The dust was 2-3 inches deep on the floor of the tent. I thought to myself, ‘If they operate on me here, I will die.’ So, at dawn’s early light I started walking back to my unit. A couple of hitch hikes later I was back. They were glad to see me.

“Months later I had another attack. The pain was sharp and excruciating. I could hardly stand up. The medic called in a small helicopter. I was on a stretcher on one part of the landing gear. A fellow marine who had just been shot, was on the other side of the aircraft, on that landing gear. We were on our way to the hospital ship, the USS Consolation, in Inchon Harbor. On the way, we set down in a rice paddy (little chance of mines). The guy across from me had died. I felt like a jerk, taking up space when the really injured
needed transport. We landed on the Consolation and six angels in white uniforms, six beautiful American nurses came and gently got me down and into the operating room. In two weeks I was back with my unit.

“The most unusual part of my stay in Korea was the visit from an alien spaceship, a UFO. It was an unusually quiet period on the line. The Scottish Black Watch regiment was to the left of us and a ROK (Republic of Korea) regiment was to the right. The average age in the Black Watch was 45, all professional soldiers. In my 5th Marine Regiment the average age was 19. On this particular night there was no moon, but there were thousands of stars, more than I had ever seen in my life. We had our background searchlight bouncing off clouds so that we could see movement on the battlefield. I was asked to take a small patrol, maybe six men and climb up the mountain behind us and look around. Very quiet night, no gunshots, no singing. When we got up to a grassy knoll we laid down on our backs and looked up and all around. I was looking at the stars, much clearer than I had ever seen them at home. I noticed that one of the stars was getting bigger. It was sort of coming right at us. Well not us, but the M.L.R—the mainline of resistance—about 100 yards away. A yellow light was flashing from it. It made no noise. It got to about eye-level with us, the size of a big pick-up truck shaped like a dome. Windows you could not see in, very round. It was standing still for a bit, paid no attention to us. Then it would suddenly shoot to the horizon and stop dead. And again and again, making dead stops and sharp right or left turns. How could any human being stand the severity of those moves? After about a half hour it came back to our position. Then it gradually, slowly, went back up into the stars.

“The Air Force had a UFO information center in Dayton, Ohio. I wrote to them. None of my six guys wanted to be part of the report. ‘People will think we are crazy,’ they said.

Enough,
Paul K. Kelly”

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Hi ‘52ers!
If tears could build a stairway, and memories a lane, I’d walk right up to heaven and bring you home again.

“It has been said that ‘time heals all wounds,’ I do not agree. The wounds remain. In time, the mind (protecting its sanity) covers them with scar tissue and the pain lessens, but it is never gone.” – Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy

In our class news, Bob Hoyt emails that Fred Gartside passed in January. Fred and I were classmates at Columbia High School in Maplewood, N.J.

Robert Potts has passed. He was an avid sportsman (golf, bowling, fishing, camping and boating). Forty years with DuPont. Married to Joanne for 53 years. His father, Ralph, was Lehigh ’22 and his son, Michael, is Lehigh ’88. A Lehigh family for sure!

An email from Ed Leidheiser’s widow, Mary Lou, reports she enjoys the column and stays in touch with Ralph Fortney. Mary Lou attended her 65th Reunion at Hood College, Frederick, Md., and wonders if Lehigh 65th Reunion returnee David De Graaf ever lived in Hendersonville, N.C., and attended Grace Lutheran Church there? David? Is that you? You are welcome to answer Mary Lou in this column.

Dick Schmidt is a wonderful communicator and posts a great 2017-18 update. Dick and Carolyn have a combined family of 10 kids, 20 grandkids and 13 great-grandkids. Now you two (from memory, no cheating) recite each one of their names—well done! These 43 kinder are scattered from Maine to Tennessee to Montana!

That’s about it for this entry. I remind you ‘52ers that your news runs this column. You send me news, and I will relay it to the class.

God bless.

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Our 65th Reunion has come and gone. I submitted this article before the big event and will have much more to report in the next issue of the Bulletin. Joe Workman put together a great committee for our banquet, which was held at Saucon Valley Country Club. It is a beautiful location.

Lehigh reported that as of April 5, nine classmates had registered. The record for 65th Reunion attendance is 21 held by the classes of 1934 and 1939. With our hard work, we should be able to top that. Remember, we still hold the 50th Reunion record!

We had a nice program scheduled for our banquet. We honored Tony Latour, who won the Alumni Award for his service to Lehigh and our class. Three other classmates gave their remembrances: Herb Boemmele, Bob Gill and Ed Kearney. It should be very interesting to hear what they have to say. In addition, under the leadership of Bill Latshaw we will have a new song for the reviewing stand.

I regularly read the Wall Street Journal and was pleased to see an article by Joe Morgenstern reviewing the new movie Chappaquiddick. You might recall talking with Joe at our last reunion. Look him up, if you can!

More info about Reunion in the next Bulletin.

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My flying days these days are limited due to the medical affliction edema. Two relatively short, consecutive flights cause my legs to double in size. Consequently, I had to decline Mim Bott’s invitation to participate in Col. Don Bott’s burial ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery on May 4. Don and I attended Brooklyn Technical High School together, we were both members of KA and sang in three singing groups at Lehigh. He was best man at the wedding ceremony of Ellie and myself in 1987 and was my best and closest friend. My problem of honoring him was resolved when I heard about the National Vietnam War Veterans Day ceremony to be held on March 29 at the Sarasota National Cemetery where 17,000 veterans are buried.

Ellie and I joined several thousand onlookers at Patriot Plaza. We silently watched a color guard from the Vietnam Brotherhood and then heard retired chairman of the joint chiefs of staff Gen. Hugh Shelton, speak of the war a half century ago. Shelton’s 20-minute speech delivered numbers many of the audience knew all too well: 2.7 million innocent, patriotic Americans dispatched to Southeast Asia; 58,148 killed; 304,000 wounded, with amputation rates 300 times more than the country suffered in World War II. He said, “It was unfathomable to me that experienced generals would not tell the truth in order to curry favor with policymakers.” The Vietnam
veteran paid, in one way or another, for the hubris of political theorists who compounded one mistake after another. The general thoughtfully reminded us of the sacrifices made by our troops and how shamefully they were treated after that war.

Don was an old combat pilot of 29 years of service in the U.S.A.F., who flew 69 combat missions in Vietnam and at HQ European Command, is being laid to rest on May 4. He faredbetter than most of the veterans of that era serving, after his Air Force career, for 12 years as Lehigh’s executive director of the Alumni Association. I am proud to say that I knew him well and that he was my friend.

John Duncan and his wife of 59 years, Jean, have four children and currently live in Haywood, Calif. Right now, he is trying to figure out how he can minimize his expenses to get out of the high tax state. John was in the U.S. Air Force from ‘54 to ‘57, and he spent his last night in the service with Bob Nick and his wife talking about their days on the Lehigh swimming team.

From 1957 to 1995, John was with General Cable and lived in El Paso, Tucson and Phoenix, and then he became district manager of the San Francisco office. When he resided in Tucson, he gave his U.S.A.F. summer dress uniform to Don Bott. In 1995, General Cable bought out Pirelli and he then worked for Pirelli until 1999. He then worked part-time for son Brian’s services. For the past 20 years, John and Jean pack up their 34-foot motorhome and spend a month each year visiting places throughout Canada and the U.S. John has also been a starter at official swim meets for the last 49 years.

Bill Haase has been married to Ruth for 63 years and they have two children. Bill retired from GE in 1993 after 39 years in marketing, communications, public relations and sales. This spring they are going to Loma Linda to see their granddaughter graduate as an M.D. Their other granddaughter, Krissie, has her master’s in tax accounting and works for KPMG in California. Their grandson, John Penela, is graduating from RPI with a degree in biomedical engineering. For 68 years, Bill has been an usher at the Great Auditorium in Ocean Grove, N.J.

Bill recently spoke to Marvin Hahn who continues to be active with a group of retired GE employees, called the GE Elfun Society, which does charity work in the Rochester area.

Eugene Norton spent his 40-year career with ITT. He was an EE and spent his entire career building defense electronic countermeasures. In retirement he took care of his wife, Claire, who had Alzheimer’s and passed away in 2016.

Bill Duke and his wife, Carol, were married 60 years before she passed away in 2015. Bill subsequently had a stroke and thankfully has fully recovered. He has lived in the Landings in Savannah, Ga., for the last 25 years. He started his career with PSE&G, and after 20 years, started his own company selling coal. He now plays golf twice a week and works out at a fitness center three times a week. Bill also attends a Bible study group every week. He has three children.

Al Glaser and his wife, Janet, live in Dubois, Wyoming, which has a population of 900 and is near Jackson Hole. He devoted two years to building their dream home of 6,000 square feet with 40-mile views. Al worked for Hercules for 33 years and was chief engineer of their 40 overseas plants. He put on one million miles of travel during that time. Due to a bad president, the company went under and Al retired in Salt Lake City. As they are now both on walkers, they plan to move to Wilmington, Del., where most of his family reside. They have three children. One child went to West Point and one grandchild is in the Naval Nuclear School.

There were 526 members of our graduating class, and we now number 260. Let us enjoy each other’s company while we can. God bless.

Save the date for Reunion 2019: June 7-9, 2019

'55 Editor’s note: For those who have more than 50 years lovingly written this column. His passion for Lehigh shone through the words he used, and his commitment to the Class of 1955 and the entire Lehigh community has always been clear to see. Thank you so much, Bob, for your incredible dedication.

To share your news or if you would be interested in becoming your class’s correspondent, reaching out to classmates and writing a column three times a year, please contact the Alumni Office at 610-758-3069.

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As I write, nine inches of snow are melting on driveways and lawns. You have probably heard that the East Coast endured four nor’easters just in March. Great for skiers, not for shovelers.

Some of the class were lucky to winter in sunny Florida. Jim White writes that the Sigma Nus had a mini-reunion when he met for lunch twice in Sarasota with Ed Curran and Bill Muirhead. Jim reports that the meetings occasioned “lots of stories about the good old days.” It is great to be in touch with class president Arthur Anderman. He is very pleased that his granddaughter, Noa Daskal, will be entering Lehigh in the fall, marking the third generation of Andermans to attend Lehigh.

Noa’s mother (Carole and Arthur’s daughter), Lisa Anderman ‘83, went on to law school and practiced law with Arthur.

Arthur regularly carries our class flag in the First Year Rally for new students held at Lehigh each August. He states that “Noa walked with me in the parade (in 2017) and fell in love with the spirit of Lehigh and the alumni she met.” Arthur notes that he “will have a special feeling” carrying the flag this summer. Noa’s twin sister, Arielle, is making her college decision as I write.

We enjoyed having lunch with Fred Thun in late January. He and Liz were planning to visit friends and family members in Florida and Hawaii during the winter.

Our thoughts are with Duane Jennings, whose wife, Carole, died in May 2017. A graduate of Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa., she and Duane were married for 58 years and were active in their church and community of Black Mountain, N.C. Their family includes two sons, two granddaughters and their spouses, and one great-grandchild.

Your news is always welcome. Stay in touch!
to refresh what happened on our trip to Cuba in spring of ’57 during our “measles vacation.” Can anyone fill me in?

Others on that missing list were Lou Di Giorgio, George Fortune, Dave Hulse, Vince Mahoney, Murray Randall and Al Rogers.

Lee Owens’s yearly Australian report had summer hotter than ever—over 100 degrees, they added air-conditioning! Sydney Male Chorus and partners toured New Zealand. They joined the Pacific Pride Choir for the European Tour—Berlin to Warsaw. Lynne was on the move regularly—five weeks in UK. They had three grandkids for three weeks of frenzy in August. He still volunteerated at the Australian Open! “Keep moving and keep thinking,” from Girt-by-the-Sea.

Lukie and Jean Claude Rousseaux had the wonderful trip that they talked about a year ago: France with two youngest granddaughters, cousins and their parents. Specifically Paris, Normandy, Loire Valley and visiting French cousins and family. Flew to Athens in October for a Mediterranean cruise to include the Holy Land, but first to Egypt, where it was canceled for security reasons. Back to Sunset Beach, N.C., and then to our 60th in June.

I received an unexpected email from Dick Bohner ’68G, Allentown High classmate, who received an MBA from Lehigh night school and reconnected reading the Bulletin. He worked at P&L, lived in Allentown and has visited 47 countries since retirement. Grandchildren at Bucknell, Dickinson and Miami. He is recovering from recent brain surgery.

Can you believe that I called Lehigh in March without an answer on five phones (does anyone work there?)? They had closed the school for snow—what’s that?

Talked to Jim Horkheimer in Charleston. He will try to get to Reunion.

Small world story: on our way to Wrightsville Beach, N.C., we stopped in Hilton Head and while walking for a seafood lunch we ran into Sally and Lyle Roberts ’50, our neighbors in Orchard Park. They have a home on Daufuskie Island near the lighthouse, what a surprise! We also watched tubs full of soft-shell crabs shed their shells—yum!

Wrightsville Beach, the pelicans, azaleas, seafood—everything was great. The ocean was cooler than usual, but they were picking strawberries in March—covering for their frost did it.

Finally, Jeri and John Winchester’s granddaughter, Madison Marshall ’18, graduated from Lehigh!

Can you believe they closed Buffalo Wild Wings in Orchard Park? We will need a new spot for the Leh-Laf telecast.

Crazy football schedule this year. Looks like we can plan Bob Christie’s tailgate for Villanova on Sept. 8.

Gary’s Barber Shop and all of Buffalo couldn’t believe that the Bills made it to the play-offs—Greeks! Discipline and prayer worked! Guess what? The coach’s young son gets his hair cut at Gary’s.

Greeks to everyone who joined our 60th Reunion—details next Bulletin issue.

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We tracked down Jim Swenson to see if he had definite dates for our 60th Reunion in June of 2019. Save the date: June 7-9, 2019! Jim also gave us an update of his life after Lehigh.

“Roberta and I have lived in Massachusetts since 1977. We have three children as well as nine grandchildren, the oldest two graduated from Lehigh. Three of our granddaughters are on the same high school ice hockey team and just won the state championship in their division.

“Since retiring from PwC in 1994, I have been raising money for Lehigh and enjoying every moment of it. Travelling and meeting lots of new friends and seeing old friends as well. I recommend it.”

Jim was in Delta Tau Delta so we thought we would get updates from other Deltas.

Bob Elliott replied, “Lehigh and Delta Tau Delta taught me a lot about organization, leadership and accountability. I started my career in advertising climbing the ladder with Pfizer in New York, Cigna in Philadelphia, then off to Pittsburgh with Westinghouse in public relations. After a stint in New York with a small firm providing media and public speaking executive training, I started my own company providing those services.

“When I retired, we moved to Boca Grande, Fla., where I keep busy doing three things: I founded the Boca Grande Camera Club dedicated to excellent photography which now has 56 members. I serve on several boards including the Gasparilla Island Conservation and Improvement Association, which is tantamount to the Town Council, and I write a weekly column in the local newspaper about public speaking and communications.”

And with an email address beginning with “choochoo,” who could be more of a Lehigh supporter than Delta John Woerner?

“After graduation I worked as an application engineer in the air conditioning and refrigeration (A/C&R) field for about five years which led to the Silcox Refrigeration Corp. In 1974, along with a partner, I started Global Systems, Inc., as an independent exporter of A/C&R equipment. After many changes in the export field, and the untimely passing of my partner, I started GlobalAire LLC in 2002 working from home as the export rep for International Environmental Corp., handling Hong Kong and South Korea before finally retiring in 2016.

“My wife, Eleanor, and I still have season tickets to Lehigh football. We were at the 150th game in Yankee Stadium and saw Lehigh beat Duke in Greensboro, N.C. We have been married 34 wonderful years (second marriage for both) and now live in a condo in Cresskill, N.J. We have three daughters, two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren who keep us plenty busy.”

The other Deltas are Charles Vogt and Bob Biggs.

Perhaps the first time we all heard the phrase “give something back” was when our stalwart class agents George Karr and Gene Mercy presented the idea of a class gift to our dorm section or fraternity. That was a singular beginning as our class has continued to be among the most generous to our alma mater.

Because of this your class scribes have decided to add a new feature to this column: Outstanding ’59ers!

We are focusing on classmates who have created a special relationship with Lehigh and their broader community in big ways and small. We start with a biggie (and because he’s near the head of the alphabet): Bill Beattie.

Bill has certainly provided Lehigh with a lasting legacy through a number of endowed gifts. In 2002, Bill endowed the STAR program, which pairs Lehigh student mentors with at-risk middle and high school students. Several years later Bill endowed two other areas: The Access and Success Fund and the Beattie Scholarship which
provides eight scholarships per year, two for each class. His first scholarship was named after his company, Strategic Minerals, and is awarded to a student who has the courage to follow Bill’s metallurgical entrepreneur footsteps.

Bill took his sense of stewardship and social justice to his home town, Danbury, Conn., where he and wife Kathie (Cedar Crest ‘60) founded The Jericho Partnership, a consortium of the faith-based organizations that provide many needed services to the underprivileged, including: the Samaritan Health Center, a free pediatric clinic; Pathways Danbury Youth Ministries; and The Good Samaritan Mission.

His sense of caring and compassion is shared by his family. Daughter Vicki has dedicated her life to serving the needy in Africa, currently working as a missionary nurse with those suffering from leprosy.

Bill’s passion for Lehigh convinced son Michael ’88 and daughter Elizabeth Ann ’93 to attend, and being smart youngsters they married Lehigh graduates.

Lehigh and Bill have a special bond. In September 1955, unforeseen financial circumstances jeopardized Bill’s attendance. But the university saw what was special about Bill and responded with a major grant and work opportunities that covered costs for four years. As is obvious from his generosity to Lehigh, Bill never forgot what the university did for him.

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Hello classmates,

Hope this column finds all of you enjoying a nice summer. As I write this spring has finally arrived in New England after a March full of nasty wind and snowstorms. I will be getting my golf club out shortly.

Not a lot to write about this quarter, as I have not received any emails or letters from any of you.

I did have a nice call from Fred Stucky, who started in the Class of ’59 but ended up in our class. Fred had read about Sam Sadtler’s passing in an earlier column and wanted to know if I had any more details. Fred and Sam were good friends as Fred has a 200-acre farm in southern N.J., near where Sam had a second home. Fred has pretty much turned his business over to his children and spends most of his time at Kiawah Island, S.C.

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Hope, into their home where she enjoyed playing with their year-old standard poodle. Tom and Tricia were planning to travel to Antarctica in early March.

When we were in Florida, we spent a lot of time with Bill Ross and his wife, Dottie, starting with their annual Super Bowl party. John Mac Williams and his wife, Louise, were at the party. They drove up from the winter home in Delray, Fla. Bill Ross has given up on playing golf but Dottie joined Gill and I a few times. Bill is still commuting from Jupiter Island to Philadelphia during the winter, but is stretching out his stays in Florida much more than in the past.

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I have been informed that this column will now be available online by going to www1.lehigh.edu/news/publications/bulletin. This is where any alum can read about what is going on at the school and with our class.

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"Chuck Wistar, Ed Valliant" and Jay Chambers ’66. Ted also had news from Bill Lowe and Ira Lieberman.

When we chatted again in March, Ted and Diane were driving home from wintering on Anna Maria Island, Fla. He told me he had just retired from an active role as chairman of Stanton Chase International. He was looking forward to staying involved as honorary chairman but glad not to be making the two-hour commute to Baltimore. Ted is very proud to have been a co-founder of Stanton Chase 27 years ago. He served in multiple leadership roles, culminating as chairman of the corporation.

Today, Stanton Chase is ranked among the top 10 global retained executive search firms. It employs over 275 consultants worldwide, operating 73 offices in 46 countries. Many of you know Ted from his term as president of our alumni association and as a member of the Lehigh board of trustees. Ted continues to be actively involved with Lehigh.

Ted and Diane have a son and daughter (Melissa [Muendel] Hartley ’94) and three teenage granddaughters. They both look forward to spending more time with the kids, traveling, golf and ocean fishing for tuna and dolphins in the Atlantic waters near their home in Dagsboro, Del.

It occurred to me that if you are going into sales, sell something that lets you live somewhere or do something you really enjoy. Chuck Wistar seems to have gotten both right. Chuck sells yachts in Annapolis—big yachts! One of his webpages sums it up:

“Chuck holds a 100 Ton USCG Master’s License, has cruised over 25,000 miles aboard a number of his boats ranging from 16’ outboards to a 53’ Selene Trawler. After a career as a serial entrepreneur in several..."
industries, he has worked for the last 12 years as a yacht dealer and yacht broker.”

