

## Craving More Lehigh News? Head to The Goblet

STILL HUNGRY? Goblet this up.

If, after reading this fantastic magazine, you still find yourself craving more Lehigh news, I suggest you head online to the Lehigh Goblet. The Goblet is a blog featuring short stories about—and written mostly by—alumni. It spotlights classmates and friends who are changing the world, takes you down memory lane and showcases activities on campus and around the world that bring Lehigh people together.

To be transparent about why I'm encouraging you to read these inspiring stories ... you know that we recently launched the most ambitious campaign in the history of Lehigh, right? GO: The Campaign for Lehigh aims to raise \$1 billion-plus and engage more than half our alumni in some way over the next several years. Those numbers feel daunting—after all, that's more than 40,000 alumni who we're looking to engage as attendees, volunteers and donors! Reading Goblet stories about alumni who are already connected, love this place and so freely express their gratitude for the opportunities Lehigh gave them motivates me to work even harder to reach these lofty goals. My hope is that their stories will inspire you to get involved and invested, and that I'll see you soon online, at an event, or as a volunteer!

Here are a few of my favorite recent posts from the Goblet:

Reginald Jennings '70, co-executive chair of the university's Black and Latino Alumni Network for Community and Equity (BALANCE), wrote about his experience at Reunion 2018; in particular the new Unity Dinner, which we're making an annual tradition. He also highlighted Ralph Thomas '76 '77G, who received the Dr. Costel Denson '56 Award, given to an alumnus or alumna who has demonstrated leadership by identifying and implementing pathways to increase diversity in the workplace and educational institutions. Reginald is also spearheading plans to celebrate 10 years of BALANCE at Lehigh—join the BALANCE Facebook group or follow on Instagram for the info.

**Steve Rittler '99** shares that his time in the Marching '97 changed his life. "I don't think any classroom experience came close to teaching

me as much about leadership, about people, and about Lehigh as the 97 did," he writes. Best part? He met his wife, **Michelle Judd '02**, through Marching '97. We (and several other top schools) entrust Steve's company AlumniQ to run our very complicated Reunion registration.

Rebekah Campo '16, worked in Alumni Relations in 2014 and wrote about her role at that time in planning The Rally. Clarke Woodruff '72 wrote about his Rally experience nearly 50 years ago. While the elements of The Rally have changed, it's moving to know that the camaraderie among Lehigh classmates remains strong. Sidenote: In August, watch for links to The Rally livestream if you'd like to watch the magic from afar. Better yet, come to campus to carry the flag for your class!

And there's a spotlight on **Rosie Roessel '13 '14G**, who won the Runner's World Half Marathon in 2017. Rosie is a Class leader and won the Alumni Award last year. We were so inspired by her racing victory, and by the dozens of cheering fans wearing Lehigh hats and shirts along the route, that in 2018 we got organized. We put out a call that any Lehigh alum running in the race could contact the alumni relations office and we'd send some swag so you could represent. About 150 people registered! (BTW, if you're doing Runner's World in October or the NYC Marathon in November drop me an email, and I'll send you a Lehigh running shirt. But you have to wear it in the race, so when you blow past me I will know to cheer for you!)

If you know an alumna/us who you think other alumni would like to know more about, submit your story idea to The Goblet here: <a href="lehighgoblet.com/submit/">lehighgoblet.com/submit/</a>

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## SPOTLIGHT

## ALUMNI EVENTS

All alumni, parents and friends are welcome at Lehigh events. Find the complete calendar online anytime at mylehigh. lehigh.edu/events.

#### GO: THE CAMPAIGN FOR LEHIGH-PRESIDENTIAL LEADERSHIP BREAKFASTS

#### Spring

Look out for invitations in your city to join Lehigh's senior leaders for breakfast and conversation about key campaign initiatives

## WOMEN IN BUSINESS CONFERENCE

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

Campus

A chance to network with other Lehigh alumnae and speak with Lehigh students on the verge of entering the business world

#### **REUNION**

June 7-9, 2019

Join the celebration to rekindle old friendships and make new ones alum.lu/reunion

## LIFELONG LEARNING SUMMER SESSION

July 31-Aug. 3

Campus

Come back to campus for our inaugural session! Watch your email for more information.



## He Keeps on Running

MARATHON RACES CAN SLOW PEOPLE down, but for 70-year-old Gene Dykes, they keep him going.

Dykes '66 unofficially set a world record for his age group in December by running a 2:54.23 marathon in Jacksonville, Fla.—a pace 25 seconds faster than the long-standing record set by famed Canadian runner Ed Whitlock.

Unfortunately, the race was certified but not sanctioned by USA Track & Field, which governs the sport, so the record isn't official. Still, no one doubts that Dykes legitimately went where no one over 70 had ever gone before.

In the past 12 years, Dykes, who competed in track and field at Lehigh while pursuing a degree in chemistry, had 13 marathon personal records.

"I started running in middle school before the very first running craze, when people would stare and dogs would go insane like you were some kind of alien," Dykes said. "Then I got to Lehigh, and it was terrible. I was totally blown off the track by the talent at the college level. I was hardly competitive. Rarely would I even get a third-place point."

Dykes competed in events such as the triple jump, intermediate hurdles and high jump, picking up points that way.

"I was helpful on the team, but just not much on the track," he said. "The experience made it firmly entrenched in my mind that I was a mediocre runner and there was no use for me to pursue racing after graduation."

As he grew older, Dykes jogged and stayed in shape. Then, in his late 50s, he was encouraged by friends to run a race. The rest is history.

"I ran my first road race, a half marathon, and did pretty well," said Dykes. "It was enjoyable, so I started doing lots of races, and I just kept getting better and better. New York City was my first marathon in 2006, and about six years later, I ran the Toronto marathon hoping to set a new personal record, but came up woefully short.

"From there, I hired a coach, and boy, my career really took off. I couldn't believe how much he improved my game. Within five months, my marathon time improved by 20 minutes. I finished third in my age group in Boston and kept getting better every year since. I'm still improving."

Dykes enjoys the challenge of racing, along with the camaraderie that running brings.

"You start building a community of friends that you see at races," he said. "Training is something you look forward to every day. If you didn't have these friends, you'd wake up in the morning and just go back to bed. The community gets you out of bed and onto the trail."

After facing those earlier running struggles at Lehigh, Dykes never imagined his success now.

"Sometimes, you just have to wait for the time to be right," he said. "Maybe running wasn't right for me earlier, but it was later. Winning isn't so important, but doing as well as I can is always important. Of course, winning is a benchmark, but I'm always out to beat my most fierce competitor—which is me from the previous year."

Dykes learned a number of lessons at Lehigh that stay with him to this day, as an athlete and student. He had arrived at Lehigh thinking he'd be an engineer, but that lasted one semester. After talking with a dean, he switched his major to biology, then chemistry. He said he got "totally hooked" on computer programming after attending a seminar and ended up pursuing computer programming as a career.

"Do what you enjoy," Dykes said, "and don't be afraid to change course." — Justin Lafleur



## Fiorettis Are First to the North Pole in 2018

BROTHERS PETER '82 AND ROBERT (BOB) '84 FIORETTI HAVE EXPLORED a place that few others get to see, one of the most solitary locations on the planet. In April 2018, at the beginning of that year's expedition season, they trekked to the North Pole, a feat that fewer than 500 adventurers have accomplished in recorded history. The Fiorettis were the first to arrive at Earth's pinnacle in 2018, according to their guide.

"It's been a dream of Pete's for about six years," said Bob. "He's wanted to go to the North Pole and literally be on top of the world."

So, for the 25th anniversary of their company, Mountain Real Estate Capital, the brothers decided to attempt the adventure in the most extreme way possible, with just themselves, a guide, their skis and sleds full of supplies.

Their challenging journey began with a flight to Longyearbyen, Norway, the last

outpost of civilization before the North Pole where they participated in a day of intense arctic training. From there they flew three hours to Barneo Ice Camp, a temporary ice base about one degree of latitude (69 miles) from the Pole.

"Team Fioretti Mountaineers" was then helicoptered about 15 minutes from Barneo to their drop-point on the ice, where air temperatures were about -20 to -30 degrees even before factoring in wind chill. Their mission was to navigate by GPS to the North Pole.

The trek was anything but a straight line. The North Pole is located in the middle of the Arctic Ocean amid waters that are almost permanently covered with constantly shifting sea ice.

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As the ice shifts, waterways can open up and pressure ridges are created. The waterways can be 100 yards or five miles long, and the ridges may be climbable at only a foot or two high, or up to an impassable 10 feet. The challenge was in correctly guessing whether to go left or right.

Another challenge, Bob said, was managing body heat, which was not just about trying to stay warm in the extreme cold.

"You exert a fair amount of energy pulling your sled, and your body heats up. You're constantly taking off and putting on clothing to keep your body temperature at the perfect equilibrium," Bob said.

The adventurers got coldest on breaks when they stopped moving to rest and eat a snack, and their bodies focused all their energy toward digesting food. Sleeping was also a challenge.

"We had this conception that the tent would keep you warm at night, but it's really to protect you against the wind and snowstorms and doesn't keep you any warmer than it is outside. Thank God for those sleeping bags rated for -70 degrees!" Bob said.

The brothers said they did get a little frostbite on their faces and toes, but, fortunately, didn't fall through thin ice or encounter any polar bears, which Bob laughingly described as "good and bad news," because who wouldn't want to see a polar bear in the wild?

The Fiorettis' trek to the North Pole ended up taking three days, a record for the expedition company. They were

> so close to the Pole on day three that they kept pushing, skiing a grueling 12 hours and 18 miles to arrive at the North Pole.

"I couldn't think of a better way to kick off our company's 25th year," said Peter.

The best part of the trip, according to Bob, was doing it with Pete. The brothers have been best friends since their time together as under-

graduates at Lehigh. Bob credits Lehigh as a great foundation for many of all three Fioretti brothers' successes (including younger brother John '86).

Next on the Fioretti brothers' adventure agenda? "Probably Antarctica—it's the only continent we haven't been to!" —Cynthia Tintorri

## 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 <a href="mailto:classnotes@lehigh.edu">classnotes@lehigh.edu</a>.

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By the time you receive this column, we will already have concluded the national holiday of Thanksgiving. Curiously, this holiday has been beloved in the USA as a staple of our culture, as well as demonized as being a celebration of European colonization and violent English expansion.

Relax; I'm not going to debate the intentions of the 1620 Puritans when they survived their first few years on this "new" continent. Rather, I just want to reflect on the principle of the holiday.

Thanksgiving is a holiday of gratitude. It was a day unique to America in that it was a day set aside by legislation to give thanks for the blessings the people of this nation of ours have received.

However, two big questions loom: What blessings have we received and to whom are we giving thanks?

When I matriculated at Lehigh in 1943, I was surprised to learn that Asa Packer founded this institute of learning in conjunction with the Episcopal Church, to which he belonged. In fact, his daughter, Mary, would erect an Episcopal Chapel at the entrance to the campus in his honor. More than that, each freshman was required to take a

course in the subject of "Moral and Religious Philosophy."

I don't know whether that course is a requirement these days, but it was in our day and was taught by a Dr. Beardsley.

I loved that kind and scholarly professor, and I still have in my files the notes I took during his lectures. Well, as I sat down to write this column, I pulled those notes from my files for some inspiration. Although I could not find any lecture that Dr. Beardsley had given regarding the Thanksgiving holiday, per se, I did find notes on his exhortation to us to be "grateful for life, love, and the knowledge of the graces we receive regularly from the Almighty... to Whom we ought to be giving thanks daily."

How apropos!

(Although Dr. Beardsley was not prone to express humor in his lectures, he seemed fond of telling the class that he finally found the meaning of life. It was on page 76 of his dictionary!)

En avant!

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 or classnotes@lehigh.edu

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Jim Gill writes: "Thanks for your fine work as representative for our Class of '51 at Lehigh. Here's some news from this quarter: After graduation, I went on to ordination after three years at General Theological Seminary (Episcopal) in NYC and then as vicar of a parish in Easton, Pa. Then on to joining the faculty of St. Andrew's Seminary in Manila (Quezon City), Philippines, where I served for 10 years. During that time my family consisted of my wife, Kay (who later died in 2018), and three children, Laura, Chris and James Jr. We are presently living in Winthrop, Maine - Kay's home state. (What a positive change from the Newark, N.J., area where I grew up!)

"I am in good health (full recovery from fractured left hip after a fall last year while visiting family in San Francisco). No pain at all, deo gratis. At this advanced age, 89 right?...I've given up presiding at worship services, preferring to get a 'pew's-eye view' of things.

"I'm so lucky to be living in a fine apartment (all to ADA specifications) attached to the main house, where daughter Laura now resides. She is a major caregiver for me. I'm so lucky to have all three children so close by."

I also received this note via Ted Brothers: "I, Andrew Robb, was a PCUSA missionary in Alabama, then Colombia and Venezuela, from 1955 until 1979. This is a communication inspired by the Fall 2018 Lehigh Bulletin. I do not remember you. My campus residence was Richards dorm. Since I was headed for missionary work, I was in a five-year program of Arts and Engineering: 1951 was the arts graduation, and '52 was for a B.S. in civil engineering. Princeton Seminary was my next schooling from 1952 to 1955.

"At Lehigh, about 1949, I helped launch the Lehigh Christian Fellowship which became a chapter of The Intervarsity Christian Fellowship.

"Since 2005, Eleanor and I have been living in the Grace Ridge retirement community (about 200 residents) in Morganton, N.C., 50 miles east of Asheville on I-40. I'm a member of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina.

"OK, Ted, that's enough for an initial response to learning about your missionary service —something that we have in common."

Now let me hear from you. I need more inputs!

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Editor's note: Welcome to Bill Erdman as he expands his Lehigh Class of '52 website to include this correspondence project. This is his debut column. Greetings Class of 1952! My name is Bill Erdman and as of this moment, I am your new class correspondent! I realize that I have big shoes to fill, but I hope to honor Pat Moran's commitment.

To do this column justice, I need your help! It will be tough getting used to a three-month time lapse from writing to being published—with our present website it is zip-zap and the news is online! At least now you will see your name in print twice for the price of each item shared with me.

I challenge each one of you to take a moment away from your day-to-day, exciting life to contact me with stuff about yourself or about a friend in our class. Life events are worth sharing, particularly as we are mostly in our late 80s, and we need to reach out to each other while we are still able. If you have not recently sent in

information about you and yours, now is the time.

I can be reached through email, wce96@seeoursite.org, or phone call, (407) 644-0391, or text message, (407) 376-0221, or that old standby, U.S. Mail: 1171 Willa Vista Trail, Maitland, Fla., 32751. I look forward to seeing where we can go together.

At this point, the only news I have to provide is my own: I just (October) recovered from a case of nocardiosis. I'm sure none of you have ever heard of this bacterial infection as it is found in dirt and old mulch. It is called the "Gardener's Disease." I got it from falling off my bike into a mulch pile (I would have been better off hitting a tree)! Eight days in the hospital, tests galore for the staff to CYA and massive antibiotics cured me of the bacteria but not of riding my bike every day. You guys can certainly send me more interesting stuff than this! Write or call now, before you forget.

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Looking back, it is hard to believe our 65th Reunion has come and gone into the Lehigh history books. Saucon Valley Country Club did a beautiful job for us at their Villa, and the weather was super. It was great to renew old friendships that go back to 1949, and these relationships will be with us as long as we live. Bill Schulz and his wife, Lynn, live in the panhandle of Florida. Lynn said they were fortunate to just get heavy rain and wind with very little property damage this hurricane season.

There are a number of classmates that live in the Lehigh Valley, and we try to keep the spark alive and have lunch at the Hanoverville Roadhouse. Those attending were **Joe Workman**, **Tony Latour**, **Roger Inglese**,

Bill Latshaw and your class correspondent, Tip Mowrer. We talked about our health and what we are doing. The subject came up of having a mini-reunion, so Joe Workman has booked a room at Saucon Valley Country Club. Joe is working on the details to keep it successful like our last one. If you have any thoughts or suggestions, please contact Joe, Tony Latour or myself.

I would like to add that Joe has attended 67 Lehigh-Lafayette games, and maybe that is why they won!!!

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When two opposing football teams both have a record of 2-7 going into the final game of the season, it is very hard to create interest in seeing any final contest. We only had seven people sign up to see the game five days prior to the event, and so we canceled The Signature Room (private room, 100-inch surround sound TV, buffet brunch) and read about Lehigh's 34-3 drubbing of Lafayette in the Sunday papers. In previous years, this game attracted up to 45 attendees to our Sarasota, Fla., prime location. Maybe next year.

Speaking about 2019, our 60th Reunion will be held June 6-9, so oil up your walkers, buy new hearing aids, see your eye doctor, get a pass from your cardiologist, buy lots of travel insurance and set aside a few days from your busy lives. It is time to remember days gone by. Our numbers have diminished by 50 percent, but let us renew past friendships for a few memorable days. More details will follow from the Alumni Office as we get closer to Reunion time.

Bill Sutherland and his wife,

Pat, moved to Hilton Head Island, S.C., over 20 years ago and joined the First Presbyterian Church upon their arrival. They then started singing in the choir and have been singing with the late Wally Butler's wife ever since. Millie is quite an accomplished pianist as well and is the assistant pianist for the choir. Bill spent his entire business career with Union Carbide and was working on process engineering assignments when he retired from his last post in the company's Charleston office. Bill used to play golf with Wally on the 20-plus courses on HHI, but he stopped playing a few years ago and now he takes cruises with Pat once or twice a year on Regent and does volunteer work.

Ken Strohl was born and raised in Bethlehem. His father was a '27 graduate of Lehigh, and his grandfather was assistant postmaster for Bethlehem. He played clarinet and saxophone in the Lehigh band and has attended over 50 Lehigh football games since graduation. Ken and his wife, Marian, have three children and nine grandchildren. Ken spent his entire career with several companies in the catalytic converter and pollution (hazardous waste) industries, and his work took him to all seven continents. The majority of his time was spent in Canada and Western Europe. Ken works out four times a week and plays golf and bridge.

Ed Wyczalek claims his eyes, ears and legs are shot and his life consists of using his cane to get to a comfortable seat in front of the TV. Fortunately, his mind is still sharp as a tack and he has a good sense of humor. He and his wife, Jean, have two sons. Ed and John Wallace spent a year and a half together in the Army in Frankfurt, Germany. One day John asked Ed if he could figure out a way to beat the odds at roulette and after some trial and error, they went to Nice, France,

on their \$2,000 winnings and drank champagne for a week. Sometime after discharge from the Army, Ed attended John's marriage to Lynn in Summit, N.J. Ed spent his career years with Union Carbide, Air Products and US Steel. Ed and Jean retired to Naples, Fla., for their first 11 years of retirement, felt it was too hot in the summer and then moved to Las Vegas, Nev. Ed then tried water aerobics for exercise, threw out both shoulders and now for kicks visits the casinos to play poker.

I received this letter from Bernie Grossman some time ago: "The loss of two of the Tau Delta Pi brothers, Jerry Friedenheim and Harvey **Semilof**, prompted me to write. The fraternity was tight, and squeezed into a small house, maybe 20 beds. So much of my Lehigh life centered there with great memories.... I remember those two guys very well. It was only a half dozen or so years after graduation that the Tau Delt house ran into financial difficulty and disappeared. There was a replacement but never the same.

"I'm still in the millinery business, living in Manhattan, traveling to China twice a year and loving life as much as ever. My apartment building has a few Lehigh guys in it, but the only Tau Delts I see are Lenny Solomon '55 and Larry Kamp '53. Leonard is keeping Wall Street honest. Howard makes me laugh, same as he did 60 years ago. Regards to all the others reading your updates."

Wilson Stout's wife, Barbie, moved to Colorado to be near her children and grandchildren and loves her new life. Mim Bott, the widow of Don Bott, has a lady friend who is considered to be an expert in malt whiskey. They are planning a trip to Scotland to test her knowledge.

God bless you all!

Save the date for Reunion 2019:
June 6-9, 2019

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This is my first column, and I follow a great column person, **Bob Kiley.** The column is only as good as the information you send, so please send me items to include.

Since I took over, I have received messages from a number of classmates. Interestingly there were several curriculum classmates in chemical engineering. Bill Schiesser and John Mahoney even corrected my spelling of Dr. Foust. George Plohr, Lou Peters and I are side by side in the Class Cabinet picture from the 1955 Epitome. A fourth correspondent, Ed Hatfield, on the end of the row. Ed lived in Dravo down the hall from me during our freshman year. Bill remembers trying to take Professor Amstutz's organic final while piles were being driven for Fritz Labs. My recollection was during Professor Foust's chemical engineering finals.

When Roberta and I planned to get married, I asked Lou Peters and his wife, Faye, to come to dinner with my parents to demonstrate how young couples can "manage." Well it must have worked; Roberta and I have been married 63 years.

Sad information was received about the passing of Francis
"Corky" Flynn. His grand-daughter, Tara Sabharwal, graduated from Lehigh in May 2018.
Tara recalls stories of Corky marrying her grandmother in the chapel at Lehigh and attending reunions when he could. Art Swallow added that Corky was a WWII and Korean War veteran.
Art lives in Sun City, Fla.

**Dick Smith's** sad passing was reported by Lou Peters. Dick was our class president. Lou lives in Packanack, N.J., and shares children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren with his wife, Daisy.

George Plohr sends a list

of his contacts over the past years including **Bob Pierson**, **Karl Kirk**, **Otto Atkinson**, Ed Hatfield, **Dick Humpleby**, **Alex Liddie**, Lou Peters, **Charles Peterson**, **Dick Proebstle**, **Bob Ring**, **George Ryerson**, **Charlie Eisenfelder**, **Rudy Scavuzzo**, **Ken Hendrix** and **Don Steeber**.

Don and I had a nice conversation, and he suggested that pictures might be a way to share information. Staff at Lehigh also thought it would be a good idea. So, check out the photo in the Celebrations section on page 62 to see a picture of me with my son, Stuart '78 (metallurgical engineering), and grandson, Jason '17 (bioengineering). This picture was taken at Lehigh's Legacy Luncheon.

I hope this first column encourages you to send me content or send it to Lehigh and they will pass it on. The column is only as good and as interesting as what you send in to share.

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Many thanks to **Bruce Marra** for sending news of a mini Sigma Nu reunion last July at Jack Baker's Wharf House in Point Pleasant Beach, N.J. Joining Bruce were **Bill Brady, Frank Cafaro, Jim White, Ed Curran** and **Roy Higgins**. The group agreed on their good fortunes to have attended Lehigh, to have made enduring friendships there and to have enjoyed the advantages of the 20th century. Bruce attests that this group favors a 65th Reunion for our class.

Janet and Bruce Waechter got to four of Lehigh's five football home games last fall. They enjoyed a "good tailgate" before the Fordham game, joined by Pinky and Ed Hatfield '55 and Harry Brooks '59 and Meredith Rapp. The Waechters also attended the pre-Lafayette game luncheon at Lehigh, where

Bruce reports that the venerable Marching 97 Band (traditionally 96 players and a drum major) gave a great performance.

It was good to hear from **Bill Messner**, living in Webster,
N.Y., retired after a long career
with Eastman Kodak. He enjoys
his five children, four of whom
live nearby. Bill's late wife Carol
was the sweetheart of Sigma Chi
back in 1954.

At the fall 2018 luncheon for "older alums" in our area, held at the Hershey's Mill Golf Club in West Chester, Pa., we heard Brent Stringfellow, Lehigh's associate VP of facilities and university architect. The university plans to make the campus more energy-efficient and the buildings "friendlier."

Tricia and I enjoyed visiting with Wayne Parker, Ferd Thun, Janet and Bruce Waechter, Bob Arndt '52, Bob Hoyt '52, Jane and Bob Bevan '60, and Lorraine Wiedorn '84G '13P '17P, Adam Salmassk '06 and Bill Bole from the Lehigh Development Office. Hosts of the semi-annual event are John Kerr '52, Eric Flicker '71 and Gary Liddick '76.

Congratulations to fellow LU *Bulletin* columnist and Sigma Chi Bill Helfrich '58, who won the George F. Stutz Award during Reunion Weekend 2018. Bill has written decades of columns for this publication and participated in numerous phonathons for Lehigh.

I am sorry to report the death of **Duane Jennings** last September. A frequent contributor to this column, Duane was active in his church and community near Asheville, N.C. At Lehigh he was an excellent scholar, captain of the track team and a member of Delta Tau Delta. He was elected to Tau Beta Pi and Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges. We offer deep condolences to the Jennings family.

Here's to a good year, with peace and health, in 2019.

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My retirement comment in my last column triggered a note from Eli "Ike" Eicheberger recounting his 39 years with Caterpillar Inc., and his posting to various global regions, including France, where he met and married his lovely wife, Danielle, and his chance encounter with Al "Big Stuff" Huddy in Singapore. He thinks Al was an Ingersoll Rand rep at the time. He said he really missed his good times at the Warren Square Delta Phi house with all his great fellow classmates. He was very sorry Delta Phi has been banished by the university with so many other frats. I reminded him that in my service year Al Medovich and I washed dinner dishes at Delta Phi since our house wanted to give a work chance to some younger brothers. It was a great adventure for us since we now had two fraternity parties to hit on weekends. Their great cook, Blanch Bose, was my son Dave's '85 cook at Sigma Nu when he was there, and she remembered Al and me hanging out with her there for a year before we graduated.