When we spoke in March, Chuck was looking forward to a few more years selling yachts. Having recently merged his Selene Annapolis Yachts enterprise with another Annapolis-based yacht broker, Chuck is happily back dealing with customers without the added stress of owning and running his own show. Chuck and Andrea celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary last year. Both plan to retire in 2020 and see more of the U.S. They love hiking the national parks, although like most of us, Chuck’s hips and knees are slowing him down. Andrea, however, recently climbed Yosemite’s Half Dome Mountain.

I had a fascinating chat with Ira Lieberman in March. He claims to be retired but, except for a three-month break he and Phyllis take to their place in the Berkshires, he is extremely busy writing, speaking and serving as chairman and CEO of LIPAM International, Inc. LIPAM is an advisory firm that works with governments, international financial institutions, NGOs and the private sector in developing and transition countries. After Lehigh, Ira earned an MBA from Columbia and spent nearly 20 years working for and with the World Bank. He was senior advisor working for and with the World Bank Group’s SME Department and chaired the donor committee for small business. He currently serves on several boards of directors of publicly listed companies and continues as chairman of a publicly listed biotech company. Later in his career, Peter Liken tapped Ira as an advisor to Lehigh’s Martindale Program. He continues to support the program and when we spoke in March was preparing to present a lecture at Lehigh. Ira has published extensively on development issues—on financial crises, on microfinance and SMES and on privatization in transition economies.

Ira and Phyllis have two sons and a daughter-in-law, all of whom are Lehigh grads, and three young grandchildren. Lehigh too?

Ira keeps in contact with Steve Burakoff, M.D., who is at the forefront of cancer research and treatment at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine. And with Bruce Pastor, M.D. Bruce is a gastroenterologist in Brookline, Mass. I’ll try to catch up with these two as well as Jay Chambers, Bill Lowe and Ed Valliant in my next column.

I was unable to make contact with Jay Chambers or Ed Valliant in time for this column but Ted said they are both doing well. Jay has retired after a long, successful career with Westinghouse and Northrop Grumman. Ed raises carriage horses on his ranch in Easton, Md.

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Congratulations to Peter A. Tedesko, who was married to Christina Lewis Pogue on Dec. 14, 2017 in Vero Beach, Fla. The Reverend Michael W. Goldberg, Rector of Saint Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church, performed the ceremony on the beach. Tina and Peter will reside full time in Vero Beach, Fla.

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Ken Johnston graduated as a civil engineer and remained at Lehigh for an MBA. He and Barbara married in August 1966 and lived in the Globe Apartments. They have two children. They moved to York, Pa., in 1977, and Ken started his own construction business building water and sewage treatment plants. He is now retired from the business, in favor of his son, Trey, running the firm. Barbara earned degrees at Temple and Penn State and spent her career in elementary education, specializing in reading. They both enjoy tennis and bridge (having learned bridge late at night in the ATO house) and are active in various sports: biking, swimming, running, cross-country skiing and taking care of aging bodies. And, still find time to fit in travel to faraway places.

Robert Kaphan added to his Lehigh degrees list with a B.S. in industrial engineering (’67) and an MBA (’68) on top of his B.A. in Applied Science. He then set off on what he describes as an “uncommon career story.” He started in a management training program with Westinghouse, served in the U.S. Army Reserve, worked for a plastics company, owned Bard Home Decorating Center in Burlington, was executive director of the Vermont Economic Development Authority, went into banking, and was then president of two companies in Vermont.

He married his sweetheart and pin-mate, Sarah May Tukey (Cedar Crest ’69), in 1969, and they are still going strong. They spend the summer in Vermont and the winter in Florida with their standard poodle, Greta Garbo, who is a registered therapy dog. They have two children and four grandchildren.

David Klocker got to go to Vietnam after graduating a little late. He served in a combined reconnaissance and intelligence platoon—half American and half RVN (Republic of Vietnam) troops, including some ex-VC. Dave says that is quite a story in itself. After the military, he moved into human resources work, specializing in information systems and employee benefits. He spent most of his time in the corporate sector, ending his career as director of employee benefits for Central Hudson Gas & Electric Company. He and his wife, Linda (St. Luke’s Nursing and Pace University), then relocated to North Carolina to follow their two children and two grandchildren, and enjoy a more temperate climate. Dave learned to fly fish at age 65 and says the mountains of N.C. are a great place for it. He also enjoys nine months of golf.

Robert Lefferts continued his electrical engineering education by earning a master’s (’68) and doctorate (’72) at the University of Pennsylvania. He then worked in the area of radar tracking and signal processing. He worked for a number of companies in the Morristown, N.J., area and ended his career at Lockheed Martin. He published seven journal articles in Radio Science and IEEE Transactions in Aerospace and Electronic Systems. He and his wife, Jane
(St. Luke’s Nursing), have two children and two granddaughters. They enjoy traveling and are looking forward to their 50th wedding anniversary.

**Bob Lentz** served in the Army from 1966 to 1968 with duty as a company commander and battalion adjutant in Virginia and Korea. Following graduation from the Wharton Business School, he began his career in banking. He started with Marine Midland, and spent many years with Bank of America. He concentrated in analysis of public and private companies for venture capital, private placements, and mergers/acquisitions. In 1998 he founded Lentz & Company, Inc., to prepare corporate appraisals of privately held companies and developed a specialty in ERISA valuations. Bob and his wife, Debra (a University of San Francisco grad), enjoy living in the beautiful San Francisco Bay Area. He stays busy with travel, reading, politics, maintaining his first car—a restored 1930 Chevrolet—and looking after their three soft-coated Wheaten Terriers.

Don’t be shy. Feel free to email, mail or phone me with updates on your post-retirement activities and how you are enjoying the “golden years” in between doctor’s appointments and medical tests.

**Eric Hamilton**, journeyman618@gmail.com

**Fred Weed** was my first responder within two days of my email to the class. Fred wrote about the NCAA Wrestling Championships in Cleveland. He said, “Cleveland hosted the NCAA Wrestling Championships last week and the city put on its finest. And it was St. Patrick’s Day weekend, which is a big event here. A great tournament, although the Engineers did not fare as well as hoped.”

“A nice turnout from the Class of ’67 as I visited with Mort McClenann, Joey Caprio and Mike Caruso at a party hosted by the Lehigh Club of Northern Ohio. Next year’s nationals are in Pittsburgh and hope to see more classmates there.”

**John Bacheller** writes that he has been retired for 10 years, after working as senior vice president for policy and research at Empire State Development from 1995 to 2007, an arm of the New York State Department of Economic Development.

John is currently a research fellow at the Rockefeller Institute at the State University of New York at Albany. He writes a research blog on [www.policybynumbers.com](http://www.policybynumbers.com). He is married with two children and two grandchildren. Finally, John says, “My wife and I spend time visiting children and grandchildren, and doing some traveling, most recently to England.”

**D’Arcy Roper** and I were able to go to a couple of George Mason basketball games at the end of the season. I also went with D’Arcy to a couple of the Atlantic 10 Conference championship games in D.C. Unfortunately, GMU did not advance very far. Nevertheless, GMU is an exciting team to watch.

I am back stateside from The Hague where I spent six months. The Dutch are very cordial and pleasant people, and I enjoyed my time there. The art museums and historic places are spectacular. The 600- to 800-year-old buildings make our oldest buildings seem like young children in comparison.

I am now working at the Pentagon with a short commute to work, and I’m happy to be back in the good ole U.S.A.

During the past year both before our 50th Reunion year and through the end of 2017, I received a great response from class members. Perhaps I may have omitted news from a classmate or two during that time. If I did that, I apologize and ask that you please notify me and re-send those emails that did not get published in the *Bulletin*. I will be more careful with the next edition. Thank you, classmates, for all your news.

**Dick Bell**, 2016 Redwood Avenue, Wyomissing PA 19610. rtbell68@hotmail.com. We heard from **Hugh Lee** who reports that after serving in the U.S. Army in Vietnam he joined Stone and Webster Engineering Corporation in Boston, designing nuclear and fossil power plants. He then went on to get his legal degree and transferred to Stone and Webster’s legal department. Subsequently, he changed careers as a corporate counsel for a manufacturing company that produced printing equipment for the magazine and newspaper industries. He has retired and is building additions to his and Andrea’s 1730s house in Rye, N.Y.

Our ’68 scholarship recipient is Eileen Espana ’19, an accounting major. She has been actively involved in the community and has been active in different Lehigh clubs and educational resources.

Our 50th reunion was June 8-10. More news to come from the celebration next issue. Stay healthy.

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For the 150th Lehigh-Lafayette game, Sheila and Alex Yellin, along with Jack and Michelle Barnaba ’70, went to freeze our 50th Reunion and there was a grandson! Milo is now 8 1/2 months old (yes, named after a band member of the Descendants [like he would know]). Paul says he is absolutely a blessing and that he can’t get enough of him.

Paul is continuing to run his structural engineering office and in fact worked harder and longer in 2017 than in any of the 39 previous years.

Paul and his wife, Lee Ann, continue to live in Wayne, N.J., and have an underused guest room for any of our old friends. Paul lost their dog, Cooper, a couple of years ago and followed a year later with Camper, who was named by the children of Camp Veritans in Haledon, N.J., where Lee Ann has been the camp nurse for over 30 years. Paul will not say that Camper replaced Cooper, who was so special. Paul had Cooper counting, doing square roots and cube roots. Just before he got suddenly sick and died, he did the square root of 64, unprompted. He is now trying to get Camper to learn the same, however as of Super Bowl Sunday 2018 he can only do some square roots.

Paul regrets that he could not attend our 45th reunion (believes it was the first he missed), but his niece got married that weekend and would not change the date. His nephew will get married next January as Paul warned him to not follow after his sister!

Paul would like to put a shout out to all ’69ers to plan ahead, especially those who have not been back. He would love to see Bill Rimney, Steve Walter, Vic Forsberg, Alex Yellin, Bill Flammer, Richard Barch, Al Clauss and anyone else he

“In Remembrance” section has no members of the Class of ’69 (especially him!).

Paul writes that both of his children, Susan and Jeff, are married. Jeff and wife Marie have given him the blessing that many of you have experienced, a grandson! Milo is now 8 1/2 months old (yes, named after a band member of the Descendants [like he would know]). Paul says he is absolutely a blessing and that he can’t get enough of him.
forgot to name (my limit was M&M B-2). Paul also asked for a little support from the freshmen Richards section. Paul has so many fond memories of those years and would like to remind all of us that he has great memories that he can recount over and over (isn’t senility great?).

With that, I reached out to some of Paul’s freshmen classmates in Richards B-2 and some of my classmates from Taylor W-1. Unfortunately, I only heard from one: Doug Dworski, who said it has been a long time since he thought about his freshman dorm; he probably wouldn’t have remembered the floor and section number if I hadn’t reminded him. Doug said he could only remember about half of the guys, including Paul Beck, Bill Succop, Jim Walton, Rich Bond, Cole Oram and Bill Price. Doug remembers that his roommate was Geoff Kitson ’73… Doug was back for the 20th reunion in 1989 and again for the 30th reunion in 1999, but missed the 40th due to other engagements. He plans to attend the 50th next year, so hopefully he will be able to see some of those guys again.

So, as Paul says, fight senility and share an update with all your classmates! And be sure to join us next year at our 50th!

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Bob “Bart” Bartholomay (abarholmay@comcast.net) is teaching robotics at Cape Cod Community College using Re-think Robotics two-arm Baxter and single-arm Sawyer. He keeps busy with Ann’s honey-do list, clamming, fishing, gardening and volunteering.

Paul FlorCruz (p.florcruz@gmail.com) wrote last May: “I collaborated with Bob Kiley ’55 and Tom Brownlee ’71 to enjoy a luncheon and guided tour of the Art Museums at Colonial Williamsburg. Bob has been a longtime big supporter of Colonial Williamsburg.”

From Don Forrester, MD, FACPE (donforrest@google.com): “After graduation I did a one-year stint at NIH before attending Georgetown Med School. My family medicine residency took Beth and me to Sacramento; I worked with the Permanente Medical Group for 30 years. In 2008, I began my encore career involving prevention and reversal of chronic conditions. Beth and I celebrated our 47th in November. We enjoy our three children, their spouses and six grandkids within 100 miles. Beth is a philosophy professor at Sacramento City College. I continue to do some patient care but my main job is chief medical officer for Switch Healthcare. I also serve on the board of Nutrition-Facts.org. I’ve recently enjoyed meeting Loren Ota ’70 in Berkeley when he visited his son’s family, including his first grandson. Beth and I enjoyed meeting Al Eisley ’70 and his wife, Carla, on two trips to Chicago. Hope to make it back for our 50th.”

Bill Hamilton (williamf.hamilton@mac.com) wrote: “Happy to report that after 30+ years I’ve retired from the active practice of law to join the faculty at the University of Florida Levin College of Law as a legal skills professor.”

From Reginald Jennings (rallenjennings@gmail.com): “As of January I am Lehigh’s co-executive chair of BALANCE, the Black and Latino Alumni Network for Community & Equity. Must concede that the diversity staff and infrastructure that the university has put in place far exceeds my wildest imaginings of 50 years ago. I encourage my fellow minority alums who left Lehigh with no intention of returning to evaluate the profound changes and to consider engaging with us to fulfill the promise of all that the university has to offer to students who look like us and who elect to avail themselves of the first-rate academic experience. ‘Another word for our comfort zone … our coffin.’”

From Robert A. Meger (rameger@verizon.net): “I’m retired from the government and Naval Research Laboratory in D.C. A fantastic adventure. My wife of 43 years, Barbara, and I play tennis and I work in my shop/studio. I bought a Miata and tour the Delmarva area with other roadsters searching for perfect crab cakes. My wife and I enjoy travel. In recent years we’ve been to Australia, New Zealand, Italy, Jamaica, France, Portugal, Spain, Greece, a cruise on the Baltic, Nashville for the Opry, and Memphis for Blues and Elvis. My years at Lehigh, plus a few at Cornell, prepared me for a fantastic career in research physics. I worked on projects ranging from nano-technology to hypersonic electric launchers (railguns). I was fortunate to have been one of the 20 ‘Lehigh French Engineers’ who spent summer ’67 learning to speak ‘Franglais’ on a federal grant, which infected me with the desire to travel.”

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Jim Dale has been hard at work getting our class website up and running in anticipation of our 50th. The website is integrated with the official Lehigh website, and we are the first alumni class to do so. Check it out at mylehigh.lehigh.edu/1971. Jim is looking for ideas, memories, photos and help with the website. Do any of you remember our freshman raid on Lafayette, a summer in Nice studying French, bed races or anything else others might be interested in? Jim will be interested in anything you might have to offer. He can be contacted at jdale1948@gmail.com or 732-580-7583. I’m just hoping this doesn’t compete with my Bulletin column.

Mike Pavlidis will be chairing a class gift committee for our 50th. Mike’s goal is to substantially increase our total class gift amount and the number of classmate participants in the Tower and Asa Packer societies. Anyone interested in helping Mike can contact him at mpavlidis@hotmail.com.

Rick Hilperts sent me an email detailing his life after Lehigh to share with you. Rick has been retired for five years and enjoying every minute of it playing golf and tennis, baseball umpiring, basketball refereeing, babysitting grandchildren and helping at two non-profits. He’s worked for three large companies in sales and sales management: American Express, Bank of America and SAP. Stops along this journey included New York, Atlanta, back to New York and finally Boston. Rick and his wife have lived in the Boston area for 34 years. Their four children are spread all over the country, even as far away as Hawaii. He commented that on a recent visit to Lehigh he found it strange to see women on campus. He also commented that having his grandson with him in a stroller was a hit with all the coeds.

Frank Laico is now retired and living with his wife, Joan, in Lakeland, Fla. He spent his career in operations and IT management with several food companies: US Foods, CCH and Kraft Foods.

Jere Leister spent more than 33 years as an engineering manager at Corning Inc. Jere received his MSCE from the University of Pittsburgh. He and his wife, Margaret, live in Blacksburg, Va.

Richard Lee is the president of The John Edward Fowler Me-
memorial Foundation in Bethesda, Md. The foundation focuses on empowering disadvantaged people in areas of homelessness, hunger, at-risk children, and youth and adult literacy. Ralph Lehr is vice president of family-owned Jack Lehr Heating, Cooling and Electric, offering commercial and residential HVAC and electrical services throughout the greater Lehigh Valley.

Jim Fertig received his law degree from Syracuse University College of Law and has a general law practice in Greene, NY.

Larry Elish is the president of Harry Elish Paper Co., in South Hackensack, N.J. The company wholesales printing and writing paper.

At the top of the column I asked you to help Jim Dale with material for our class website. I would be remiss if I didn’t provide material for future columns. It’s hard to catch up with people in retirement. My contact information is at the top of the column. I’m sure your fellow classmates would like to know about your current activities.

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This time we have some spillover from education. Elia Schoomer arrived at Lehigh when most of us were sophomores, but graduated in 1972. He spent more than 40 years there, managing Instructional Media Services. Elia recounted: “Over the years I’ve watched the work change from black and white video, edited by rolling tape back by hand and pushing the record button at the right moment to make an edit, to fully digital, high-definition computer-based editing. I’ve seen slide making go from typing letters on tape strips, pasting them down and photographing them with special filters to add colors, to fully computerized presentations with no film involved at all. I’ve seen classroom technology change from chalk and overhead projectors, to TVs with VCRs, to whiteboards, smart boards and digital projection. It has been fun watching the university grow and evolve for all these years.” Now Elia is enjoying “quality time on the back porch with my wife, Stefanie. Staying in Bethlehem, keeping an eye on old South Mountain.”

And now the Tom Stoup update I promised, mostly in his own words: “After Lehigh I dodged the idea of entering law school and started teaching at a new prep school in Bath, Maine—The Hyde School. It has since established a national reputation for its highly effective character, leadership and family curricula beyond their boarding school in several inner-city charter schools. It was exciting to be a part of an evolving program during the early years. I worked there, left and then returned when they chose to open a second boarding campus in Woodstock, Conn. It was a unique challenge to open a new school—coaching, teaching, wearing administrative hats and mentoring new teachers. I remember holding girls basketball practice in the middle-school gym across the street at 5 a.m. because we did not yet have a gym.”

Tom left Hyde and turned to public schools in the late ’70s, where he received his “master’s degree in education at Western Carolina University via the National Teacher Corps program. It was a special experience working with students and families in the mountains of western North Carolina. I also learned to work our small farm (with patient guidance from my mountaineer neighbors—cows, chickens and pigs, oh my!). My final two years in the Jackson County School system were as assistant principal of Sylva-Webster High School. While there, my step-daughters were members of the marching corps band that went on to win a national championship. When I departed, I was appointed the assistant principal and athletic director at the brand new Green Mountain Union High School in Chester, Vt. There I was honored with a yearbook dedication for greatly enhancing the school culture and school spirit following rifts caused by a bitter teacher’s strike.

“A bit of a journeyman, I was the head football coach at Kents Hill School in Kents Hill, Maine, the head basketball coach at Berkshire School in Sheffield, Mass., served as the director of admissions at Hyde School when we were expanding our marketing to the West Coast, the math department chair at Palmer Trinity School, just south of Miami, Fla., and the first upper school head with The Carrollwood Day School in Tampa, Fla., where I expanded from their PK-8 IB and character-based programming. I also introduced football as we were able to join a new six-man league. We only had 9th and 10th graders. We did not win a game in the first year, but went on to win the championship in year two. They now field an 11-man team. Jon Gruden’s son played for Carrollwood and dad assisted, but not during my tenure.

“I ended my education career in 2013 at The Community School of Naples, having focused primarily on upper school mathematics, including AP Statistics. Though my longest tenure at any school was only 10 years, I was able to impact wherever I landed. Such a variety of experiences challenged and shaped me tremendously after a wonderful yet sheltered upbringing in suburban Pennsylvania. Most importantly, I became a constant learner throughout my entire career and believe that made all the difference in how I influenced my students, players and advisers.

“Now I’m officially retired living in Naples, Fla., but I stay busy working a full-time job with the Humane Society Naples—my life has gone to the dogs—and occasionally I wander into Big Cypress, the 10,000 Islands and the Everglades for some nature photography.”

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A big thank you goes out to our class reunion planning committee for a job well done on our 45th Class Reunion held June 8-10. The committee consisted of Celeste Varricchio, Jim Duane, Bernie Suess, John Dittmeier, Bruce Smith, Ed Morton, David Morrison, Bob Abadessa and me. As a first-time committee member, I now appreciate the dedication and efforts of this group, who meet by conference call monthly, to handle the many details that assure the success of this event for the Class of ’73.

Steve Senkowski reports he is living in Lancaster, Pa., and has been married to Susan for 43 years. Steve has three sons—John, Mark and Matt (Lehigh ’98)—and five grandchildren. Steve worked for Armstrong World Industries, retiring in 2009 as EVP of the company and CEO of Armstrong Building Products global operations. He and Susan traveled extensively throughout North America, Europe and Asia while working with Armstrong. Although they still go to Europe every two to three years, their main travels are to Minnesota to visit the grandchildren and to Bermuda, where they own property at The Reef Club and sometimes bump into Kathy and Chuck Entrekin ’71. Steve says he plays golf three to four times a week, provided
the ground is snow-free and not frozen. With all that travel and golf, Steve still finds time to volunteer as a board member for the Lancaster County United Way where he is currently serving as the annual campaign chair for the second straight year. Steve also wanted to share that since 1972, he has hosted a get-together in the Poconos at Split Rock/Lake Harmony for old and new friends on Super Bowl weekend. Among those in attendance from our class are Jim Brown, Jim Stein and Wilson Yale. Lehigh alums from other classes are Jeri McClune ‘74, Gus Gustafson ‘74, John Lindberg ‘74, Bill Noll ‘74, Bill Abendschein ‘75, Jim Galletty ‘74 and Brent Willey ‘75.

Paul Caster writes to say that after Lehigh he studied at the University of Chicago, where he received his MBA in 1981, and then enrolled at the University of North Texas, where he earned his Ph.D. in 1985. Paul has spent his career as an accounting professor, first at the University of Southern California, and for the past 23 years, at Fairfield University’s Dolan School of Business, located in Fairfield, Conn. While retirement has crossed his mind, Paul says, “Not for a couple of years, at least.”

An upbeat Jeffrey Dreibelbis remarks, “I have been married to my wife, Lorraine, for 39 wonderful years. We have two beautiful daughters, Amy (UVM ‘02) and Becky (Lehigh ‘03), who have given us four spirited grandchildren.” After Lehigh, Jeffrey served in the U.S. Air Force for four years as a communications engineer. He then joined IBM in Essex Junction, Vt., where he worked as a computer memory design engineer and project leader. Jeffrey retired from IBM after 30 years as a member of the senior technical staff. Jeffrey says his retirement schedule is currently dominated with “grandkid daycare... and loving every minute of it!” In addition to grandkid daycare, Jeffrey and Lorraine have taken numerous trips including to Alaska, Hawaii, the Pacific Northwest and the Canadian Rockies. “One of my favorite annual trips,” he adds, “is skiing at various resorts with seven of my Lehigh Delta Sigma Phi fraternity brothers.” Jeffrey is on a quest and wants to know where are Lee Foshag ‘72 (his freshman roommate and calculus mentor) and Lenny Horney (his dedicated EE lab partner)? Until our next column... the mystery continues.

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I promised last time that I would share some of my correspondence with Jon Kilroy, which began last September.

Jon came back to Bethlehem for a reunion of some of the late Dan Mulholland’s old friends in connection with the subsequent unveiling of his memorial stone near the Class of ‘74 football tailgate area, subject of my last column. They had a lot of fun toasting Dan’s memory.

“As part of the visit,” Jon wrote, “I attended my first Lehigh football game of this century and enjoyed a great tailgate. Plenty of alums of our vintage were in attendance, starting, of course, with Gus Gustafson and Bob Mulholland, who apparently share the keys to the larder and deserve great credit for the excellent quality and congeniality of the tailgate event.

“Other ‘74 tailgaters included Larry Schiff, Eileen (Evans) Colahan, Jim Palme, Rick Ross and Nick Noel, as well as my Ohio neighbor and track and field teammate, Steve Bigach ‘75.

“I wish I could have recognized and remembered more of the names of the many others I spoke with before the game and in the stands. I’m afraid that the effort expended in trying to understand what to sign up for and when regarding Medicare has repurposed some of the little gray cells that had been so useful in storing names of old classmates, locations of popular South Bethlehem pubs and the back road to Cedar Crest.

“I also was able to spend some time with former track/cross-country coach John Covert and his wife, Carol. They’ve stayed in the Lehigh neighborhood since retirement and have remained involved in Lehigh athletics and other Lehigh projects. He still has a lot of wisdom to share.

“The university is building a pavilion and press box named in honor of John and Carol in the Goodman Fields, adjacent to the track where his teams enjoyed so much success.

“P.S. I have to wonder where the university came up with Mountain Hawks as our mascot. I was a big supporter of your Brown and White campaign decades ago to name the Hill-to-Hill Bridge as a suitable mascot, one that would serve so well to connect a school with such engineering prowess with the surrounding community. Alas.”

I asked Jon for more information about himself, and he responded:

“Following graduation, I worked at Lehigh as assistant track coach and earned an MBA during that time. After a brief stint in NYC, I moved to Philadelphia to work with INA Corp., and soon found myself in California for 20 years, mostly in Los Angeles and San Francisco. I moved into real estate finance, started and sold a mortgage company back when the mortgage business was respectable, met my wife, Patty, and moved back to Ohio with our two sons in 1999. We decided to return to my hometown, Shaker Heights, to provide my mother (now 95) with easy access to her grandsons.

“David is 22, a recent Ohio State grad, already working in his field: city management. Dan, who will be 20 next week, is a sophomore at Miami University, studying geology. Patty closed her physical therapy practice in LA to be a stay-at-home mother, and recently returned to the workforce in the local schools, working with children with learning disabilities.

“I worked in real estate finance-related positions for a couple of banks, and then for seven years taught economics and other business courses at a local college campus, which closed this year, giving me time to visit Bethlehem, drink and toast and enjoy tailgate and football events.”

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suitethey was very appreciative of Joe and Annie’s hospitality.

The Lehigh football karma brought LSU its biggest football comeback in memory. It was one for the record books for the Lehigh football alumni who now have to invite a group of Tigers to a Lehigh football game.

Then, we caught up with former Lehigh rugby player Ted Gerber. After graduating from Lehigh with a degree in finance, Ted moved to Sandy Springs, Ga., outside of Atlanta, and continued to play rugby with a local club. Within a couple of years, Ted and Laura, his first wife, had a daughter, Emily, who now lives in Anderson, S.C. Always the savvy businessman, Ted got involved in the tech world and took a position in the software business for a few years. Joining a law firm, Ted has been the chief information officer for the past 26 years as the firm grew into 11 offices across the U.S. Believe me, it is not easy supporting the computer services for a large group of litigators (Tigers).

Following Laura’s death in 1997, Ted eventually met and married Brenda. They live in the Atlanta area and spend as much time on weekends as they can at their lake house in northern Georgia. Ted still supports his local rugby club and hopes to retire sometime in 2019. Great to hear about Ted!

Please send me an email about what you are doing these days, so I can include you in the next class column. Your classmates want to hear about you.

Don’t forget to like our class Facebook page run by Jeff Sherman. It can be found at facebook.com/lehighseventyfive?ref=ts. Post some pictures! Do we have the most points of any Lehigh class if you multiply our average age by number of likes on our class Facebook page? Who says we are dotards.

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I’m back! My apologies for missing the last column. It’s not an age thing, I just forgot! As I write this in April, it certainly feels and looks like February, and those warmer climates are looking more and more attractive. Congratulations to the Philadelphia Eagles for their Super Bowl 52 victory. What a game and what a win for the football championship-starved City of Brotherly Love. I have been a Philly fan my entire life, including being with my dad at a young age at the infamous Snowballs at Santa game at Franklin Field. I learned how to throw a fastball that year! Mary and I were at the game with my oldest son, Bryant ‘07 ‘08 G, and his girlfriend, Heather. In spite of the extreme low temps, the gracious people of Minneapolis did a great job, and the glass enclosed stadium is fantastic at every level…and was warm!

Fly Eagles Fly! Here’s some news. John Irvin wrote a nice note, bragging about his nine grandchildren that all live near them in Pittsburgh. John just finished up a three-year term at Lehigh on the Dean’s Business School Advisory Board.

You know this Chi Psi group of ’76ers are always top one or two every five years in attendance at our reunions. And they always find ways for a core group of them to get together. This fall they are doing a golf outing in Georgia with Jerry Mullan, Dave Danahy, Jack Tracy, Sam Williams, Chuck Sonon and Bob Adler. Very cool guys! Our class should give you guys an honorary degree…ha!

Hey John, I just got a note from my Zetes brother, Keith Wilson ’77, and he now has 16 grandchildren. There is nobody that can top that! The campus is growing, come visit! Cheers.

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When we retired to Florida 10 years ago (yikes!!), I never contemplated the added benefit of this being a wonderful conduit to have annual visits with my college friends! But I am lucky to see Jill (Sugarman) Van Hoesen and Donna (Tice) McGee every year down here. Jill comes east from California to play in a golf member guest tournament every year and Donna has a home about 35 minutes south of us. Both of them are busy with travels and being grandma several times over now!

Joining the retirement ranks at the end of last year was Deb (Dabrowski) Delmage, who retired from Gardener’s Supply in Vermont. I have no doubt she and John will fill their spare time with travel (she did a lot of international travel in her job too!)—but now it’ll be for fun! I can see lots of scuba trips on the horizon!

Afraid this is an all-time low for news. Take pity on me and drop me an email with your news....
about our 40th Reunion next year and make plans to attend! Dorothy and I have enjoyed a great time at each reunion and would love to see you there. Until then, drop a note and let me know what you are up to. Now that some of you are retired, you’ve embarked on second acts or a variety of activities that would be of interest to your classmates.

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Charlottesville Chuettn is living in Leesburg, Va., and has been working in the space industry since 1989. Charlie worked on the Mars Observer spacecraft, which tragically failed before reaching Mars, and on its replacement the Mars Global Surveyor, which gathered images of Mars for several years. The coolest program that Charlie worked on was the Dawn mission, which orbited and imaged the two dwarf planets Ceres and Vesta in the asteroid belt beyond Mars. Every command sent to that spacecraft is decoded by logic that Charlie designed.

Charlie’s daughter, Margaret, is a member of the Lehigh Class of 2021. Margaret is having a blast with the Marching 97, and traveled to London for the New Year’s parade.

While visiting Lehigh, Charlie ran into two professors who have been there since 1980: Doug Frey in the electrical engineering department, and Helen Beedle in the music department, who he took piano lessons from. Charlie passed his piano skills on to Margaret and is happy that she is involved musically at Lehigh. Charlie’s son, Billy, is 21 years old, and is moderately autistic. He is very friendly and gifted musically. Charlie plans to join Facebook and try to catch up with his gang from the days in Dravo, RH11 and 422 Pierce St.

Brian Woolford has settled in after three years of retirement. Brian spends his time visiting family, traveling and volunteering. Brian ventured on his third transatlantic voyage from Fort Lauderdale to Amsterdam and also an 11-day foliage cruise from Quebec City to New York City. Brian volunteered as medical staff for his 20th Camp Laurel event. Brian will be in Paris for Gay Games 10 to play men’s and mixed 60s tennis doubles.

Mark Rittmayer is busy working in Hong Kong.

Duane Ising started his six-month boat journey in May from Florida to Maine and back.

Frank Scattene had cataract surgery on both eyes. Now Frank won’t be the blind football statistician in the Goodman Stadium press box anymore and is looking forward to the upcoming season.

Ted Bahr sold BZ Media, a company he founded in 1999. The publisher of Software Development Times, the company also produced high-tech conferences and launched the largest commercial drone trade show in the world, InterDrone. And now for something completely different, Ted is opening the Bahr Gallery in Oyster Bay, N.Y., which specializes in rare, first-edition psychedelic rock concert poster art from the late 1960s. Ted claims that “retirement is overrated,” and anyone venturing out to Long Island is welcome to visit and check hours on the website, BahrGallery.com.

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Jeff Ost worked at WLRN and WLVR while at Lehigh and went on to work on-air at WKAP-AM in the Lehigh Valley. Jeff has been married for 33 years. His two children, a son and daughter, are planning their respective weddings. After over 30 years of doing software development, technical sales and information technology support with Tektronix, Hewlett-Packard, Merck and Honeywell, Jeff decided that the information systems industry was a young man’s game. Jeff took on stand-up comedy and acting. Jeff played a part in the CNN series Pope: The Most Powerful Man in History.

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Happy spring to all! Those of us residing in the Northeast are quite happy to see the pounding of nor’easter snowstorms a thing of the past. I have just taken over the ’81 class column for the past of 2018. I am anxious to hear from fellow grads from my year so I can share your updates with our classmates.

Pete Gakos: In 2014 Pete and Mary Beth (Keating) Gakos ‘80 relocated to Clinton Township in Hunterdon County, N.J., after 20-plus years living in Basking Ridge, N.J. Mary Beth continues her second career as an eighth-grade teacher in the Basking Ridge/Bernards Township School District. Pete retired in 2014 after 30-plus years as a financial professional working in the financial services industry with particular focus in the commercial property and casualty industry. He held several senior-level managerial roles in an underwriting capacity with particular emphasis on large Fortune 500 clients mostly working in the NYC metropolitan area.

Pete and Mary Beth have two sons; Phillip (30) and Jeffrey (28). Phillip and his wife live close by and have one son and one daughter. Jeff lives and works in Austin, Texas.

Pete’s volunteer commitments are numerous: United Way of Hunterdon County (UWHC) Board of Trustees, where he is currently on his initial three-year term, elected in 2016. He assists in the development and implementation of strategic initiatives and operational objectives and approves major policies, programs and programs. He has also served on the community resource investment and strategic planning and the finance committees.

He has been involved as a volunteer at The Seeing Eye located in Morris Township, N.J., since 2014. The Seeing Eye was established in 1929 and its mission is to enhance the independence, dignity and self-confidence of people who are blind, through the use of specially trained dogs. The Seeing Eye breeds its dogs, provides their health maintenance, and trains the dogs for Seeing Eye duties. This training also expands to the students or users of their Seeing Eye partners.

His Seeing Eye volunteer activities are a work of total enjoyment. As a huge dog person, he continues to be amazed what the dogs and their partners can achieve together. Pete assists in the housing kennels, food preparation of over 300 dishes of dog food and with bathing each dog who is “graduating” from the program and will be partnered with their blind owner.

Pete is an active member of the Hunterdon County Hiking Club, where he participates in hikes almost weekly and has been active in hiking travel with emphasis on more challenging hikes at U.S. National Parks. Pete successfully hiked sections of the Appalachian Trail in seven states. In 2017, he went on a hik-
ing trip in Southern Iceland.

Matthew Owen Fisch: Matthew is a partner, cybersecurity consultant at Sentry Analytics and SVP of Sales at Towerwall. He resides in Needham, Mass., with his wife of 33 years, Priscilla. They have two sons: Michael (29) and RJ (27). Matthew has had an exciting professional career. Prior to his current position, he worked at Mentor Graphics and at Synopsys, where he was worldwide marketing manager of low power solutions. His team traveled the globe visiting customers in the U.S., Japan, China, Korea, India, Israel and throughout Europe. He visited over 50 cities throughout the world.

Matthew has stayed in close contact with his Lehigh University roommate Josh Ocko ’82 as well as communicating with his other Lehigh roommate, Joe Gromada. He often connects for breakfast with Russ Cramer ’62 and Norm Strate ’62, who unfortunately passed away this year.

However, spending time with family is his priority. He spent a considerable amount of time with his older son, Michael, and soccer over the years traveling internationally to compete. Michael graduated from Bentley University and returned last year after spending three years in Israel working with startups. He is now taking additional courses in programming and is the IT manager for Sentry Analytics. Matthew’s son, RJ, has severe autism but is involved with a very special program. Matthew and his family are dedicated to supporting RJ at the Charles River Center, which he states has changed his life and his perspective on success.

I wish everyone a great spring and summer. Please spread the word that I am anxious to get input from fellow 1981 graduates for future Lehigh quarterlies.

I have little news to report for this column. You need to email me with your life and career news or the 1982 column space becomes crickets.

Susan Yee was a 2018 honoree at the Lehigh Valley Legends “Women who don’t just fly, they soar” event held on April 19 at the ABE Airport. Congratulations Sue!

Joey Delpo of Alpha Chi Rho lives in Maryland these days. Joey laments he ended up partying too much at Crow (who didn’t? Hello, 4:30 a.m. sunrise cocktails) and slid into the Class of 1982. Joey’s account follows verbatim and unedited here.

“As for getting the house back, I don’t think that will happen—we’ve been kicked out twice since I left. I went to a hearing for the first AXP exit in the ’80s, things just got too out of hand with the pledges and stuff. Something about the pledge class jumping on the hood of a campus police car and urinating. They kicked Crow off for four years and after that tried [to do so] again. But that group ran into trouble too. Who knows? Anyway, I haven’t been back or have been able to go back to Lehigh since. I went on to get a second degree at University of Maryland, and I’ve been working freelance in the entertainment industry for the last 30+ years, the last 12 strictly sports, as a broadcast stage manager covering a few hundred events a year. I don’t get off many weekends. I live
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Update In the last column, I mentioned that Lisa Anderman’s daughter, Noa, was applying to Lehigh. Good news, Noa was accepted and will be a member of the Class of 2022. We are looking forward to seeing Lisa at football games in the fall. Enjoy your summer and fall and please keep sending me your news. By the time you get this, football season should be starting, so come join us at our tailgate in the reserved lot.

Jodi (Laudau) Ryan, who told me a funny story. She applied for and was randomly selected to be a seat filler at the Grammys in New York in January. She ultimately ended up in the third row, sitting between Jenny McCarthy and Donnie Wahlberg, and Sam Hunt and his wife, Hannah. Although she was so close, the boys from the country band Midland sat in front of her and never took off their cowboy hats, so it was not as easy to see the stage as it should have been. She also ran into an old colleague from Ernst & Young who is now a music executive that she hadn’t seen in over 30 years. Jodi lives and works in Montvale, N.J., and is the director of student and ac- demic relations at the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA). She has two children: Jennifer, a freshman at Wake Forest, and Matt, a junior in high

in Odenton, Md., which is dead center of D.C., Baltimore and Annapolis, and work now 90 percent in the extended circle. I’ve got a wife (23 years) who is a corporate director at Calico Corners up in Kennett Square. Two boys, I’m proud of, one a graduate theater student on a full-ride at Bowling Green State in Ohio. The other a high school junior percussion/ music prodigy (if only I could get him to care about his other classes as much). All three of them, my wife and two sons, unfortunately have never been in Bethlehem. The closest I’ve been to Lehigh since the ‘80s is seeing Lehigh play a Patriot League game against Navy, A.U., or Loyola that I was working.”

Now that’s what I call colorful class news! Joey remembers pledging Crow with Mike Colvin ‘81 and John Brailthwaite Jr. ’81. I myself have vague and muddled memories of a misbegotten IF Club having run dry, of my fraternity. and Stan King of my fraternity. The bar at Crow having run dry, the strugglers were left to drink Bankers Club dry gin and grape soda. A later blind date party at my house that evening did not end well (for either me or my unsuspecting date).

Steven K. Schwabe, D.D.S. ’80, and I took in the Lehigh–Cornell lax game as part of lacrosse alumni weekend. We drove the Hill after. There were outdoor keg parties at sorority Alpha Phi (our old house), Theta Xi (of cigarette vending machine fame in our days), Theta Chi and Sig Ep (“same as it ever was!”). All brought back old memories. I wanted to crash a few of the parties for a Keystone or Nattie Light, but the good doctor had better sense and his wisdom prevailed. Animal House was released 40 years ago on July 28, 1978. Email me! In the immortal words of Bluto Blutarsky: “don’t cost nothing!”

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Happy summer, Class of ’83! By the time you read this column our 35th Reunion will already have happened, and I hope you did not miss it. I will provide reunion details and news from classmates that were able to attend in the future column.

Please remember that you can always email me (nancy liulehigh83@gmail.com) with any news, and I will include it in the column. I am always excited to hear from fellow classmates. You can also send a picture that will be included in the Bulletin.