I had a great note from a young fraternity brother, Ken Weaver '61, reporting on this year's annual tailgate Theta Delta Chi football weekend, which they have been holding with wives for the last 50 years or so for the classes from '57 through '63. This year kicked off at Harold Milton's '63 estate in Trumbauersville, Pa. (a small enclave of Bucks County), with a big barbeque on Friday night. Saturday held a tailgate, and after freezing their butts off at the Fordham game, they moved on to the Sayre Mansion in Bethlehem for cocktails and dinner. There was also a breakfast on Sunday morning.

This year's group besides Ken and Harold included Ron Vaughn '58; the men from '59: Neil Richard, John Smiley and Joe Henningsen; '61 grads Al Richmond and Fred Gross; and a bunch of '62 brothers: Wil Hamp, Kent Westhelle, Jim Murchie and Dave Fraboni. I am looking forward to attending next year, and now that we beat Lafayette it should be even a better game weekend.

Send some news of your whereabouts—email is best!

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I read the Fall Bulletin and couldn't believe that we had such a great 60th Reunion. I received many emails expressing the same sentiment.

#### Jean-Claude Rousseaux

confirmed that he and Lukie were in France. They can't wait to see Anne and myself in April in Sunset Beach, N.C.

Tom Kelly sent congrats on receiving the Stutz Award and for all those articles enjoyed over the years. He can't believe that living in Miami he has tolerated the Buffalo Bills stories, but agrees we may have a new starting quarterback. They did not use the shutters this year, but the previous two hurricane seasons were unbelievable. He sends news that Mitch Karp's wife, Doreen, has qualified for next year's Boston Marathon.

**Don Kohler** is touting the Marching 97 Alumni Band T-shirts. Did you get one for Christmas?

Bill Burgin '56, another *Bulletin* correspondent, really liked our clever Asa Packer parade theme. He congratulated me on earning the Stutz Award and was envious that I met with Jessi McMullan '05 and the Lehigh staff.

**Jim Horkheimer** is feeling better and still visiting the prisoners in Arcade on Mondays and Fridays. Good job! Anne and I made it to our yearly football game – winless Fordham. The game was not exciting with three long TDs in the first half.

Gina and **Bob Christie**, as

usual, held a great tailgate. We were joined by Izzie and Larry Treretola, Sandi and Bruce Gilbert, and John Harkrader. A bunch of nearby tailgaters were attracted by our '58 sign because they were all born in 1958 and couldn't believe we were still coming to the tailgates! We learned that Sandi Gilbert has joined Bruce running in the Senior Track Championship! How did it feel to get to the finish line

and there was your wife, Bruce?

I spent a great first half reliving the past with John Harkrader including the famous trip to Cuba during our "Measles Week." I promised Harks that I would not print all the stories. But, once at a Rutgers football game during the "Flu Week," Jack Fawcett got all the Chi Psis to surround him when he had to take a leak. All was going well until the crowd dispersed around him and Jack was left standing there embarrassed. I was so glad to see Harks after talking to him this summer. His holiday house at the beach was a miracle to recovery.

We met with the Sigma Chi tailgate after the game and saw Pinky and Ed Hatfield '55 (they watched a terrible Lehigh team lose at Navy), Janet and Bruce Waechter '56, and Meredith and Harry Brooks '59 (getting used to their new retirement living).

We had dinner with the Christies at the Hotel Bethlehem. They were going to surprise their son at church in Allentown on Sunday.

Bob calls me after the Buffalo Bills beat the Jets – twice a year!

We held the Buffalo Lehigh-Lafayette telecast at a new spot – Buffalo Sports Garden in Orchard Park – with about 30 attending from both schools.

Matt Darragh '05 and Emily Shutt Darragh '05 did a great job of streaming the game. Dave Hecht

'60 helped me locate BSG (many sports bar visits). Pete Fenger '49 stopped in before going to Atlanta for Thanksgiving. Joe Jablonski '78 just started a new job (he also saw the lousy Navy game). Kaci (Holt) Nowadly '96 was back after missing a few years. Bob Mampe '71 may bring his grandsons next year. And Don Heidenburg '57 stopped in from a Shriners circus meeting with some shaped balloons for the wives and kids.

The Leopards were represented by Mont Service '81, joined by Rob Gipe '95 and father Bill Gipe (U. of Penn '61), Steve Schaeffer '72, and new neighbor Ryan Cimo '98, the former punter and current Orchard Park school board member.

Heard that Marianne and

Bill Bux joined Nancy and Ted

Horstmann at Betsy and Bob

Holcomb's for an indoor tailgate.

Gary's Barber Shop is still hoping the new quarterback will do the job, but are excited about the Buffalo Sabres hockey.

Greekers to all the 60th Reunion attendees!

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Surely you have by now called
your fraternity brothers, classmates, freshman roommate,
etc., to meet at our 60th Class
Reunion? No? Well, check
alum.lu/reunion and get on it.

If you need a phone number or email of a long-lost classmate, just contact **Bob Teufel** or **John Canova** at the contacts above and we'll get it for you.

Our able class president and reunion chair **Leon Harbold**, assisted by his committee of **Jim Swenson**, John Canova, Bob Teufel, **Beall Fowler**, **Glenn Kinard**, **Michael Kuenne**, **George Karr** and **Paul Prestia**, has planned a terrific weekend.

We start with a cocktail reception for our class in the Lower Art Gallery at Zoellner Arts Center followed by a university-wide Soiree Under the Stars dinner.

Saturday features a class parade, presentations, music and picnics, which all preludes to our class dinner at Saucon Valley Country Club's Villa Pazzetti with songs by members of the Lehigh Glee Club. There will be an open bar preceding dinner, giving a great time to catch up in a relaxed atmosphere.

Your committee has dipped into our class cash reserves (gleaned through auctions at previous reunions) to keep costs reasonable. And as one class realist said: "We're over 80. What are we saving it for?"

For those concerned that you may be asked to dress like a dancing raisin, jitterbug with the LU dance team or strut with the Mummers, forget it. Being able to walk in our class parade is good enough and no elaborate costumes this year. Plus, Lehigh has golf carts and drivers available for transportation around campus.

With neither team doing especially well this year, there was a light crowd at the Lehigh-Lafayette game this year in Easton watching a much-maligned Lehigh team dominate the hapless Leopards. Attending the annual Friday pre-game 50-Game Club lunch honoring the team seniors and their parents were Dan Bayer (76 games) and John Woerner (57 games). Seen braving the windy cold in the stands were Leon Harbold, Bob Teufel and Gerard Downey.

And speaking of cold and windy, you must recall our freshman year Lafayette game? A highly favored Engineer team was dumped in a driving snowstorm 36-6 by the plodding Leopards. That snowstorm set a Lehigh Valley record for November that was broken this year by an 8.1-inch surprise blizzard.

My Phi Kappa Theta fraternity brother, Joe Montville, has already reserved the bridal suite at Chez Teufel for our 60th Reunion Week. Joe recently received a grant from the Carnegie Corp. based on his work "The Civil War at 150 Years: Deep Wounds Yet to Heal" and has done three two-day workshops at George Mason University's Point of View residential conference center based on his thesis. Joe has had a fascinating career first in the Middle East with the State Department and later with GMU's School for Conflict Analysis and Resolution.

Fellow class scribe, John Canova, and I have determined to feature an Outstanding 59er in each column. Someone who has given back not only to Lehigh, but to the broader community as well. For this issue that outstanding classmate is George Karr. If you didn't know George from the swimming team or from business school classes, you met him when he and co-class gift chairman Gene **Mercy** visited your fraternity or knocked on your dorm door promoting our class gift. It was a 20-year commitment and we had a 75 percent participation rate, which set the pattern for the generosity of our class.

Prior to graduation, George began working for the Equitable Life Assurance Society and remained with Equitable and with AXA, which later bought Equitable, for his entire career. In 1967 he established a new branch of Equitable in Philadelphia. With partner Bob Barth he formed Karr Barth and led the industry in sales for 20-plus years. In 1994, George retired from Karr Barth but continued as a top-producing agent in the AXA sales force.

In addition to his support to Lehigh, George has served as president of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Red Cross and served on the board of the Philadelphia branch of the American Heart Association.

George and wife Barbara are members of the Tower and Asa Packer societies and have steadfastly given to the Athletic Partnership Program. Wanting to help outstanding students have access to a Lehigh education, they established the George W. Karr, Jr. '59 Endowed Scholarship fund.

He was always active in our class, serving as our class president for 10 years and on scores of university committees and advisory boards. He and Gene co-founded the Lehigh University phonathon campaign; a first for Lehigh, and many of us fondly remember manning the phones in the Goldman boardroom, tracking down our classmates for the Annual Fund.

George and Barbara live in Bucks County, Pa., in a lovely restored stone farmhouse and are the parents of Kimberly '84, David '90, Jeff and Tara, and have nine grandchildren.

Save the date for Reunion 2019: June 6-9, 2019

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Hello classmates,

I hope this column finds you all in good spirits and health. As I write this, I am recovering from abdominal surgery, which kept me in the hospital for a week. Not a nice way to spend my 80th birthday.

My wife, Gill, and I made it down to the Main Line the evening before the Colgate game and visited **Bill Ross** and his wife, Dottie, who treated us and **John Mac Williams** and his wife, Louise, to a very nice meal at the Philadelphia Country Club. The following morning we all drove up to Lehigh to tailgate and watch the Colgate football game. **Ira Friedman** 

joined us at the tailgate. Jack
Kennedy was in the same area,
but we did not connect until
we were in the stadium. It was
a very chilly and windy day, so
everyone was bundled up. Ira's
wife, Linda, chose to not attend,
which was a wise decision. Ira
remains in good health and very
active, at least on Instagram.
Jack mentioned Bentley Offutt
has joined the Class Reunion
Committee. Jack is looking for
more members, so if you are
interested, contact him.

While at the game, I ran into **Jim Freeman** and his wife, Elaine. They are living outside Bethlehem and go to most of the home games. Their life revolves around children and grandchildren.

Bill Ross still goes into the office every day. John Mac Williams's son, Brian, has ALS and needs constant care. Notwithstanding, an album was recently published that contained many songs he has written. Louise spends a lot of time in NYC helping with his healthcare.

Jack Kennedy still spends his summers on Nantucket, enjoying the island life and sailing. We visited his house in October, but he had already closed it up for the winter.

I called **John Cunningham** to try and meet up with him while we were on the Main Line, but he was in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, enjoying cocktails and the art scene. He had recently been up to Connecticut to visit with **Bob Peterson** and found him in poor health. Bob's companion, Martina Hamilton, is apparently doing a yeoman's job of taking care of Bob. Looks like Bob will no longer be able to ski, which will be a blow to him, as he loves the sport.

I have been in touch with **Carlos Bullos**, who was in the Houston area from Caracas for the holiday season. Carlos and his wife, Mercedes, have been married for 50 years and have lived in Caracas for most of

their lives. They have four children, three of whom are married, six grandchildren, and one grandson-in-law. All have been living in the U.S. for many years. Their youngest son recently took a position in Zurich and will be moving there with his family. Carlos keeps busy with Goodwill in Caracas and Mercedes is busy with her handicrafts. They recently traveled to Seoul, Korea, to attend a Goodwill International meeting.

Tom Bliss and his wife,
Tricia, stopped by on their way
home to Charleston from Maine
this fall. Tom sold his 50-foot
trawler and bought a home in
Tenants Harbor, Maine. Since
he had a house near the water,
he decided he needed a new
boat and bought a renovated
lobster boat, which means no
one has to go to the second level
to steer, etc.

Wight Martindale wrote that he recently gave a public lecture at Lehigh on the University's debt to Bethlehem Steel, focusing on the period when Eugene Grace first became chairman of the Lehigh Board of Trustees in 1924 to the company's sale of the 550 acres that is the Murray H. Goodman Campus and the Stabler and Rauch buildings and the stadium. It was during this period that Lehigh drastically improved its academic reputation and over 80 percent of its total land. Bethlehem Steel also lent many of its executives to assist Lehigh whenever needed during this period. Most of them were Lehigh grads as was Grace, class of 1899. Wighty has two granddaughters who have applied to attend Lehigh in the fall, so the Martindale tradition will hopefully carry on. Wighty is interested in making contact with our classmate Bob Rost. If anyone has any knowledge, please contact Wighty at wight. martindale@gmail.com.

Had an email from **Jack McCarthy** after my last column

was published. He was lamenting the passing of **John Daniel**. John was a Sigma Nu and member of the football team. Jack's wife, Diane, recently had back surgery, so as I write this, he is busy taking care of her. Jack is living in Naples, Fla., and playing lots of golf. He encourages any classmates in the area to contact him for a game.

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ter, 448 Bellflower Blvd., Suite 303, Long Beach, CA 90814. robertpaternoster@yahoo.com **GUEST COLUMNIST:** Paul Smith, thesmiths2@comcast.net Ken Weaver and Jessica left St. James, N.C., because of a mandatory Florence evacuation, securing everything inside and outside of the house, and took off for daughter Lori's in Chantilly, Va. Ken outsmarted the majority by avoiding I-95. They left on Sept. 12 and spent the next 12 days in Lori's finest in-law basement bedroom with private bath and TV. They returned home to find their home intact and not damaged by any of the 2,000 trees lost in St. James. Plans are to return closer to roots in Middletown, Del., to be closer to family, the Eagles and Wawa. Ken and the Theta Delt gang reunited at the Fordham game in mid-October with Ken driving through Tropical Storm Michael to get there.

Your class maintains an active presence at campus; Mike Hoben, Ed Watters and Paul Smith remain on the **Ethics Endowment Advisory** Committee, which reached major endowment status with a bequest by Pete Hagerman. Being good stewards, we have added Kari (Hackbarth) Arienti '86 and Christopher Chew'11 to maintain the focus on values in decision-making for all Lehigh students. An annual Hagerman Ethics Lecture has brought Carly Fiorina and Samantha Power to campus for the first two

lectures – not a bad start. Similarly, Ed Watters is diligently establishing our 611 Scholarship to be a permanent annual award by the classes of '61 and 2011. More detail is on the web.

Mike and Joan Hoben have been hitting the road despite his continued involvement in investments. When we gathered in Bethlehem for the Samantha Power Hagerman lecture, the Smiths and Hobens braved some chilly weather to golf at Saucon, where Mike is a member. The Hobens moved on to a mystery dinner near the Poconos. Next stop is Vero Beach, where they have become snowbirds with a new winter home.

Despite what we would best describe as a subpar summer for weather, the Paul Smith clan spent two gorgeous weeks on Popponesset Island on Cape Cod. All three sons are Eagles diehards who went to the Super Bowl. They ran into Bob Kraft, Pats owner, who summers on the island. Other than saying "41-33," they treated him with respect.

Hurricane Florence spoiled a mini '61 gathering at the Navy game as Ed Watters and Joe Bartish canceled at the last minute. Turns out it was a gorgeous day, but only Larry Moyer, Carole Anne and Paul Smith represented '61. Lehigh competed for a quarter, but the Naval Academy ambiance made it special. Carole Anne and I continued south to Ocean City, Md., for three days of golf with a Philly seniors group with only 15 minutes of rain, despite Florence pounding Carolina at the same time.

Ed Watters continues his consulting with just enough clients not to impinge on his extended family. Smartly, he keeps one client in France, giving him reason to spend time with daughter Noelle and family, who live just outside Paris. Ed's remaining two daughters and family made their annual trek to

Goodman Stadium for the Fordham game. Hard to imagine a pair of 1-year-old twins, plus 3-, 4- and 7-year-olds in tow for a three-hour game. True to form, they left after the Marching 97's halftime show.

If you are getting the feeling that 2018 was a rough year on the Lehigh gridiron, just consider those of us with season tickets: Dick Moll, George **Spill**, Larry Moyer and myself. Tailgating just wasn't the same. George and Gladys are now in the Delaware Valley after forever in Allentown, but they still make the trip every fall tough duty this year. One nice event the Philly crowd enjoys is a semi-annual luncheon hosted by Lehigh at Hershey's Mill near West Chester, Pa. Dick Bookbinder surfaced at the recent October event along with many of those mentioned previously. Speakers from Lehigh vary from department heads all the way up to President John Simon.

Rich Miller still does his snowbirding in Ocean Reef, Fla., and tries to fish every Friday. Margo and Rich enjoyed Thanksgiving with visiting family by introducing a sport Margo learned during a recent trip to Alaska. It's called gutter racing and involves pitting your goldfish in one five-foot gutter against your opponent's in a second gutter. We'll wait to see if this takes off like pickleball.

Rich "Moose" Parsons is still a top voice in a Kennebunk, Maine, singing group, good enough to participate in an international competition in Orlando. Rich was able to take down a huge tree with help from son Chad, then split every bit for firewood. Wife Debbie has one curb on his outdoor activities – no more ladders. The Moose gang will again make their annual monthly stay in Sarasota this coming March.

Joe Napravnik met Pat and Armand "Doc" Fernandes in Worcester, Mass., where his granddaughter, Cassie Cheeseman, is playing varsity soccer for Holy Cross. Joe reports that Doc is still playing soccer in national tournaments. Joe and Robbie are now living in West Chester, Pa., near their two daughters and five grandkids. They do their snowbirding in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., six months each year and are enjoying their senior years.

Harvey Skolnick went to San Antonio to follow the Flower Mound Band in the Bands of America competition. Grandson Gavin McDaniel plays the sousaphone in the winning band, which now will march in Pasadena in the Rose Bowl Parade.

Birk Drury moved in April back to Saratoga Springs, N.Y., where he spent his career with Key Bank (Albany, N.Y.). He did some hiking and kayaking last summer and now is prepping for ski season in nearby New York and Vermont. Birk moved north to be with his three daughters, a son, a step-daughter and 11 grandkids. They do keep him busy. He plans to try contacting the rest of the 1961 ATO class for some more news.

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Enjoyed a conversation with Craig Anderson '60. Craig was the first Lehigh grad to pitch in the major leagues, making his debut with the St. Louis Cardinals, before moving on to be a member of the original 1962 Amazin' Mets. Craig called to give accolades for the great job that John Burbridge did in writing Craig's biography. The biography was prepared in conjunction with the Baseball Biography Project of the Society for American Baseball Research (SABR). John is a baseball aficionado and is currently

professor emeritus at Elon University, where he was dean of the business school. He is also an adjunct at York College of Pennsylvania. While at Elon, he introduced and taught "Baseball and Statistics." He is a lifelong New York Giants baseball fan. The greatest Giants-Dodgers game he attended was a 1-0 Giants victory in Jersey City in 1956. Yes, the Dodgers did play in Jersey City in 1956 and 1957. John has a B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. from Lehigh in industrial engineering. John and Mary Agnes are married over 50 years and live in Seven Valleys, Pa. Craig Anderson's bio can be obtained at <a href="mailto:sabr.org/bioproj/">sabr.org/bioproj/</a> person/0cbd3fab.

Not often that I get to report weddings for my septuagenarian classmates. But wedding bells rang for Kay Tyler and Don Mellman on Oct. 6. Don received his M.D. from Hahnemann Medical College, went to Boston City Hospital and spent two years in the Navy as an LST squadron medical officer with short stints in Vietnam. Don is an expert witness in neurological surgery cases and does human rights work in Gaza. Don and Kay live in Tampa, Fla. Ken Gelbard attended the wedding. For the last 40 years, Ken has been renovating, owning and operating some of the old mills that existed in the Baltimore area when it was an industrial city.

Dick Pollock and Ed Otocka were saddened to read of the passing of Palmer Zigmund in the Summer 2018 Bulletin. Dick and Palmer attended the McBurney School in New York City and were freshman roommates at Lehigh. Dick received his master's in engineering at Columbia University and then spent the rest of his career in California. Dick and Mary live on Lake Fork in Yantis, Texas. Palmer was one of Ed's best friends at Lehigh. Palmer introduced Ed to his wife, Barbara.

Ed and Barbara are married 54 years. Ed has a Ph.D. in polymer chemistry. After joining Bell Labs in 1966 he entered the scientist-as-astronaut competition, and made it down to the final cut. Ed believes that "being taller than their max was my ultimate undoing." Ed spent most of his career at Eastman Kodak, becoming a senior laboratory director and head of the Research Scientific Council. Ed and Barbara live in Matthews, N.C.

Ron Johnson had sailing on the Queen Mary and visiting the National Baseball Hall of Fame, Cooperstown, N.Y., on his bucket list. In October, Phil Kinzel invited Ron to join Phil and son Phil Jr. '92 to go striper fishing on the Queen Mary headboat out of Pt. Pleasant, N.J. No stripers were caught but lots of porgies. Ron found a recipe for porgies on Google and prepared a delicious fish dinner at Phil's vacation home in Metedeconk, N.J. Two weeks later Ron enjoyed a weekend in Cooperstown visiting the Hall of Fame.

A group of the Famous Class of '62 Lehigh grads gathered for a weekend of golf and nostalgia in September at the Landing in Savannah, where Beverly and Kent Westhelle, Dee and Dave Angell, and Patty and Jim Morgan have enjoyed the lifestyle for over 11 years. Kent did the organizing, and according to Jim he should have, since he shot his age on Friday. Joining the group was Bob Downing, Brenda and Bernie Gitlin, and Mimi and Don Kane. All had a great time, and then there was golf!

Lehigh did shine, winning the 154th game with Lafayette, 34-3. Sitting in the stands behind Eleanor and me was Fritz Mueller and his son, Robert '88. Fritz was attending his 61st Lehigh-Lafayette game, never missing one since he was a freshman at Lehigh. After the game we were invited to the circa 1750 farmhouse of

Harold Milton '63 in Quakertown, Pa. Joining us for Harold's traditional venison chili dinner were 15 alumni, staff and guests. Harold was next getting ready to host Thanksgiving dinner with guests Linda and **Wil Hamp** and family from Hilton Head, S.C.

Dixon Earley, 151 Old Ford Dr., D Camp Hill, PA 17011. (717) 761-1297 or (863) 419-0514; peganddix@juno.com The 2018 Lehigh-Lafayette weekend started for seven members of the Class of 1963 (Pete Fortmann, Bob Barber, Walter Nichols, Don Hill, Fred Braun, Dixon Earley and Jim Wilson) plus one spouse (Peg Earley), who are in the 50+ Game Club, at the annual Beat Lafayette Luncheon. They joined the seniors on the football team, who along with their parents attended their first Beat Lafayette Luncheon. For some reason, there was not a big attendance at the luncheon, but the seniors and the coaches expressed their gratitude to those who attended and the 50+ game attendees who were there. It was noted that some 50-60 people had attended in past years, compared to the 35 that were there this year. The attendance at this year's game was also lower, but the 50+ Game Luncheon always means so much to so many alums and those who have attended that many games.

Fortunately, the game started in Lehigh's favor and continued that way until the final whistle with a 34-3 Lehigh win. Lehigh won the coin toss and elected to defer their choice until the second half. Lafayette's leading kick returner took the kickoff and returned it to the Lehigh 45 where he was tackled by our kicker, Ed Mish'19. From then on it was all Lehigh. On the first play from scrimmage the Lafayette quarterback went back to pass and was hit by defensive end Julian

Lynn '19, and the ball ended up in the hands of our other defensive end, Davis Maxie '20, who raced 43 yards for Lehigh's first score. Senior Dom Bragalone ran for 107 yards and three touchdowns. Based on that effort, Bragalone was named Lehigh's 40th MVP since 1960 when the award was initiated. The only good thing for Lafayette that afternoon was that Joe Madden, manager of the Chicago Cubs, was in attendance.

Other than those who attended the Beat Lafayette Luncheon, the only other classmate I saw at this year's Lehigh-Lafayette game was class vice president **Paul Seibert**. If you were there, please let me know along with what you have been doing since 1963.

Tidbits from the reunion. Not all of us are retired. Arve B. Holt, who was a chemical engineering major, is still working as a senior engineering advisor for Becht Engineering Co. of Wynnewood, Pa. Becht Engineering provides a wide array of engineering services to the energy, process and power industries, including continuing services to 90 percent of the refineries in the United States and Canada. Robert John Von See, a business administration, economics and marketing major, is an account executive for Waste Management Corp. in Newport, R.I., where he lives. Robert also owns A-1 Car, Cab and Van Co., which provides high-end transportation in Newport County.

**Dr. George McGinley**, an ophthalmologist in the Lehigh Valley, retired in 2015.

A short email from **Anthony Mazzucca** indicates that he
is still working hard as a real
estate broker.

The column ends on a sad note. **Dave Hartman** in Vero Beach, Fla., indicated by email on the Friday before the Lehigh-Lafayette game that his wife, Shirley, passed away that day.



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By the time you read this we will be just a few months shy of the 55th Reunion, so I thought it appropriate to write about a few of our classmates who are helping plan it. Roger Jellenik and Carole married shortly after he graduated and expect to remain so forever because he says, "no one else would be willing to put up with either of us." They have two children, David and Rachel, and two grandchildren, Alyssa and Noah. Roger parlayed his B.A. (government) into a law degree from Columbia University in 1967. He spent a couple years doing legal work with HUD, then nearly 27 years managing contracts and procurement

organizations for GE, PP&L and Kimberly-Clark and finally as director of procurement for the South Carolina Electric and Gas Co. They settled in Camden, S.C., when Roger "retired" from corporate life and established a private law practice. Carole is the administrator. Translation: "she gets all the money and gives me (Roger) an allowance twice a month."

Chuck Clemens parlayed his B.A. in government into a degree from Dickinson law school and went to work as an FBI agent for a couple years before starting his own practice in Somerville, N.J. Forty-five years later, he finally took down his shingle, and he and Christine (a teacher) retired. Chuck is from Bethlehem and has stayed close to Lehigh, especially the wrestling program. He coached high school wrestling and now is coaching his grandson. Their daughter, Sarah Clemens-Gouveia '93, and two grandkids (ages 10 and 1) live only 20 miles away. Their son Jonathan, USNA grad and Navy pilot, now works and flies for the USCG. Chuck describes himself as an avid sailor. He sails his 27-foot Coronado Cutter on the Annapolis bay whenever he can.

After graduating with a degree in metallurgy, Fred Kersens went to work in the R&D department of the United States Metals Refining Co. in Carteret, N.J. In late 1966, an old high school friend introduced Fred to Crickett, and in two years they married. The Jersey traffic and congestion quickly got to them, and in late 1968 Fred joined IBM in Endicott, N.Y. He bounced around with IBM for the next 23 years, with assignments in Dayton, N.J., and Charlotte, N.C., before taking an early buyout plan and moving back to New Jersey. Too young

to "retire," Fred became a "jack of all trades." He worked in a kitchen, a woodshop, security in an amusement park and, finally, in quality control with a local electronics manufacturer. Fred has worked in so many fields that he characterizes himself as a "'pert." ("The opposite of an expert who knows more and more about less and less until he knows everything about nothing.") Fred and Crickett finally retired in 2004. In 2012, six months before Sandy, they sold their waterfront home and moved into an active adult community. Aside from two new knees, Fred is happily in good health. No "ologists." He continues to sing with two choral groups, and he and Crickett are looking forward to their "fifth trip of a lifetime" to Easter Island next year.

Another committee member, **Ira Lieberman**, continues to occasionally lecture on campus.

He is currently busy promoting his recent book published by Brookings Press, In Good Times Prepare for Crisis: From the Great Depression Through the Great Recession: Sovereign Debt Crises and Their Resolution.

Our 55th Reunion scheduled for June 6-9 is sure to be another enjoyable and memorable gathering. Those of you who have been back to Lehigh know how refreshing it can be to see our beautiful campus again, to recall our Lehigh experiences and especially to see and reminisce with old friends and classmates. If you have not been back for a while, remember we are not getting any younger. Now is the time to contact classmates you've been wanting to see again and plan to meet next June.

Save the date for Reunion 2019: June 6-9, 2019

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A short report this time. **Jim Ruhl** checked in to correct last issue's report on his Ph.D. – which he actually earned at the State University of New York (SUNY).

Jim Moran, who attended our 50th, but didn't manage to get into the Reunion Book, reported in: "Hi. I went to Seton Hall Law School, became a partner in a Newark firm, started my own firm in 1977 with three other guys, now have 100+ lawyers in multiple offices in N.J., Pa., and N.Y. I am of counsel working part-time. Married to wife Jane for 51 years with four daughters (two Lehigh grads) and six grandkids. Enjoy golf and racing my sailboat. Living in Normandy Beach, N.J., and wintering on Anna Maria Island in Florida. Got a new 42-year-old liver at Duke last year (so average age

is now 59) and am doing great. We were at the 50th and go back for home Lehigh-Lafayette games and when they play at Princeton. Hopefully back for 55th."

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Bobbie and Dave DeAngelo hosted a cocktail party after the Villanova football game this past fall for '66ers and members of the Lehigh Wrestling Club. Jeff Gallagher, Al Robertson, Karen and Barry Jenkins, and your humble correspondent were able to attend. Also present were Joe Snyder '65 and Gary Paul '67. An enjoyable evening and good time was had by all. Dave and Al were even able to put together their two brain powers of memory to recall a musical event in Grace Hall during our freshman year, called the Ford Caravan, which featured a jazz touring group and singer Nina Simone. Any of you able to recall such an event, or are they just blowing smoke?

Steven Mandell had a varied career of education and work. He got an MBA from Wharton, a doctorate from George Washington, and later a law degree. He spent two years as an Army captain teaching senior officers about computers and information systems. He worked for IBM, the Civil Service Commission, held tenure-track positions at Bowling Green State University, wrote over 100 academic textbooks, designed software programs licensed at over 1,000 universities, was a partner at a major law firm, investment advisor at a large fund, and a vice president at a large consulting firm. He also started several companies and is currently active developing an internet media company with his sons. All this while marrying

Colleen, raising a daughter and three sons, and getting a private pilot's license. Colleen earned her doctorate in educational psychology and is now retired from the university, but active on several community service boards. They enjoy family vacations, and as Steven says, travel "from Europe to Hawaii with all Caribbean islands in between."

Jim Marchant graduated without a job, but landed one with The Gillette Co. by September. He left there in 1973 for Vermont and went to Europe with an old girlfriend and traveled around for a year. After that experience he rarely worked for others and ran his own businesses. He settled into the real estate business in the late 1970s and married long-time girlfriend Liz Thibeault in 1982. Their son, Jonathon, was born in 1984. Jim still operates a real estate appraisal business. He says operating a relatively small business was great, allowing him to spend a lot of time with his son, and still having time to work on his tennis game, ski technique, golf swing and fit in duplicate bridge. He participates in the annual Beta brothers golf get-together every fall. Jim and Liz generally spend four months in Naples, Fla., and the balance of the year in Massachusetts.

Rusty McInerney reports he is a gentleman farmer of 30 acres, with 20 cows, four horses, five goats and a number of fowl. This follows on a career as a Marine Corps captain who flew over 170 missions in Vietnam, Laos and North Vietnam, sixthgrade teacher, vice president at Chase Manhattan, vice president at Mortgage Guaranty Insurance Co. and president and owner of Inter Island Mortgage Corp. He and Jovonnie live in Bradenton, Fla.

Jon Newton served his ROTC commitment as a first lieutenant in the Army Signal Corps. He then spent 10 years in engineering, and then sales and marketing with extensive overseas travel. In 1981, he became a founding shareholder and president of Dome EnergiCorp. The company enjoyed exponential growth through syndicated drilling partnerships, reinvestment and joint ventures in several U.S. oil and gas basins. Jon has also done real estate development and media broadcasting. He has great praise for his father's legacy of setting a good example for his son, his Lehigh education, and his loving family. Jon has four children and three grandchildren. Jon enjoys recreational golf and especially fishing. That has long been a part of his life, and he now focuses on more varied and unique fishing trips. He and his daughter, Maggie, traveled to a remote section of the Amazon River to fish for the beautiful and voracious peacock bass with great success.

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Well, classmates, you must agree that there is nothing boring about the 21st century. There were attacks on the USA, political mayhem in Congress and presidential politics, mass murders abound, brutality in the streets, a divided country and no comments this month from my '67 classmates.

That's not quite true! I have received one reply from **Bruce Wolff**, who sent me an auto reply. It read, "I rarely read my AOL account. Friends use Gmail or phone to get me." I guess that is like talking with a robot, friendly but lifeless. Bruce, please send Lehigh and me your Gmail address.

D'Arcy Roper is doing well and still living in Burke, Va. Last week he gave me his two season tickets to a local college basketball game as he and Mary had other plans. The game was exciting as our team won, an unusual event so far this year.

I had spinal fusion surgery in

late June on my cervical spine. All went well, and I was back to work in two weeks. In mid-July I was on a plane to Seattle to catch a cruise ship to Alaska. Perfect weather and a delightful cruise with my honey, Ellie.

Also, those of you who responded to me in March of this year, or before, I apologize for not publishing your news at that time. Please let me know if you have not read what you sent. Send your comments again after you read this, and I will handle the news better for the next issue.

**Dick Bell**, , 2016 Redwood Avenue, Wyomissing PA 19610. rtbell68@hotmail.com. Robert Doty reports that he received an MBA from the University of Michigan. He worked at steel construction, where he was involved in computer programming and accounting systems design. He was manager of stock transfer for the Chicago Bridge and Iron. In his capacity with CBI he was the assistant secretary of CBI, manager of CBI credit union and CBI director. During that term he served as president and CEO for 10 years. He has been involved in youth soccer refereeing for 20 years. He has three children and one grandchild. He lives in the Chicago area.

George Klacik has worked for Price Waterhouse, GPU and finally for FirstEnergy as a manager of tax research and compliance. He plays tennis twice a week and works out three times a week to keep his knees in shape. He served as co-chair of our 45th Reunion and was on the 50th Reunion committee. He has three children and three grandchildren. He lives in the Bethlehem area.

Charles Raynor worked for General Dynamics in the electric boat division and as a test engineer for Dayton T. Brown until his retirement. He is the owner and funeral director at Raynor & D'Andrea funeral homes on Long Island, N.Y. He is an active member of the Rotary. He has two children and three grandchildren. He learned the skill of piano tuning and repair.

Bob Westerman was assistant general counsel for Bethlehem Steel and assistant manager of labor relations for U.S. Steel Corp. He served as senior counsel on the National Labor Relations Board. He has two daughters and three grandchildren.

Stay healthy.

A. Raymond Schmalz, 325 Lowell Ave., Mill Valley, CA 94941-3845. (415) 388-3263 (H), (415) 317-0923 (C); rayschmalz@aol.com Hopefully, everyone knows our 50th Reunion will be held June 6-9. Our Reunion Committee is

6-9. Our Reunion Committee is working hard to make our 50th a really special event. Our Saturday night, dinner will be held at the Saucon Valley Country Club, and our hotel block will be at the Hotel Bethlehem. The parade theme will be focusing on events that we experienced in college: the Loving Spoonful concert at Taylor Stadium, the moon landing, Woodstock and our graduation. The Committee also hopes to sponsor a tour of the Caruso Wrestling Complex.

There will also be a 50th Reunion Yearbook. You should have been contacted by now by the yearbook publisher, Tom Hostage, of Bespoke Reunion Publishing. The book will feature a history of our class, and each of us can include a write-up of their life since Lehigh as well as pictures of your family. You can be a part of the yearbook even if you are unable to attend the Reunion.

The following classmates are members of the Committee: Bob Kirchberger, Hal Fittipaldi, Tom Spencer, Lou Benfante, George Ikeda, Doug Dworski, Rich Bond, Peter **Dane** and **Steve Lee**. Our past parade master, **Bob Frawley**, is consulting.

And don't forget to consider a gift to Lehigh in honor of our Reunion.

See you at the Reunion!

Save the date for Reunion 2019:
June 6-9, 2019

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Former LU hoops star Bob Fortune (bobfortune25@ gmail.com) of Albany, N.Y., formerly Mechanicsville, Pa., wrote: "Got to see men's basketball defeat Siena in the Albany Times Union Center on Nov. 21, 2018. Great win, very impressive young team I'm sure will bring lots of victories in the next few years. Visited with Coach Reed who is doing a great job and a few of his assistants. I hope to get to campus for a game this winter (in November Lehigh played no. 12 Kansas State evenly for one half)."

From Gary Leinberger
(gary.leinberger@millersville.edu): "My big news, after seven tries, is finally earning promotion to full professor at Millersville. This is very much how I made the wrestling team at Lehigh – keep showing up and getting beaten up and finally, through some random selection process and lack of anyone else, you make it. Now I no longer need to curb my remarks about boneheaded administrators.

"My wife, Susan, and I are celebrating 15 years of married life and we just returned from our 21st trip to Europe since our marriage. We also travel in the U.S. and Canada, often in my homebuilt Europa plane. I now have about 380 hours flying it and continue to enjoy my sleek little plane with fighter-like handling. The great thing about experimental airplanes is that you can build anything you

like into your plane (I have shelved my plans for a hot tub). Susan is busy with our garden and running bus trips for the Downtowners, a group we are in that works to help seniors age in place (or the more PC term live in place). I am working with another local group, the Coalition for Smart Growth, developing an overlay system for Google Earth that will allow citizens to view planned developments in the county online and allow a central place for comments and discussion of growth plans.

"My children, Amanda (33) and Luke (30), are both doing well. Both are married (Luke this summer) and gainfully employed. Amanda works at the UN as an archivist and Luke is a captain in the Army working in intelligence. I plan to teach for a few more years as I enjoy the company of young people, and the teaching of finance seems to have an unlimited need as young people are realizing how their parents and prior generations have badly prepared for the future. I look forward to a September reunion in Philadelphia of Tau Delta Phi fraternity, our first since 2004 in NYC."

Mike Berney (oriole9826@ aol.com) writes: "A few friends from McConn 1969-71 (Victor Keen '71, Robert Wilcox '69, Jerry Cohen, Dave Watson '71 and I) reconnected and visited Lehigh together in 2018. This mini-reunion went well. Our perspective: new downtown campus expansion is exciting, and it's important to 'come home to Lehigh' every now and then."

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My wife, Carol, and I went on
a river cruise from St. Petersburg to Moscow last August.
The experience dispelled many
preconceived notions about
Russia. St. Petersburg was

founded in 1703, which makes it a very young city by European standards. The tsars certainly spared no expense when constructing palaces or churches. Moscow is the biggest city in Europe and has the traffic jams to prove it. Its history dates back to 1147 when the original Kremlin was constructed as a wooden fort. Red Square derives its name from the Russian word for beautiful. The coincidental association between the color and Communism was fortuitous for Russia's Soviet rulers. We have lots of time to travel and see things like this now that I'm retired. I recommend it to evervone.

Dennis Henry describes himself as an engineering thermoplastics consultant and is president of Infinity Plastics International Inc., in Chadds Ford, Pa. His company consults on production and developmental plastic parts designed to improve performance, lower costs, improve manufacturability and reduce or prevent failures. Dennis is available to provide expert witness testimony on root cause and origin of failure of plastic parts. Dennis also serves as chairman of the Chadds Ford Township Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

Bob Horch and his wife, Carol, relocated to Pocono Pines, Pa., after having lived in Oklahoma City, Okla., for decades. Bob is an RICP (Retirement Income Certified Professional) and is currently working as a financial advisor with Principal Securities.

Fred Fraenkel is vice chairman of Cowen Group, an investment bank and asset management firm headquartered in New York City. Prior to joining Cowen, Fred was president of Fairholme Capital Management. Fred received his MBA from Wharton and began his Wall Street career in 1974 as a securities analyst with Goldman Sachs. He has been associated

with many financial services firms including the founding of Millennium 3 Capital in 2000. Fred is a former member and chair of the CBE Dean's Advisory Council and lives in Miami Beach, Fla.

Paul Harrington is a contract consultant with Wellness Horizons Inc., a medical distributorship marketing ASP model software to deliver customized clinical nutrition to patient bases. Paul has an extensive background in the RFID industry, having worked at Bulldog Technologies, Tagsys and Checkpoint Systems.

Hank Weed is retired from GE Water & Process Technologies, formerly known as Betz Labs, where he worked as a senior process engineer. Hank lives in North Wales, Pa.

**Bruce Augustadt** lives in Ridgefield, Conn., where he has been treasurer and board member of We Will Ride Therapeutic Riding Inc. We Will Ride offers individualized programs of equine-assisted activities and therapies for people with disabilities aimed at enhancing their physical, mental, emotional and social functioning in everyday life. Bruce retired as VP finance at Genesis Technology Solutions a few years ago and is now entertaining financial consulting assignments with manufacturing and professional services organizations.

Steve Bucklen is retired principal at Walz Group, a leading CPA accounting firm in Lancaster, Pa., providing expertise in accounting and financial services to a variety of industries. After retirement, Steve was chief financial officer for the Fulton Theatre Co., in Lancaster.

Bob Kunze is an urban development consultant for Johnson Research Group, a Chicago-based community planning and economic development firm and a member of AECOM. Prior to this, Bob was

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(610) 737-2156 (M); chuck. steele@alum.lehigh.edu On Saturday, Aug. 25, 2018, eleven members of the Class of 1972 arrived at Lehigh as some of the guests for the special evening. Beginning under a tent in Tamerler Courtyard (that's where Taylor Field used to be), an open bar preceded a nice buffet meal, then remarks from Alumni Relations AVP Jennifer Cunningham and University President John Simon. Other special guests included distinguished faculty and staff, and families with legacy members in the Class of 2022. We were there for the 74th Annual Freshman Rally; it's not "The Smoker" anymore. It was our turn to adopt them, just as the Class of 1922 had adopted us 50 years earlier.

Our class was represented by William H. Baker II, Roger G. Bast, S. James Corsa, Richard C. Elterich, Gregory B. Falkenbach, Oldrich Foucek III, Paul H. Legrand, Michael P. Shay, Jeffrey J. Waltemyer, S. Clarke Woodruff, John C. Worsley Jr., and this correspondent. After enjoying the warm-ups in the tent, we made our way up Taylor Street to Grace Hall, forming a parade of alumni classes and their colorful flags. Led into the hall by the Marching 97 and cheerleaders, we were seated at the front of the hall. Recently renovated, the place looked great and was packed.

Students emceed the stage events that followed, including an appearance by Clutch, the university's Mountain Hawk

mascot. Focused remarks were offered for this audience by Simon and Cunningham, then Ollie Foucek proceeded to the podium as our spokesman and welcomed the new class to our Lehigh Family. He reflected upon our own rally experience, in 1968, and challenged them with a series of positive prognoses about their future, all of which ended with his question "Who are you?" - to which they were encouraged to respond "22!" while presenting a gesture of two fingers raised in the air. Here's an example. Ollie: "The class that will excel in the classroom, on the playing field, on the stage, and wherever you represent Lehigh. Who are you?" Respondents: "22!" Finally, Ollie pronounced official adoption by 1972 and presented the Class of 2022 flag to Evan Comisac, incoming freshman, who is the 14th member of his family to enroll at Lehigh. An aroused sense of Lehigh pride filled Grace Hall. As the event broke up, I heard several classmates comment: "Boy, that was really fun!" Another suggested: "Yes, it's too bad we only get to do this once." Visit lehigh.edu and search for "The Rally." You can stream the entire event as it took place.

Bill Maher informed a core group of class leaders that we lost his Chi Psi brother, John Hill, on Oct. 21, 2018, at age 68, to pancreatic cancer. John was an all-American center in football, and his college shot-put records stood for more than 40 years at Lehigh. He was admitted to the Lehigh Athletics Hall of Fame in 1993. Drafted by the New York Giants, he played there during his first three NFL seasons and finished with the San Francisco 49ers in 1985. The other 10 years, from 1975 to 1984, he spent with the New Orleans Saints. For seven of those years, he was Archie Manning's center. John was named to the Saints Hall of

Fame in 1992, and to the Saints all-time teams during their 25th and 45th years of franchise history. After retiring from the NFL, he settled back in the Raleigh, N.C., area and owned a State Farm Insurance Agency for 32 years. John is survived by his wife, Denise, two daughters and their husbands, and two grandchildren.

**Patrick Fekula**, 1891 Evans Drive South, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250. (904) 451-4949 (M); Pfekula7@gmail.com Having just returned from a 13-day Mediterranean cruise from Venice to Barcelona with additional port calls in Split/ Dubrovnik, Croatia; Corfu, Greece; Naples, Rome and Florence/Pisa, Italy; Monte Carlo, Monaco; and Marseille, France, it is not a coincidence that I am including the following members of the Class of '73 in what could be called our annual travel column.

Thomas Davis has a different perspective about foreign travel than the rest of us. You see, Tom, his spouse, Cindy Cooper, and daughter, Sarah, live in Noerdlingen, Germany, in a house that was built in 1334! Graduating with a degree in chemical engineering, Tom worked for AMP Inc., in research and technology for 25 years, leaving as technology director. He then spent 15 years in Germany as a consultant to improve technology and product development performance. Tom stated he has traveled to more than 30 countries, on five continents, for either business or pleasure. Recent travels include: Croatia, in the fall of '17; Guam, for a wedding last March; the USA (which Tom considers foreign travel), to visit family in May; and Scotland in July. He also keeps a small apartment in Austria to ski and hike in the mountains. Oh, did I mention that Tom also has 17 patents and has twice won bronze medals in

skydiving at the U.S. Nationals?

On the other hand, John Dittmeier and his spouse, Dr. Moya Dittmeier, live a little closer to home in Silver Spring, Md. John graduated with a degree in civil engineering and is retired after a career in transportation planning and engineering. John reports, "Moya and I married late in life and recently celebrated our 11th year of wedded bliss in a bed and breakfast on a beach in Delaware." As for travel, John states that he joins Moya on her business travels within the States and Europe. In addition, they took their first Roads Scholar trip to Quebec City in 2017 and followed it up with a tour of Montreal this past August. In retirement, John has a hobby/ business of artisan blacksmithing of furniture, furnishings and giftware. His 650-square-foot shop has a foot-powered treadle hammer, a power hammer, hydraulic press, gas forges, an industrial bender and more. "The fantasy of smithing began in the engineering metallurgy class during my junior year at Lehigh," he added. John has been supporting the Class of '73 by serving on the Reunion Committee. He also stays in contact with fellow classmate Cliff Eby and wife, Ginny, who live in nearby Potomac, Md.

Mike Sawchak graduated with a B.S. in mathematics and went on to earn an MBA from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. Mike and his spouse, Roxanne, live in Midlothian, Va., and have two sons, David (Portland, Ore.) and Eric (D.C. area), but no grandchildren yet. Mike worked as a financial, IT and administrative manager for Westvaco Corp., at seven different locations over 24 years. During his career, he also served as an IT manager for the Elliptus Corp., and LandAmerica Corp. Mike retired in 2015, after seven years as a self-employed IT consultant. On the travel

front, Mike reports that, over the years, he has spent time in 49 of the 50 U.S. states. In recent years, Mike has traveled to Norway, Denmark and Northern Italy. During 2018, Mike has visited a number of national parks in the Southwest U.S.

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My primary job today is to convince lots of you to attend our
45th Reunion June 6-9.

But before that, just a couple of tidbits of class news.

First, **Mike Stershic** retired at the end of the year as president of Discover Lehigh Valley, and the group's annual meeting turned into an extended tribute.

The Morning Call story about the event began:

"It was a night for Mike, no matter how much he tried to say otherwise.

"It might come as a surprise to you, but this night isn't all about me,' Discover Lehigh Valley President Michael Stershic told a crowd of about 200 gathered at ArtsQuest Center at SteelStacks in Bethlehem on Tuesday evening.

"Technically, that's true. The gathering did serve as the destination marketing organization's annual meeting, a celebration of a local industry that employs nearly 25,000 people and lures more than \$2 billion annually in visitor spending.

"But it also served as an opportunity to honor Stershic, who will retire at the end of 2018 after a 14-year run as the organization's president and the region's top tourism official. That is technically Stershic's second stint at the helm of the group, having served as the executive director of the Lehigh Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau from 1985 to 1987."

Over Mike's tenure as president, the number of hotel

rooms sold increased 52 percent and revenue per available room jumped 60 percent. The occupancy rate has reached 71 percent, too, and visitor spending essentially doubled under his leadership, going from \$1.03 billion to \$2.2 billion annually.

Mike said he and wife Sybil (Fischman) Stershic '75 intend to remain in the Lehigh Valley. They sit one section from me at Coca-Cola Park, home of the Phillies' top minor league affiliate, the IronPigs, so I'll be seeing lots more of him.

Speaking of me, you may have noticed a new email address. I retired, too, accepting a buyout from *The Morning Call* at the end of November after 26 years as the paper's columnist.

I'll continue to teach journalism at Lehigh as an adjunct, and I expect to keep writing, maybe trying my hand at fiction. But retirement will give me and my wife, Jane, a *Morning Call* editor who also is retiring, lots more time for babysitting our two young grandsons, Luke and Brett. We're crazy about them.

Meanwhile, our reunion committee has been brainstorming for ways to return the Class of '74 to its rightful place at the top of the returning classes – I have a feeling we'll be singing again for the judges – but it mostly comes down to getting lots of you back to the campus.

Here's part of the official invitation.

"On June 6-9, 2019, our class will reunite on Lehigh's campus to celebrate our 45th Reunion. Although we remember our time at Lehigh as if it took place yesterday, we must have blinked as the years have flown by and THEN has become NOW. The weekend-long event has always been a time to celebrate, and our 45th Reunion will certainly continue that tradition.

"As we all know, the heart of a reunion is not the activities, but the people who return and the chances to reconnect with old friends. While many of the weekend's events welcome all Lehigh alumni, we hope you will attend our class dinner on Saturday night. Please encourage all of your living unit to return.

"It's easy to make a reservation. Visit <u>alum.lu/reunion</u> to make your reservation and pay online. If you need help registering, call University Events at (610) 758-2746 or email <u>inreun@lehigh.edu</u> and someone will assist you."

Watch the mail for more details.