News from the Inbox

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Lori (Litman) Ehrlich has just celebrated her 10th anniversary as a state rep in Massachusetts and 32nd year as a CPA. Her hus- band, Bruce, is a CFP with Amer- ico and Swarthmore ‘83. They live in Marblehead, Mass. One of their daughters has an M.S. in biomedical science (Syracuse) and is doing DNA disease re- search for dogs for a company in Boston called Embark affiliated with Cornell Veterinary School. Their other daughter graduates University of Chicago in June. She’ll be working for DigitasLBi in Chicago after graduation.

Lori commented, “I tried, I tried, I tried to get them to attend Lehigh, but oh well. As I tried though, I enjoyed our visits. It was especially nice to see Professor Rich Aronson before he retired and sit down with former President Alice Gast before she left. I also was pleased to welcome President Simon to the Isabella Stuart Gardner Museum in 2015 when he visited Boston.” Lori also mentioned that the Lehigh–Lafayette rivalry is alive and well in the Massa- chusetts Legislature with one of her colleagues, Paul Brodeur, Lafayette ’86.

Lori put me in touch with Jodi (Laudau) Ryan, who told me a funny story. She applied for and was randomly selected to be a seat filler at the Grammys in New York in January. She ultimately ended up in the third row, sitting between Jenny McCarthy and Donnie Wahlberg, and Sam Hunt and his wife, Hannah. Although she was so close, the boys from the country band Midland sat in front of her and never took off their cowboy hats, so it was not as easy to see the stage as it should have been. She also ran into an old colleague from Ernst & Young who is now a music executive that she hadn’t seen in over 30 years. Jodi lives and works in Montvale, N.J., and is the director of student and ac- demic relations at the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA). She has two children: Jennifer, a freshman at Wake Forest, and Matt, a junior in high
school looking to visit Lehigh. Jodi is a big Broadway fan and plans group outings to see all sorts of shows regularly.

Roy Borgeson recently visited his son, Henry, in London. Henry is chief financial officer of Roots Natural Kitchen, an expanding restaurant chain located in college towns. Roy’s daughter Annie is working in Quito, Ecuador, as the director of Manna Project, a women’s advocacy group, and daughter Hannah is off to University of Alabama this August.

And in case you missed it, Doug Ertz’s son, Zach Ertz, helped lead his team, the Philadelphia Eagles, to victory at the Super Bowl this year.

Caroline Power Gangl is looking for volunteers to help organize our next reunion. That would be our 35th, in 2020. Right now we need one or two get-it-done classmates to serve as chair or co-chairs to step forward to lead the committee. We also need a fundraising chairperson who can gently twist some arms so we can provide to Lehigh a memorable class reunion gift. Many members of the 30th Reunion committee have already agreed to step up and serve on the committee again, such as Jean (Bailey) Miller, who put together a great class dinner for us in 2015.

If you’re willing to join the class reunion committee, contact class president Caroline Power Gangl at cpangal@gmail.com. Please consider being a connector!

’86

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“I, too, have made the pilgrimage to Ireland, but never made it past the Guinness Brewery Tour. Arif and Rick, write in to the column, or I’ll just ass-u-me that Fred beats the knickers off of you, every round and every year.

As undergrads, I nicknamed Glen Friedman “Coach” as I prognosticated he’d be the ultimate kids’ hockey coach, which came true as he coached his sons to both ultimately play for Lehigh hockey; tough skates to fill as Glen had played for Lehigh, as you all know, and have ultimately defrosted from watching the team at the Allentown Ice Palace. But, “Wham-0,” who knew (look around, left and then right; then shrug your shoulders) that ultimately, our own R. Scot “Scooter” Bross would be the ultimate Frisbee coach of Scarsdale High School? Congrats Scooter! Today’s trivia lesson, ultimate Frisbee was invented, not on the lawn in front of Guinness Hall (oh, my mistake…Maginnes Hall), but at Columbia High School, Maplewood, N.J.

Fellow computer science majors, Kevin Fitzpatrick and Al Luckanavage, recently discovered that they work very near each other, in Northern Virginia, both as government contractors, providing computer-based solutions. Working for which government and providing solutions to what problem(s) were not specified. I was also not provided with their CONTROL agent numbers, but, then again, maybe they both work for KAOS. Al and his wife have three daughters while Kevin and his wife have two daughters. Kevin reports, “Al seems to have gotten skinnier and taller, Kevin hasn’t.”

See In Remembrance for the unfortunate passing of Charlie Crowley—condolences to his family, his Chi Psi brothers and all his Lehigh friends.

“We’ve already said ‘Good-bye.’ Since you’ve got to go. Oh you had better go now. Go now. Go now. Go now. (Moody Blues)”

’87

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Things are good in my household. We got a new dog, a Cavapoo named Gus, who is keeping us on our toes. I’m busy at work as a matrimonial lawyer, and recently became a Super Lawyer in the area of matrimonial law. My son is now a sophomore, and I plan to think about colleges, and my daughter keeps me on my toes with her music and theater interests.

I heard from Jeffrey Van Inwegen. He told me that this March for the 25th year in a row, a group of 1987 and 1988 Lehigh alums got together in Bethlehem, Pa., for a hockey game. In attendance were Arthur Wise ’88, Brian Lerner, Mike Philipeses, Bill Jones, Andy Bennett ’88, Mike Galluppi, Curt Gammer ’90, Mike Westhelle, Ed Fenley, John Fenley ’88, Scott Fenley ’95, Joe Kender and Paul Hisem ’94. It seems like they all had a great time, and love coming together each year. Unfortunately, the recovery time is a little longer than it was 25 years ago. Those aching bones!

Andrew Cagnetta also updated me on an inspiring story. This year, his fraternity (the active brothers on campus), Phi Sigma Kappa, raised $10,000 for the Clery Center. Their event, The Blue Light Ball, honored the memory of Jeanne Clery to raise awareness about sexual violence and was a huge success. Beverly Gooden spoke about her first-hand experiences and her #whystayed global movement. Allison Kiss Dougherty represented the Clery Center and spoke about their mission. On April 7, Andy attended the Clery Center 30th Annual Gala at the Merion Cricket Club. It was truly a success in honoring Jeanne Clery. Andy is on the board of the Clery Center.

Jeff DeKorte has relocated
D’Arcy Roper ’67 was presented the James Ward Packard Distinguished Service Award by classmate Mike Caruso ’67 (right) and President John Simon ’19P (left). Jim Giddon ’90 hosted a fundraising event for the Lehigh baseball team at his flagship NYC store, Rothmans. Alumni traveled far and wide to attend including current Lehigh Head Baseball Coach Sean Leary ’93, Steve Saul ’90, Mike Lewis ’90, Jim Stone ’88, Paul Knollmeyer ’87, Van Shell ’91, Ron Reybitz ’91, Matt Demm ’92 and Gary Tompkins ’92. Erica (Pasatieri) DyReyes ’00, Laura (Wolkowitz) Wilhelm ’00 and Lynne (Fuller) Schwarz ’00 celebrate after finishing the Austin Half Marathon. Maureen Wink ’05, Lillian McTernan, Nur-e Rahman ’04, Jessi (Schimmel) McMullan ’05 and Ruth (Solomon) Moskowitz ’05 after running the National Women’s Half Marathon and 8K in April. Jeremy McKeon ’08 and his wife, Vanessa Jackisch.
from Miami to Las Vegas, where he is working for Caesars. He is enjoying the drier weather of the desert, but still seems to have time to travel to all of his favorite places. Jill Tornauer has been traveling the globe and is planning her next adventure, to be disclosed at a later date.

Would love to hear from some of you with info such as who has kids going to Lehigh next year, who is retiring, who is pursuing a new dream. Let me know what is going on in your life, so I don’t have to stalk you on Facebook!

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By the time this column arrives, I hope everyone has fully recuperated from our 30th Reunion. It will be interesting to see if we can keep up with the kids these days being on the “back nine.” I am looking forward to it as I write this and thrilled to see so many early RSVPs. A shout out and a thank you to the reunion chairs and committee for taking the time to throw us a fun weekend, as well as Karen (Kornheiser) Farber, and Jim Bowman and Tracey (McCord) Bowman for writing the last two columns for me!

On the social front, I hosted a Lehigh-Lafayette tailgate at home again this year. The weather didn’t cooperate, but boy did we have a good time crammed under the tent. In fact, more than one person said it felt like Sigs Late Night. Per usual it was so much fun to see everyone. Classmates spotted having fun included Gioia (Ligos) Macey, Shari (Sitkoff) Rosenberg, Sharon Siegl Voelzke, Kerry (Loughman) O’Heare, Dave DiBrigida, Bob Mueller, Jillian (Spitalnik) Winoker, Dave Jacey and many more. It was also great to see many students schlepping over to join us old folks for some tailgating.

ATO met for their annual holiday dinner in NYC at Uncle Jack’s Steakhouse. Steve Banco, Brian Kearns, Chris Clayton, Jack Gill, Jeff Enslin, Mike Rinaldi, Jim Harris, Chris Pappas, Pat Curran, Jeff Bosland, Bryan Klepke and 13 other brothers no doubt had a lot of laughs over steaks and perhaps a few cocktails. I almost fell off my chair when I saw a few of these guys have already registered for Reunion. I guess I don’t have to twist my hand.

Congratulations to Kelly and Donny Ferrell on the birth of Lauren Elizabeth last June. I am hoping to meet this lovely baby and her older brother at Reunion. Also, a hearty congratulations to Dale Prestipino and Tracey (Rice) Prestipino ’89 on son Nick’s graduation from Army Ranger School.

Finally, I’m sorry to hear that John Laposky passed away in April. Check the In Remembrance section for more info.

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Congratulations to Brett Paddock and his lovely wife, Maria, on the birth of their beautiful daughter, Emerson Quinn, who was born hours shy of the New Year 2018!

Ralph Bohnenberger, OMG, Ralph Bohnenberger is a grandfather! His grandson was born on Oct. 7, 2017. He is also now a proud member of the Industrial and Systems Engineering Advisory Council.

Nadine (Rosenberg) Tanen is living in her hometown of Westport, Conn. She is married with two boys, a senior in high school and an eighth grader. It is her 14th year as a real estate agent and she enjoys every minute. Nadine and her family recently celebrated her son’s bar mitzvah in Israel.

Bill Sanders celebrated his 20th year in Seattle with his 14-year-old daughter Katie. His professional life includes leading airline systems development for various Boeing airplane programs.

Andrea (Romantini) Holland and Doug Holland ’87 have kept Lehigh tradition alive by having two kids currently at Lehigh: Michael ’18 and Gavrielle ’20.

Susie Nargi (married to Derek Hoar ’88) is living in Chapel Hill, N.C., with children Sophie (16) and Griffin (13). She has spent 22 years with SAS Institute and enjoys spending free time (and money) restoring an 1888 Victorian in Cape Charles, Va., on the Chesapeake.

Julie (Shumofsky) Chivo has been living in Seattle for the past six years with her husband, David, and two children, Talia (17) and Daniel (14). She works as the development manager at the Jewish Day School of Metropolitan Seattle.

Christine (Barner) Seymour is thrilled her daughter joined the Lehigh family and is just ending her freshman year. They live in East Lyme, Conn., and she has been with Pfizer for 22 years. Christine is very active with the American Institute of Chemical Engineers and is proud to announce she is the 2018 AIChe President. She recently reconnected with Lehigh and is the chair of the Lehigh Chemical Engineering Department Advisory Board and is on the Lehigh Dean of Engineering Advisory Board.

Congratulations to Michelle (Grossman) Coleman’s lovely daughter, Hannah, who will start Lehigh as a freshman this fall. She joins Tommy Schelling, son of Jill (Seibert) Schelling, who will not only be part of the freshman class at Lehigh, but will be a member of the Lehigh lacrosse team.

Sandra (Shaffer) Tauckus is living in Manhasset, Long Island. She has two daughters, 16 and 14 years old. She spends much of her time involved in fundraising for diabetes research efforts at Columbia-Presbyterian. Her daughter was diagnosed with type one diabetes when she was 1 year old. They do get back to Pennsylvania after finding an updated 1800s farmhouse in Bucks County where they can enjoy quiet outside NY. Sandra recently saw Sondra (Gross) Mansfield and Debbie Johnson at Sondra’s beautiful place on Upper West Side for her 50th!

I also want to take a moment to remember a beautiful young lady, Jeanne Clery, who will always be a member of the Class of 1989. Jeanne was taken from us in the fall of our freshman year. I was made aware of an event, “The Blue Light Ball,” on campus sponsored by the Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity. The gala was to raise awareness of sexual violence and promote healthy relationships, all in honor of Phi Sig sweetheart Jeanne Clery. Jeanne’s family has been instrumental in spearheading a national movement focused on campus safety including the “blue light” that is visible on almost every college campus in the United States.

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The Fijis reminded me once again what a wonderful pledge class they were by responding to my pleas for news. You guys are just the best!

Jacques Rousseau has been living in Vienna, Va., since 2001 with wife Barbara and children Luc (17) and Lacey (15). Both kids are very active in high school athletics, which keeps their schedules full. Since Lehigh, he has focused on the energy industry, first with Mobil Oil and then as an equity
research analyst with companies including Morgan Stanley and Royal Bank of Canada. Somewhere in there Jacques also earned an MBA from NYU and is now with ClearView Energy Partners in Washington, D.C. He said he still keeps in touch with his Fiji fraternity brothers and that 12 of them (from classes 1987-1991) compete in a fantasy football league that originated back in 1991. (How was that even possible before the internet?!)  

Brian Snyder has a legacy in the family! His oldest child will be reporting to Lehigh this fall as a member of the Class of 2022. Brian lives in Summit, N.J., with his wife, Debbie (Russo) Snyder ’91 and their three children.  

Howard Buttimer calls Grandview in Hudson, NY., home with Jill and sons Justin and Jack. The couple will be celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary next May. Justin is a sophomore at Syracuse, where he also pledged Fiji, and Jack is a sophomore in high school. Howard received his MBA from Fordham Gabelli School of Business in 1999 and has been with Active Media Services based in Pearl River, NY., for 19 years, where he is currently SVP for sales/client relationships. It is an advertising/finance firm focusing on assisting Fortune 500 companies with trade assets for advertising.  

Mike Fisher is living in Waccabuc, NY., with wife Alyssa and their baseball obsessed son, Stephen (17). Their daughter, Kayla, is at Union College studying biomedical engineering and playing softball. Mike actually coached showcase softball for 15 years all around the country and finished last year with the number eight team at Worlds. Mike said after a career in retail he is now a gym teacher in the Bronx. He shared that he is busy getting old and shamefully not staying in touch with his college friends. He had back surgery in 2017, but is on the mend and has returned to lifting.  

Speaking of retail, Jim Giddon checked in about his family business. Jim’s grandfather was in the men’s clothing business for 60 years in NYC and his store, Harry Rothmans, was legendary during its heyday but shuttered its doors in 1985 when he passed. While Jim was still at Lehigh, his brother, Ken, reestablished the business and started an updated version of Rothmans. Jim joined right after graduation in 1990 and together they have evolved from a historic discounter to one of the finest menswear stores in the country with a flagship NYC store at 18th St. and Park Ave., as well as stores in Scarsdale and Bronxville, NY. They are proud to say their family has now been in the menswear business for over 90 years. Check them out at rothmansny.com.  

They recently received recognition along with 11 other “industry leaders” as “MR Magazine’s 2018 Style Icons” for style, industry leadership and contribution to the industry. MR is the official trade magazine of the menswear industry.  

On February of this year, Jim hosted the Lehigh baseball team’s NYC fundraising event at Rothmans. He said it was a great night filled with stories, laughs and support for the program. Alumni traveled far and wide to attend, including current Lehigh Head Baseball Coach Sean Leary ’93, Steve Saul, Mike Lewis, Jim Stone ’88, Paul Knollmeyer ’87, Van Shell ’91, Ron Reybitz ’91, Matt Demm ’92 and Gary Tompkins ’92.  

Jim lives in NYC, is married to Diana (Benner) Giddon and is raising two great daughters, Alexandra (17) and Brooke (16).  

Jill Ricken checked in from her home in San Juan, Puerto Rico, where she lives with her husband, Martin Gonzalez, and their children, Leonardo (17) and Nadia (14). Their son is in 11th grade and enjoys soccer, basketball and futsal, while their daughter is busy in eighth grade with soccer, volleyball and futsal. They all survived Hurricane Maria when it struck as a category 4 storm on Sept. 20, 2017, completely destroying the island’s power grid, leaving all 3.4 million residents without electricity.  

Vicky (Kowalsky) Menand and Stephen Menand purchased a generator for them in Pittsburgh, Pa., and worked tirelessly for over a week to move it through various airports. When it finally landed at the American Airlines port, Jill picked it up with an almost empty tank of gas in her car and a new appreciation of that legendary Lehigh network!  

Diana Zoller Perkins, 610 Texas St., San Francisco, CA 94107; (415) 254-4870; dianazoller@gmail.com. Seriously, people, no news? Most of us aren’t even 50 yet, surely life can’t be this boring! This is a plea for updates—who’s looking at colleges with their kids? Changing jobs? Traveling? Downsizing? Uprooting? Or just living life? What if everyone just sent me one random line about themselves? Let’s make the next column fun to read (because you know it’s the first place you turn when you get your alumni magazine). Please and thank you!  

Steve Harap, (630) 430-1557; s_harap@yahoo.com. Hello all, unfortunately I did not receive any updates for this summer column. But, we are all interested in hearing from you. Please send in your updates so that we can have robust columns in the future.  

I am still very interested in highlighting living and activity groups in the column. So, please let me know if you are willing to be the point person for your group. I think it will be a lot of fun to read updates from groups of people who spent lots of time together while at Lehigh.  

Thanks again for your support. Have a great summer, and I look forward to reporting back in the fall.
spent time in the spa and saw a show. So, maybe some truth to the story. I still don’t buy the blizzard story though.

**James Kollas** has had his own law practice known as Kollas and Kennedy since 2000. His wife, Tara, works for the Commonwealth Court as a chief clerk. James and Tara have four children: Amara (13), Teagan (12), Liam (9) and Belisaria (4).

**Cynthia (Soltsy) Welton**, her husband and two kids have been living in London for the past three years and will be there one more year before returning to Summit, N.J. Cynthia is a full-time mother and professional expat. Prior to their tour of London, the family was living in Seoul, South Korea. **Sean Denham** is the office managing partner of Grant Thornton’s Philadelphia office, and has been with the firm for more than 12 years. He and his wife, Kim, have two girls: Brooke (7) and Avery (5). Sean also sits on Lehigh’s Accounting Advisory Board.

**Bronnie (Fisher) Fiely** has been working at SES, a satellite operator in Princeton, N.J., since 1998. She (along with husband and daughter Sarah) recently built a new home in Newtown, Pa. **Jen (George) Makover** lives in Rowayton, Conn., with husband Peter, daughter Anna (13) and son Max (10). Jen is a school counselor and spends a lot of time coaching in the town’s lacrosse program. Jen met her husband in Vail, Colo., at a lacrosse tournament years ago when she played at Lehigh and Peter played at Penn State.

**Eric Williams** is a tenured professor at Cal State-Sonoma. But right now he is on sabbatical, living in Bali and writing his second book. Eric and I took some ridiculous course called “basic computer something” first semester freshman year. I remember this because I had to beg, actually beg, the professor to give me a D-minus. My parents remind me of my freshman GPA on a regular basis. I still argue that at least my blood alcohol level was lower. Most of the time.

25 years! That’s crazy. But it is happening! Our 25th Reunion will be happening June 7-9, 2019! I hope to see you all there. You will find me with a case of Natty Bo on the deck outside Zetes, trying desperately to break in.

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It was great to hear from several classmates over the past few weeks. Exciting things going on in the lives of the Class of ’95!

**Dr. Jess (Fulton) Trochym** and her husband, Dr. Bo Trochym, have opened the Easton Wine Project. The Easton Wine Project is a new urban winery at the Simon Silk Mill not far from Lehigh University. Jess and Bo took over her father’s, Jack Fulton ’65, vineyard, Vigna Del Monte, in 2016. Might be fun to have a mini-Lehigh reunion there. It is a neat “Lehigh family business” venture to help boost the local economy.