Save the date for Reunion 2019: June 6-9, 2019

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Without getting into the merits
one way or the other, we are living in interesting times. I am frequently asked by younger people
how what is going on compares
to Watergate, which occurred
when we were at Lehigh. What
interesting times then. Speaking

about interesting, I was able to

catch up with two interesting

but humble classmates.

Since his retirement as a labor lawyer with a number of federal agencies in August 2014, Dave Scholl has done consulting work in the human resources area and is engaged in a new project assisting his last agency, the United States Office of Personnel Management. Dave is helping negotiate a new collective bargaining agreement. What an interesting but difficult project.

Dave and Carol, his wife and also a retired attorney, enjoy taking short getaways from their home in Bethesda, Md., as well as longer trips. Much to Carol's chagrin, golf is built by Dave into most (if not all) of their trips. Most recently, they have traveled to Williamsburg, Va. They also visited St. Michaels, Md. St. Michaels is a

beautiful town on the Miles River of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, but was once a rough-and-tumble town of oystermen and of slaveholders, including over Frederick Douglass. Last summer, Dave and Carol spent a wonderful time on Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia. They highly recommend the trip there: the people are friendly, the scenery is stunning, the seafood is unsurpassed and, of course, the golf is world class.

This fall, Dave and Carol will be traveling to Maui and Lanai with their son, Jeffrey, and his wife, Jess. Both are 2012 graduates of Duke and plan on attending the Maui Invitational Basketball Tournament. Dave may be the only Lehigh alum who was slightly disappointed that Lehigh and CJ McCollum '13 eliminated Duke from the NCAA Tournament a few years ago. Dave continues to enjoy attending Lehigh sporting events when they play Georgetown and American.

John Fagan relayed that he and Adele, his wife, are living in Orefield, Pa., and have been enjoying an active retirement. They decided to take early retirement from Air Products & Chemicals in January of 2009, after a 31-year career for John and 29 years for Adele. In retirement, John has participated in a variety of volunteering activities. He is actively involved with his church's medical mission team and has been to Haiti six times since 2010. He has led two of the Haiti mission trips and manages the procurement of medicines for the team. What interesting, admirable and adventuresome trips.

A few years ago, John started volunteering at the Literacy Center in Allentown and is now teaching an English-as-a-Second-Language class at the Center. He volunteered at Lehigh Valley Hospital for six years, provided mentoring of Lehigh students at the Enterprise

Systems Center, and consulted in the IT area to various local organizations. In addition to their volunteer activities, John and Adele enjoy traveling and spending time with their daughter, Erin, in New Jersey and their son, Sean, in Pittsburgh. John has been studying Spanish for the past eight years and enjoys golfing in the summer and skiing in the winter. He keeps in touch with several Lehigh alumni, including classmates Rob Metter, Jim Boyle and George Ferrio. John continues to be an avid Lehigh wrestling fan.

Well, dear reader, please send me information about the interesting things you are doing. Your classmates will love hearing about you. And don't forget about the Class of '75 Facebook page run by our own **Jeff Sherman**.

Mark E. Goehring, 10 Princeton Drive, Shamong, NJ 08088. (609) 841-0389 (C); MarkGoehring LU76@gmail. com; Look for me on Facebook! I can read your thoughts as I tell you that you really need to get back to Lehigh and see the epic changes at the campus with new buildings, with revitalized old buildings, with the once open spaces, and with newly made open spaces! You are thinking, there he goes again with the LU commercial! I was shocked when I visited recently and drove and walked around campus. Remember Lehigh is going to 6,000 undergrads with the addition of the College of Health. Send me an email after your visit and let me know what you think. That is what John Ondrejack did recently, and he added a Greeker Cuisine stop at Pete's for "two Greekers, three Pierogies, and a drink... for six bucks." John said, "still tasty as ever!" I won't tell Gary Iacocca, owner of Yocco's Hot Dogs, which celebrated their 95th year in the Lehigh Valley in 2017! Captain John still lives in Boca Raton working for Flowserve's pump division, and charters his 30-foot Grady White Marlin for those who want to go fishing in the Atlantic.

I was at a recent Lehigh football game and attended a couple tailgates with some Zetes, including classmate Bruce "Yogi" Perry, who makes just about every home game, including a much-needed season-ending win against Lafayette. I had a potential future undergrad, Hansen Zaiser from Wisconsin, and his dad, Jim Zaiser '93, with me, and everyone was great with him, especially Yogi and Vince Munley '74. Yogi attended the retirement party Oct. 4 in NYC for Professor Kenneth Sinclair. During our 40th in 2016, we were honored to have the professor at our dinner. Some other classmates at his NYC retirement were Steven Einstein and Arnie Manche.

Preston Crabill is enjoying retirement in the Carolinas. He took an extended trip to Australia and New Zealand and is currently planning his next adventure, in between seeing his three grandchildren as often as possible. I hope to hear from some of you. Hard to believe, but by my next column I will be registered for Medicare! Yuk!

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After retiring from United Technologies Corp., **Tom Vasko** spent the past 10 years teaching mechanical engineering at Central Connecticut State University in New Britain, where he was just promoted to full professor. Tom reports that at Lehigh, he lived in Taylor Hall all four years and still keeps in touch with his Taylor friends **Dave Slagle**, an infectious disease specialist in Peoria, and **Eric** 

**Baiz**, a successful Indianapolis real estate agent.

David Colasante (MD) and wife Barbara (RN) are expecting their third grandchild. They live in Newtown Square, Pa. After a successful career in clinical research (Pfizer), David continues his passions for Tae Kwon Do (sixth Dan) and physics. He was just awarded his fourth patent (see "orthosonic lift" on YouTube) and currently hosts the YouTube channel "Phyxed," which re-examines the spacetime of relativity and quantum mechanics through a simple, Euclidean lens. He says "one glance, and your world will never look the same. Check it out!"

Some ATO brothers gathered for a football game this fall in Wisconsin when the Buffalo Bills played Green Bay—but before the game Carl Emerling, Geoff Gordon, Nick Hantzes, Chris Bailey and Jeff Armstrong got together in Milwaukee. Carl couldn't have been too happy with the game's outcome (Bills lost).

I think you guys should plan on coming to the next reunion! Carl organized this gathering, and some of the guys hadn't seen each other since graduation! Jeff came from Utah, where he is president of Specialized Rail Service Inc., Nick is still in the Maryland area, and Geoff is a professor in Illinois. Carl has two dealerships – Emerling Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram and Emerling Ford in the Buffalo area.

Here we go: a call-out for some updates from: Kathy (McDonough) Worley, Sue (Bschorr) George, Linda (Buck) Bloomfield, Dave Succop, Ken Schmidt and Kathy (Mumma) Hyatt....

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This column won't be as long as

my post-reunion one, but I'm happy to say I did hear from a few of you.

Stephen Dill is wrapping up a one-year stay in Nevada, Mo., where he was working to turn around the marketing program at Cottey College (cottey.edu). His other activities include chairing the board of the Alliance for Self-Directed Education (self-directed.org) and sitting on the board of the Grass Roots Cultural and Performing Arts Center (GRCPAC. org) in Boston, where he left his wife, Abigail Marsters, minding the house, dogs and her two preschools while he was gone.

Bob Brown retired as a partner from Pricewater-houseCoopers in June 2017 and is adjusting just fine to the new lifestyle. He and his wife, Charlotte, have gone on two river cruises in Europe as well as a two-week tour of Italy. They also spend more time with their two grandchildren, and Bob is working on proving that playing more golf doesn't necessarily result in playing better golf.

Rob Nahigian continues to teach and speak as a subject-matter expert on commercial real estate. His 2018 schedule included talks in New Orleans, Dallas, Des Moines, New York City, and of course his home base of Boston. Rob is the principal of Auburndale Realty Co. in Newton, Mass.

What are the rest of you up to? You can let me know by snail mail, email or Facebook. Our columns are published about four months after we submit them, so expect a four- to eightmonth delay between contacting me and seeing your news in the *Bulletin*. facebook.com/groups/Lehigh1978/.

Lance M. Bell, 952 River Run Dr., Macedonia, OH 44056-2369. (216) 219-3729 (mobile); lanceb344@gmail.com I'm looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming 40th Class Reunion, and you'd better bring good stories with you. Well, stories that can be published in this column are appreciated too. I haven't seen much action in my email lately, except from my regulars who keep me briefed.

For example, **Barry Hamlette** entertained a crowd at a club in Nashville by singing "The Pantyhose Blues." This impromptu event was courtesy of a business trip for a parttime job Barry has picked up. He's teaching doctors how to diagnose by improving their interviewing skills.

#### Susan Chodakewitz,

president and CEO of Nathan Associates Inc., joined the newly formed board of advisors of Continental Mapping. Continental Mapping Consultants Inc. provides comprehensive geospatial services to worldwide markets to enhance decision-making. Susan was recognized as possessing a very broad and diverse portfolio of accomplishments, having worked with the federal government and commercial industry, as well as international NGOs and nonprofits. She was recently named as a "Top 20 Global Women of Excellence" by Chicago's Seventh Congressional District.

Scott Nicholas was appointed executive vice president and president of the semiconductor services business of Ultra Clean Holdings Inc. Ultra Clean Holdings is a leading developer and supplier of critical subsystems, ultra-high-purity cleaning and analytical services primarily for the semiconductor industry. Scott previously served as CEO and chairman of Quantum Global Technologies, which was acquired by Ultra Clean Holdings to support their worldwide growth strategy. For the past 30 years, Scott has held senior leadership positions in various manufacturing and service businesses, leading successful turnarounds.

That's the news for now. Our classmates and I would love to hear from you. See you at the reunion!

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This past August Charlie Crowley, wife Francie and brother Bill were the chairpersons for the 50th Joey Coakley Memorial golf tournament in the Boston area. This tournament raises funds specifically for research in finding cures for cystic fibrosis. This is the 32nd year that Charlie and his family have led this fundraising effort, and during this time the tournament has raised multiple millions of dollars. Recent breakthroughs in research have led to new drugs that have significantly improved and extended the lives of many of those who are diagnosed with cystic fibrosis. Fellow Phi Delta Theta fraternity brothers **Jim** Flanagan and Guy Frankenfield participated in the golf tournament.

In addition to Charlie's charitable efforts, he is also the CEO for DN Tanks, the largest prestressed concrete tank builder in the country specializing in water and wastewater storage, and thermal energy storage tanks. It is likely that the water that you drink was previously stored in one of DN's tanks. Guy also works for DN Tanks and is responsible for the thermal energy storage business.

The 2018 Gay Games were held in August in Paris, France, with over 10,000 participants representing 90 countries with competition in 36 sports. **Brian D. Woolford** won two silver medals in tennis, men's and mixed doubles. Brian plans to compete in the next edition in Hong Kong in 2022, if his knees hold up.

Jim Merrill is continuing to travel to Japan for Ernst & Young and expanding to other markets such as Vietnam. Jim also played a five-minute song on the Longwood Gardens Aeolian pipe organ, one of the largest in the world. Longwood Gardens is near Kennett Square, Pa.

Karl Sturm has retired from Chevron after 38 years with the company. Peter Bugbee retired after 30 years in public education, most recently as a principal in Whitehall, Pa. He came out of retirement briefly and proudly served as a substitute German teacher until December at Nazareth High School, where his Chi Psi little brother Jimmy Evanko '81 is celebrated on their Wall of Fame. Peter dedicates himself to supporting the students and their teachers there in honor of Jimmy and his father, Coach Evanko, another great man from there. Peter still can't believe we lost Gordon Duff. Peter smiles anytime Gordon comes to mind.

Duane Ising and his wife, Diane, have placed another notch on their seafaring belts after completing a 4,400 nautical mile-cruise from southwest Florida to Maine and back over the course of six months. Duane continues to enjoy the boating life, but will take a sabbatical from cruising for 2019.

2018 was full of big events for Mark Hembarsky and Susan (Bregstein) Hembarsky and their daughters Morgan '13 and Rebecca, Lafayette Class of 2010. All four have taken on new endeavors. Mark joined Avara Pharmaceutical Services as executive vice president, operational excellence. Susan is still playing USTA tennis and now volunteers for various organizations. They celebrated 35 years of marriage and are loving life in Raleigh, N.C. Morgan moved to Richmond, Va., to start a new position as a senior

research program coordinator at Massey Cancer Center of Virginia Commonwealth University. Rebecca is living in Manhattan and started a new position as a physical therapist at Hassenfeld Children's Hospital of New York University. Also of note, Rebecca became engaged to Ralph Missimer '12, who is a project manager at Sajiun Electric Inc. An October 2019 wedding is planned. Soon it will be four-to-one at family events!

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

It is late November and pouring rain here again in Somerset County, N.J., as the days grow shorter and darker. You '82 True Blues are certainly neither loquacious nor nattering nabobs of effusive tidbits concerning your daily existence. I have received no news from you since the last column. This old boy in October banged up his left hip and thigh so severely, it forced me after X-rays and an MRI to give back my bib to the 2019 Boston Marathon. My doctor's stern admonition was "you've run too far, too long and too much for a guy your age." Alas, I suppose my golf game will benefit next year. Not.

Our oldest son, James, lives in NYC and is a trader with Guggenheim Partners as a vice president, distressed debt. Jennifer, our daughter, is completing her second year at Boston College Law School. Joan Neri Belardo is an attorney with Drinker Biddle, so Jen is apparently following in our footsteps.

Yet another successful Lafavette weekend was concluded with Dr. Steven Schwabe '80 (his 43rd in a row), and the ubiquitous and never known to miss out on a good time, Stan King. After tailgating with Harry Stamateris, Peter Sanquini, Anthony Mastroianni '80 and a bunch of guys from Sig Ep, we visited the usual haunts and stomping grounds: Clarence the Dog's grave in front of Taylor Hall (died 1927), Crossroads Hotel and Bar in Hellertown, our fraternity Pi Lambda Phi (much persistent knocking before admittance by the sorority girls who live there now), the skidoo's on Thomas Street, finally ending up at SouthSide 313 Bar and Grille on Third Street (formerly Looper's).

Pat Eichner today sent me a photo of him on Facebook playing golf and living the dream at Tucker's Point in Bermuda. Make sure to see Pat's film, Collision at Split Rock (2017). Pat directs and acts in this tale of lust, betrayal and murder. You can Google the trailer on YouTube. Pat has a day job in Morristown at Avison Young.

As a partner in a law firm, at social gatherings with colleagues, I am often apt to forget that most people are not routinely referred to by fraternity nicknames. So without further ado, some of the more colorful monikers that I recall: Caveman, Studly, Bucko, Clammer, Blue Face, Tiny, Crudeman, Keghead, the Common Slob, the Commander, Satch, Lucky, Loco, Souphead, Beef, Spider, Tones, Stoons, Duzzy, Dupe, Joe Skids, Zero, T-Bomb, the Riddler, Psycho, Social Blastoff, Coop Psyched for Death, Stanking Act Ed, Ma Cote, Spanky, J2, V2, Wedgehead, Total Loser, Spike, Cheese, Haystacks, Divot, Woody, DiJoe, Odds, Nuke, Motoman, E. Buzz and Mike the Duck, just to name a few. By now, I think you get my

drift – you need to email me your news to avoid having me babble ad nauseam like Tennyson's Brook.

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Happy Spring, Class of '83! Please remember to email me (nancyliulehigh83@gmail.com) with any news and I will include it in the column.

More 35th Reunion News I forgot to include two people who attended: **Matt Baillie**, who I bumped into at the president's speech, and Lorraine (Scioli) Wiedorn '84G and **Paul Wiedorn**, who I saw at the president's house.

The classmates who traveled the farthest to attend were: **Kendra Jones**, Aliso Viejo, Calif.; John Perri, San Diego, Calif.; and **Jacqueline Ballester**, Puerto Rico. Thanks for making the trip back to Lehigh.

News from the Inbox

Peter Hilaris writes: "Little family update: This May, my kids completed their college days, both graduated from Quinnipiac University in Connecticut. My daughter is the class of 2018; she just passed her licensing exam and is now a registered nurse. My son is the class of 2016 and is now going into his last year at Brooklyn Law School. Janet is still working as a dietitian at a dialysis center near home and I'm about to have my 30th anniversary at my podiatry office in Hackensack, N.J.

"It was great seeing everyone at the Reunion: Peter P., John, Geoff, Karen, Kendra, Cheryl, Kris, Carol, Kim, Lisa, Dan, Larry, anyone else I forgot to mention, and of course, Nancy."

Patti (Reilly) Panara writes that she does marketing/payroll for husband Ned's gastroenterology practice in Lakeland, Fla. She also "keeps alive two teenagers and four cats." Her older son is a sophomore at the University of Florida, and the other is a high school senior in the marching band. In her spare time, she "writes a lot of things," including her new novel out this year called *Sisterly Advice*. It's about a nun who hosts a relationship advice show on the radio. Check out her new book, or revisit the old one, *Buffalo Winged*, at PattiPanara.com. Both books are available via Amazon.

Bob Funnell writes: "I'd like to announce that I will be glad to host 'the unofficial-official' Lehigh tailgate on Saturday, Sept. 14, when Lehigh plays out here at UC Davis in 2019! We had a blast in 1998 when Lehigh played out here against St. Mary's. Plan that wine country trip now for those class members that want to see Lehigh here in California!"

Freshman Rally

Sue (Bevan) Baggott attended the Rally to watch her nephew, Evan Comisac '22, accept the Class of 2022 flag given to the most legacied student in the incoming class. Evan is the fifth generation and 14th member of the family to attend Lehigh. Also attending were Sue's parents, Jane and Bob Bevan '60, and sisters, Sheri (Bevan) Comisac '88 (with husband Glenn Comisac '89) and Sandy (Bevan) Ritchey '86.

My good friend, **Lisa Anderman**, was there along with her very proud parents, Carole and Arthur Anderman '56, to see Lisa's daughter, Noa Daskal '22.

GO: The Campaign for Lehigh I attended the campaign kickoff on campus and on the Intrepid in NYC. Classmates who I saw were **Kira (Cauwels) Mendez** and **Steve Mendez, Sandy Denton** and partner Bene, and **Tricia Saydah**.

Football Tailgates

Lehigh did not have a great football season, but at least we beat Lafayette this year. Classmates who stopped by our tailgate include: **Chip Bayer** and Paula'84 (Thoden) Bayer; Lisa Anderman and her daughter, Noa Daskal'22; **Peter Marri**; **Mike Dicker**; Sandy Denton and Bene.

Cindy (Benscoter) Neville and Peter Neville '82 also stopped by. Cindy and Peter live outside Boston, Mass., and have three boys, ages 23 to 29. Interesting Lehigh fact: Peter's grandfather was Harvey A. Neville, Lehigh's ninth president. Harvey was an assistant professor of chemistry and the only faculty member elected president. Neville Hall is named after him.

Enjoy your spring and summer and please send me your news. I will be attending Reunion weekend on June 6-9, 2019. Hope to see you then!

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Greetings, Class of 1984. I am your new class correspondent, taking over for **Sara Dillon**. On behalf of Lehigh and the Class of 1984, thank you, Sara, for your service keeping track of us all and writing terrific columns. I hope to live up to your example of engaging writing and class contact.

Back in September, my Richards B1 roommate, Benjamin Blinder, contacted me as a campaign ambassador to invite me and Aliki (Astreou) Keating to the GO: The Campaign for Lehigh event in New York City. The event was held on the USS Intrepid, the floating museum in the Hudson, a fantastic venue. It was exquisitely catered, featuring an open bar for each class decade group with wandering waitstaff offering hors d'oeuvres and dainty and delectable desserts. Over 900 Lehigh folks of all stripes and classes were there, dressed to the nines and full of Lehigh stories and anecdotes.

Class of 1984 in attendance

included my tailgate buddies Jim Hart and Robin (Cohen) Hart, Bill Glaser, Nancy (Liu) Freedman '83 and Scott Freedman, Bill Bear and Pam Gural Bear. I spent most of the evening trying to read name cards (to find you, dear classmates) at the risk of rudely staring at everyone's chest. As you may imagine, that did not work out, but not from enthusiasm on my part. Other classmates in attendance that I did not get to see: Mary Beth (Cooleen) Tully, Elizabeth Occhi-Stubbs and Mark Pibl. I did see Susan (Evans) Baumann and her husband, Rene. Susan was instantly recognizable from across the room as she has not changed a bit. Susan and Rene are in the legacy club like so many of us with a daughter in the class of 2019. They live in the Spring Lake, N.J., area and attend Lehigh events.

Lisa and **Kevin Clayton** kicked off the GO Campaign with their generous gift for the University Center plan, which Kevin explained in detail during his talk. This gift is a credit to the Clayton family, and it represents a pinnacle in the family's dedication and service to Lehigh. We are proud of our association with you as one of the Class of 1984. Thank you for your leadership.

Aliki and I attended the Lehigh-Navy game in September, tailgating with my Psi Upsilon brothers Phil Gauffreau, Gary Pan '86, Jim Creedon '83 and Ken Ball '82. Ken is dean of engineering at George Mason University and three sons attended the Naval Academy and one is a Lehigh graduate. Also, we met Danny Isla and Yelena Tsaruk, who were sitting in the next section and had an animated Lehigh discussion in the midst of the Navy families.

In other news, Lindsay Vannoy reported via Facebook that he is officially on Elton John's Farewell Yellow Brick Road tour. He will be traveling around the world for the next three years or so. He gave us a shout-out: "If you are coming to the show make sure to drop me a line in advance!" This tour has to be a highlight of Lindsay's career. Well done!

As for me, Lehigh has opened many doors based on the strength of its reputation and its loyal alumni, and I am happy to contribute when I can. I encourage you to do the same. Foundations and other outside donors look at alumni engagement, and a critical metric is the percentage of alumni that donate at any amount. Regular small gifts do make a difference to Lehigh, so if you are considering where to make your charitable contributions, keep Lehigh in mind.

Reunion! I am looking forward to seeing many of you at our 35th Reunion June 6-9, 2019. Our class reunion committee has been making plans for months, starting with a class weekend kickoff wine and cheese on Friday and the historic parade of classes on Saturday morning. The weekend will conclude with our class dinner on Saturday evening! You can find more information and registration links on our class websitelehigh84.com and the Lehigh Class of 1984 Facebook page, facebook.com/ groups/43505519079.

And don't forget to send me your news. We would love to hear from you!

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I had a chance to visit Lehigh for (my last) parent weekend and ran into fellow parents **Bonnie (Winokur) Bancroft**, Mary Beth (Colleen) Tully'84, Ann Lewnes'83 and Meredith (Lesslie) Spector'82. That had to have been the coldest parent weekend on record, but we all managed to have a great time catching up with our kids and with each other.

Paul Murray let me know that he and his wife, Julie, traveled to Gibraltar to visit with Ed Biemer and his wife, Wendi (Frenkil) Biemer '86. Ed and Wendi are relocating from Gibraltar to London for his job. The two couples took a side trip to Caceres, Spain, a city founded by the Romans and encircled by 12th-century Moorish walls. Sounds like a great getaway with Lehigh friends in a beautiful setting.

Just for fun, I searched "Lehigh University Class of 1985" online and discovered a Wikipedia entry with a list of prominent Lehigh University alumni. It is truly an impressive list of people. From our class, I see Jim Davidson is listed in the entertainment category, and Lori Ehrlich for politics. Jim starred in the television show Pacific Blue for many years, and Lori is a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives. I think that Wikipedia page needs an update since there's also an academia section, and Craig Benson is the dean of engineering at the University of Virginia.

If anyone is interested in writing a guest column for the next issue, please let me know. We haven't tried that in a while, and I think it would be a great way to get news about people we haven't heard from recently.

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"Take my hand, child, come with me. It's to a castle I will take you. Where what's to be, they say will be (Led Zeppelin)." Then, here is "what be," Class o' 86.

This summer, Glen Fried-

man and Kenny Fuirst competed in the Harvey Cedars, N.J., Dog Day Road Rally 5K. Ken finished with a faster time, but Glen had a lower bib number, so as I see it, Glen was the winner! Should have joined Sammy, Kenny; I might have declared a different winner. Poor you.

Charlotte, N.C.-based multiunit operator, Chanticleer Holdings Inc., whose portfolio includes Hooters and Little Big Burger, named Fred Glick its new president. Fred was previously San Diego, Calif.-based as vice president of brewery restaurants with Strauss Brewing. Fred attributes his food/ beverage service industry success to his Marching 97 days. Fred's key to meat tenderizing is double paradiddles with drumsticks and his barkeep instructions are, "Stirred, not shaken," to the tempo of "Rearing Tearing." Vegan alums passing through should "Walk on By (Dionne Warwick, though I prefer the Isaac Hayes version)."

Pete Boyle was at the USS Intrepid, Lehigh GO event. Pete and I toasted our late (as of early 2018) classmate, and fellow Taylor Hall dormmate, Roger Goodwin. Pete is 22 years at Rockwell Automation, where he manages strategic accounts, many western European based, so Peter racks up the miles. Pete's daughter, Meghan, attends Manhattan's Fordham University, not far from where she dances with the Alvin Ailey studio. Pete's son, Kevin, is a senior mechanical engineering major at Clarkson University, and his middle daughter, Erin, is a junior accounting major and Big East Conference swimmer at Providence College.

She now decrees "safe" or "out" instead of "innocent" or "guilty" and sends hung juries into extra innings. **Laura Kiessling** married Cal Ripken Jr. this autumn. Laura is an Anne Arundel County (Maryland), Fifth Judicial Circuit Court judge and previously a prosecutor in the Anne Arundel State's Attorney's Office. Laura served as a deputy state's attorney and chief of the hate crimes prosecution unit, and was a member of the sexual offense and child abuse trial team.

**Paul Stanco** was promoted to chief marketing officer at Health-PlanOne. Send Paul all your explanation of benefits denials.

Lehigh kicked off the 2018 football season against St. Francis University, featuring TE/HB/FB Zach Rohland, aka, middle son of Dave and Missy (Capuano) Rohland. Tailgating extraordinaires for the occasion were '86er roommate pairs Missy and Linda Kagan-Horwitz, and Heather (Truesdell) Vimba and Jill Lovecchio. Lehigh won the game, but which team Missy was rooting for, well, enjoy the mystery. Linda's son is a Lehigh tubist with the famed Marching 97. Heather, who I also had the pleasure of seeing aboard the USS Intrepid, just passed 30 years with the U.S. Army at the Picatinny Arsenal, N.J., as CIO for the Joint Program Executive Office, Armaments and Ammunition, or what I refer to as JPEOAA. Heather's son is a sophomore at Carnegie Mellon.

Regarding all of the '86ers at the Intrepid event, including Kenny Fuirst and Glen Friedman (no, there was not a rematch of the 5K, thankfully, since the overall Intrepid length is 266 meters [LWL is 250 meters, for my sailing buds out there]), Marc Unger, Wendy (Kallos) Nixon, Patty von Schaumburg, Sharon (Kanovsky) Richter, amongst others. And no, we were not on the quarterdeck playing... quarters. Correct, sailing buds, there is no quarterdeck on an aircraft carrier (but don't tell that annoying alum who I sent looking for it).

"I hate to leave you but I

really must say, goodnight sweetheart, goodnight (The Spaniels)."

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Hello, Class of 1987! Hope you are all well. Unfortunately, I missed the event at the Intrepid this year where Lehigh launched its fundraising mission. I heard from many what a great time it was and about all in attendance.

I was fortunate enough to hear from Kathy (Davis) Dent. Kathy and her husband, Liam Dent'86, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary in September by taking a trip to Austria and Germany. They spent a beautiful week in Austria traveling between Vienna, Salzburg and Innsbruck. Temperatures in the mid-70 and blue skies every day. They spent a few days in the northwest of Bavaria visiting with Kathy's brother, Tom Davis '73. He has lived in the city of Noerdlingen for over 20 years in a house that was originally built in the late 1600s. Yes, his house is about 350 years old! He recently retired from running his own consulting business and will soon be a grandfather for the first time.

Liam and Kathy live and work just west of Allentown.
Liam is a product manager for Continental Automotive
Systems, and Kathy is the global simulation and design manager for Air Products, where she has been since graduation. The Dents have three children, two of whom have graduated from college. One more to go, and then they will think about retirement and traveling even more.

The following is from **Jeff Neu's** fraternity brothers:
"Jeffrey Neu, Class of 1987, there needs to be no introduction.
For those who don't, you should know he is, and always has been, a pretty unique guy with a huge heart.... Jeff has had the good

#### **CELEBRATIONS**















1. Class correspondent Burt Sutker '55 with his son, Stuart '78 and grandson Jason '17 (bioengineering) at Lehigh's Legacy Luncheon.

2. Class of 1993: Kappa Alpha Theta sisters reunite. From left: Susan (Haleks) Duda, Kathy (Bolliger) Sweet, Beth (Hallisey) Kupchinsky, Jessica (Edwards) Murphy, Simmie (Wendell) Rossi, Leslie (Keating) Joiner.

3. Lehigh alumni from the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division (NAWCAD) Lakehurst gathered together for a photo op in front of an F-14 aircraft at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J. on Oct. 10, 2018. The pictured alumni are (from left): Pana Yiotis Vardaxis '09, Lee Pollen '87, Rich Kotelnick '82, Julie Smiga '11, Jenna Huynh '18, Thomas Michalski '18 and John Hammond '83.

4. The Class of 1972 adopted the Class of 2022 at the First-Year

Student Rally in August 2018. From left: Clarke Woodruff, Chuck Steele, Ollie Foucek, Jeff Waltemyer, Bill Baker, Jack Worsley, Roger Bast, Mike Shay, Greg Falkenbach, Rich Elterich, and Paul Legrand. (Also at the Rally, but missing from this photo: Jim Corsa.) **5.** Peter Hilaris '83 and his family show their Lehigh pride on vacation. **6.** Some 1977 ATO brothers gathered for a football game this fall in Wisconsin when the Buffalo Bills played Green Bay—from left: Carl Emerling, Geoff Gordon, Nick Hantzes, Chris Bailey and Jeff Armstrong. **7.** A birthday celebration for Rob Edwards '90 (front row, center), included Joe Long '88 and Chris Witt '87 (back row), and

(front row) Patrick Mukualkane, Nicole (Pollaert) Witt '90,

and Breanna and Eric Witt.

fortune to go on African safaris, sky diving excursions, etc., and has seen more of this world than most of us combined. He has, however, taken the energy and desire he has to work and done some incredible things...just not by working your typical 9-to-5 job. Through his caring nature, Jeff began to train and work with search dogs. It has been the perfect match. He has been very involved with the search for people from the wildfires in California. Even though we haven't discussed it, [we] thought [we] would share his Facebook post from Friday. [We] don't think he would mind and even if he does, it seems like he might be too tired to have a salad bar reaction!"

On Facebook, Jeff wrote: "I just want to let everyone know that I arrived home safely yesterday afternoon after spending 13 days at the Camp Fire recovery operation in Paradise, Calif. I was quite tired. Tiffany again was an amazing fiancée and flew up to Sacramento so we could drive home together. She ended up driving most of the way as I slept. I only slept three nights in the tent with the dogs. I haven't slept in a tent in many years, I'm not sure I remember the last time I did. After that we were moved to the Silver Dollar Fairgrounds in Chico and got to sleep in a building with the dogs which was much more comfortable even though I was sleeping on an air mattress. Our bed at home was very comfortable last night. Faith and Charli did a great job, but Charli's paws got inflamed so she was out of action for the last few days and had to rest with her paws bandaged. They don't usually search with booties, but it's something I will think about for the future. She is a really good patient and enjoyed all the attention sitting at the staging area. She has fully recovered. I came home to a fantastic Thanksgiving dinner

with friends last night. Tiffany even made me my favorite chestnut stuffing. I don't know how she pulled that off not being home all day. It definitely was a challenging mission. Every time I come back from a mission I realize we need to tweak our training as new challenges come up that the dogs have never seen before. I may even learn not to overpack someday. I'm very happy to be home. Seeing all that devastation reminded me again that I'm extremely lucky every day I'm alive."

It looks like Jeff did a great job helping with the fires in California and using his dogs to assist. Kudos to Jeff, and thanks to the Sammys for the update!

**Rellie Fisher**, 23 Brainard Avenue, Port Monmouth, NJ 07758. (917) 209-5508; kellie\_fisher@yahoo.com Once again, the Class of 1988 had a stellar turnout. This time, it was in New York in late October on the Intrepid as part of Lehigh's GO capital campaign kickoff. What a fun night catching up with classmates and many other Lehigh friends while touring the museum, listening to the campaign presentation, and no big Lehigh celebration is complete without the Marching 97. Per usual, I think the DGs and the ATOs had the most representatives.

The ATOs also gathered last December for their annual holiday dinner in NYC. Bryan Kleppe has been organizing this multi-year dinner for years. Kudos for all the work in keeping everyone connected. It's not easy. From our class Chris Pappas, Mike Rinaldi, Jeff Bosland, Pat Curran, Jeff Enslin, Andy Schantz, Steve Banco, Chris Greco, Brian Kearns, Sean Pitzer and Jack Gill all were able to join this year. It looks from the "before" photo that the antics may have slowed down over the years, but

a good amount of holiday cheer was still had.

Tom Johnson has embarked on not one, but two new careers. He has started to exhibit and sell his digitally transformed photography and recently had a gallery showing in London this past fall. Check out the great shots at 17-thomas-johnson. pixels.com or at Tojo Artography on Facebook. He also is starting up a residential real estate business in Fairfield County, Conn. I love having another classmate's name in my rolodex along with Maureen (Jones) Culhane and Jill Cooperman for referrals in other markets.

A hearty congratulations to Sharon Siegel Voelzke for her recent success in overseeing the acquisition of Navigant Consulting's disputes, forensics and legal technology segment and the transaction advisory services practice. Sharon worked at Navigant for 30 years (since we were at Lehigh) and is now a senior managing director in Ankura's New York City office. After she caught up on her sleep, and a busy fall of Lehigh and Pitt visits and family fun, she embarked on a women's trip to Israel in November. Looks like it was a phenomenal trip! I know Karen (Kornheiser) Farber and Jill (Koslowsky) Neff have had similar wonderful experiences in recent years.

And it's wonderful to share when one of our classmates continues to succeed and give back. Pamela (Timen)
Kattouf, who is on the Lehigh University Autism Services
Advisory Council, has been featured in Entrepreneur. The article "Entrepreneurship is how families are creating meaningful jobs for their children with Autism Spectrum Disorder" is a worthy read.

Rumor has it that more and more of the class has become empty nesters. This means you must have time to guest write the class column ... right? Seriously, who wants to tackle the next one? And the one after that? Drop me a line. I'm begging!

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Nothing like being on the
Lehigh campus! June 6-9, 2019,
is our 30th Reunion and not
to be missed. Shortly you will
be receiving a letter from me
and my committee of reunion
peeps about the festivities for
the weekend. For our past five
reunions, we have had the largest representation of classmates
attend the reunion, and that is
what makes it so much fun.

Friday night we will start the weekend at Bethlehem Brew Works followed by the Saturday night extravaganza at the home of Penny and Tony Caciolo. Check out the YouTube video link below to see the New Orleans-themed party space that Tony built at his home and will serve as the location of our event. youtube. com/watch?v=HyI\_fFuOHds The Sands Hotel and Casino will serve as the Class of '89 reunion headquarters. Make your reservation today!

If you are not part of the '89 Facebook group, please join today. We are continually posting updates and would like everyone to get the news. Members of our class continue to do great things and we want to know about it. Please send me updates when you can.

Elizabeth Folsom, chief audit executive and director of global internal audit and investigations at PSI (an international nonprofit organization) spoke to the students at Lehigh as part of the Segal Distinguished Speaker Series, which brings thought leaders from public accounting, consulting and investment advisory firms, regulatory bodies (SEC, PCAOB and FASB), major corporations

and an international nonprofit organization to campus.

Chris Altschul, better known as Toph, sent me a wonderful note just after writing my last article and I could not wait to get it into this column. Toph reminisced about how about 30 years ago, we were part of the freshman orientation together at Lehigh. He remembered me and Josh Petersohn playing around as Josh gracefully imitated my high-pitched shrieks, in response to one of his jokes. Dravo D3 was definitely a fun place to be back in the days with those boys! Lehigh has definitely changed quite a bit, but I think those of you that have seen me in the past few years will attest that my exuberant laugh is still intact after 30 years.

After 25 years of varied buyside work on Wall Street, Topher hung up his suits and headed west to run a family business that manufactures vehicle wash systems. They make train, bus and car wash equipment. Many of our alumni likely travel on buses and subway cars cleaned by their equipment in NYC, Chicago, D.C., Houston and coming soon to Bangladesh. That big, ugly bus terminal between 95 and the Hutch in Eastchester contains their wash equipment. They also provide wash equipment to rental car companies, mainly at major airports. A nice manufacturing niche, and it proves we can still make things in America.

Topher just celebrated his
18th wedding anniversary to his
beautiful wife, Tiffany. They have
two children, India who is 17 and
Harrison who is 14. They had
been living in Greenwich, Conn.,
between 2001 and 2014 when
Topher moved out to California
in 2012 to start working, and the
clan joined him in 2014 for good.
California has been a nice change
for our guy Topher, who was
born in Pittsburgh and lived in
Connecticut most of his life.

Our hearts go out to the

family of our dear classmate

Howard Jay Miller, who passed
away in November. Scott Nestler and Ken Borislow attended
the funeral and shared stories
of their days with Howard at
Lehigh and through the years.

It was great to hear from Tim Borland. Tim reached out to share that we both ride in the Pan Mass Challenge to benefit the Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. I reported in a past column that this summer was my 15th year riding, and it seems that Tim got the bug and has logged a couple years as well. Tim has been living in Annapolis, Md., with his beautiful wife, Patti, working as a software engineer for Diebold Nixdorf for 24 years.

See you in June at the Reunion! You don't want to miss it! Save the date for Reunion 2019: June 6-9, 2019

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While Kevin Baker is listed as Class of 1990, he actually covers '88, '89 and '90 due to changing his major. We'll be glad to take you, Kevin! He and his wife, Lynn, have been married for 23 years and have called Greensboro, N.C., home for the last 20 with son Ryan (18) and daughter Kaitlyn (16). He is the CEO of the Piedmont Triad Airport Authority, having previously served as a director for Carolina Bank. His family is focused on giving back to the community through a variety of nonprofit, university and health care boards as well as aerospace economic development.

Last year Kevin had an opportunity to reconnect with about 20 of his Alpha Sig brothers at the home of Don "DJ" Jefferis '87 in S.C. He said it was a memorable weekend with guys that he had not seen in years

and in some cases decades!

Bill Clark has been in Hong Kong for the last two years after taking an international opportunity with the technology group at Jane Street Capital based in N.Y. Bill has three children and is just about at the end of his college tuition checks. His oldest daughter is a graduate of Marist College and is in marketing, his son is an aerospace engineer from Penn State and his youngest daughter is a sophomore at Hofstra University majoring in PR.

Erin McGarry-Sullivan is the CFO of MYH Inc. in Boston as well as the treasurer of the board for the Worksite Wellness Council of Massachusetts. She has four children: the oldest graduated from UMass Amherst; there is a freshman at RIT; and this July the family will head to Australia, where her daughter will graduate from the University of New Castle; that leaves one more still at home, and Erin is looking forward to a few more years together with Mary Margaret.

Erin also shared that last fall she spent three months in Chicago, where her husband received a stem cell transplant, the only known treatment for his rare disease, systemic scleroderma. They are looking forward to his recovery, and on behalf of our class we wish your family the very best in the new year.

Scott Davis started Melius Research last year after 28 years working at banks-notably Morgan Stanley and Barclays. His new company is a research and data analytics firm with 17 employees focused on the industrial work. Scott is also writing a book on business culture that will be published later this year. He and his wife of 25 years, Elizabeth (Quandel) Davis '92, live in Alpine, N.J., with their two children, ages 16 and 13. Scott said in his spare time he likes to compete in marathons and triathlons.

#### Nicole (Pollaert) Witt

visited Lehigh this past fall with her sophomore daughter for Lehigh Legacy weekend. They arrived together with **Stephanie (Olsen) Klopfer** and her son, who is a double legacy thanks to dad **Kevin Klopfer**. It ended up being a mini-reunion when they bumped into **Marc Layne** and **Kristin (Franchina) Layne**, where Ho burgers were enjoyed by all.

Nicole lives in Tampa with her husband Chris Witt '87, their daughter, Breanna, and younger son, Eric. In March the two flew to San Francisco to celebrate **Rob Edwards'** 50th birthday that included a dinner with Rob's fraternity big brother, Joe Long '88.

And last but certainly not least, my Drinker friend **Stacia Horvath** reached out to send her warm regards from central Oregon, where she is busy writing and exploring the astounding beauty that surrounds her in the Northwest.

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Shalom from the holy land of Israel! My family and I are loving our experience in Tel Aviv and beyond and we are settling into a new way of life. I have already had one Lehigh visitor, Susan Lanter Blank, who was here with her family in August. I spent many pacing breaks in Virginia with the Lanters over the years, and it was so wonderful to reconnect with her lovely parents and siblings and their kids. Let's get to the news, as there's a lot!

Matt Brogowski reports that he and his wife, Heather, "up and moved the whole family to Virginia in June so we could help our special needs daughter, Gracie, as she transitions into college life at James Madison University. She will need some help navigating around campus so my wife is going to do that for

her for now. Our older daughter, Anna, is in her second year at Virginia Tech in the engineering program. I continue to work in the foodservice business as a senior buyer for a broadline distributor in NYC, but have been able to transition to a home office. Haven't gotten back to Lehigh since our 25th Reunion but hope to soon. We also continue to see many of my Beta brothers during the year, including Mike Pane, Bob Clinton, Kent Zambelli, Brian Kenny, Tim Haugh and their families."

Thanks to Evan Falchuk for this update: "My wife and I live in the Boston area, and have three kids, the oldest of whom just left for college. I'm the CEO of a healthcare startup here in Boston called VillagePlan, Inc., which helps families who are caring for aging loved ones. I ran for governor of Massachusetts back in 2014 as an Independent. I've stayed involved politically in a number of ways including as a board member of Voter Choice Massachusetts, the group working to bring ranked choice voting to Massachusetts."

Scott Emerman says "It was great to be in Bethlehem recently for a campus tour with my high school senior who is applying to Lehigh. Amazing how much of a sandwich you can still get at Goosey Gander for under seven dollars. A group of my Delta Tau Delta brothers got together in Orlando this October for the seventh edition of our Mo Sego Invitational golf reunion. Guest of honor Mauricio Segovia was joined at this eagerly anticipated event by Mark Mathews '89, Evan Falchuk, Darrin Halsey, Rich Chinitz'92, Mike Winterling '92 and John Mitchell '93. Guest appearances were also made by Jonathan Goldstein and Ken Hoexter '93." Sounds like a fun time, as is any time with a bunch of Lehigh grads!!

Finally, this from **Amy** 

(Tilton) ElChaar: My husband, Gerard ElChaar '84 '89G, and I are enjoying living in N.C., near Charlotte with our daughters. Our best news though is that our oldest daughter is a 'first year' at Lehigh. It is exciting to hear of all of the new things going on, but it also seems like much is the same. On one of our visits, we were waiting for our daughter to meet us on Packer Avenue. A kind professor saw us and thought we may be lost. I was pleasantly surprised to see that it was one of my professors, who apparently is counting down the days until retirement."

Keep the news coming! And if you're planning a trip to the Middle East, I highly recommend Israel! Just ask Susan Lanter Blank!

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Welcome to spring! (This is funny to me because I am writing this column during the gray Chicago winter.) I hope that everyone is doing well. All is good on my end. I did have the opportunity to catch up with my fraternity brother, Dan Barish '91, while on a business trip to Washington, D.C., this past summer. It was terrific to catch up with him. Although it had been many years since we last connected, our conversation flowed as easily as it did all of those days back at Lehigh! And now on to your news.

Marc Ippolito reports that he has been living in Fairfield, Conn., for the past seven years with his wife, Christie, and two boys, Lucas and Cole. He is the president and general counsel of Burns Entertainment and Sports Marketing, a marketing agency that matches brands with celebrities, influencers and athletes, as well as licensing music, for advertising and PR campaigns.

Peter Corbin is still running

his day camp in Greenwich in the summers. He partied with a bunch of the Lehigh Pike crew at his twins' b'nai mitzvah in March - Tore Tellefesen '93 and Becky (Cavin) Tellefsen '94, Sean "Banner" Foy and Joey Oscar '93, Sarah (Jones) Girotti '93, and Eunice and Steve "Weezer" Feller '93. He hopes to see more at some point in 2019 skiing.

Karen Flam and her husband, teenage daughter and cute rescue dog live in Media, Pa. She works as an IT project manager while also managing her daughter, Allison's USFSA (United States Figure Skating Association) career. She is 13 years old and is now a two-time gold medalist (2017 and 2018) in the Pennsylvania State Championships. She competed in the Philadelphia Summer Championships in July 2018. In addition to living at the ice rink (great in summer!), Karen and Allison started a Color Street nail product business. All proceeds benefit Allison's USFSA competition expenses, mycolorstreet.com/skater. Karen keeps in touch with other members of Lehigh's classes of 1990,

'91, '92 and '93 through Facebook.

Kara (Villamil) Gavin

entered her 20th year of writing about medical research at the University of Michigan and works to help reporters and the public understand new developments in healthcare, science and medicine. In other words, exactly what she trained to do as a science writing major at Lehigh! These days, she does a lot of her work with the university's Institute for Healthcare Policy and Innovation, which involves more than 500 faculty from many fields. She also helps run an orchestra that's made up of medical, science and health professionals and students, called the U-M Life Sciences Orchestra, and she plays French horn with the group - the same instrument she played with the Marching 97 and Wind

Ensemble at Lehigh. Kara is a mom of a 9-year-old and helps lead her Girl Scout troop, and her husband, Sean, is associate chair of physics at Wayne State University in Detroit.

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Greetings to you from Decatur, Ga.! I'm pleased to be the new correspondent for the Class of '93, and I'm looking forward to providing you all with information on our classmates. With that in mind, please note that I don't see too many Lehigh grads here in the Atlanta area, so I'm counting on you to send me information. Let me know about new jobs, moves, who you've seen, travel and adventures, family details, and all the news about your lives since Lehigh.

We haven't had a class update since before our 25th Reunion, so I thought I'd start there. It was so fun to reconnect with old friends, meet spouses/significant others, hit up the old hotspots (the Tally Ho, of course) and even discover some cool new places (SteelStacks, Social Still). Mark your calendars for our 30th now -June 8-11, 2023!

Reunion weekend for me began with reconnecting with several Kappa Alpha Thetas, including Beth (Hallisey) Kupchinsky, Simmie (Wendell) Rossi, Kathy (Bolliger) Sweet, Susan (Haleks) Duda and Jessica Edwards Murphy. We came without spouses or kids, packed two hotel rooms at the Sands hotel, and talked and laughed pretty much nonstop for three days. A highlight of the weekend for us was touring the beautiful Theta house on the Hill in the space formerly occupied by Alpha Sigma Phi. It was fun to see our youthful faces on the composite photos; we agreed that we haven't aged a day!

Beth lives in Chatham, N.J., with husband Scott, twins Amy and Charlie (7), and son Eddie (5). She owns BAK Communications, a freelance communications firm that she founded. Simmie is in Totowa, N.J., with her husband Nick and children Gabriella (19), a sophomore at Fordham, Nicholas (17), and Bella (13). Simmie is enjoying life as a full-time volunteer but is looking to return to the workforce soon. Kathy is married to John Sweet '90 and lives in Glen Ridge, N.J., with her twin boys, Justin and Hayden (17), and daughter Lillian (14). Kathy happily traded in her accounting visor and pencil for a career in interior design. Susan married Brian Duda and they are in Elmhurst, Ill., keeping up with their three boys, Oscar (17), Bruce (15) and Henry (11), and working as a controller. Jessica lives in Ipswich, Mass., with her husband Kevin and three boys, Jack (18) and twins Charlie and Tucker (14). Jess just started working for a custom builder specializing in historic renovations. As for me, I married Brad Joiner, a Bergen County guy who ended up in Atlanta via Auburn University, and I'm staying busy as a kindergarten teacher and mom to two boys, Matthew (16) and Owen (13). Hopefully at least a few of these kids will go to Lehigh!

We missed the other member of our Van Buren crew,

Susan (Berkowitz) Hydro.

She wasn't able to attend the reunion but reports that she is well, living in Holland, Pa., with husband Steve Hydro, and working at TCNJ as the director for graduate and advancing education.

Reunion weekend was a great opportunity to catch up with friends from Beta Theta Pi. These guys win the unofficial prize for highest turnout for a living group. The Betas were wrangled by – no big surprise – Greg Saunders, who recruited MJ Forrest, Jim Kennedy, Eric Kirchberger, Sonny Rut-

kowski, Jason Deeble, Chuck Wiltraut, Don Steele and Mike Spillane to attend. Did I miss anyone?

Best regards and send me updates, please!

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We beat Lafayette!!! Badly, too. Not exactly a great regular season, but we won the one that really matters! Every couple of years I send out an email blast to the whole class asking for an update. While most of the email addresses I have for our classmates are from AOL, CompuServe and Prodigy, plenty of you responded. And of course, if you didn't get my email, you can certainly email me directly! Not you, Andy Frishman.

Jen Long, who never lets me write anything about her... because, well, she knows better... wrote to tell me: "I just spent a week in Morocco and rode a camel through the Sahara desert...and will never walk properly again." Direct quote. In all seriousness, Jen has an absolutely amazing job at the Today show in NYC. Follow her on Instagram... she's way cooler than you.

Julie (Sandler) Ferrara and Jennifer Edwards-Kaye recently group chatted me on Facebook to warn me of a Facebook scam. I swear to you that this is not the first time the two of them have done this. My mother falls for that stuff far less than these two.

Tony Rutch is working as a quality manager at EMD Performance Materials. He recently gave a talk to a class of Lehigh freshmen on surviving the professional world.