**Kevin Gregoire** lives in Merritt Island, Fla., with his wife, Tracy, and their three boys, Alex, Ryan and Justin, who are now 11, 9 and 7. Their free time revolves around their boys playing baseball. He volunteers as a coach and he’s on the board of the Merritt Island Little League as treasurer. He shared that his involvement has been a great way to give back to the community by helping the 260-plus kids that participate. Kevin was also back on campus with his family this year to see Lehigh beat Lafayette! He continues to work for AVT Simulation in the military modeling and simulation industry. In 2017, he was promoted from VP Finance to VP Corporate Operations.

**Frank Nestore** was happy to report that he and his wife welcomed twin boys in the summer—they actually arrived on his birthday.

**Peter Kenny** recently enjoyed a St. Pat’s weekend with Mark Willmann and Scott Regan. He said “Unfortunately, my twin brother (Chris Kenny), was not able to attend (he still lives in London, as he has for the last 14 years or so).” Peter shared that this group of friends typically gets together once or twice a year to catch up and enjoy some laughs and beers. “It’s pretty standard that all four of us get together—kids and work and distance has made it challenging, but we still put forth the effort.”

“Chris is married, has two kids and is still in energy trading,” Peter reports. “Scott is married, four kids and just transitioned over to S&P Global. Mark has three kids, is married and runs a division of McCann out of N.J. I am married, have two kids and am still at Merrill Lynch in global wealth management. After all these years, we still find ourselves laughing and busting each other’s chops!”

**Elena Casacio-Kotsur** also reached out and shared that she has been married for 16 years and she and her husband have 9-year-old twins, a boy and a girl. After graduating Lehigh with a degree in architecture, Elena pursued interior design. She got her master’s at Drexel University and she is a senior project manager in the Corporate Studio at Francis Cauffman in Philadelphia.

Elena was on the Lehigh women’s tennis team at Lehigh and continued to play competitively after graduation. Unfortunately she had to stop playing a couple of years ago due to injuries so she started golfing and skiing. They are a very active family!

**Maia Germain** is currently the chief learning officer at State Street Global Human Resources & Citizenship. She has been with the company for almost 13 years. In her newest role, she is responsible for building a new learning organization for the company.

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Greetings, Class of ’96!

I write this on the first day that feels like spring in Massachusetts. It was in the high 50s and the kids were running around in shorts and t-shirts. By the time this gets to you it will be the heat of the summer, so I hope you are all staying cool!

**Blaine Rampulla** sent in an update:

“My wife Shannon (Knickelbein) Rampulla ’97, our son Brayden (13), our daughter Shaylee (10) and I were invited to be VIPs for four days at an airshow in Virginia in early October. Shannon’s grandfather’s (Harry Knickelbein) memory as a combat pilot with the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II was going to be honored by the Commemorative Air Force (CAF). They operate a World War II TBM Avenger torpedo bomber in the markings of the Marine Squadron that Harry flew combat with in the Pacific theater in 1945.

“One of the Commemorative Air Force’s pilots flew to the Pocono region of Northeast Pennsylvania where we live and flew us to Culpeper, Va., in his Beechcraft Baron. The CAF provided us with a rental car and hotel for four days while we were there. We attended all the airshow pilots’ catered dinners, including one where I gave a speech about Shannon’s grandfather’s flying career in front of approximately 250 pilots and their families. We had access to the airport for airshow practice when it was closed to the public, and during the actual airshow we had access behind the scenes.
to the pilots and their aircraft. The kids even got a private tour of a Sea Harrier fighter from a retired USMC pilot and got to sit in her support aircraft, an L39 Albatross jet trainer. The day after the airshow both the kids got to move parked aircraft around the airport, either riding on the tractor towing the large ones or helped push the small ones by hand. We also got to sneak in a tourist trip to James Madison’s mansion and Luray Caverns. At the end of the fourth day the CAF flew us back to the regional airport near our home in Hazleton, Pa. A few weeks later the Standard Speaker newspaper in Hazleton, Pa., ran a front-page story with pictures about our airshow adventure to Virginia.

“In late October, Shaylee was contacted by the LEGO company’s U.S. headquarters in Enfield, Conn., to let her know that she had won the Ninjago Movie Building Contest run through the LEGO Life smartphone app to promote the upcoming theatrical release of The LEGO Ninjago Movie. She was chosen as the sole winner of a nationwide contest to build a LEGO building that could have been in Ninjago City. She built a combination training dojo and hibachi restaurant that she called the ‘Chops and Chopstix.’ It was two stories tall and filled with LEGO mini characters from the Ninjago TV show and upcoming movie, cooking, dining and training. She won a $125 prize pack including a Lloyd the Green Ninja Halloween costume and other swag from the movie. This was her third win in a national LEGO building contest in the last four years and was featured in the local newspaper.

“My son Brayden’s three years of year-round basketball training and league play was rewarded by earning a spot on his eighth grade middle school team, even though he is only in seventh grade. He also received highest honors for his grades so hopefully he keeps up the hard work on and off the court. “In November, my position as vice president of engineering at Ortiz Engineered Products changed dramatically after our acquisition by Insteel Industries of Mount Airy, N.C. Now I am vice president of engineering in a company that has more than 1,400 employees with locations in North Carolina, Arizona, Texas, Missouri and Pennsylvania. It’s been a crazy transition but I’m sure I can manage it.

“My wife, Shannon, is still working at i2m, a plastic manufacturing facility located in Mountaintop, Pa. She is going into her fourth year there working in product research and quality control.

“The only other thing going on is that we are attending as many LU basketball games as we can, including the men’s team playing at Bucknell later this week. We have front row tickets right in the middle of the Bucknell season ticket sections; all the better to aggravate the home team’s fans!”

Thanks for the update, Blaine! If you are still reading this column, you are like all the other alumni from the Class of ’96 (and surrounding years). This column is the reason you read the bulletin! In the era of social media, it may seem like everyone knows what is going on in your life. However, not all of our classmates are on Facebook and other social media sites. Please let me know what is going on in your life; so I can let the other 1,400 classmates that aren’t your FB friend know! It is a pretty boring column without any information from you! Please send information to jen@keensense.com. And while you are at it, we do have a Lehigh University Class of 1996 FB page. Trust me, it won’t clutter up your newsfeed. We will use it occasionally to let you know Class of ’96 and other Lehigh News. For instance, this week we had the first ever Lehigh Giving Day. I posted about it, and I know only 47 of you saw the post. The Class of ’96 had only 11 alumni donate on Giving Day! 11! Out of 1,500 classmates! For those non-business or engineering majors that was less than one percent of our alumni. Hopefully everyone is giving back at other times throughout the year to our fabulous alma mater.

Cheers!

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I hope that all of you are enjoying the springtime, and if you have an opportunity to stop by campus, now is a great time to check out our beautifully landscaped campus. I submitted this column before our 20th Reunion, so our next column will be a wrap-up of the big event.

Kevin Vass writes that he was promoted last year to VP Finance at Harman, a Samsung company. Kevin lives in Southern California and had a great time watching the Eagles win the Super Bowl at an all-Eagles bar in Downtown Los Angeles.

Joe Eschleman shared that he launched Towerpoint Wealth, a full-service, fully independent registered investment advisory (RIA) firm in May 2017, after spending 18 years as a financial advisor at Wells Fargo. His website is towerpointwealth.com.

Stephan Reeves writes to say that for the past 16 years he has been an entrepreneur running Montage Diversity Consultants, and then Montage Education (diversity and education consulting/training entities) out of Philadelphia and Delray Beach, Fla. He recently launched a national initiative in partnership with T-Mobile USA called Montage DigitalBridge Program, designed to provide underserved populations with 21st-century technology so as to decrease gaps in education technology and internet access equity. Stephan plays in a band called Jack Light Move with Peter Capanonis, Toby Evers ’99 and Dimitri “Jim” Vasiliou ‘97. The band will be playing shows this summer in Cape May, N.J., at Harry’s Ocean Bar and Grille.

Karen (Feller) Zornitzer shares that she and husband Matthew welcomed the birth of her son, Zachary Nash, on Feb. 2, 2018. Zachary joins sister Larissa and brother Jared.

I report to all of you sad news that one of our classmates, Kathy (Calogredes) Rengepis, passed away after a long fight with cancer. She will be deeply missed by all of us and will be remembered at our 20th Reunion in June. You can view her memorial page at www.forevermissed.com/kathryn-e-rengepis//about.

Don’t forget that you can share pictures on our column. Please send over high-res photos and I will add them to the column. Hope that you all have a great summer and looking forward to hearing from you.

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

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‘99 Karen (Smith) Fischer, kms5lehigh@gmail.com

Hello, Class of 1999! I hope this column finds you and your families doing very well.

I wanted to share with you an alumni opportunity which has recently been launched: the Lehigh University Alumni Book Club. This virtual book club takes place entirely online, and is intended to bring together Lehigh University alumni, faculty, staff and friends.
Topics will cover professional development, lifelong learning, personal growth, social justice and other books of interest to the participants. The book club will connect through a private forum where all participants can discuss the current book and network with each other. The intention is for the book club to read a new book every two months. You can learn more and sign up at pbc.guru/lehigh/alumni/. I hope to hear from some of you there!

Wishing you all the best!

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Greetings, Class of 2000! I hope your 2018 is off to a fabulous start. Since our last column, we had some classmates check-in with some very special and busy news!

Erica (Pasatieri) DyReyes, Laura (Wolkowitz) Wilhelm, Lynne (Fuller) Schwarz and their husbands joined forces in early 2018 to run the Austin Half Marathon. They collectively finished 39 miles for their 39 years. This year they will all be turning 40 and decided to cross this milestone together. It was a great weekend filled with food, fun and friends! Erica lives in Houston, Texas, with her husband, Charlie DyReyes, and their three children—Henry, William and Lillian. Erica recently launched an HR consulting company called Employee Relations Consulting, which provides training and consulting on employment law-related issues. Charlie has also been enjoying his job as a portfolio manager at Invesco. Laura lives in Phoenixville, Pa., with her husband, Alex, and their three children—Katherine, Jenna and Owen. Laura is a senior application developer at PJM Interconnection. Lynne lives in Bryn Mawr, Pa., with her husband, Rich. Lynne owns Fuller Tutoring, which offers test preparation to high school students regardless of income.

At the start of this year, I embarked on an exciting new career journey as senior director, global talent solutions at ADP in Roseland, N.J. In this role, I am leading the strategy, design and implementation of an innovative new approach to performance management and talent acceleration across the globe. I live in Stewartsville, N.J., with my husband, Gregory, and son, Elijah (3).

Please take a few moments to contact me with an update about yourself or about a friend in our class. If you haven’t already done so, I invite and encourage everyone to join our class Facebook page by searching “Lehigh University Class of 2000.” I look forward to hearing from you soon!

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Well, that was some winter on the East Coast. I hope everyone made it out ok. I thought it would never stop snowing, which my dogs did not mind, but if I don’t see another snow shovel for the next couple of months, I will be a happy gal. It was wonderful to hear from a handful of you. As always, keep the news coming—otherwise this column gets very boring—or more boring regardless of where you sit on the spectrum of class news.

Rebekah (Tuthill) Taylor reports that she has been awarded tenure at Frostburg State University! Congrats Rebekah, you smart cookie! And after the winter we just had, I hope you did not get frostbite at Frostburg (ba dum ts).

Lauren McBride’s happy home is ever growing with the new addition of fourth child Graham Bennett Phelps. I am sure that Bill is finally happy to not be totally outnumbered!

Recently in from Lauren (Redeker) Miller: She and Zack Miller of Ball State University were married on New Year’s Eve at the Naples Train Depot in Naples, Fla. Her officiant was Tim Doherty ‘00 who obtained his license just for the occasion! Cindi Crookston ’02 was also at the wedding. A resident of Cape Coral, Lauren is a high school English and theater teacher. She typically performs in shows herself during the summer when she has time to do so. She is an active member of her alumni chapter of Panhellenic as well as her sorority, Chi Omega. Lauren continues her Lehigh connection as the host of the annual telecast party for the Lehigh-Lafayette game, where she loves meeting new alumni every year!

As I see from social media, Adrian Silversmith and Casey (Wetterling) Silversmith keep taking the PB&J category by storm. It is always exciting to see what new development their restaurant, Sprello, has or what new award they have won. Keep shooting for the stars!

As for myself, in late November I started my new role at PTC. Therapeutics as the director of medical communications in the global medical affairs department, and I love it here. Well, that’s all for now...until next time, keep it classy kids.

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Class of 2004, get me your stories. I don’t want to have to start begging. My wife and I recently bought a house. It was a grueling and exhausting experience. It took over 18 months, a contentious court battle to get our security deposit returned and a ton of offers on houses that fell through to finally get into the house that we wanted. The tech industry has a slogan that accurately look forward to trying to do my best to keep all of us connected!

First, I will share a little about my life since I left Lehigh before I ask you to tell me all about what you’re up to. My husband, Chris Carino, and I live in South Lyon, Mich., which is a suburb about 40 minutes from Detroit. We have three children, Carter (age 12), Cate-lyn (age 9) and Courtney (age 6). They keep us busy driving them to swim practice and gymna-sitics. Last summer, we became dog owners with the addition of our mini goldendoodle, Lucy. In the fall, I began my fifth year as an elementary school principal. Chris has worked for GM since graduation and recently became a lead development engineer for the full-size truck program. Life is busy at the Carino household, but we wouldn’t have it any other way.

I am so looking forward to hearing about your marriages, kids, new jobs and moves. Please email me at lcarino@att.net or message me on Facebook at Laura Schwamb Carino with updates! I want our next column to be all about you!

Until next time, Laura Carino

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Happy.
summarizes our experience. “Fail fast, Fail often.” Success is rarely achieved on the first try. Ask J.K. Rowling, Henry Ford and Thomas Edison. They all failed multiple times before becoming successful. Though we failed more than I can count, we learned a lot about the home-buying process that will make us better buyers when we buy our forever home. Class of 2004, I want you to know that failure is not the end of the world. You will learn, adjust and be better when you come through it. So, send me all of your stories—the good, the bad and the ugly. We want to hear them. Till next time.

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’05

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I’m not the most savvy social media user, but after seeing several interesting posts about Joe Blair, I reached out to catch up. Joe has been busy doing some awesome things in incredible places since graduation. He sent me an email with the following bio:

“After graduating from Lehigh in ’05 with his B.S. in MechE and again in ’07 with his M.S. in MechE, Joe entered into an engineering leadership development program with Ingersoll Rand, a diversified industrial technology company. This program consisted of year-long rotations in three different business units across the U.S., bringing him to Bismarck, N.D.; Colorado Springs, Colo.; and Denver, Colo. While in Colorado, Joe served as president of the Lehigh Alumni Club of the Rockies and organized a number of networking events for local Mountain Hawks.

“Joe then moved to Portsmouth, N.H., to work in business development at FlexEnergy, a venture-backed clean tech startup focused on waste-to-energy technology. He then moved to Cambridge, Mass., to pursue his MBA at Harvard Business School. While at graduate school, Joe founded a startup called Chillbaby, a baby clothing subscription company. Upon graduating, Joe moved to Vancouver, Canada to join Chrysalis Venture Capital, a VC firm that invests in energy and industrial technology startups.

“After about three years, Joe moved to San Francisco, Calif., to join obvious Ventures, a VC firm that invests in ‘world positive’ companies leveraging disruptive technologies to address some of the world’s most challenging problems. His most recent investment was in an on-demand electric air taxi company (AKA flying cars).

“Joe also just recently started a podcast called the Epic Human Podcast, which features long-form conversations with extraordinary people from all walks of life (startup founders, venture capitalists, thought leaders, professors, athletes, artists, etc.), and it’s widely available on most podcasting apps. Joe and his wife, Teva, have two rambunctious little boys named Rowan and Deacon, ages 4 and 2. In his spare time, Joe enjoys exploring the local beaches and mountains with his family.”

He’s obviously made pretty good use of his time since graduation!

In April, Ruth (Solomon) Moskowitz, Maureen Wink, Nur-e Rahman ’04, and my best friend from grad school who has become an honorary Mountain Hawk by joining this crew; ran the National Women’s Half Marathon and 8K. Ruth ran the half, the rest of us the 8K. We all finished, and after some ahem… trying…times in the last few years, it was an incredibly symbolic victory. I’m so proud of the grit, determination and grace these women have. We laugh until we cry, and we pick each other up when we are down.

What more could a girl ask for in those friends who become family?

Keep sending news this way, I’d love to hear from more of you!

’06

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Here’s what some of our ’06ers have been up to in these past few months: Jonathan Bruno got engaged in February and he and his fiancée, Lisa Vinci, will be marrying in February 2019. Molly (Davis) Macleod married Blake Macleod in Carmel Valley, Calif., in May. Lucius Clay is also recently married. Ryan Particelli and his wife, Jennifer, welcomed their daughter, Violet Malone Particelli, right around Christmas time. They are living in Cos Cob, Conn. Craig Percopo and his wife, Carrie, welcomed their second child, Chase Robert, on Nov. 17, 2017.

Josh Mann completed his MBA in the fall of 2016. He and his wife, Jodi, had a son, Dylan, on Sept. 1, 2016. Adam Williamson took a new position in January 2017 at KPMG as a director in deal advisory. Jennifer Deciello has been nominated for two Grammys for writing and producing Andra Day’s “Rise Up.” She is also the recipient of Soul Train’s Ashford and Simpson’s songwriting award. Matthew Arlington, the Food Network’s Chopped champion in 2016, recently opened a restaurant called Union Hall in Hoboken, N.J., where he is owner/executive chef.

Amy Ambroggi-O’Donnell has been married to fellow Lehigh graduate, Brian O’Donnell ’08, for almost seven years. They have a baby girl, Anna, who is 21 months old (as this column is written) and a rescue dog named Missy. The family own a home in New Jersey, where Amy works as a robotic engineer/scientist and Brian is a financial advisor with Morgan Stanley in Manhattan.

Sara Brans-Miller is still living in Philadelphia and working for the same company, but she has transitioned to a new position on the marketing team (field marketing manager). She closed on a house in April and has been working on the side as a personal and group trainer at a boutique gym in the city.

Conor MacDonald is starting a master’s degree program at the John Nicholas Brown Center for Public Humanities and Cultural Heritage at Brown University this fall. The only downside is that everyone else will be too young to understand his “Old School” references/Will Farrell quotes…which won’t stop him.

“Bring your green hat!”

Michael Fusco was named partner at the law firm of Levinson Axelrod, P.A., as of Jan. 1, 2018. He is a certified civil trial attorney handling personal injury cases throughout New Jersey. Brian Seaback and his wife, Katelyn, welcomed their second child, Levi Robert, on Dec. 3, 2017.

Morgan Volkart has taken on a new role to help build Lehigh’s presence out West as associate vice provost for the western region and international recruitment at Lehigh’s Western Regional Office in San Mateo, Calif. She welcomes any Lehigh alums to come check out the space in San Mateo or in San Francisco at the Lehigh@NasdaqCenter!

Eric Rimskey and Heather (Babby) Rimskey met at Lehigh and both graduated in 2006. The couple had their second child, a baby girl, on Nov. 23, 2017. Ashish Kapila started a new job as a podiatrist and wound care physician for WellStar Health System in the greater Atlanta area.

Colin McGurk has been traveling across the coun-
try as an associate scenic designer with the touring Tony-award-winning musical comedy A Gentleman’s Guide to Love and Murder. In November, Colin returned to Lehigh for a one-night performance at Zoellner. Prior to the show, he led a backstage tour of the set and stayed for a post-performance reception to talk about his career in show business.

Please remember that updates are published approximately three to four months following the column submission by me, so please don’t think I’ve left you out. If your update is not in this Bulletin it will appear in the next.

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Always great to hear from fellow classmates and we are going to make it a short update, as I have procrastinated pretty effectively and the column is due today! Also, just as a note, if you do not see an update that you have submitted, there is a couple month lag time between when I write the column and when it appears in the updated alumni Bulletin (due to the time required to publish). So, while this is written in the spring, it likely won’t be out in press for a couple of months in the summer edition. Just to temper expectations, as I know I have gotten some questions this go-around. That being said, I also could have missed it, so please reach out if you don’t see it and you are worried!

Congrats to Betsy (Sлаuch) Hritz, who is graduating from Saint Joseph’s University in Philadelphia with her MBA in food marketing on May 19, 2018. Does this mean that we need a new candy hook-up for our 10-year reunion? Or are Peeps still good to go? Trevor Chinn is engaged and to be married in September 2018. Trevor also started working at Proch.com headquarters in Seattle, Wash., in January 2018.