Adam Westphalen did not write to me...but thankfully his Gamma Phi Beta blind date from Nov. 14, 1991, did—Jennifer Dinan Westphalen. They have lived in Easton, Conn.,

since 2002 and recently celebrated their 23rd wedding anniversary. Their oldest daughter, Arden, a state champion volleyball player, is applying to Lehigh and some other school in Pennsylvania that I have not heard of. Apparently a leopard mascot...whatever. They also have a 15-year-old daughter, Addisen, and 13-year-old twins, Aiden and Tyler. Traveling for various sports for the kids, they often see Annie (Cassell) Weibel and Sara Smith Kenny. Meredith (Robb) Ruckh's daughter, Emma, committed to play lacrosse for the Leopards next year. She ended the email to me with "Roll 'Pards." That's a thing? Pretty sure that Alabama Coach Nick Saban's next job will not be at Lafayette.

Rich Rotzman lives in Wyckoff, N.J., with 6-year-old twins, Sophia and Jacke. He works for W.L. Gore in medical device sales. Over the years, he manages to keep in touch with Dave Sansaverino, Noah Raskin, Gene Walker, Matt McMurdo, Ryan Barr '96 and Chris Peluso '96. It's hard not to picture a glitter ball and dance music when you read all those names together. Disco Phi 4 eva!

My dad, Harvey York, is a Lehigh grad—Class of 1967. His 25th Reunion was in the summer following our sophomore year. I thought he was old as dirt back then. Guess what – we are that old now. Hope to see you all in June!!! Hilary (Brown) Tabish wanted me to warn everyone that the entire DG class would be there.

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Post of their adventures.

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It was fun to hear from several members of our class and see pictures of their adventures.

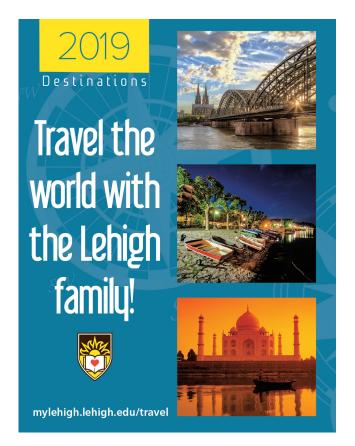
Alan Verostick and his wife,

Nicole Gaddis-Verostick '98, are still in Philly. Alan has remained active in the Philly music scene, continuing to play trombone with wedding/events band Strangers as well as being the low brass section leader for the Philadelphia Freedom Band. In addition, he's also been playing with Philly funk band New Pony in the Love City Horns, so his music minor has been treating him well!

Dave Kish is living in sunny Tucson, Ariz., where he renovates historic properties in Arizona's largest historic district. He had a 10-year run as a cartoonist for the Boston Phoenix papers, and has exhibited his drawings and sculptures in venues across the country. When not swinging the hammer or pushing the paintbrush, he pens quirky short stories; his first collection will come out in 2019.

Patty (Hoffman) Brahe, Jen (Levine) Drechsler and Teresa (Araco) Rodgers got together for their annual tailgate and LU football game with families in November! They have been carrying on this tradition for a decade. While they missed Amy Gorman and her family, they continued to share memories and laughs!

Andrea (Irslinger) Orlando wrote to say: "Brian Orlando and I are living on the Upper East Side with our ninth grader daughter, Lily, and seventh grade son, Mikey. I work as a senior assistant district attorney at the Kings County District Attorney's Office and Brian is CMO for Upfield North America. We see many Lehigh alumni. We have family excursions with Mitch Toren, owner of Tripguy.com, and his wife and two kids. We also spend family time with Jim Walls, his wife and two kids. We have our annual Orlando/Walls family camping trip together but this past summer we spent the vacation in a lake house instead of tents. Jim sold his Philly-based



marketing firm, 160 over 90, last year, and had since launched an apparel company and new endeavor.

"I am lucky to have stayed close with the following incredible ladies who look better than ever: Hayley (Charatz) Baraker runs her own business, Happy Camper NYC, and lives right near us on the Upper East Side with her husband, Lance Baraker '89, and two gorgeous daughters; Jena (Raia) Marino, who is a physician's assistant in internal medicine and lives in Mahwah, N.J., with her husband and three children, Isabella (15), Mark (13) and my godson, Mikey (11); Nicole (Tsakanikas) Skolnick runs her own business, Threads 4 Kids, and lives in Port Washington with her husband and four kids. Dylan (15), Andrew (13), Ava (11) and Grace (11); Stephanie Sajda Farris, senior director of IT for Johnson & Johnson, moved to Aurora, Ohio, with

her husband; and **Ali Smoller**, who lives in Marlboro, N.J., with her husband, Gregg, and her two kids, Brielle (10) and Zachary (9). She is a developmental behavioral pediatrician and has a private practice in Ocean, N.J., Developmental Pediatrics of Central Jersey."

For Caroline Bradley it has been a year of transitions and additions. This year marked her 20th year with KPMG, and she recently transitioned into a new role within the firm, banking and capital markets global sector executive. On the home front, Caroline had an addition to her family: Chloe (7 months) has joined big sister Cora (3 years) to bless their home. According to Caroline, it's been a crazy year, but she and hubby Craig wouldn't change a thing.

Jen (Crimmins) Keen, 17 Windsor Drive, Foxborough, MA 02035. (508) 543-5036; jen@keensense.com Hello, Class of '96!

Kevin O'Neill passed along the very sad news that Matt Calder has passed away. Kevin and Matt both worked on the floor of the American Stock Exchange trading options out of Lehigh. Matt then covered Kevin as an options broker when Kevin traded options for hedge funds. To read more about Matt's life: higginsandbonner. com/notices/Matthew-Calder. Our condolences go to the Calder family.

It is always interesting and fun to run into Lehigh alums outside of the NYC/N.J./Pa. area. My boys, Harry (12) and Max (10), are alpine skiers, racing for Gould Academy at Sunday River in Bethel, Maine. Ashton Stanton '98 has two daughters that are also in the same race program. He also has a younger son that still has a few years until he is old enough to race! Far away from Lehigh, we see each other probably over 40 days each winter!

It's been a slow news year. Apparently, we are all at the point in our lives that we are all rushing, rushing, rushing, and this time it is not fraternities or sororities! Many of us are trying to juggle work, kids, sports and activities, and a social life, and that leaves you no time to send an update my way. I understand, but, alas, our columns are pretty lame. Please email me at jen@ keensense.com with any news.

Cheers!

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I hope our class is doing well as we enter a new year! Our class continues to shine with interesting updates, so please do not forget to send me your news!

Congratulations to **Katy Spencer**, who welcomed Emily
Price Spencer in October 2017.
Emily, a Halloween baby,
recently turned 1 and is keeping

her mother Katy busy in Hunt Valley, Md., where they reside. Katy works at Roland Park Country School in Baltimore.

In September 2018, Daniel **Zarrilli** was appointed by Mayor Bill de Blasio to lead OneNYC, a resilience strategy and model for sustainable development, providing a blueprint for tackling NYC's most significant challenges including population growth, aging infrastructure, increasing inequality, an evolving economy and climate change. Dan is also NYC's chief climate policy advisor. In his role, he leads the city's global climate partnerships to leverage OneNYC and NYC's global climate leadership to build further momentum regionally, nationally and internationally for action in support of the Paris Agreement through city-to-city networks and other global climate forums and partnerships. Previously, Dan has played key roles in several citywide strategic planning efforts, including serving on the steering committee for the first OneNYC strategy in 2015 and serving on New York City's post-Sandy resiliency task force in 2013. Additionally, he served on FEMA's National Advisory Council from 2014-2017, was appointed to NOAA's federal advisory committee for the Sustained National Climate Assessment from 2016-2017, advised the state of Louisiana on its 2017 Coastal Master Plan update, and served on a C40 Cities expert advisory group from 2017-2018. He resides in Staten Island with his wife and three children.

Matt Dickson is a national account executive for PCM. He is living in Atlanta with his wife and two children. He wrote that he coached the MJCCA U-14 flag football team, the "Lehigh Mountainhawks," to the championship game. On the team was the son of fellow alumnus Sara Marder '89. Her father, Pro-

fessor Arnold Marder '68G of Lehigh's materials science and engineering faculty, journeyed to Atlanta to join on the sidelines for some of the games.

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I hope that all of you enjoyed the holiday season and getting ready for the new year. Things are busy on campus as the university celebrated the public launch of the \$1 billion-plus fundraising and engagement campaign with more than 5,000 students, parents, faculty, staff and alumni at three various events, on campus, in New York City and in San Francisco. If you would like to see photos, you can go to this link: lehighalumni.zenfolio.com/gocampaignlaunch. If you would like to make a gift as part of the campaign, please go to gocampaign. lehigh.edu.

Jason Alongi shares some great news that he married Jenna Brucks from San Diego, Calif., on Oct. 20, 2018, at Lido House in Newport Beach, Calif. There were seven Lehigh alumni in attendance at the wedding.

#### Jamie (Lieberman)

Jacobs and husband Adam, son Grayden Alexander (2) and daughter Skyler Alexa (12), live on the Upper West Side of New York City, and both work in finance (Jamie is in private equity). They just celebrated Skyler's bat mitzvah and Karen (Feller) Zornitzer, Melissa Lerner, Carrie (Sendrow) Diamond '96 and John Diamond '95, and Dana Codispoti '96 were all in attendance. Jamie was part of our 20th Reunion planning committee.

Brian Jackson writes that he received a patent as a co-inventor for the "Portable Spherical Near-Field Antenna Measurement System." He received this while at OrbitFR in Horsham, Pa. To learn more, visit goo.gl/WA4BSW.

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

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

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Hello, Class of 1999, and happy spring!

I'm excited to share and congratulate Jason Lambert on his appointment as vice president of global military systems and services of Sikorsky, a Lockheed Martin Company. In his new role, Jason has profit and loss responsibility for Sikorsky's international military helicopter market segment, including developing the strategic direction, program performance and capture of new business opportunities. Additionally, Jason will serve on the board of directors at two international joint ventures. Jason, his wife Lisa (Zamensky) Lambert, and their children, Jason Jr. (Jay) and Brooke, reside in Trumbull, Conn.

Jason said that he and Lisa are looking forward to coming back for our 20th Reunion! Reunion Weekend will take place from June 6-9, 2019, and our class will be celebrating with a Class of 1999 dinner on Saturday, June 8. We are planning for this to be a fun and family-friendly dinner, and hope to see many of you there and throughout the weekend!

Wishing you all the best!

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Corina Fisher, (732) 688-3671 (C); corina\_fisher@yahoo.com Greetings, Class of 2000! I hope your 2019 is off to a fabulous start! Last year was an exciting year for many of us, and I would love to take some time to share my exciting travel updates.

In 2018, my husband, Gregory, and I visited some truly breathtaking locations. We returned to our home away from home of Jamaica (with our son Elijah), and we were left speechless by the beauty of Africa. In November, we spent two weeks exploring South Africa and Zimbabwe. We loved the vibrant style of Cape Town, the awe-inspiring natural wonder of Port Elizabeth and the modern spirit of Johannesburg. There is nothing like sipping a sundowner cocktail in the middle of the African bush! We also got to check two items off our bucket list: exploring Victoria Falls, one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World, and scaling to the top of Table Mountain, one of the New Seven Wonders of Nature. Truly a life-changing experience!

Have any of you traveled somewhere on your bucket list? Taken the trip of a lifetime? Found a hidden gem? We would love to hear about it!

Please take a few moments to contact me with an update about yourself or about a friend in our class. I know we are all busy with family and careers, but I am hoping you can each take a few minutes to check in and let us know what is new and exciting in your life! Feel free to send me an email, send me a text or check out our Facebook page. I look forward to hearing from you soon!

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As we come out of the cold winter and into budding spring, I am sure everyone is happy about the warmer weather and looking forward to summer!

From our classmates, **Nick Cirilli** and Sandy (Narowski)

Cirilli '04 welcomed their beautiful daughter, Scarlett, in July of 2018. Scarlett joins her adorable twin brothers, Nico and Nolan, who love their sister and already watch over her. I believe we will have three legacies on our hands!

As for myself, in November I celebrated my one-year anniversary as the director of global medical communications at PTC Therapeutics, a pharmaceutical company that works on rare diseases, specifically those in pediatric neurology.

Until next time...please send in your notes!

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Greetings, fellow Class of 2002 alumni.

Hope you are doing well and enjoying the winter months since my last update! I have some news to share from two of our '02 friends!

#### Hannah (Riger) Dailey

is back at Lehigh as a faculty member in the mechanical engineering department. She wants to encourage all her fellow RCEAS grads to advocate for hiring Lehigh's youngest alumni. She is happily married to James Dailey '01 and has two adorable daughters.

Nancy Kolodziej '02G is putting her Lehigh Ed.D. in elementary education to good use and recently had her third book published about teaching reading in elementary schools. She is currently a professor in the department of curriculum and instruction at Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville, Tenn. She teaches literacy-education courses for undergraduate and graduate students. She celebrated her 30th wedding anniversary in November with a special trip to Jamaica with her husband.

I am always looking for updates to share, so please,

please reach out and share some of your good news. We want to hear where you are in the world and what you're up to! Feel free to contact me at LCarino@att. net or on Facebook at Laura Schwamb Carino. I can't wait to hear from you! Have a wonderful few months and stay tuned for more updates in the spring!

Until next time, Laura Carino

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Hi all! My wife and I welcomed a baby boy to the family in October. Since then it's been nothing but joy, coffee and diapers. Whether its baby news, professional or personal accomplishments send me an email about it so your Lehigh family can celebrate it. Till next time. Save the date for Reunion 2019: June 6-9, 2019

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Since I wrote my last note, I've caught up with a couple folks who are doing wonderful things out there.

Abby Geletzke emailed me to share the exciting things she's been up to since graduation. She wrote: "I just completed my fellowship in breast surgical oncology at Brown University (the colors were right) Women & Infants Hospital and joined UPMC Pinnacle's Breast Health team at Breast Health Associates in Lancaster, Pa. Our move from Providence in August was made more exciting by the birth of our son, Finn, who joins big sister Josie as future Lehigh graduates of the classes of 2040 and 2036, respectively (crazy,

right?). So, new job, new state, new baby, but we really are living the dream!"

Thanks, Abby, for your note and the huge difference you are making in women's lives.

Oheneba Afriyie and I reconnected back at the 10th Reunion. Today, he tells me that he spent the first four years post-grad at a Big Four accounting firm before going on to get his MBA at Fordham. Then he transitioned into management consulting before finding himself in the cybersecurity consulting world for the last seven years. And he's going strong and loving it! He loves to connect with Lehigh alumni any chance he gets, play in charity basketball tournaments, try new foods and have fun adventures all over the globe! His favorite trips have included visiting his native Ghana, the Philippines, Thailand and Mexico.

And he never fails to wish me happy birthday, which I think is pretty wonderful.

I also received an email from Elizabeth (Haight) Kozey with this great update: "Since 2005, Elizabeth (Haight) Kozey has used her degree in international relations to pursue a career in public service; supporting both the Department of the Navy (2007-2009) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) (2009-present). She recently started a new job in DHS as the deputy chief of staff to the director of the National Risk Management Center in the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency. Elizabeth received an M.S. in National Resource Strategy from the Dwight D. Eisenhower Department of Defense Senior Service School at National Defense University in 2015. And in other more exciting news, Elizabeth and her husband, Matthew, welcomed a baby girl named Amelia in July 2017! Amelia attended her first Lehigh football game in September 2018, where

she cheered on the Mountain Hawks with two generations of Lehigh alumni: Mom ('05) and Grandpa (Charles Haight '68)."

Finally, I got to have lunch with John Misinco after he spoke to a journalism class on campus recently. John is the deputy editor for all things digital at The Morning Call in Allentown, Pa. He had a single-minded vision when we were young journalists working on The Brown and White, and look at him now!

Thanks, guys, for catching up with me. Hopefully, you can inspire some of our classmates to do the same.

Katie (Murray) Pennline, kpennline@

gmail.com

#### Katie (Murray) Pennline

and her husband had quite a surprise last October when their daughter, Emiliana Jane, arrived over two months earlier than her due date! After her first 58 days spent in the NICU, Emi is now home with mom and dad in Notting Hill and doing great —and her parents are madly in love with their little peanut!

Brian Roth, lehighclassof2007 @gmail.com Hi, Class of 2007. Nothing new to report this time. Please continue to send me your updates.

Katie Noon, kaitlynnoon@ gmail.com

Hello, Class of 2008, and welcome to a new year! We have one tiny new beginning to share in this edition of alumni announcements, and I assure you it is very big news.

Janice (Archibald) Smith and husband Adam Smith '09 welcomed a baby, Beau Connor Smith, to their family last spring. Big sister Logan has settled into life with her new brother, and has brought him up to speed on The Rivalry and all things brown and white.

Please share your news, career and life milestones as well as adventures and new ventures with me at KaitlynNoon@ gmail.com. Feel free to include a photo with your updates, too. Thank you, and we look forward to staying connected!

Bobby Buckheit, lehigclass2009@

gmail.com

Just as a quick reminder before jumping into the class notes. Our 10th Reunion is this year. Reunion will be back at Lehigh from June 6-9, 2019. I sincerely hope that many of you can find the time to come back to Lehigh for the weekend and reconnect with our class. Also, it's an exciting time on campus, and I hope you get to see the campus changes in person. Registration will be available in March.

A special note for those alumni living in the Austin, Texas, area: Elizabeth (Ginsberg) Michael is attempting to create a Lehigh regional club in Austin, and if anyone knows any alumni living in that area please pass along her contact info or find her on Facebook (Elizabeth-MichaelATX@gmail.com). We wish her the best of luck!

Congratulations to Courtney Ronan, who is now a senior vice president with TitleVest, the top title insurance agency in New York. She will handle business development for commercial and residential deals, with a particular focus in Brooklyn. Congrats to Jeremy Heffner on his graduation from business school and the College of William and Mary, and for his new job at JP Morgan Chase in Philadelphia. Christina Stegura just started a new job with the foreign services at the State Department. Her first post is in Lomé, Togo.

Bess Rowen is enjoying her time as a visiting assistant professor at Villanova, which has made it easier to visit
Lehigh (and Tony at The Goose) more often! She recently published her article, "Undigested Reading: Rethinking Stage Directions Through Affect," in *Theatre Journal*, which was also featured on Episode 27 of "On TAP: A Theatre and Performance Studies Podcast." She is thrilled to be serving on the 10th Reunion committee and looks forward to seeing everyone in June!

Liz Houghtaling, providing an update "for the amazing Class of '09," is moving from Northern Virginia to Baltimore, Md., for a physical therapy position at Johns Hopkins Hospital. She is excited for the great career opportunity and to explore a new city! Ashley (Weiss) Schiff recently started her own bachelorette party planning business called SMASHLOR-ETTE! (visit the website smashlorette.com to learn more). Ashley also shares that she and her "husband are also expecting their first baby in spring of 2019. Future Lehigh fraternity brother in the making!"

Alan Abeel has both a professional and a personal update, as he received the Early Career Public Achievement Medal from NASA in October for his work on the James Webb Space Telescope, and he welcomed a daughter, Juliette, on Nov. 17, 2018. Also as submitted by Patrick Cucci, "Big life updates coming out of the Cucci household as my wife (Nicole Montegary Cucci '07) and I are expecting our first kid on December 26!" Special congratulations to Brian Dillon and Jessica (Woods) Dillon, who welcomed a baby on Sept. 24, 2018. Their daughter's name is Anna Lee Dillon, and her birth roughly coincides with the 11year anniversary of when Jess and Dillon first started dating at Lehigh. Jason Ackerman

shares that the Class of 2009 cover band Phase 2 reunited for their annual Lehigh-Laf show at the Funhouse and raised over \$1,000 for Movember. Kati Pease tied the knot to Albert Cheng on Nov. 3, 2018, in beautiful Playa del Carmen, Mexico. The two adventurous lovebirds met while getting their MBAs at Haas School of Business at UC Berkeley. They celebrated the big day with beach olympics, a friendly wild lizard, plenty of margaritas and three other '09 alumnae-Emily Bussiere, Kate Kodet and Ashlev Pritchard.

That's it for the notes, and I look forward to seeing many of you in June at Reunion!

Save the date for Reunion 2019:

June 6-9, 2019

Nick Anderson, Nick.Anderson@ alum.lehigh.edu

As most of us have now completed our 30th trip around the sun, let's check in on a few classmates!

Annallee (Zaharchuk) Gildner is currently living in Seattle with her husband, Alex, and two kids, Henry (6) and Jane (4). Marielle (Soboti) **Heaton** and husband Dennis recently had a baby. Charles "Charlie" Joseph Heaton was born July 27, 2018. Mike Hodsdon recently got engaged to fellow Lehigh IBE alum Katherine Glass-Hardenbergh '11. Jim Coffey and wife Meg had a son in February. The family is happy and healthy and currently living in D.C. Josh Anderson was married in June and is currently living in Ohio working for AK Steel. And finally, Karyn Kesselring was hired as an associate to Erise IP in their Denver Office after finishing her law degree from the University of Colorado Law School.

I always appreciate hearing from everyone—so please do not hesitate to send me your updates! Sri Rao, sridevi211@ gmail.com
Hello, Class of 2011!
Can you believe we are eight years out of Lehigh? I'm always impressed by how talented you all are and enjoy hearing about your accomplishments and growing families.

Colleen Curley and Jerry Heddy got married in November 2018. Alexander Viscosi got engaged, as well as Antoin Glenn.

**Latoya Josephs** welcomed her baby girl, Elani, born on July 27, 2018.

Jonathan Gorka continues to work for Evonik Corp. as an application scientist in resource efficiency—silica and recently transferred to the Havre de Grace, Md., site. He now lives in Newark, Del., with his wife, Courtney Baird-Gorka, whom he married at The Madison Hotel in Morristown, N.J., in June 2017.

Since this edition is very light on the updates, I thought I'd put my own in. I am in my third year of my Ph.D. program in higher education and comparative and international education at Penn State University. I just finished coursework, and I'm in the process of collecting data with the hopes of being done with my Ph.D. by spring 2020.

I love hearing what amazing things our class is accomplishing. Please continue to send me updates throughout the year at <a href="mailto:sridevi211@gmail.com">sridevi211@gmail.com</a>.

Reardon, (215) 687-1624 (C); maryhaynie12@gmail.com
Class of 2012: I hope you all enjoyed reminiscing on memories from 10 years ago at your high school reunions! I'm sure you're all feeling old, and it's only because you are!

Mary (Haynie)

It appears that we have all been busy these past few months... Classmate Mag-

gie Griffiths married Chase Slavin on Nov. 9 in Cleveland, Ohio. Meagan (Patrick) Dejter and her husband, Chase, welcomed their baby boy, Parks McKenzie, into the world in August and are loving life with the baby in St. Michaels, Md. After five and a half years at PNC Bank, Brendan Hannon joined the New York City-based real estate brokerage, Compass, in the beginning of 2018. He works on a team to helps buyers, sellers and landlords across New York City. If you're looking for any real estate advice, he is happy to help!

After dating through college, Erin Fox and Buddy Stevenson are now engaged and plan to be married in October 2019. Erin and Buddy live in Jersey City, where Buddy (aka Gordon) works at the New York Red Bulls, and Erin used her amazing graphic design talents to start her own company called The Moxie Fox. Check her out on Etsy!

Since graduation, Roman
Lao-Gosney and Cameron
Lao-Gosney have been filming, acting and editing. They started their own production company—the Lao-Gosney Brothers—and have been producing and directing documentaries, music-related content, short films, commercials and more. They are currently in the development/fundraising stage of a short film they wrote that they are looking to turn into a feature.

Callie (Burrows) Rapp and husband Andrew welcomed their first child, Scarlett Renner Rapp, on Oct. 24, and are happily living in St. Louis, Mo.

Congratulations everyone!!

Bea Dizon, 203-524-4659, bead-izn@gmail.com
Hi all! Hope everyone had a wonderful end to 2018 and hope that 2019 is off to a great start! It has been amazing to re-connect with other alum and

hear all of the great things that our class has accomplished, professionally and personally. Please continue to send me texts, emails or social media messages about any updates related to you or any other Class of 2013 alumni!

In engagement news: Nick
Barr proposed to Mariana
Barreto in May of 2018 and they
are planning their wedding for
the spring of 2019 in South Carolina. Nick Gambino proposed
to Michelle Abramcyzk '15 in
Montauk this past summer
and they are planning a spring
2020 wedding. Shai Vander got
engaged to Stuart Marshall in
August of 2018 and they plan to
marry in the spring of 2020.

In matrimonial news: Brian Clabby and Jamie Lawson got married on Sept. 29, 2018 at the Cedar Room in Charleston, S.C. Matt Cunningham and Lauren Christman, both Lehigh admissions counselors, got married on Dec. 1, 2018 at Packer Chapel. Olivia Handerek married Brandon Bushey on Sept. 15, 2018 in the Berkshires. They plan to honeymoon in Hawaii in 2019 and now reside in Boston. Erin Wildeman and Jack Balcarcel got married on Oct. 20, 2018 in Chicago.

In professional news: Johana Bhuiyan recently joined the LA Times as a technology reporter. Deanna Javadi graduated from Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) with a master's degree in international relations and economics in spring 2017. She is currently working as a consultant in the crisis management and litigation communication practice at APCO Worldwide in Washington, D.C. Josh Greenberg got a new job as an associate in the corporate practice at Cowan, DeBaets, Abrahams and Sheppard LLP, an entertainment, digital media and intellectual property law firm. Alex Lass recently joined Greensledge

Capital Markets as an associate. Stephanie Perez was promoted to communications manager at MTV, VH1 and Logo. She is now leading PR campaigns for shows such as MTV's Video Music Awards, VH1's RuPaul's Drag Race and more. Hayley Rambo moved back to New York City from Los Angeles and is now working for American Express as a global merchant and network services manager. Diana Vesselinovitch graduated from the University of Queensland - Oschsner Clinical School in New Orleans, and is doing a residency in internal medicine followed by a hematology/oncology fellowship. Maxwell Fayans was promoted to product manager at Chembio Diagnostic Systems Inc. and recently rang the closing bell at Nasdaq. He spent time in South Africa and Europe launching new diagnostics this year.

In other news: Gena Levengood set a personal record running the Chicago Marathon in October 2018. Alexa Archibald (Procaccino) recently moved to Chicago and continues to work at Facebook. Alex Phipps, Erin (Cook) Phipps and their daughter, Janie, welcomed Tally, a dachshund/miniature schnauzer mix to their new home in Stamford, Conn.

Congratulations to everyone on their accomplishments and keep up the great work! I am looking forward to what 2019 brings and catching up with more of you soon!

#### Mike Ronan, michaelronan214@ gmail.com

Hello, Class of 2014!

I know our class has been up to great things in career, education and life. Please feel free to continue to send me updates any time at <a href="mailto:michaelronan214@gmail.com">michaelronan214@gmail.com</a>. I would like to be able to share specific updates, and that can only happen with your input!

Our five-year reunion is almost here! Reunion 2019 is scheduled for June 6-9, 2019, so start thinking now about planning a trip back to Lehigh. I know many of our classmates just got together and enjoyed Lehigh's 34-3 rout of Lafayette in the 154th playing of the Rivalry. The reunion will be another great opportunity to reconnect with old friends and catch up in person.

As a reminder, all of the class columns will also be available in the PDF *Bulletin* at the following link: <u>lehigh.edu/news/publications/bulletin/backissues.</u>

Thanks!

Save the date for Reunion 2019: June 6-9, 2019

15 Kerry Mallett, kerryamallett@gmail.com

The Class of 2015 has been busy over the last few months with job promotions and moves!

Erin Pamukcu not only moved to Manhattan in the fall, but passed the New York bar and started as an associate at the law firm Hughes Hubbard & Reed, LLP. Rebecca Youssef left her job at Wells Fargo and is now serving as a Peace Corps volunteer in the Dominican Republic. Emily Shapiro also took a new job and is now working as a school social worker at Upper Darby High School and living in Philadelphia.

I am settling into my new job in Florida but was able to make it up to the Lehigh Valley for Lehigh-Lafayette!

And Ashley Kreitz hiked the entire Appalachian Trail last season, finishing the day before Thanksgiving.

16 Kelsey Leck, kelseymleck@ gmail.com and Rachel Sholder, rachelshold er@gmail.com

Hi, Class of 2016! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday. Since the last *Bulletin*, I (Rachel Sholder reporting) made it back to campus a couple times in the fall: once for a Young Alumni Council meeting and once for Lehigh-Lafayette weekend. I also went to LA and Seattle recently as well as going to Italy (Rome, Castiglioncello and Florence) and Puerto Rico with Samantha Kay, my best friend and sorority sister.

On Dec. 3, President John Simon visited Maryland for the day. We spent the morning at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab (APL) in Laurel, Md., and the afternoon at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md. President Simon had the opportunity to meet with 50 alumni at APL and 10 alumni at NASA. He then had the opportunity to meet with 50 Baltimore alumni at an alumni social hour that evening. It was definitely a cool experience for me to have President Simon visit my workplace and a great opportunity to meet more Lehigh alums.

Since graduating from Lehigh, Nina Miotto started her career, recently began a graduate program and has traveled to 10 different countries. She graduated from Lehigh with a B.S. in pharmaceutical chemistry and a minor in studio art. Nina found a marriage of science and art in her career as a cosmetic chemist. She began this path at BASF, a global raw material supplier, in personal care for a temporary assignment. Shortly after, Nina was hired as a chemist for a professional hair care brand, Joico, owned by Shiseido Americas at the time. Joico was acquired by Henkel Beauty Care, and she currently works as a chemist for their R&D department, still formulating for Joico. You can officially find her first formula being sold on the shelves at Ulta and other participating salons, as of a few months ago. This fall, Nina also began a master's of business and science program at Rutgers University, with

a concentration in personal care chemistry. As for travel, this past year, Nina traveled to Ireland, the UK, the Dominican Republic, Canada, and ended the summer sailing from Italy to Croatia. Keeping travel a part of her routine, Nina is planning to spend her 25th birthday in Cuba at the start of the new year.

Sharon Gingrich changed jobs last year and is now a biorepository scientist at a biological services company in Wilmington, Del. She recently traveled to Malaga, Spain, and then to Nürburg, Germany, for Rock am Ring (rock/metal music festival). She also recently went to Orlando to referee the Disney Girls College Soccer Showcase. She just completed another season of college soccer refereeing and was selected to be the senior assistant for the first and second rounds of the D3 NCAA tournament. Over the summer of 2018, she was invited to ECNL National Playoffs/Finals in Seattle and was selected to officiate a final at the U.S. Youth Soccer Eastern Regional Championships.

After graduating with his B.S. in mechanical engineering, Chris Ruhl decided to continue his academic career on South Mountain by immediately enrolling in the one-year master's of engineering in technical entrepreneurship program. Today, he uses the skills he developed in his graduate program at a sports technology SaaS startup located in Brooklyn, N.Y. He has lived with fellow Lehigh grads ever since moving to NYC. Chris has remained close with Lehigh Athletics, especially the football team, by attending home games as well as away games in Philadelphia, NYC, Annapolis and D.C. Aside from work and following Lehigh sports, Chris enjoys competitive obstacle course racing and is a certified basketball referee in both Pennsylvania and New York. The football team has a saying, "tradition never graduates." Chris believes that this saying applies to the university as a whole. It is a tradition of excellence, high expectations, pushing boundaries and celebrating the Lehigh way. And it's one of the reasons he stays connected to Lehigh University by attending games and staying in touch with former engineering professors, athletics staff members, coaches and alumni.

Mark Schatzman, m.schatzman8@ gmail.com

<sup>9</sup>18 Megan Olivola, meolivola@gmail. com

Sabrina Morawej, sem219@lehigh.edu Many members of the Class of 2019 have received great news, and it is with great pleasure that I share their excitement with all of you. I enjoy keeping in contact with the 2019 class, and I hope to continue sharing fantastic news. If you have good news or life events contact me at sem219@lehigh.edu.

First off, Rachel Son has accepted an offer from PricewaterhouseCoopers in their assurance line of service, specifically their risk assurance practice. She will be taking up the position at PwC's New York office. Rachel explains that through Lehigh's "awesome" accounting program, she was able to get the opportunity to interview in her sophomore year for a three-day leadership program at PwC. This led her to not only get interning experience at PwC this past summer but also to receive a full-time offer for next year. She says that this summer was one of the best summers she has ever had, and she is looking forward to working in New York at PwC next year.

**Andy Weng** has excitedly announced that he has received

an offer from Google as a software engineer at their headquarters in Mountain View. He explains that the interview process was extensive. It started with an hour-long online coding test. After passing that, there was an hour-long phone interview. It eventually culminated in him being invited onto its campus in Mountain View for a full day of interviews, which was four hour-long interviews and lunch. He attributes his success to his position as senior student partner at Microsoft in addition to working as an intern at Amazon last summer.

Victoria Rousseau has accepted a position at aerospace manufacturer Pratt & Whitney in the materials management development program, which is a rotational program that she will be doing for two years with four six-month rotations in different areas of the company. She interned with the company for two summers in their materials intern program, and this summer she was able to interview for the rotational program. She is very excited to pursue this opportunity after graduating this year.

I also have my own good news. I do not have any confirmed post-graduation offers. I have been fortunate enough to receive the Strohl Grant this semester that will allow me to pursue my senior thesis internationally. I am planning to travel to Mumbai, India, to explore the topic of colorism and identity among young women this winter break. I am incredibly fortunate for the chance to write and research a topic that has always been of interest to me, and I am excited to travel abroad for research.

I would love to share more stories of the Class of 2019's successes. Please contact me throughout the year so I can report and memorialize this exciting time for Lehigh's current senior class.

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**21** Amy Chai, (412) 427-1769; amc321@lehigh.edu

Long time no see, Class of 2021! I hope you are living your second year to the fullest, because we are almost halfway through the Lehigh experience. It is now dawning on me that when alumni nostalgically reminisce on how fast the college years flew by, they are not kidding.

Some of our classmates have been quite busy this year, with the first being Jenny Lin. Sophomore year is the time to explore all the travel abroad opportunities Lehigh offers, and Jenny wasted no time experiencing the Lehigh at Shanghai summer program. One of the most interesting projects she helped organize for a company included an advertising campaign for a new electric car brand, Neo. In order to promote their car, Neo held a vertical marathon in the Shanghai Tower. Jenny's role creatively tied together the luxury car and the Tower by offering a Recharge station filled with drinks and snacks in order to "recharge" marathon runners during the race. Her excitement about her summer at Shanghai turned into gratitude as she remembers all the help she received to get her this abroad program, from past Lehigh students who have completed the program to Lehigh's study abroad office for guiding her to scholarships to fund the trip. Her tip to students who have a desire to travel through Lehigh-start early and do not be afraid to ask for help from resources around

you. In the future, Jenny plans to work with Lehigh University's Student Scholar Institute (LUSSI) in order to encourage first-generation students to consider study abroad opportunities as an affordable possibility.

Continuing on with travel stories, Brandon Mosher, a computer science and business student in Chi Phi, spent his most recent summer in Galway as a participant in Lehigh's Summer in Ireland program. During his six-week stay, he worked with a museum to design a website that led people on a virtual tour of the exhibits in order to create a truly interactive experience. A fascinating fact about Irish art history is that the purpose of the piece was to evoke thought and to make the observer ponder and meditate to the art, not to admire the artist's skill and craftsmanship. Brandon's recommendation is that if you want to travel abroad to experience new culture and yet still have some comfortable familiarity, Ireland is your best bet. While English is one of Ireland's national languages, they still have unique cultural idiosyncrasies, such as the fact that American beer is actually the most popular choice of drink in bars. For next semester, Brandon hopes to continue working on mobile design with new projects on the horizon.

Will Peracchio did not wander far this summer; instead, he chose to spend his break working in the Hatchery right here on campus. He and his partners Jack Cunningham, Cam Cipriano and Dom Allen designed a website that allows people to meet up with their friends in restaurants. Currently, they are still working on the website; but, as we all know, school takes priority. In the upcoming semester, they are presenting to the National Restaurant Association conference to pitch their startup and see where to

go from there. More recently, Will attended Le-Laf, and he laughs as he recalls his favorite banner which hung over Sigma Phi Delta's house on East Fifth. The banner read "lehighrejects. com" with the website redirecting to Lafayette's homepage.

What stories are you waiting to share? I hope to use you for my next column, so be sure to email me at amc321@lehigh.edu.

#### **GRADUATE**

Please submit your news to classnotes@lehigh.edu.

## College of Education John A. Rochowicz Jr.,

Ph.D., has been named director of global studies at Loyola University Maryland, where she has been teaching in the department of political science since fall 2015. As director, she will teach global studies and political science courses while overseeing the interdisciplinary global studies major, one of the largest undergraduate programs at Loyola University.

#### P.C. Rossin College of Engineering Dr. Maxwell Lay Ph.D. '64

writes: "I received an M.S. degree in mathematics in 1974 and an Ed.D. degree in educational technology January 17, 1993. I retired from Alvernia University in 2017 and achieved professor emeritus status in mathematics and physics."

## 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 December 31, 2018:

#### 1940s

L. Edward Klein '42. St. Louis. Mo., Dec. 1, 2018. Mr. Klein worked for The Brown and White as a student. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He spent his entire career with Monsanto, where he earned two patents. Upon retiring, he started a venture capital group.

John H. Corson '43, Falmouth, Maine, Aug. 28, 2018. Mr. Corson served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He worked in the steel wire and mobile home park industries. His children, John H. Corson Jr. '68 and Robert Corson '70, are members of the Lehigh family. He was also a member of the Tower Society.

#### Warren E. Hoffman '43,

Warren, N.J., Sept. 25, 2018. A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, Mr. Hoffman worked for the DuPont Co., and Mobil Oil. He was a member of the Asa Packer and Tower societies.

Louis P. Deffaa '45, Glen Rock, N.J., Dec. 19, 2018. An Alpha Tau Omega brother, Mr. Deffaa was also a veteran of the U.S. Navy during World War II. He founded and operated the Dala Packaging Co.

#### Daniel C. Shewmon '45,

Palm Harbor, Fla., Oct. 6, 2018. Mr. Shewmon sang with the choir as an undergraduate. He

worked as a metallurgist for many years before founding Shewmon Inc., which specialized in sea anchors, and publishing the definitive Sea Anchor & Drogue Handbook.

Aaron F. Hahn '46, Collegeville, Pa., Sept. 14, 2018. Mr. Hahn was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. He worked for years at the International Resistance Co., before he and several partners established Cermalloy Inc.

#### Walter F. Limbach '47,

Pittsburgh, Pa., Sept. 19, 2018. Mr. Limbach served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He worked for the family business, eventually becoming president of Limbach Co.

#### Edward A. Woodring '47, Coatesville, Pa., June 27, 2018. A Phi Delta Theta brother, Mr. Woodring was the business manager for Germantown Academy.

#### Richard A. Gray '48,

Orange City, Fla., Sept. 20, 2018. A Theta Chi brother, Mr. Gray served in the U.S. Air Force in World War II as both a bomber and a fighter pilot. He worked in the electronics industry for 35 years and retired as V.P. international operations for Harris Corp.

### Ralph G. Schwarz '48, M.A. '51, Bethlehem, Pa., Oct. 13,

2018. Dr. Schwarz was a veteran of the U.S. Army during World War II. He was also a Chi Psi

brother and a member of the Glee Club and the Mustard and Cheese Society. Dr. Schwarz had a diverse career in architecture, planning, development, preservation and as an author. He was chiefly responsible for the planning, schematic design and development of such major buildings as the Ford Foundation headquarters in New York City; the J. Paul Getty Fine Arts Center in Los Angeles, Calif.; and A Living Memorial to the Holocaust, Museum of Jewish Heritage in New York City.

#### Robert O. Shealor '48.

Nashua, N.H., May 15, 2018. Mr. Shealor worked as a vice president at Prudential Securities Inc.

#### John C. Gebhard Jr. '49,

Kennett Square, Pa., Oct. 24, 2018. As a student, Mr. Gebhard was a Sigma Chi brother, member of the swim team, played with the Mustard and Cheese Society, and was a member of Tau Beta Pi. He was a medic in the U.S. Army during World War II. He worked as a scientist and inventor for DuPont for over 35 years.

Norman B. Heller '49, New York, N.Y., Oct. 9, 2018, A Pi Lambda Phi brother, Mr. Heller owned and operated a chain of Holiday Inns on the East Coast.

Fred C. Stoll '49, Port Saint Lucie, Fla., Oct. 22, 2018. Mr. Stoll was a veteran of the U.S. Army during World War II. He started Humphrey's and Harding Inc. Construction Engineers in 1951. His major projects included the PanAm Terminal, Dulles Airport, Banco Santander Office Building in New York City and New York Presbyterian North Hospital. His daughter, Margot Stoll-Bartell '81, and grandson, Thomas Sabol '98, are members of the Lehigh family. He was also a member of the Asa Packer and Tower societies.

## 1950s

George J. Allen '50, Salt Lake City, Utah, Oct. 5, 2018. A Delta Chi brother, Mr. Allen served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He retired as the general manager of Kennecott Corp.

Richard P. Husta '50, Wilton, Conn., Aug. 25, 2018. AU.S. Navy veteran of World War II, Mr. Husta served in the military until 1954, ending his service as a lieutenant. He worked for Ethyl Corp., for 30 years before starting his own engineering consulting firm.

#### Donald T. Beaumont Jr. '51, Reading, Pa., Oct. 1, 2018. Mr. Beaumont served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean

War. He worked for Beaumont Heller & Sperling.

#### Frank M. Cummins '51,

Southern Pines, N.C., Aug. 31, 2018. A member of Tau Beta Pi honor society, Mr. Cummins served in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers during the Korean War. He worked for Essex County.

Paul H. Fett '51, Wernersville, Pa., Nov. 27, 2018. Mr. Fett was a veteran of Patton's Army during World War II. He spent nearly 40 years with Met-Ed/GPU. His daughter, Sara (Fett) Esterly, earned her M.S. from Lehigh in 2002.

Robert A. Deck '52, Wichita, Kan., Oct. 3, 2018. A veteran of the U.S. Army, Mr. Deck was a missionary for his church.

William H. Mann Jr. '52, Lancaster, Pa., June 13, 2018, A Theta Chi brother, Mr. Mann served in the U.S. Army. He was a chemical engineer and spent his entire career at Atlantic Richfield, then ARCO Chemical. His son, William S. Mann, is a member of the Class of 1977.

Robert T. Mantell '52, Kennett Square, Pa., Dec. 9, 2018. Mr. Mantell was a Theta Delta Chi brother. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and Air Force Reserve, from which he retired as a major. He worked at Scott Paper Co. His grandson, Robert Mantell III, is a member of the Class of 2003.

Hall F. McKinley Jr. '52, Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 20, 2018. Mr. McKinley was a member of the tennis team and a Kappa Sigma brother as an undergraduate. He served in the U.S. Army in the Korean War before a 30year career with IBM.

Daniel C. Mills '52, New Bern, N.C., March 26, 2018. Mr. Mills was a member of the U.S. Naval Reserve from 1948 to 1967. He served actively as a naval intelligence officer. He worked for Bethlehem Steel Corp., as a lawyer.

#### Wells W. Straub '52,

Monroe, Conn., Oct. 7, 2018. Mr. Straub was a Theta Chi brother. He worked for GE Healthcare.

Thomas C. Washburn '52, Glen Allen, Va., May 5, 2018. Mr. Washburn was a Theta Chi brother. He retired from BAE Systems.

#### Anthony Albert '53,

Wyomissing, Pa., Dec. 21, 2018. Mr. Albert served in the U.S. Air Force before attending Lehigh. He worked as a special projects engineer for Carpenter for 22 years.

#### John P. Arnesen '53.

Oxford, Pa., Aug. 16, 2018. A
Pi Kappa Alpha brother and
baseball player, Mr. Arnesen
was the president of Arcadia.
He was also a U.S. Navy veteran.
He worked as a regional sales
manager with Latrobe Steel Co.
His son, David Arnesen '77, and
grandchildren, Peter Mauric
'13 and Jennifer Mauric '15, are
members of the Lehigh family.

#### Stewart F. Campbell '53,

Montclair, N.J., Sept. 11, 2018. Mr. Campbell was a Delta Phi brother. He served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy in Japan. He worked as the financial vice president of the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation. He was a member of the Asa Packer Society.

Kenneth R. Eynon '53, River Edge, N.J., Oct. 24, 2018. Mr. Eynon was a veteran of the U.S. Army and worked for Curtiss Wright Flight Systems in Fairfield for over 30 years, retiring as the vice president of finance. His son, Stephen Eynon, is a member of the Class of 1992.

**J. Robert Flagg '53**, Jacksonville, Fla., Sept. 22, 2018. Mr. Flagg worked for the James River Corp. He was a member of the Tower Society.

#### James Georgas '53, Wall,

N.J., Dec. 24, 2018. Mr. Georgas was an Alpha Tau Omega brother. He served in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Korea. He went on to own his own business, Bankauf-Georgas Associates Inc., for over 30 years. His brother, George Georgas, is a member of the Class of 1959.

#### William A. Latshaw '53,

Bethlehem, Pa., Dec. 10, 2018. Mr. Latshaw was a member of *The Brown and White*, Omicron Delta Kappa honor society and a brother of Psi Upsilon. He served in the U.S. Army before joining the Bethlehem Steel Loop Course. He also owned his own communications company and served as the executive director of several nonprofits. He volunteered with his class to help plan reunions as an alumnus.

#### Robert L. Schuchman

**'53**, Reeders, Pa., Nov. 17, 2018. Mr. Schuchman served in the U.S. Army before beginning his career with Bell Systems.

#### Carlton W. Surplus '53,

Lakeway, Tex., Sept. 14, 2018.
An Alpha Chi Rho brother, Mr.
Surplus was also a U.S. Navy
veteran of World War II. He
worked for Armstrong World
Industries in cold storage
construction before forming his
own company, Sco-Mar Inc.

#### Orville J. Wright '53,

Wescosville, Pa., Dec. 5, 2018. Mr. Wright was a part of the Loop Course at Bethlehem Steel Corp. He spent his entire career with the company.

#### Charles H. Aims Jr. '54,

Narvon, Pa., Sept. 28, 2018. Mr. Aims was a Theta Chi brother. He served in the U.S. Navy before working as an industrial engineer at Western Electric.

#### **Clinton Schmieg Jr. '54**, Port Washington, N.Y., Sept. 6, 2018. Mr. Schmieg was a mem-

ber of the Marching 97 and a Phi Sigma Kappa brother. He served in the U.S. Army in Puerto Rico from 1954 to 1956. He worked as a buyer for the Lion Store for 38 years.

F. Lamar Betz '55, Baileyville, Maine, Oct. 21, 2018. A member of the Marching 97 and Delta Sigma Phi, Mr. Betz was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He worked for Lykes Brothers for over 35 years.

Walter R. Conklin '55, Davidsville, Pa., Sept. 21, 2018. Mr. Conklin served in the National Guard, U.S. Army and Army Reserve. He worked as an engineer for The Lehigh Press Inc.

#### Kenneth J. Faust '55,

Leesburg, Fla., Oct. 31, 2018. Dr. Faust was a class officer, captain of the Lehigh varsity wrestling team and a four-year EIWA medalist. He served many years in the U.S. Navy before opening his own ophthalmology practice.

#### A. Robert Florio Jr. '55,

Valparaiso, Ind., April 2, 2018. Mr. Florio was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and worked for 30 years at Bethlehem Steel, retiring as a general foreman.

Francis R. Flynn '55, Lake St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 6, 2018. Mr. Flynn was a Sigma Chi brother and ran with the cross-country team. He served in the U.S. Marines during World War II and the Korean War. He worked for Chicago Pneumatic Tool Co. and was the first season ticket holder for Arrowhead Stadium. His granddaughter, Tara Sabharwal, is a member of the Class of 2018.

#### Robert L. Neumeister '55,

Grosse Point Farms, Mich., April 7, 2018. Mr. Neumeister worked for United Technologies Corp., as a project materials engineer. His son, Gary Neumeister, earned his graduate degree from Lehigh in 1998.

#### Richard C. Smith '55,

Audubon, Pa., Oct. 23, 2018. Mr. Smith was an engineer and director of operations with Ford Aerospace. He was a loyal volunteer for Lehigh, serving as chairman of the Senior Alumni Council, class president of the Class of '55, sitting on the Alumni Association Board of Directors and greeting guests to campus at the visitor's desk in the Alumni Memorial Building for many years. For his service, he was honored with the Alumni Award and Eugene Grace Award. His grandchildren, Paul Smith '04 and Danielle Greenfield '15, are members of the Lehigh family. Mr. Smith was a member of the Asa Packer and Tower societies.

#### Dale F. Bachman '56,

Endwell, N.Y., Oct. 23, 2018. Mr. Bachman was a member of Tau Beta Pi. He worked for IBM for over 30 years, including on the Gemini space program.

#### U. Duane Jennings '56,

Black Mountain, N.C., Sept. 29, 2018. A Delta Tau Delta brother, Dr. Jennings was also a member of the track and cross-country teams. He worked for E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Co.

#### Wilber F. Osler III '56,

Mattituck, N.Y., Aug. 30, 2018. A Sigma Phi brother, Mr. Osler served in the U.S. Air Force and was a decorated veteran of the Korean War. An entrepreneur at heart, he started many businesses until he finally settled in the transit and railroad industry with his company, Advanced Track Products.

#### Edward J. McCann Jr.

'57, Reading, Pa., Aug. 30, 2018. Mr. McCann was a Sigma Chi brother who served in the U.S. Army, earning the Good Conduct Medal before joining the Army Reserve. He then worked as the director of workforce development and chief operating officer for the Berks Co. Workforce Investment Board. He was a member of the Asa Packer Society.

**Albert O. Frey '58**, Nazareth, Pa., Nov. 12, 2018. Mr. Frey was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He worked for Bethle-

hem Steel for 44 years.

Bruce O. Larsen '58, Point Pleasant, N.J., Nov. 28, 2018. A Kappa Alpha brother, Mr. Larsen was also a member of Omicron Delta Kappa and Tau Beta Pi honor societies. He spent most of his career with AT&T/Bell Labs.