Kyle Dunleavy is still living and working down-under in Melbourne. He works for Robert Half and will be moving back to the States at some point. He also connected with a Lehigh alumnus in the area.

Some special Class of 2009 couples and some baby announcements! Brendan Manko and Chelsey (Tolerico) Manko welcomed a beautiful baby girl into the world, Emerson Grace Manko (Emmy), born on March 4, and her parents hope she’ll be a proud member of Lehigh’s Class of 2040! Mara (Melms) Putt and Jason Putt welcomed a baby girl, Kaia, to the world on Jan. 14, 2018. Also, Tyler Savage and Julia (Ballis) Savage welcome fraternal twins, Zoey and Henry, on March 22, 2018. Congrats to all three Class of 2009 couples on their new children and future Lehigh undergrads (Class of...I don’t really want to contemplate because it makes me feel old, but thanks to Chelsey and her update we know that it’s the Class of 2040, yikes).

Great update from Kate Kodet and Emily Bussiere, copied verbatim, “Emily Bussiere and Kate Kodet are proud to announce the engagement of their bestie, Kati Pease. Last May, her boyfriend Albert Cheng proposed on the eve of her 30th birthday, kicking off Kati’s birthday weekend, spent with lots of friends and sun in California’s coastal wine country. Kati and Albert met at Haas School of Business in Berkeley, Calif., where they bonded over their love of travel. Since their engagement, Kati and Albert have been on plenty of exciting
adventures. They climbed Mt. Whitney (using ice picks and crampons, no less!), celebrated Lehigh-Laf with the San Francisco Lehigh crew, and now they are enjoying planning their destination wedding in Mexico this fall! Not about to settle for the housewife life, Kati continues to grow as a #girlboss and is the director of operations for Ditto, a technology-based company for eyeglass design.” Also, this will have no relevance to anyone else, but thanks for the update Kate and great to hear from you (best lab group and MAC attack for life!)

That’s it for this round of notes, and, as always, feel free to reach out with additional updates at LehighClass2009@gmail.com. 

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Spring has sprung, and summer is around the corner…here’s what’s going on with our classmates!

Class of 2010 Vice President Shannon (Patrick) Breitman and husband Collin Breitman ’09 ’10G had their first child, Jayson Patrick Breitman, on March 5. Jayson is currently working toward enrollment for Lehigh Class of 2040. Also, that month, John Lalomo and his wife, Maggie, had a son, Niall Parker Lalomo, on March 1. All are doing well!

Amanda Howland married Dino Teskeredzic on May 7, 2016, and the couple welcomed their first child, Claire Violet, on May 15, 2017. Amanda also recently matched into the dermatology residency program at University of Colorado and will start July 2019. Jessica (Rosen) Gorelick and Jake Gorelick ’09 welcomed their daughter, Emma Sloane Gorelick, to the world on Jan. 29. And Brianne (Moses) Robbins welcomed her firstborn, Hailey, into the world on Jan. 27.

Scott Kiliyanski married Meredith Ulrich in September 2017 in Sharon, Conn. Fellow 2010 Lehigh classmates Amir Bagherzadeh, Robert Bernard, Joe Connor and Daniel Shurts were groomsmen. Andrew Kump married Shwetha Ramakrishnan on April 14, 2018. Proud to have five Lehigh alumni by his side: Tucker Elliott, Brett Hanson, Sebastian Estevez, Brian Ade ’07 and James Doyle ’11.

Jackie Weissman got engaged to Zach Grauman, and Jolene Gordon got engaged to Kyle Scheiner.

Finally—keeping the LU spirit alive—Scott Siegfried graduates with an MBA from Lehigh in May 2018. As always, I love hearing from everyone, so please keep the updates coming. Don’t hesitate to drop me a line if you’re ever in D.C.!

11 Sri Rao, sridevi211@gmail.com

Hello, Class of 2011! I hope that you all are doing well. In the past seven years since we left the good ‘ole South Mountain our classmates have been earning many more degrees and our Lehigh family is growing.

Jafar Hussain is a first-year radiology resident at Temple University Hospital in Philadelphia, after a year-long general internal medicine internship at Hahnemann University Hospital completed in June 2017. In September 2017, Jafar and his wife welcomed their second son, Leo, born at 20 and a half inches long and 6 pounds, 12 ounces. All four are living in Plymouth Meeting, Pa., looking forward to warmer weather and any fellow alumni passing through.

Rachel McKlindon graduated from the Darden School of Business at the University of Virginia in May 2018 with her MBA. She has accepted a position with McKinsey and Company as an associate in their operations consulting practice in Philadelphia.

Andi (Lucas) Schmerin is currently working as a physician’s assistant at Planned Parenthood of Delaware. Andi and husband Ben welcomed their first child, William, on Feb. 17 and couldn’t be more in love!

Kate (Mackes) Van Der Meulen gave birth to a baby girl, Margaret Mae, on March 14, 2018! Kate and her husband, Daniel Van Der Meulen ’09, are so excited to be new parents (especially to a pi day baby)!

Adrienne LaFleur graduated from Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine in May 2018 with a doctor of medicine degree. She will start her residency this summer specializing in family medicine at the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore.

Athena Sinha has had a whirlwind year! She married her medical school sweetheart, Ian Brozman, in May, and completed her medical residency outside of Pittsburgh in June. She is very excited to be moving with her husband this summer to Philadelphia, where she will begin working as a family physician at Einstein Medical Center.

Mario Paradis graduated from the Boston University School of Law in May 2018 and is interested in doing public interest work.

Please let me know what you have been doing since graduation and continue to send me updates throughout the year at sridevi211@gmail.com.

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Hello, Class of 2014!

Spring finally arrived and the NCAA Tournament came to an end. Every year’s NCAA Tournament is exciting and this year there were some historical upsets. All of the underdog victories had me reminiscing of a favorite memory of the Class of 2014…

During sophomore year in 2012, the Lehigh Men’s Basketball team beat Duke in the NCAA Tournament; a 15-seed upset of a 2-seed! The excitement all over campus after the victory was unforgettable. It’s amazing to think that this happened six years ago, and we are all four years out from our Lehigh graduation.

Last year’s spring Bulletin included a great article on the game and there’s also a very well done video on YouTube. If you feel like reminiscing as well, you can check it out online: lehigh.edu/news/publications/bulletin/backissues.

Ariella Scalese wrote in from Savannah, Ga. Ariella is now a broadcast meteorologist at the NBC station there. At Lehigh, Ariella was an earth and environmental science major, on the cheerleading team, rush chair of Pi Beta Phi, a tour guide and vice president of the Society of Environmental Sciences!

I am looking forward to seeing some classmates at the upcoming Lehigh Wall Street Council Spring Reception on May 1. I am sure that there will be many Lehigh events throughout the spring, so please feel free to continue to send me updates any time at michaelronan214@gmail.com. Going forward, all of the class columns will also be available in the PDF Bulletins at the same link above.

Thanks!

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The Class of 2015 has been very busy and has many life updates to report from the last few months!

Lauren Purdom is working as a process and product design engineer at Coordinat-Ed Health in Allentown and bought a house with her fiancé.

Rene Tato became a mission qualified RPA pilot for the U.S. Air Force as first lieutenant.

Haley Maruschak accepted a position with Guardian Life Insurance, which will expand her experience as an adult software trainer, pivoting from being in front of a classroom to taking on organizational effectiveness decisions to streamline the training department. This also allows her to work toward her next goal of obtaining a master’s degree. Nick Marcello will be starting as a first-year associate at Fitzpatrick, Cella, Harper & Scinto in September.

Sebastian Nicewicz started a new job with TIAA in March and moved to Charlotte, N.C. He also qualified for the Boston and NYC marathons by running the Philly Marathon the day after watching Lehigh beat Lafayette in football! Taylor Wise is also training for a marathon and is preparing to run her fourth in hopes of qualifying for the Boston Marathon. She also is in her first year at the University of Denver getting her doctoral degree in clinical psychology and published a journal article in *The Journal of Clinical Sports Psychology*. Kellen Lowrie graduated from University of Melbourne with a master’s degree in biomedical engineering and has decided to stay in Melbourne and was able to get her visa approved for another two years.

Whitney Challenger got engaged to Matthew Bernstein ’14. Lauren (Walker) Daitzman married fellow classmate Robbie Daitzman in September, and she will be starting a new position at WL Gore this spring.

I also have had a busy few months as I finish my master’s degree in higher and postsec-ondary education at Teachers College, Columbia University and job search while working at Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken in residence life.

Kelsey Leck

Thousands of pages and miles into his humanitarian research, Paras Khan advises, “There exists a world outside of you young ones, embrace it, shape it, mold it, it deserves your help; it’s time to pay it back.”

Currently in his final semester of Johns Hopkins’ Master of Arts program within the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, he considers his graduate studies a continuation of the road he started on at Lehigh after growing up in various parts of the tristate area. As an undergraduate student, he triple-majored in political science, history and international relations, “rebelling against any desires to have free time (or sleep).”

Among his rigorous coursework, he said his most impactful moment came at the end of Professor [Richard] Matthews’ Introduction to Political Thought (POLS 100) course. The class discussed the meaning of the ambiguous conclusion of the “Grand Inquisitor” chapter of Dostoevsky’s Brothers Karam-zov, and when one student offered their interpretation, Khan said, “Professor Matthews just opened the door and left without responding, not a word,” he said. “It was the perfect end for a philosophy class, and the ultimate reinforcement to a young student, that truth does not arrive through affirmation, in fact, truth may in its absolute form be truly un-affirmable, and that may indeed just be all right.”

During the free time that Khan did have at Lehigh, he served in roles for the Student Senate and the Global Union. He says that his work with the Global Union “reinforced my views on the importance of multiculturalism and the need to engage other societies and peoples.” His graduate concentrations—which include conflict management, Middle Eastern studies, international economics, and a minor in European and Eurasian studies—and field research truly reflect those values. His research led him to Jordan to work with Palestinian and Syrian refugees for his thesis on conflict resolution; to Saudi Arabia to learn more about its development projects; and Israel and Palestine for his upcoming chapter in a text on the conflict.

His research and travels instill and are a product of his strong sense of gratefulness and responsibility. “There will always be another party, another latte, another fancy dinner or formal, or whatnot. But losing the moment to help someone may never come again, and some what ifs, trust me, are demons that you can never exorcise,” he says. “Be kind, spread love, serve God and engage in charity.”

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Each year, since my first year, I have received the Domchek Family Scholarship. I recently was able to meet my scholarship donors, Dennis Domchek ’64 and Susan Haytmanek ’91G, for the first time on March 27 during the Scholarship Banquet held at Iacocca Hall. I was unexpectedly nervous when I first sat at my table. I was greeted by remarkable Lehigh students telling their Lehigh experiences. Each of them had a resume full of going abroad stories, internship experiences, and overall, cultural capital that just cannot be bought. Realizing how exceptional my peers are, I found myself feeling small and inadequate, and I worried what my donors would think of me in comparison.

My donors were nothing but warm and kind to me. From our first salutations, I felt more at ease. Mr. Domchek and I shared and juxtaposed our Lehigh experiences, and boy, Lehigh has certainly changed since he last attended! It was only about 40 years ago that women were first admitted to Lehigh, and as a woman, that is a difficult reality to wrap my head around. I am proud of Lehigh’s continued efforts to diversify and attract students, regardless of the students’ financial status, with the greatest talent and merit with each class induction. I am also proud, because I could not attend an institution of such prestige and opportunity as Lehigh without the financial support of scholarship donors.

This piece is not meant to serve as an advertisement for the alumni readers to donate to the university, but I want to share my story so that our donors have a clearer picture of at least one student they help support with their contributions. To keep it brief, I was raised in a female-headed household until 14, to this day never meeting my other parent. My mother and I had our challenges. Safety and financial stability was the utmost priority, but also most difficult to secure. They still are difficult to secure, and that’s what makes my scholarship
so treasured and appreciated. The idea of not being able to foster my gifts because of the inability to pay for school was my biggest fear in high school. I am given the opportunity to pursue my passion at one of the best institutions in the world because of the contributions of donors. It is difficult for a proud person like me to express so much emotional vulnerability, but I am genuinely so fortunate and so thankful for everything I have been given, for I would not be where I am without a vast amount of support.

The banquet symbolized for me more than a couple thank yous. It reminded me of all the hands holding me up. It reminded me that I cannot waste these valuable years of my life being afraid of fear, and to accomplish all that I can during my final year and a half at Lehigh. Mr. Domchek and Ms. Haytmanek inspired me to push against the comfortable boundaries I have slowly built around myself. What I thought was going to be an awkward and anxious meeting with my donors, ended up being an inspiring and awakening experience for me.

I can say nothing more but thank you for the continued faith, guidance and support to all who contribute to the greatness of Lehigh University.

‘20 Gregory Cheng, gtc220@lehigh.edu
This spring, we’ve had an abundance of snow days! Being from the West Coast, it’s definitely a welcome surprise to see this much snowfall on campus.

By the time that I write this, we’re halfway through this semester and preparing to end our sophomore year. With this, I’ve encountered classmates taking advantage of various professional opportunities:

Genevieve Nickerson and Michelle Nissan, students that I met in the CSB program, both recently accepted a scholarship from PwC to attend the Lehigh in Prague program. With a group of other students also traveling to the Czech Republic, both Genevieve and Michelle will be interning within PwC’s Prague office. I am also going on this trip, and will be able to observe their experiences in Prague firsthand. For one month, we will be living in the dorms at Charles University and interning at nearby technology firms.

Julia Pietruszka, who I am a Gryphon with in Dravo House, recently accepted an internship offer with Langan, a land development engineering and environmental consulting company. An environmental engineering major, Julia conducts research surrounding biosand filters as a solution to purifying drinking water. By measuring the difference in water quality between biosand filters that use river sand versus those that use quarry sand, Julia is working with her research team in the environmental engineering department to determine whether river sand could be effective in helping purify water in rural areas, where traditional purification techniques are often not available.

That’s all for now. I’m excited for what this summer brings for all of us as we transition to the second half of our time at Lehigh.

‘21 Amy Chai, (412) 427-1769; amc321@lehigh.edu
Greetings, Class of 2021! My name is Amy Chai, and I am very much looking forward to being your class correspondent! I am currently undecided on my major but leaning toward computer science and business. This summer, I will be here at Lehigh for all of July as a TA/RA for the LUSSI program.

As your class correspondent, I will be collecting brief and interesting interviews on students in our year, with topics ranging anywhere from study abroad experiences to summer plans. If you would like to appear in the next edition, or know of anyone with an interesting story to tell, please text me at 412-427-1769 or email me at amc321@lehigh.edu.

Our first year at Lehigh is coming to an end, and as much as I will miss all the amazing people I have met, I cannot wait for all the sleep I can catch up on. I hope you all have a wonderful and relaxing well-deserved summer, and I will report back soon!

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Mary Jane Ingui Ph.D. ’85 has written a new book called Trauma and Tenacity in Vietnam: A Surgeon’s Story about Capt. Sheldon Kushner. According to the press release: “Through letters, reel-to-reel tape recordings, slides and personal interviews, Dr. Ingui captures the defining period in Dr. Kushner’s medical life: his stationing in Vinh Long, Vietnam, from 1968-69. When we think of the Vietnam War and medicine, the M*A*S*H image of treating American soldiers wounded in combat tends to come to mind. However, what is singular about Dr. Kushner’s experiences is that he used his medical skills to care for wounded Vietnamese civilians. Dr. Kushner effectively participated in an effort by our government to showcase America’s compassion and win the hearts and minds of the South Vietnamese people by improving their health conditions.” The book is available for purchase on Amazon.
IN REMEMBRANCE

The alumni and university communities extend their sympathy to the families of the alumni listed. Obituary sources include relatives, alumni and friends. Send details to Advancement Services, 306 S. New St., Suite 500, Bethlehem, PA 18015-1652; 1-866-517-1552; askrecords@lehigh.edu. The following were reported to us as of April 30, 2018:

1930s
William P. Patterson ’37. San Luis Obispo, Calif., March 9, 2018. A Psi Upsilon brother. Mr. Patterson was also a member of the swimming and lacrosse teams, as well as Tau Beta Pi. He was a World War II veteran. After a military career, he joined the burgeoning aerospace industry.

Arthur E. Smith ’37. Annapolis, Md., Jan. 12, 2018. Mr. Smith was a Sigma Nu brother, as well as a veteran of the U.S. Army during World War II. He worked for his family’s car dealership, before becoming a plant engineer and then a technical buyer for Hamilton Standard.

Sheldon M. Miller ’39. Tucson, Ariz., Jan. 17, 2018. Mr. Miller was a Tau Delta Phi brother. He was also a member of the track team and the Interfraternity Council. He was the president of Tesco Engineering prior to retirement.

1940s
Warren K. Morgan Jr. ’43. Montrose, Pa., March 18, 2018. Mr. Morgan was a member of the glee club as an undergraduate. He worked for the Singer Co.

Quentin C. Soprano ’43. Allentown, Pa., Feb. 18, 2018. Lt. Col. Soprano was a veteran of World War II and Korea, receiving three battle stars and the Army Commendation Ribbon with Oak Leaf Cluster. His career military service included teaching and serving as the executive officer for the Detroit Ordnance District. After retirement he worked for NASA and Boeing.


Frank A. Hunold ’47. Cincinnati, Ohio, April 10, 2018. Mr. Hunold served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. He and his wife taught ballroom dancing classes.

Myron Pomerantz ’47. Villanova, Pa., March 23, 2018. Mr. Pomerantz was a Theta Delta Chi brother. He earned the Alumni Award in 1997. He worked as the CEO of Victoria Vogue Inc. He was also a member of the Tower Society.

Jacob A. Bauer ’48. Falls Township, Pa., Feb. 17, 2018. Mr. Bauer was a Kappa Alpha brother. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and made his career working in the sand and gravel business.

Mitchell W. Connor ’48. Lower Macungie Township, Pa., Dec. 29, 2017. Mr. Connor was a World War II veteran. He received three battle stars for his European duty. He owned the Connor Business Forums.

Bruno De Paoli Jr. ’48. Niskayuna, N.Y., Feb. 13, 2018. Mr. De Paoli was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He was a Kappa Sigma brother, as well as a member of the lacrosse and basketball teams. He worked nearly 40 years with GE, before taking other jobs in marketing prior to retirement.

James W. Gentles ’48. Basking Ridge, N.J., March 25, 2018. Mr. Gentles earned a Purple Heart for his service in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a member of the baseball team, debate club, and Mustard & Cheese Society. He worked as a certified public accountant and retired as a senior manager at Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. His son, James W. Gentles III, was a member of the Class of 1980.

John E. Joyce ’49. Bridgeport, N.J., Feb. 3, 2018. Mr. Joyce was a member of the Marching 97 as a student. He worked for California Portland Cement Co. before joining the U.S. government civil service.

Allan W. Kishpaugh ’49. Mount Olive, N.J., Jan. 13, 2018. Mr. Kishpaugh was a U.S. Air Force veteran of the Korean War. He worked as an electronics engineer for GTE Corp. He was a member of both the soccer, and track and field teams. As an alumnus, he joined the LU Wrestling Club and the Senior Alumni Council. He was also a member of the Asa Packer Society.

Donald E. Lewis ’49. Clarks Summit, Pa., March 27, 2018. Mr. Lewis served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a Pi Kappa Alpha brother and track team member. He went on to become the chief engineer at Sprague and Henwood.

Charles R. Macauley ’49. Westport, Conn., Feb. 17, 2018. A Phi Gamma Delta brother and veteran of the U.S. Navy during World War II, Mr. Macauley was also a co-founder of WLRN, Lehigh’s radio station, an officer of Alpha Kappa Psi honor society, and a member of the Flying Club and The Brown and White. As an alumnus, he hosted the Lehigh-Lafayette Telecast for many years, served as class vice president and correspondent, and was a member of the Asa Packer Society. For his dedication, he received the Alumni Award in 2004. He spent his career in sales and marketing management for several watch and jewelry companies. His grandson, Alec C. De Monica ’16, is a member of the Lehigh family.

Arthur R. Maier ’49. Vero Beach, Fla., Dec. 17, 2017. Mr. Maier served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He made his career as a journalist.