#### Francis C. McMichael '58, Pittsburgh, Pa., July 28, 2018. A Phi Sigma Kappa brother, Dr. McMichael was also a member of the Tau Beta Pi and Omicron Delta Kappa honor societies as a student. He was a founding member of the Engineering and Public Policy department at Carnegie Mellon University. He was also a sanitary engineer in the U.S. Public Health Service, rising to the rank of commander and involving active-duty service on a number of occasions, especially in response to flooding disasters.

Richard M. Ramer '58, '59, M.S. '61, Sarasota, Fla., Sept. 28, 2018. A Tau Delta Phi brother, Dr. Ramer worked in chemical processing scale-up work and polymer engineering.

John W. MacMurray '59, Newtown Square, Pa., Oct. 7, 2018. A Kappa Alpha brother, Mr. MacMurray played football and baseball. He worked for several major companies' investment and pension groups. His brother, Paul MacMurray, is a member of the Class of 1963. He was a member of the Asa Packer and Tower societies.

C. Allan Nathan '59, Fort Salonga, N.Y., Dec. 9, 2018. Mr. Nathan was a Phi Delta Theta brother, as well as a member of the wrestling and basketball teams. He had a 40-plus year career in aerospace engineering. He holds a patent on the Lunar Module Space Station.

William E. Rodgers '59, Venice, Fla., Nov. 4, 2018. Mr. Rodgers worked as a business manager for independent schools before he joined Aetna Insurance Co.

## 1960s

#### Joseph B. Amsbary '60,

Huntington, W.V., Nov. 1, 2018. Together with his father and brother, Mr. Amsbary owned and managed Amsbary-Johnson Clothing Store, a haberdashery, until its closing in 1987, when he joined First State Bank as a mortgage loan officer.

#### W. Richard Fabian '60,

Worcester, Pa., Aug. 22, 2018. Mr. Fabian sang with the Glee Club. He was employed with Burroughs Corp., Sperry Univac and Unisys.

#### William A. Heske '60,

Byfield, Mass., Aug. 5, 2018. A Sigma Phi Epsilon brother, Mr. Heske spent almost his entire career at Dresser Industries, where he earned several patents. He retired in 1994 as vice president of product research and business development. His daughter, Laurel Heske, is a member of the Class of 1988.

Ronald C. Schlemmer '60, Naples, Fla., Aug. 25, 2018. Mr. Schlemmer was a Theta Delta Chi brother and basketball team member. He owned Star Pontiac Corp., on Staten Island prior to his retirement.

Douglas M. Somerville '60, Chester, Vt., Nov. 27, 2018. Mr. Somerville was a Delta Tau Delta brother and member of the basketball team. He spent his career working in the insurance industry. He was a member of the Asa Packer Society.

H. Chris Starkey Jr. '60, South Yarmouth, Mass., Aug. 22, 2018. Mr. Starkey was an Alpha Chi Rho brother. He worked in technology sales with the Controlled Data Corp., where he sold the first super-computer that sorted obsolete currency. He was also the founder of an investment advisory firm, Investors Research Corp.

**Neil O. Werner '60**, Shill-ington, Pa., Oct. 24, 2018. Mr. Werner was employed in the manufacturing sales sector and also worked as an emergency

medical technician.

George J. Culp '61, Washington, Pa., Nov. 9, 2018. Mr. Culp was a member of the Marching 97 and brother of Delta Sigma Phi. He worked as a railroad engineer for Conrail in Pittsburgh and SEPTA in Philadelphia.

#### William C. Goelzer '61,

Vineland, N.J., Dec. 4, 2018. Mr. Goelzer served in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He spent his career with Armstrong Cork Co. and Landis Sewerage Authority.

#### Charles B. Weidner '61,

Wilmington, N.C., Nov. 29, 2018. A Chi Phi brother, Mr. Weidner served in the U.S. Air Force after graduation. He spent much of his career in quality control for GE.

James H. Garber '62, Largo, Fla., Nov. 29, 2018. Mr. Garber was a Phi Gamma Delta brother, as well as a member of the football and wrestling teams. He was offered a tryout with the Chicago Bears, but chose to begin his 20-plus year career with E.I. DuPont de Nemours.

#### Michael A. Moran '62,

Franklin Square, N.Y., Jan. 1, 2018. An Alpha Tau Omega brother, Mr. Moran was also a member of Beta Alpha Psi and Omicron Delta Kappa honor societies. He retired from KPMG as a partner. His father, Eugene Moran '25, and brother, Eugene Moran III '60, are members of the Lehigh family.

#### R. Scott Schwebel '62,

Jamison, Pa., Aug. 28, 2018. Mr. Schwebel worked as an engineer for several different firms before starting his own company in 1978.

#### Daniel L. Benson '63,

Vienna, Va., Nov. 13, 2018. A Psi Upsilon brother and member of the Glee Club, Mr. Benson's professional career in the greater Washington, D.C., area included marketing, governmental affairs and retail positions. His son, James Benson, is a member of the Class of 1992.

**George J. Hanhauser III '63**, Milford, Del., Dec. 21, 2018.

An undergraduate lacrosse player, Mr. Hanhauser had served as general/contract manager for Fab-Weld Corp. of Simpson, Pa., CMC Corp. of Cheswold, and ILC in Frederica.

#### James J. Hessinger '63,

Palmerton, Pa., Sept. 15, 2018. Mr. Hessinger spent his career as an engineer for Blue Ridge Pressure Casting.

**Bernard N. Hochberg '63**, Freehold Township, N.J., Oct. 28, 2018.

William B. Edwards III '64, Richmond, Va., Nov. 21, 2018. Dr. Edwards was a member of the Marching 97. He spent 30 years working as an organic chemist for Philip Morris, where he earned multiple patents.

Edmund C. Weiss Jr. '65, Skillman, N.J., Oct. 12, 2018. A Kappa Sigma brother, Mr. Weiss was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He worked as a forensic CPA and banker.

#### David G. Barber '66,

Hopedale, Mass., Dec. 15, 2018. A Lambda Chi Alpha brother, Mr. Barber served in the U.S. Navy, including a tour in Vietnam.

#### Kenneth Creamer Jr. '66,

Oxford, N.Y., Sept. 14, 2018. Mr. Creamer was a Delta Upsilon brother and served his country during the Korean Conflict. As a student, he played in the Marching 97 and concert bands. He ran his own consulting firm and software development company. He also researched, authored and published a book called *The Reformation of Union State Sovereignty*.

#### Donald L. Cuneo '66,

Lakeville, Conn., Aug. 31, 2018. Mr. Cuneo was a Pi Lambda Phi brother. He was a member of the track and soccer teams and Omicron Delta Kappa honor society. He worked as president and CEO of I-House, a residential home designed to foster cross-cultural understanding.

#### Grant A. Womack '66,

Mount Ephraim, N.J., Sept. 12, 2018. Mr. Womack worked as a systems analyst.

#### **REMEMBERING** Emeritus Professor Donald J. Hillman

#### William E. Elcome III '68,

Highlands Ranch, Colo., July 29, 2018. Mr. Elcome was a brother of Kappa Alpha and sang with the Glee Club. He spent his career with IBM, with breaks in between to serve in the U.S. Navy.

#### Kirk J. Fitzpatrick '68,

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 7, 2018. Mr. Fitzpatrick was a Phi Gamma Delta brother and member of the baseball team. He made his career with Brown Brothers Harriman and the Franklin National Bank.

Alan H. Griep '68, Cambridge, Md., Sept. 13, 2018. Mr. Griep served in the U.S. military, where he learned seven languages. He worked in the nascent computer programming industry.

**Stanley R. Stober '68**, Southport, N.C., Sept. 27, 2018. Mr. Stober spent his career with Pfizer. His son, Andrew Stober, is a member of the Class of 1993.

John H. Carson '69, M.S. '70, Ph.D. '76, Ashburn, Va., Oct. 29, 2018. A brother of Alpha Sigma Phi, Dr. Carson taught information systems and technology management at George Washington University.

**Louis J. Lovas '69**, Boaz, Ky., Oct. 31, 2018.

#### David L. Schaeffer '69,

Leesport, Pa., Dec. 7, 2018. Mr. Schaeffer worked for Carpenter Technology and Superior Tube for over 40 years.

## 1970s

#### Donald S. Woodall II '69, Min-

neapolis, Minn., Dec. 30, 2017. Mr. Woodall was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He worked in sales for Landmark Seeds.

#### Lawrence R. Bailey Jr. '71,

Westchester, N.Y., May 2, 2018. Mr. Bailey was a member of the Gryphon Society and the Black Alumni Council as a student, and the Lehigh Lawyers Association as an alumnus. He worked as a lawyer for Eckert Seamans, where he served as a member of the firm's board of directors and as the co-chair of the diversity and inclusion committee.

# A Visionary in the Field of Computer Science

Donald Hillman was a dedicated member of the Lehigh faculty for 52 years

DONALD HILLMAN, AN EMERITUS PROFESSOR of computer science at Lehigh and a pioneer in artificial intelligence, died in October 2018. He was 86.

Born in London, England, in 1931, he had survived the Blitz on London, enduring five months of nightly air raids by the Nazis. He spoke four languages, shook Winston Churchill's hand, painted, drew and cooked like a pro. He played the guitar and was a master at the piano. He fought in the Korean War and was commissioned as a Captain upon his discharge.

After 52 years at Lehigh, Hillman retired in 2012. For most of his time at the university, he was involved in developing its computer programming field. He also owned Systems Technologies Corporation.

"Don was a wonderful, dedicated member of the Lehigh faculty," says Dan Lopresti, professor and chair of Lehigh's Department of Computer Science and Engineering, and director of the Data X Initiative. "He was really a visionary when it came to advancing the field of computing. He was also a perfect gentlemen, in the old fashioned but very nice sense of the word."

Hillman taught logic as an instructor in the Department of Philosophy when he first arrived at Lehigh in 1960. After receiving



his doctorate in math logic from Cambridge University in 1961, Hillman was appointed an assistant professor at Lehigh. He was instrumental in the formation of the Center for the Information Sciences (CIS) at the university in 1962.

"The two main objectives of CIS were to train specialists who could analyze and organize information, and to investigate the properties and behavior of recorded information," Hillman wrote in "The Emergence of Computer Science at Lehigh University."

By 1964, Hillman had risen to the rank of full professor at Lehigh. He served as head of the Division of Information Science from 1964 to 1973, and he was director of the Center for Information & Computer Science from 1967 to 1983.

As computer science went through many transformations at Lehigh, Hillman continued in leadership roles. He served as head of the Division of Computer Science when it was part of the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Department from 1983-2001, and helped to establish the Department of Computer Science and Engineering in 2001.

In addition, Hillman was a pioneer in artificial intelligence, which was demonstrated by his numerous publications and research grants. He received a nearly \$1 million grant from the National Science Foundation in 1969 to develop LEADERMART, the first fully functional public online service that aimed to promote interdisciplinary research. He was director of the Artificial Intelligence Laboratory at Lehigh from 1986 to 1990.

"Don's work was far ahead of his time, even in the fast-developing information retrieval and related computer science fields," according to memorial resolution for Hillman that was entered in the Faculty Senate's minute meetings in December.

A new student award is being established at Lehigh to honor Hillman. The Donald J. Hillman Memorial Award, which will be presented for the first time in 2019, will be made annually by a vote of the Computer Science and Engineering faculty to a senior who demonstrates outstanding achievement in the study of artificial intelligence and/or intelligent systems.

**John M. Divinchi '72**, Latrobe, Pa., March 19, 2018. Mr. Divinchi was a Delta Chi brother. He owned his own financial planning firm.

John S. Hill '72, Raleigh, N.C., Oct. 21, 2018. A Chi Psi brother and winner of the Undergraduate Student Merit Award, Mr. Hill played football at Lehigh before being drafted into the NFL, where he spent 14 seasons. He is a member of the Lehigh Athletics Hall of Fame. He then had a 32-year career as a State Farm insurance agent. His brother, James Hill, is a member of the Class of 1969.

#### John J. Mergo Jr. '72,

Ashley, Pa., Oct. 4, 2018. Mr. Mergo worked as a foreman for the International Association of Bridge, Structural and Ornamental Ironworkers Local 489. He and his wife also owned the S&J Deli.

Mike Dowse '73, Hilltown Township, Pa., Oct. 24, 2018. Mr. Dowse was a brother of Sigma Phi Epsilon. He worked his way up through the Neptune Chemical Pump Co., retiring as president. He was also a member of the Asa Packer Society.

Carl E. Halye Jr. '74, Midlothian, Va., March 24, 2017. A Delta Sigma Phi brother, Mr. Halye retired from E.I. DuPont de Nemours after 34 years of service.

Ronald T. Smith '74, Warrington, Pa., Sept. 30, 2018. Mr. Smith was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force in Korea. He taught middle school English in the North Penn School District.

John T. Parker '78, San Jose, Calif., Nov. 8, 2018. A Theta Xi brother, Mr. Parker was vice president, products for ShieldX Networks, an IT security applications development firm.

Wayne A. Stottmeister
'78, MBA '80, Lower Macungie
Township, Pa., Nov. 12, 2018.
Mr. Stottmeister worked for
many years in the chocolate
candy manufacturing and sales
industry.

#### Thomas A. Piaia '79, M.S.

'87, Bethlehem, Pa., Oct. 31, 2018. Mr. Piaia was a member of Tau Beta Pi honor society. He worked as a senior design engineer for Ipsen Inc.

## 1980s

Scott J. Hotchkiss '80, Binghamton, N.Y., Nov. 20, 2018. A Theta Xi brother, Mr. Hotchkiss was a certified master tool and die maker. He worked many years in the family business, becoming vice president of Stow Mfg. Co., before buying his own heating and air-conditioning business that he ran for several years. His brother, Mark Hotchkiss, is a member of the Class of 1977.

#### Howard J. Miller '89,

Gaithersburg, Md., Nov. 11, 2018. While a student at Lehigh, Mr. Miller worked for residential life and was a brother at Alpha Chi Rho. He was finance director of Adventist HealthCare Shady Grove Medical Center.

## 1990s

Michael F. Torello '93, Steamboat Springs, Colo., Nov. 29, 2018. Mr. Torello was a chef in several restaurants. His father, Thomas Torello, is a member of the Class of 1963.

Eden S. (Digirolamo) Olesin '94, Brick, N.J., Aug. 13, 2018. Ms. Olesin was an accounts manager at Billtrust.

## **GRADUATE**

#### Alexander H. Raye M.S. '40,

Falmouth, Maine, Nov. 8, 2018. Mr. Raye served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He spent most of his career working in aerospace engineering. He was a Tau Beta Phi member as a student and a member of the Tower Society as an alumnus.

**Norman C. Hoffman M.Ed. '52**, Barto, Pa., Sept. 8, 2018. Mr. Hoffman was a veteran of the 29th Army Infantry Division during World War II. He was an elementary reading specialist for the Upper Dublin School District for over 30 years.

Mary A. McGettigan M.A.
'52, Allentown, Pa., Sept. 6,
2018. Ms. McGettigan taught
home economics and served as a
guidance counselor for over 30
years in the Allentown School
District.

#### Lawrence L. Rowe M.S.

'52, Hershey, Pa., Dec. 4, 2018. A veteran of the U.S. Navy during World War II, Mr. Rowe had a full career in the Hershey candy industry. He retired as director of production for the H.B. Reese Candy Co.

William D. Eisenberg M.A. '55, Bloomsburg, Pa., Sept. 22, 2018. Mr. Eisenberg was an associate professor of English at Bloomsburg University for over 35 years.

William W. Vernon M.S.
'55, Ph.D. '64, Carlisle, Pa., Oct.
31, 2018. Dr. Vernon served in
the U.S. Navy during World War
II. He became a geologist who
specialized in the analysis of
minerals, rocks and ceramics
using microscopic methods.
He retired as a professor from
Dickinson College after 35
years, where he was the founder
of the Geology Department.

Francis C. Oglesby M.S. '56, Ph.D. '61, Springfield, Va., Nov. 3, 2018. Dr. Oglesby taught at both Princeton and Rider universities, as well as served as a chief officer at Applied Logic, working on artificial intelligence.

**T.M. Houseknecht M.S.**'57, Emmaus, Pa., Feb. 23,
2017. Mr. Houseknecht was a research chemist at Fuller Co. until retiring.

Martin J. Hudak M.S. '57, Nanticoke, Pa., Sept. 14, 2018. Mr. Hudak taught mathematics at King's College in Wilkes-Barre for almost 40 years. During a portion of that time, he chaired the mathematics department and served on the college's board of directors.

Joseph A. Mihursky M.S. '57, Ph.D. '62, Port Republic, Md., Aug. 24, 2018. Dr. Mihursky was scientist-in-charge of the Hallowing Point Field Station, a unit of the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory. His work led to Maryland passing legislation protecting these ecosystems by controlling the amount of heat a power plant could discharge into estuarine waters

Maryanne (Krasley) Hall M.A. '58, Lehighton, Pa., Oct. 15, 2018. Mrs. Hall was an elementary school teacher, working for both Moore Township and Allentown School District.

Lorraine A. Stueber M.A. '60, Easton, Pa., July 30, 2018.
Ms. Stueber was a teacher and guidance counselor at Wilson Area High School. She also directed the senior plays for eight years and was the twirling director for 12 years.

Nicholas D. Kafes M.S. '61, Ph.D. '66, Cliffside Park, N.J., Oct. 21, 2018. Dr. Kafes was a professor of chemical engineering at Manhattan College.

Paul E. Larash M.A. '61, Salisbury Township, Pa., Nov. 7, 2018. Mr. Larash was a veteran of the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He worked as a teacher and guidance counselor for many years in the Bethlehem School District.

John M. Nemecek MBA

'61, Boxford, Mass., Aug. 29, 2018. Mr. Nemecek was a veteran of the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. He was employed for 30 years by Lucent Technologies Inc. At the time of his retirement, he was an executive vice president.

#### William H. Cramp M.Ed.

'62, Haycock Township, Pa., Dec. 18, 2018. Mr. Cramp taught science in the Palisades School District for 37 years and served as head of the department for 25 years.

**Kenneth R. Swanson M.S. '63**, Melbourne, Fla., Sept. 26,

2018. Mr. Swanson served in the U.S. Navy. He worked for many years at Bethlehem Steel Corp. In his retirement, he served as adjunct mathematics professor at Coastal Carolina University.

#### David W. Kirkpatrick M.A

'64, Bennington, Vt., Sept. 1, 2018. Mr. Kirkpatrick was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He spent his career in the education field, including serving as co-founder and the first executive director of The REACH Alliance, advocates for school choice in Pennsylvania.

Thomas J. Hordendorf M.S. '65, Lopatcong Township, N.J., Nov. 14, 2018. Mr. Hordendorf worked as a mechanical engineer for both Ingersoll Rand and Conmec Inc.

Mary E. Labyack M.Ed.
'65, Bethlehem Township,
Pa., Nov. 19, 2018. Ms. Labyack
taught business courses at
Jamestown High School in
Jamestown, N.Y., for 25 years.

#### D. Gordon Follett M.S.

'66, Irvine, Calif., Aug. 5, 2018. Mr. Follett retired from the California State University system, where he managed a large variety of construction projects through the state on their 22 campuses. After retiring, he started a consulting company that specialized in mediation and arbitration. His wife, Catherine (James) Follett, earned her M.Ed. from Lehigh in 1961.

Walter N. Smerconish
M.Ed. '67, Doylestown, Pa.,
Oct. 11, 2018. Mr. Smerconish
served in the U.S. Army during
the Korean Conflict. He worked
for the Central Bucks School
District as a teacher and guidance counselor. His sons, Walter
S. Smerconish '80 and Michael
A. Smerconish '84, are members
of the Lehigh family.

Sandra (Smith) Stoddert M.Ed. '67, South Burlington, Vt., Oct. 6, 2018. Mrs. Stoddert was the media center director and librarian at Chamberlin Elementary School for over 25 years.

#### William C. Smythe III

M.A. '68, Fishkill, N.Y., Oct. 4, 2018. Mr. Smythe was a teacher in the White Plains Public Schools for over 40 years. He co-founded the Architecture in Math program (AIM), to develop and implement a program that taught students math skills through design and hands-on experiences.

Larry Lynch M.S. '69, Oklahoma City, Okla., Dec. 22, 2018. Mr. Lynch retired from Lucent after 33 years as a senior staff engineer.

C. E. Fee III M.Ed. '70, Palmer Township, Pa., Sept. 19, 2018. Mr. Fee was a veteran of the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He worked as the media coordinator for the

Allentown School District.

William R. Feist M.A. '70, Point Pleasant, N.J., Oct. 7, 2018. Mr. Feist was an associate professor of economics and finance at Monmouth University.

Donald F. Puglisi Ed.D.
'70, Washington, Pa., Nov. 17,
2018. Mr. Puglisi served in the
U.S. Army during the Korean
War. He worked as a counselor
and administrator for Abington
School District for more than
30 years.

Paul D. Lindsey M.S. '72, Richmond, Va., Nov. 11, 2018. During his career, Mr. Lindsey was employed by Bell Labs, Western Electric, Singer-Kearfott and Allied Signal.

J. Richard Marchiando
MBA '73, Allentown, Pa.,
Oct. 18, 2018. Mr. Marchiando
worked for Air Products for
many years before becoming an
executive consultant and board
of directors member for several companies. His son, Keith
Marchiando, is a member of the
Class of 1988.

Harry J. Berger Jr. M.A. '74, South Whitehall Township, Pa., Oct. 14, 2018. Mr. Berger worked as a construction coordinator for the Allentown Housing Authority for 20 years.

Helen P. Brandt Ed.D. '74,

Olmsted Township, Ohio, Oct. 24, 2018. Dr. Brandt had careers in chemistry, teaching, counseling and clinical psychology.

Dawn (Walker) Dubbs
M.Ed. '74, Hellertown, Pa.,
Sept. 17, 2018. Mrs. Dubbs was
a dedicated educator, teaching
kindergarten, third grade and
instructional support in the
Bethlehem Area School District
for over 30 years. In addition,
she taught at East Penn School
District as well as undergraduate classes at Cedar Crest,
Northampton Area Community
and Moravian colleges.

Marie M. Lowe M.Ed. '74, Penndel, Pa., Oct. 20, 2018. Mrs. Lowe taught in the Neshaminy Schools for 25 years, where she also coached the high school girls bowling team.

Walene Baunach Cert. '75, Bethlehem, Pa., Nov. 25, 2018. Ms. Baunach was a secondary English and reading teacher at Northeast Middle School in the Bethlehem Area School District until her retirement in 1991. She also volunteered her time teaching GED courses and English as a Second Language classes.

Frank S. Kovacs M.Ed.
'75, Northampton, Pa., Nov. 29,
2018. Mr. Kovacs taught geology
and served in school administration, retiring as the principal
of Northampton Area Senior
High School.

William M. Reeder Cert.
'75, Middleburg, Pa., Dec. 10,
2018. Mr. Reeder was a veteran
of the U.S. Navy. He worked
in schools his entire career:
teaching, coaching, serving as
a guidance counselor and business manager and culminating
as the superintendent of the
Midd-West School District.

Judith (Grimes) Mayer M.A. '77, Bethlehem, Pa., Sept. 16, 2018. Mrs. Mayer retired as an editor from Lehigh University Press. She directed visitors to campus as a volunteer for nearly 15 years.

Randal H. Breininger

M.Ed. '79, M.Ed. '06, Richlandtown, Pa., Oct. 15, 2018.
Mr. Breininger co-founded an alternative school in Montgomery County that served at-risk students for 36 years. He also worked in Perkiomen Valley High School with students needing emotional support.

Joseph M. Braudis M.A.
'82, M.Ed. '82, Bethlehem, Pa.,
Dec. 7, 2018. Rev. Braudis served
in the ministry and taught at
Catholic schools.

John J. Falbo M.Ed. '82, Ph.D. '93, Scott Township, Pa., Nov. 16, 2018. Dr. Falbo was a psychologist who built a successful private practice in the Lehigh Valley. He was a member of the Lehigh Alumni Pride Association.

Richard J. Snyder M.S.
'82, Altoona, Pa., Nov. 11, 2018.
Mr. Snyder was a professor of engineering in the Penn State system.

**John C. Tobin M.S. '87**, Lenhartsville, Pa., Sept. 24, 2018. Mr. Tobin worked at East Stroudsburg University as a software engineer.

Carl D. Oblinger Ph.D. '88, Springfield, Ill., Jan. 22, 2017. Dr. Oblinger was a professor at Pennsylvania State University and Benedictine University.

Michael K. Messer MBA
'90, Center Valley, Pa., Dec. 22,
2018. Mr. Messer was employed
as the manager of energy affairs
at Linde Energy Services for the
last 15 years. Prior to that, he
was an engineer at PPL.

Robert C. Nester M.Eng.
'93, Allentown, Pa., Dec. 6, 2018.
Mr. Nester was employed by
ArcelorMittal as a metallurgical
service engineer.

**Siddharth Panicker M.Eng. '17**, Columbus, Ind., Sept. 15, 2018.