Joseph R. Mihaelek ’49. Bethlehem, Pa., April 6, 2018. Mr. Mihaelek was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He worked as an electrical engineer for Caloric, Boeing, and more recently at McDonnell Douglas, before retiring.

Gordon R. Rahmes ’49. Owego, N.Y., Jan. 28, 2018. Mr. Rahmes was a member of Chi Phi. He was a Chi Psi brother.


Carl F. Zimmerer ’49. Owego, N.Y., Jan. 28, 2018. Mr. Zimmerer served in the U.S. Coast Guard and worked as a self-employed civil engineer and landlord of rental properties.

1950s
William H. Carthage ’50. Sparta Township, N.J., Feb. 21, 2018. A Phi Kappa Theta brother, Mr. Carthage was also a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy. He worked for Picatinny Arsenal for over 40 years.

Army during the Korean War. He was a fellow of the Society of Actuaries and a long-time Wall Street investment banker.

**William T. Fox Jr. ’50**, Dallas, Texas, April 1, 2018. Mr. Fox was a Sigma Phi Epsilon brother and member of the track and wrestling teams. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He owned a transmission shop. As an alumnus, he was a member of the Wrestling Club for nearly 10 years.

**Thomas L. Gunn ’50**, Marlton, N.J., June 16, 2017. Mr. Gunn was a Chi Phi brother, and a member of the lacrosse team and glee club. He served in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II. He worked as a sales engineer for Sprout Waldron for 35 years.

**Carl G. Reetz Jr. ’50**, Sykesville, Md., March 31, 2018. Mr. Reetz was a Sigma Phi Epsilon brother, member of the swimming and track and field teams, and was awarded the Varsity “L” trophy as outstanding athlete his senior year. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict, after which he enjoyed a fulfilling engineering and management career at the Bethlehem Steel Corp. plant in Sparrows Point, Md.

**Richard A. Whitaker ’50**, Willoughby, Ohio, March 1, 2018. Mr. Whitaker was a veteran of the U.S. Navy during World War II. He worked as an engineer at TRW and Union Carbide.

**Harry H. Williams Jr. ’50**, Crosswicks, N.J., March 22, 2018. Mr. Williams served in the U.S. military before attending Lehigh. He was an Alpha Sigma Phi brother, as well as a wrestler and member of the Mustard & Cheese Society. He worked as president of Williams-BUILDER, a nationally recognized, residential, design/build firm.

**Charles F. Woodbury Jr. ’50**, Troy, Mich., Feb. 20, 2018. Mr. Woodbury was a Sigma Phi Epsilon brother. He served in the U.S. Army Reserve. He started his own machine tool distribution company, the CF Woodbury Co.

**Theodore D. Baldwin ’51**, New Providence, N.J., Feb. 13, 2018. Mr. Baldwin served in the U.S. government counterintelligence during the Korean War. He made his career as a real estate broker. He was a Chi Phi brother, as well as a member of the lacrosse and swimming teams, and the Epitome staff. He served on a number of advisory boards for Lehigh as an alumnus and won the Alumni Award in 1991. His brothers, Cyril Baldwin ’50 and David Baldwin ’51, and his son, Dwight Baldwin ’95, are members of the Lehigh family.

**John R. Hoffner ’51**, Bethlehem, Pa., Jan. 31, 2018. Mr. Hoffner was a cost estimator for Bethlehem Steel for over 40 years.

**Frank M. Masters Jr. ’51**, Harrisburg, Pa., March 1, 2018. Mr. Masters worked for the family business, Modjeski and Masters, before purchasing and running a swimming pool company. He also helped to establish the Masters Center for Science Mathematics and Engineering and the Masters Mineral Gallery at Elizabeth-town College. He was a member of the Tower Society.

**Richard A. Mould ’51**, Peabody, Mass., April 11, 2018. Dr. Mould served the United States in the Army during World War II and the Navy during the Korean War. He was a professor of physics for 40 years at Stony Brook University.

**A. William Truckness ’51**, Moorестown, N.J., March 1, 2018. Mr. Truckness was a Theta Xi brother. He joined the family business after graduation, Philadelphia Sign Co., and rose to become its president.

**Walter C. Archinal ’52**, Carrollton, Ky., Jan. 10, 2018. Mr. Archinal was an Alpha Chi Rho brother. He left the university to serve in the U.S. Army. He worked as manager of the coatings division at M&T Chemical Co.

**Johnson C. Blake ’52**, Kiawah Island, S.C., Jan. 13, 2018. Mr. Blake was a Chi Psi brother, a glee club member, and he played on both the soccer and baseball teams. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. Then, he went on to spend his career in publishing with McGraw Hill. His father, Alfred Blake, was a member of the Class of 1924.

**Robert Byrne ’52**, La Quinta, Calif., Jan. 4, 2018. An Alpha Chi Rho brother, Mr. Byrne made his career in railroads, ending as vice president of maintenance for the Southern Pacific Railroad. He was also a member of the Asi Packer Society.

**Fred N. Gartsidé ’52**, Brockton, Ga., Jan. 18, 2018. Mr. Gartside was a Beta Theta Pi brother. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict. Prior to his retirement he was a partner in the CPA firm of Hartman, Blitch, and Gartside.


**Peter A. Lamana ’52**, D.Ed ’67, Springtown, Pa., March 9, 2018. Mr. Lamana was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II. He was also a member of *The Brown and White*. He started his professional career as a reporter before entering education. He retired as the principal of the Sellersville Elementary School. His son, Michael Lamana, is a member of the Class of 1976.

**William J. Davis ’53**, Portland, Ore., Jan. 9, 2018. Mr. Davis worked for Delaware & Hudson Railway before serving in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific during World War II. He attended Lehigh after the war and was known to many as “Dad Davis” because of his age and life experience. He served as president of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity and president of the Interfraternity Council. He went on to make his career in sales and marketing. Later in life, he authored a memoir, “Coming of Age”, and a book of essays, “They Call Me Bill—Reflections of an Enlightened Curmudgeon.”

**Carl C. Gingrich Jr. ’53**, Emmaus, Pa., April 24, 2018. Mr. Gingrich was a member of the Marching 97 and served in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II. He worked for Alcatel-Lucent as an engineering department chief. His granddaughter, Laura Kriebel, is a member of the Class of 2006.

**Hugh C. Jones ’53**, Willow Street, Pa., Sept. 18, 2017. Mr. Jones played with the Mustard & Cheese Society. He worked for Westinghouse Electric Corp. as an electronics engineer.

**Edward J. Mahoney ’53**, East Greenwich, N.Y., Jan. 18, 2018. A Beta Theta Phi brother, Mr. Mahoney was a wrestler at Lehigh. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean conflict. He worked as a programmer for IBM for 38 years.

**Robert G. Melega ’53**, Wilmington, Del., Feb. 10, 2018. Mr. Melega was a Theta Chi brother. He served in the U.S. Army and worked for DuPont where he retired as director of marketing.

**Henry E. Moyer ’53**, Johnstown, Pa., March 12, 2018. A Chi Phi brother and veteran of the U.S. Army in World War II, Mr. Moyer had a 34-year career with Bethlehem Steel.

Robert G. Walters ’53, San Diego, Calif., Nov. 4, 2017. Mr. Walters was an Alpha Chi Rho brother and worked for the County of San Diego as a director of risk management.

John A. West ’53, Saugerties, N.Y., Feb. 6, 2018. Mr. West was a Sigma Alpha Mu brother. He was an author, and worked and studied as an Egyptologist.


Frank R. Dunne ’54, Cape Coral, Fla., April 13, 2018. Mr. Dunne was the president of Delta Tau Delta and an intramural wrestler. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He worked for Eastern Airlines as a pilot.

Richard W. Kappel ’54, Longwood at Oakmont, Pa., Jan. 22, 2018. A Sigma Nu brother, Mr. Kappel was a U.S. Army veteran during the Korean War. He was the CEO of Kappel Jewelers, Inc.

Henry E. Mulder ’54, Largo, Fla., April 11, 2018. Mr. Mulder served in the U.S. Navy before attending college. He spent his entire 37-year career with AT&T subsidiaries working mostly on satellite telecommunications and missile defense systems.

Thomas E. Walter ’54, Gig Harbor, Wash., April 10, 2018. Mr. Walter served in the U.S. Navy. He became president of Chi Phi. He spent much of his career with Chevron Oil Corp.

William P. Whylard ’54, Marcellus, N.Y., Sept. 21, 2017. Dr. Whylard was a brother of Sigma Phi Epsilon and a member of Tau Beta Pi honor society. He served in the U.S. Air Force. He worked as an electrical engineer for General Electric.

G. Stanley Brandes ’55, Williams Township, Pa., March 9, 2018. Mr. Brandes worked as an electrical design engineer for Baldor Electric Co. in Arkansas.

Peter K. Grunebaum ’55, Bedford Hills, N.Y., May 23, 2017. Mr. Grunebaum was a brother of Sigma Alpha Mu.

Kenneth Kaminker ’55, Bonita Springs, Fla., Jan. 8, 2018. A Tau Delta Phi brother, Dr. Kaminker served in the U.S. Navy as a flight officer prior to medical school. He had a private practice of general medicine for 30 years.

Richard E. Kurtz ’55, Berveyn, Pa., March 27, 2018. A Lambda Chi Alpha brother, Mr. Kurtz was a senior member of the intellectual property law firm Woodcock Washburn for over 50 years.

Richard D. Nolte ’55, Mechanicsburg, Pa., March 23, 2018. Mr. Nolte was a veteran of the U.S. Navy during World War II. He made his career in engineering and management, working as the chief industrial engineer at Carlisle Tire & Rubber before joining the Department of Defense. His son, Richard D. Nolte Jr., is a member of the Class of 1974.

Merlin F. Schwenk ’55, Georgetown, Texas, Jan. 6, 2018. Mr. Schwenk was a Pi Kappa Alpha brother and a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He established his own business, Continental Machinery Co. He was a member of the Tower Society.

Robert W. Seeds ’55, Hockessin, Del., April 10, 2018. Mr. Seeds was a brother and past president of Sigma Nu fraternity. He was employed by E.I. DuPont Co., then Spitz Laboratories, and retired from Hewlett Packard.

Richard W. Shaffer ’55, Allentown, Pa., Jan. 15, 2018. A Sigma Phi brother and member of Omicron Delta Kappa honor society, Mr. Shaffer was also a U.S. Air Force captain. He made his career in the law with the Butz, Hudders and Tallman firm. His son, Richard Shaffer Jr., is a member of the Class of 1989.

Richard A. Garin ’56, Fountain Hill, Pa., Jan. 1, 2018. Mr. Garin was an Alpha Chi Rho brother. He served in the U.S. Army and worked as an accountant for Houser Chevrolet and later for Berg Schultz and Green.

Courtland P. Morris ’56, Bethlehem, Pa., Feb. 8, 2018. A Theta Xi brother, Mr. Morris served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was president and owner of BB Morris & Son.

A. Barry Muller ’56, Bloomfield, N.J., April 9, 2018. A basketball team member, Mr. Muller was also a veteran of the U.S. Army and the owner of Muller Process Equipment.

James B. Williams Jr. ’56, Reno, Nev., Oct. 22, 2017. Mr. Williams served in the U.S. Coast Guard. He worked for the State of Nevada, Division of Environmental Protection, for 31 years. He was a registered professional engineer and rose to Chief of the Bureau of Water Pollution Control.

Norman A. Israel ’57, New York, N.Y., Jan. 14, 2018. Mr. Israel was a Sigma Alpha Mu brother. He was the president of Rael Automatic Sprinkler Co., Inc., and was recognized as a leader and innovator for the fire protection industry in the City of New York.

Donald A. Kleintop ’57, Naperville, Ill., April 18, 2018. Mr. Kleintop was a Theta Xi brother. He served in the U.S. Army before a varied career in engineering work. His son, Douglas Kleintop, was a member of the Class of 1988.

William P. Kutz ’57, Nokesville, Va., Jan. 14, 2018. Mr. Kutz was a Phi Sigma Kappa brother. He also ran track and cross-country. He was a member of the Tower Society.

Albert P. Lospinoso ’57, Dallas, Texas, Jan. 22, 2018. Mr. Lospinoso was a veteran of the U.S. National Guard. He worked his way up through RSR Corp., retiring as the president.

Art Marcantonio ’57, Hudson, Ohio, Dec. 19, 2017. Mr. Marcantonio was a Phi Sigma Kappa brother, as well as a staff member of The Brown and White. He worked as an executive in the steel industry. His brother, Roy Marcantonio ’63, and son, Scott Marcantonio ’83, are members of the Lehigh family.

William H. McCullough ’57, Aiken, S.C., March 19, 2017. A Beta Theta Pi brother, Mr. McCullough also played with the football team and the Mustard & Cheese Society. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. He worked as a Certified Financial Planner for over 40 years.

Robert I. Miller ’57, Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 30, 2018. Dr. Miller served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps, before spending almost 40 years at University Medical Center in Philadelphia practicing radiography.


James W. Schulze Jr. ’57, Sunnyvale, Calif., March 1, 2018. Mr. Schulze served in the U.S. Air Force. He spent the majority of his career with Lockheed Missiles and Space.

Louis Sickles II ’57, Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 26, 2017. Mr. Sickles, a Sigma Alpha Mu brother, received the David Sarnoff Fellowship to attend the University of Pennsylvania’s Ph.D. program for electrical engineering. After nearly 35 years as an engineer, during which time he was awarded a number of patents, he graduated with his J.D. at the age of 62 and joined Panitch Schwarze Belisario & Nadel in Philadelphia as a patent attorney.

D. James Veras ’57, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Feb. 16, 2018. Mr. Veras holds patents for the early development of vacuum power interrupters now used by utilities throughout the world. He went on to form his
own construction company focused on residential construction and land development. His children, Daphne (Veras) Jordan ‘81 and Cynthia (Veras) Tsioles ’84, are members of the Lehigh family. He was a member of the Tower Society.

**Bruce D. Boyle ’58**, Sea Girt, N.J., Jan. 28, 2018. Mr. Boyle was a commercial and industrial developer for more than 30 years. He successfully led more than 200 projects across the country in everything from airplane hangars to office buildings. He had a particular focus in the marine industry where he was an early environmentalist in the development of recreational marinas in New Jersey and New York.


**Stephen I. Plant ’58**, Tannersville, Pa., Jan. 2, 2018. Mr. Plant served in the U.S. Navy and worked in the Arctic on the Distant Early Warning (DEW) Line maintaining radar equipment. He worked as an electrical engineer for major government contractors including Hazeltine Corp., Grumman, and ADT. He was a member of Tau Beta Pi honor society.

**C. Noel Saint-Amour ’58**, Quincy, Mass., Feb. 11, 2018. Mr. Saint-Amour was a soccer player and brother of Delta Sigma Phi. He made his career in metallurgical engineering.

**Stephen K. Gartsie ’59**, Wimberley, Texas, Dec. 30, 2017. Mr. Gartsie was a Beta Theta Pi brother, and served as president while an undergraduate. He worked for Goodyear Tire and Rubber for over 40 years. His granddaughter, Amy Gartsie, is a member of the Class of 2017.

**William F. Hollabaugh ’59**, M.S. ’60, Ph.D. ’65, Santa Rosa, Calif., March 29, 2018. Dr. Hollabaugh worked for Levi Strauss as a computer programmer. In his retirement, he and his husband ran a bed and breakfast in Guerneville, Calif.

**Dean C. Hunter ’59**, The Villages, Fla., March 1, 2018. Mr. Hunter was a Chi Phi brother. He worked for IBM for 38 years.

**George H. Rerig ’59**, Palm Harbor, Fla., April 5, 2018. Mr. Rerig was a Delta Sigma Phi brother. He also served in the U.S. Army. His father, Eugene Rerig ’28, brother, Richard Rerig ’61, and son, George H. Rerig Jr. ’87, are members of the Lehigh family.

**William T. Walker ’59**, Flourtown, Pa., March 28, 2018. Mr. Walker was a Delta Sigma Phi brother. He worked as a senior project programmer and systems analyst at Leeds and Northrup Co. for 45 years. His daughter, Terry (Walker) Brown, is a member of the Class of 1994.

**1960s**

**John W. Daniels Jr. ’60**, Egg Harbor Township, N.J., March 17, 2018. Mr. Daniels was a Sigma Nu brother. He served in the U.S. Army and played football for the university. He volunteered for his class as an alumnus. He worked as an attorney at Fleshman Daniels Law Offices and served as the Chairman of the Ethics Committee of the Atlantic County Bar Association.

**James V. Dinkey ’60**, Palo Alto, Calif., Nov. 17, 2017. Mr. Dinkey worked for IBM, Hewlett Packard and several other high-tech companies.

**William C. Tomlinson ’60**, Wayne, Pa., April 15, 2018. Mr. Tomlinson was a brother of Psi Upsilon and a member of Tau Beta Pi. He owned Future Visions Software Co.

**Kenneth J. Christmas ’61**, Wappingers Falls, N.Y., Jan. 17, 2018. Mr. Christmas played lacrosse as an undergraduate. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and worked as a civil engineer for the New York State Department of Transportation and Thruway Authority for 38 years.

**Ross J. Culligan ’61, Aiken, Ga., Feb. 20, 2018.** Mr. Culligan was a Theta Delta Chi brother and served in the U.S. Marine Corps after graduation. He then spent 34 years with Reynolds Metals Co.

**William H. Holden ’61**, Newport, R.I., Jan. 7, 2018. Mr. Holden was a Chi Psi brother and played soccer. While a student he broke the record for the most goals scored by a player in the University’s history. He had a 40-year career in telecommunications.

**Roy F. Koppenhofer ’61**, Wymissing, Pa., April 9, 2018. A Theta Delta Chi brother, Mr. Koppenhofer served as chief operating officer of SOCO Chemical Inc. (now Brenntag Inc.). He founded and led Berkshire Consulting and Pennwood Partners. As an alumnus, he was involved with the Wrestling Club. His son, Philip Koppenhofer, is a member of the Class of 1985.


**P. Aarne Vesilind ’62, M.S. ’64**, New London, N.H., Jan. 28, 2018. Dr. Vesilind was a Chi Phi brother. He was a professor of environmental engineering, teaching at Duke and Bucknell universities. He authored over 40 academic, technical and professional books, and several hundred professional journal articles. He won numerous teaching and professional awards.

**Palmer Zigmund ’62**, Bethlehem, Pa., Jan. 24, 2018. Mr. Zigmund was a veteran of the U.S. Army National Guard. He worked as a banker for many years, retiring as SVP/director of personal trust at First Valley Bank. He was an active and dedicated alumnus.

He volunteered for his class, on the Alumni Association Board of Directors and with the Wrestling Club. But his greatest impact came in his nearly 20 years of service as the General Reunion Co-Chair. For his dedication, he received the George F.A. Stutz ’22 Alumni Award, the Robert A. Harrier Reunion Award and the Alumni Award. He was also a member of the Asa Packer and Tower societies.

**Walter I. King ’63**, State College, Pa., April 2, 2018. Mr. King was a Chi Psi brother, as well as a member of the football and baseball teams. He was a high school and college football coach before becoming a math teacher. He spent 31 years at The Bullis School as athletic director. He also coached football, golf, baseball and wrestling.

**Paul R. Ziatyk ’63**, Brackenridge, Pa., March 5, 2018. Rev. Father Ziatyk served at St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church, in New Kensington, for 42 years.

**William M. Gresho ’64**, Lowell, Mass., March 10, 2018. Mr. Gresho was a member of both the Phi Kappa Theta and Tau Beta Pi honor societies. He worked for General Motors for many years before becoming a substitute teacher.

**Bertram W. Gross Jr. ’64**, Huntington, W.Va., Jan. 11, 2018. A Sigma Phi Epsilon brother, Dr. Gross was a retired professor and former chair of the Department of Communication Studies at Marshall University. He was also a member of the Asa Packer Society.

**Charles R. Meyer ’64**, Oyster Bay Cove, N.Y., Jan. 28, 2018. Mr. Meyer was a Delta Phi brother. He went on to be the president of the Peerless Instrument Co., Inc. He was a member of the Tower Society.

**Henry J. Haase Jr. ’65**, Schenectady, N.Y., March 17, 2018. Mr. Haase served in the U.S. Coast Guard in 1967, earning a National Defense Service Medal and a Coast Guard Good
A Lehigh Pioneer

Costel ‘Cos’ Denson was the first African American to graduate from the university

Costel “Cos” Denson ’56 ’15H, a widely respected expert in polymer engineering and fluid mechanics and a true Lehigh pioneer who would become the first African American to graduate from the university, passed away on April 23, 2018. He was 83.

Denson was born in Aliquippa, Pa., and in high school demonstrated great skill in academics, leadership and athletics as an honor student, class president and running back for the school’s championship football team. He applied for admission at several top schools, but was ultimately drawn to Lehigh in large part due to the Dravo scholarship program, which covered his tuition, room and board.

At Lehigh, Denson was captain of the fencing team and a member of the track and field team. He also excelled in the classroom, crediting one of his professors, Alan Foust of the department of chemical engineering, with encouraging him to push for academic success even as he was confronted with the social challenges that inevitably came along with being at the time the only African-American student on campus.

He graduated from Lehigh in 1956 and earned his commission from the U.S. Army Reserves, then began his career as a chemical engineer with General Electric. After several years with GE, he earned a master’s degree in chemical engineering from the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1960, and in 1965 received a Ph.D., also in chemical engineering, from the University of Utah. Denson then returned to GE as manager of the company’s polymer research division.

In 1977 Denson joined the University of Delaware faculty, and during his tenure served as interim dean of the College of Engineering and as visiting faculty at the University of California, Berkeley, and the University of Naples. He was the University of Delaware’s vice provost for research from 1994 until 2000, when he resumed his faculty position until his 2005 retirement. Denson was then appointed as a scientific advisor to the U.S. Department of Defense and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

In a 2014 Q&A for the Lehigh alumni Bulletin, Denson reflected on his time on campus, and the struggles he endured in pursuit of a Lehigh degree.

“It was an issue sometimes when I walked around campus,” he recalled. “Some students, I noticed, would cross the street. But for the most part, the students didn’t really bother me. One of the biggest heartaches I had came at rush time. Rush was going on and there was all of this activity all evening long, there was all of this noise in the hall, and I kept waiting for somebody to knock on my door, and of course that never happened.”

He also reflected on his admission to the university. “When I came there, there was no Martin Luther King Jr. There was no Civil Rights Act. So what happened here at Lehigh—I really don’t know why it happened. [Lehigh administrators] weren’t forced to do it. So what I eventually concluded was that there must have been several factors that all had to be working in concert with each other to make this happen. Everything had to be in alignment. The trustees could have said no, and for all I know, some of them did. The president had to be lined up behind it. The administrators had to be lined up behind it. Many of the faculty had been pushing for something like this for many years, and I think that was obviously a very positive thing. All of those elements had to be working in concert to have made this happen. Anybody could have vetoed it, but they let it happen. And they provided financial support, too.”

In Denson’s honor, Lehigh created the Dr. Costel Denson ’56 Alumni Award, presented to alumni who have implemented pathways to increased diversity in the workplace and educational institutions. Denson himself created the Costel D. Denson ’56 ’15H Endowed Scholarship Fund in 2006 for Lehigh students majoring in chemical engineering.

Former Lehigh President Peter Likins called Denson “a brave pioneer and a good man whose strength of character enabled him to forgive Lehigh for the sins of the ’50s and help his alma mater meet the challenges of contemporary life.” —Bulletin Staff
Arnold H. Kritz, professor emeritus of physics and former chair of the physics department at Lehigh, died recently at the age of 83. Kritz was a leading figure in the area of computational plasma physics, recognized internationally for characterizing radio frequency heating of plasmas as well as for characterizing the transport of particles and heat in plasma.

Volkmar Dierolf, professor and chair of the department of physics, noted that Kritz’s research and reputation as a scientist helped put the department on its current trajectory of success.

“Arnold was an extremely hard-working member of our faculty and a truly exceptional internationally recognized scholar,” Dierolf said. “He was the pillar of Lehigh’s computational fusion research program that has been funded by the Department of Energy for more than 20 years. This program is world-renowned and provided international visibility for our department. In his seven years as department chair in the 1990s, he provided critical leadership during difficult times. He put in place policies and best practices that allow the department to be successful and very collegial.”

Because of Kritz’s work in the field of computational physics, computer codes describing the propagation of electron cyclotron waves for heating and generating currents in plasma are routinely used worldwide, both for understanding present-day experiments and for planning new experiments on devices seeking to confine plasma with powerful magnetic fields for the purpose of nuclear fusion as a future source of energy.

As computers became more powerful, and the need to simulate accurately expensive experiments in nuclear fusion became more acute, Kritz played a crucial role in shaping nationally the way computational physics in large computing environments should be approached within the fusion community. He played this role through his personal research, as chair of physics departments at two universities, and through a four-year period at the U.S. Department of Energy in charge of the Modeling and Simulation Branch of the Office of Fusion Energy Sciences.

A native of Providence, R.I., Kritz received his bachelor of science degree from Brown University in 1956 and his Ph.D. in physics from Yale University in 1961. After working several years conducting research for General Dynamics, he joined Hunter College in 1969, where he later served as a chair of the department of physics.

In 1991, Kritz was recruited to join the department of physics at Lehigh University, serving as its chair from 1991 to 1998. As chair, he helped junior faculty expand the department’s research portfolio. Concurrently, he led his own research program exploring nuclear fusion.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara, three children, nine grandchildren, and a great-grandchild. —Rob Nichols

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1970s

H. Edgar Lore Jr. ’70, Austin, Texas, Jan. 2, 2018. Mr. Lore was a Phi Sigma Kappa brother and player with the Mustard & Cheese Society. His father, H. Edgar Lore, was a member of the Class of 1935.

James C. Parry ’70, Arlington, Va., Dec. 31, 2017. Lt. Col. Parry was a Lambda Chi Alpha brother and also played soccer as an undergraduate. He spent 22 years with the U.S. Air Force before becoming a teacher. He was a member of the Asa Packer and Tower societies.

John R. Cooper Jr. ’71, Mt. Lebanon, Pa., March 26, 2018. Mr. Cooper was a brother of Delta Sigma Phi and a lacrosse player. He worked at the Bank of New York.

John B. Hoover ’71, Burtonsville, Md., Feb. 3, 2018. Dr. Hoover was a Theta Chi brother. He worked for Code 6180, a naval research laboratory, as a research chemist.

Robert W. MacMaster ’71, Tallahassee, Fla., Dec. 8, 2017. Mr. MacMaster was the chief spokesman and media relations adviser for the Florida Department of Corrections, notably handling the media while serial killer Ted Bundy was incarcerated there.

David M. Kols ’72, Saint Louis, Mo., March 13, 2018. A Sigma Alpha Mu brother, Mr. Kols was the president of Regency Superior Ltd.

Theodore P. Zaharchuk ’72, Breinigsville, Pa., April 8, 2018. Mr. Zaharchuk served in the U.S. Army during Vietnam. He was employed as a construction manager for various companies. His brother, Roman Zaharchuk, is a member of the Class of 1955.

Joanne (Godall) Church ’76, Meriden, Conn., March 21, 2018. Mrs. Church was the president and owner of Church & Morse Inc.

Daniel G. Dudenhoeffer ’77, Hoschtom, Ga., Jan. 7, 2018. Mr. Dudenhoeffer was a Phi Kappa Sigma brother. He was the chief operating officer of Praxis Consulting.

Jeffrey A. Pompeo ’77, Wilmington, Del., April 11, 2018. Mr. Pompeo was a member of the football and track teams.


1980s


Walter Tischbein ’81, Killingworth, Conn., Dec. 25, 2017. A Sigma Nu brother, Mr. Tischbein worked as the vice president of The Lee Company. His brother, Michael Tischbein ’82, and children, Sarah Tischbein ’14 and Robert Tischbein ’19, are members of the Lehigh family.


Robert S. Holland ’83, Coopersburg, Pa., Feb. 27, 2018. Mr. Holland owned a full-service garden center and landscaping company, Bob’s Budget Lawn Care & Rock Road Nursery. He also worked in auto sales.

Lorraine (Hamel) Bone ’84, Cresco, Pa., Feb. 28, 2018. An Alpha Omicron Pi sister, Dr. Hamel had her own dental practice. She comes from a strong Lehigh family, including her mother, Elsie Hamel ’99, M.A. ’01, Ph.D. ’07; father, Coleman Hamel Ph.D. ’69; and sisters, Virginia (Hamel) Kretschman ’87 and Marianne Hamel M.S. ’99, Ph.D. ’01.

Richard K. Errickson ’85, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., Feb. 16, 2018. Mr. Errickson was a member of both Phi Beta Kappa and Tau Beta Pi honor societies. He worked for IBM as a computer engineer for 32 years, producing 33 patents. He was a member of the Asa Packer Society.

Charles D. Crowley ’86, Ridgewood, N.J., Feb. 27, 2018. Dr. Crowley was a Chi Psi brother who also played rugby as an undergraduate. He was a practicing ophthalmologist.


John Laposky ’88, Berkeley Heights, N.J., April 11, 2018. Mr. Laposky was a Phi Sigma Kappa brother. He was the editor-in-chief of TWICE, a consumer technology trade publication.

1990s

Laura A. (Harlacker) Schrad ’93, Newtown, Conn., March 7, 2018. Mrs. Schrad was an Alpha Chi Omega sister. She owned and taught in her own yoga studio.

Kathryn Calogredes- Rengepis ’98, Woolwich Township, N.J., April 20, 2018. Mrs. Rengepis founded the Special Education Parents Advisory Committee in Woolwich, helping to inform parents of what programs were available to help their children. She volunteered for her class as an alumna.

2010s

Michael J. Berger ’13, Emmaus, Pa., March 5, 2018. A Delta Phi brother, Mr. Berger worked as a software engineer for Flex Link Systems.

GRADUATE

John H. Dawson M.Eng. ’43, Iowa City, Iowa, March 14, 2018. Mr. Dawson taught college-level courses before joining Boeing, where he worked for nearly 35 years.

Willis B. Brown M.A. ’51, Pen Argyl, Pa., March 12, 2018. Mr. Brown began his career in education at Nazareth School District. He started as a junior high school teacher, progressing to the first guidance counselor position, and later principal for the Floyd R. Shafer Elementary School. He remained at the school district for 35 years. Post-retirement, he joined the Department of Education staff at Lafayette College and also worked for the Pen Argyl School District as a high school substitute teacher.

Kay M. Shupe M.S. ’51, Frankfort, Ind., Dec. 30, 2017. Mr. Shupe served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Arthur W. Smith Jr. M.A. ’51, Watchung, N.J., April 7, 2018. Mr. Smith was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. He was a high school teacher and guidance counselor.

Alfredo T. Gozum M.S. ’54, Highland Park, N.J., Dec. 27, 2017. Mr. Gozum was a retired bridge analyst for Bethlehem Steel Corp.

Philip G. Meynen M.S. ’58, Arlington, Texas, Jan. 19, 2018. Mr. Meynen was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He spent his career working for MW Kellogg.

Joseph A. Belletti M.A. ’59, Bethlehem, Pa., Feb. 10, 2018. Mr. Belletti was a math teacher and later a counselor in the Bethlehem Area School District for 35 years.

Henry Frankel M.S. ’59, Danvers, Mass., Feb. 6, 2018. Mr. Frankel started a plastics recycling business in the 1980s, for which he patented devices for plastics sortation. In 1987, he retired from IBM to begin a career in higher education. He taught packaging engineering and conducted plastics recycling research at Rutgers University.

William M. Gaddes M.A. ’59, Lake Hauto, Pa., March 15, 2018. Mr. Gaddes was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He retired from IBM.

Frederick Amigo M.A. ’60, Hanover Township, Pa., Feb. 7, 2018. Mr. Amigo was a teacher
in the Bethlehem Area School District at Northeast Middle School and Liberty High School for 33 years until retiring. He was the recipient of the first PTA Teacher of the Year Award in 1969.

Dale E. Cassler M.A. ’60, Nazareth, Pa., April 2, 2018. Mr. Cassler was a teacher and guidance counselor at Nazareth Area Junior High School until his retirement.


E. R. Kishbaugh ’63, Bethlehem, Pa., March 8, 2018. Mr. Kishbaugh was a veteran of the U.S. Army during World War II. He had a 30-year career as a special education teacher at Nitschmann Junior High School in the Bethlehem Area School District and later at Liberty High School, where he initiated a work/study program.

Edward A. Paulik M.Ed. ’63, Fountain Hill, Pa., April 17, 2018. Mr. Paulik served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He worked for the New Jersey State Division of Weights and Measures until retiring.

E. Larry Fabian M.S. ’65, Fredericksburg, Va., Jan. 25, 2018. Mr. Fabian worked for the U.S. Navy as a civilian before going back to school to be a financial advisor.

Nicholas Dinos M.S. ’66, Ph.D. ’67, Athens, Ohio, Dec. 18, 2017. Dr. Dinos spent 31 years teaching in and chairing the chemical engineering department of Ohio University. In 2007, the “Nicholas Dinos Professorship in Engineering was created to recognize, attract and retain faculty who seem to have superpowers.”


Lawrence H. Young Ph.D. ’67, Allentown, Pa., Feb. 8, 2018. Dr. Young is a named inventor on 10 U.S. patents pertaining to magnetic domain wall devices for information signal processing. In his career in research/development at Bell Laboratories, he led teams in the early development of integrated circuit board technology and twistor memory device development. In his retirement, he enjoyed teaching physics and engineering courses as an adjunct faculty member of Northampton Community College.

Daniel A. Cisciano Jr. Cert. ’68, Cert. ’81, Wyomissing, Pa., Dec. 28, 2017. Mr. Cisciano was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a teacher and administrator at Daniel Boone High School. He also became involved in supporting Alvernia University, where he founded its highly successful continuing education program. In addition, he oversaw the construction of several buildings at the university, including the library, gymnasium and a dormitory.


Kenneth A. Bluett MBA ’69, Diamondhead, Miss., Jan. 24, 2018. Mr. Bluett served in the U.S. Army before spending 20 years with Bethlehem Steel. He retired as the superintendent of Conemaugh and Black Lick Valley Railroad.

John W. Budd Jr. MBA ’69, Kintnersville, Pa., March 16, 2017. Mr. Budd was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War. He worked for Cabot for over 30 years. Over a span of 16 years, he served as treasurer, chairman and supervisor of Nockamixon Township.

James M. Hodrick M.A. ’70, Bethlehem, Pa., April 13, 2018. Mr. Hodrick spent nearly 50 years working in Catholic education, including as principal of Allentown Central Catholic High School.

Boris Stoiancheff M.S. ’70, Allentown, Pa., Dec. 28, 2017. Mr. Stoiancheff served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was a civil and structural engineer for Bethlehem Steel and also the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Walter R. Weaver Jr. M.Ed. ’70, Fogelsville, Pa., Jan. 11, 2018. Mr. Weaver taught social studies at Southern Lehigh Middle School for 30 years.

John Compadro Ed.D. ’72, Nazareth, Pa., Jan. 31, 2018. Dr. Compadro worked as the athletic director and director of physical education at DeSales University.

Kenneth E. Reid Jr. Cert. ’75, Lehighton, Pa., April 6, 2018. Mr. Reid served in the U.S. Marine Corps. He worked for Lehighenna Area and Pleasant Valley school districts, as a teacher, as head of the mathematics department, principal and superintendent.

Helen (Markham) Richards M.A. ’79, Ellicott City, Md., Dec. 22, 2017. Mrs. Richards was employed at Moravian College, where she served as assistant to the president. She had previously been employed in the corporate accounting division of Bethlehem Steel Corp., and in the development office at Muhlenberg College.

Louis A. Scarfellini D.A. ’79, Louisville, Ky., Jan. 31, 2018. A firefighter, Dr. Scarfellini founded the fire science program at Vincennes University. He was named the State of Indiana Fire Instructor in 2014.

Blanca (Class) Smith M.Ed. ’79, Bethlehem, Pa., Feb. 20, 2018. Mrs. Smith helped found the Physical Therapy Department at the University of Tropical Medicine in Puerto Rico. She worked in the physical therapy department at St. Luke’s Hospital before becoming one of the first women to sit on its board of trustees. She also founded the Council for Spanish Speaking Organizations of the Lehigh Valley and was its first executive director. Then she spent 20 years as a counselor at Northampton County Community College. In 2000, The Morning Call listed her as one of the “Notable People of the Century.”

Robert G. Meeker Ph.D. ’89, Hazel Crest, Ill., Jan. 6, 2018. Dr. Meeker was a professor of English at Bloomsburg University for nearly 30 years. His son, Robert B. Meeker, received his graduate degree from Lehigh in 1977.

Janice C. (DiGirolamo) Peterson M.S. ’89, Allentown, Pa., Jan. 21, 2018. Mrs. Peterson was employed as a process engineer at Air Products & Chemicals, Inc., for 32 years.

Paul T. Holler M.S. ’93, MBA ’98, Salisbury Township, Pa., April 16, 2018. Mr. Holler spent his career with Western Electric, now known as Broadcom.

Diane A. Keister Ed.D ’96, Lower Macungie Township, Pa., March 21, 2018. Dr. Keister was a teacher, elementary school principal and the Director of Curriculum at Southern Lehigh School District.
Professor John Pettegrew, chair of Lehigh’s history department and a distinguished scholar of U.S. intellectual and cultural history, died May 29 from cancer. He was considered one of the leading historians of modern American masculinity, and produced a body of scholarship characterized by archival range, methodological flexibility, conceptual sophistication and a dual commitment to historical rigor and contemporary political relevance.

The recipient of awards for his teaching, Pettegrew offered a wide range of popular courses in 19th- and 20th-century history and on the history of sports, evolution and culture. He was a much sought-after mentor to graduate students and trained a generation of U.S. intellectual and cultural historians at Lehigh, supervising nine Ph.D. dissertations and 23 M.A. theses in history and American Studies. He also served on dozens of Ph.D. exam and dissertation committees.

He was, in the words of College of Arts and Sciences Dean Donald Hall, “a model for all academics.”

Several of his close colleagues recalled a warm, caring friend, a prolific and accomplished scholar, and a “natural community builder” with an unwavering commitment to social justice.

Pettegrew shared his zeal for life and his many passions with his partner, Lehigh Associate Professor of History Tamara Myers. For eight years, they maintained a bi-coastal relationship, moving between Vancouver, BC, and Bethlehem, before Tamara joined the Lehigh faculty in 2016. At Lehigh, Myers and Pettegrew collaborated on the South Side Initiative’s Community Gardens project, a range of history department initiatives, and they were deeply involved in supporting one another’s writing projects and intellectual pursuits.

As Myers put it, “Even during this painful past two years, John and I always considered ourselves lucky. We shared a great love, a passion for hard work, two extraordinary children, a smart and caring community of friends, and many fantastic adventures.”

Professor of English Seth Moglen, a friend of Pettegrew’s for two decades, remembered a man “who did everything with gusto, enjoying intellectual conversation, a good meal, a stimulating seminar, a political protest, a day on the ski slopes, or a party with Tamara and their friends with the same enthusiasm and joie de vivre.”

Moglen also spoke of what will most certainly be a lasting impact on Lehigh: “He was an innovator, a builder, creating new programs and enhancing existing institutions to meet current challenges. In collaboration with others, he helped to build the South Side Initiative, the Lehigh Community Garden (which will be renamed in his memory), the Town Hall Lecture Series at Bethlehem City Hall, and the LVAIC Documentary Film minor—even as he ably led the history department and, for many years, the American Studies program. Because of his energy, good humor, curiosity about others, and pleasure in life, he attracted people to him—friends, colleagues, students, community partners and collaborators of all kinds. Because he was much loved, he will be sorely missed.”

With grace and candor, Pettegrew spoke and wrote openly about his struggle with cancer, penning a particularly poignant piece on dying, describing it as an intensely social experience. “Close family and friends’ love and support have been my core post-diagnosis experience,” he wrote in the essay that was published by Salon.com in early May. “It’s been a pinnacle of my whole life. There’s something close to perfection in such caring’s accumulative emotional effect, an oceanic feeling of collective concern from near and far—the love that comes from what Quakers call being held in the light.”

He authored several books. At the time of his death, he was at work on a new book, “Love in the Twentieth Century: An Intellectual and Political History.”

A public celebration of Pettegrew’s life and career will be held at Lehigh at 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 7, in the Asa Dining Room. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be designated “In Honor of John Pettegrew” and sent to Lehigh Valley Hospice, 2024 Lehigh St., Suite 100, Allentown, PA 18103.

—Linda Harbrecht