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A portrait of Valerie Purdie-Vaughns, a Black woman with long, dark, curly hair, smiling. She is wearing a light blue sleeveless dress, a multi-strand necklace with blue and white beads, and a matching bracelet on her right wrist. Her right hand is raised near her face.

STEREOVISION

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Valerie Purdie-Vaughns '93
analyzes how bias in
intergroup relations
affects human behavior


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Dedicated in 1914, the Sundial kept time at the center of College Walk until its sphere developed a crack and was removed in 1946. Today, only the base and various engravings remain. For more current clock spotting, see page 18.

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MESSAGE FROM DEAN JAMES J. VALENTINI

Lessons from a Campus Landmark

“Meet at the Sundial” may be one of the phrases most frequently used by Columbians. It’s the best-known spot on campus. You may not be able to direct a visitor to Casa Hispanica, or maybe not even to Havemeyer, but there is no doubt you could give directions to the Sundial. We know the landmark so well, it’s so familiar, that we don’t actually think much about the Sundial.

I recently found myself contemplating the Sundial when I learned that this issue of CCT would have a photo essay featuring clocks around campus. Sundials are of course the precursors to mechanical clocks and have been in existence for millennia, used for telling the time of day. Not our sundial. It no longer has a gnomon — typically the blade-like piece that projects from the sundial’s face — to cast the shadow that reveals the time. But even when it did have a gnomon, our sundial was used to tell the date, not the time of day. Harold Jacoby (Class of 1885, GSAS Class of 1895), who became chair of Columbia’s astronomy department, conceived it that way. The Sundial was his class’ gift to the University upon its 25th reunion. Its gnomon was an immense granite sphere, which sat grandly at its center until 1946, when it developed cracks, and the prospect of 15 tons of granite falling on a passerby suggested its removal would be wise.

Even though the Sundial’s function and gnomon were both unconventional, anyone viewing it would have seen its physical operation as familiar. The shadow it cast moved in a clockwise direction when looked at from above. The rotation of the earth made it so. And the revolution of the earth around the sun made it possible for Jacoby’s sundial to indicate the date.

Our revolving earth makes many things predictable, in the sense of the recurrent: the seasons, the calendar and the cycle of the academic year. This is the College’s 262nd year; that is a recurrence of which we all can be proud. So, too, can we be proud of this being the Core’s 96th year. We can equally be proud that this recurrence means permanence but not stasis, as it should be when one of its anchor courses is called *Contemporary Civilization*.

This year we are very much focusing on securing the recurrence of our success and abjuring the stasis that would diminish our future. We are working on a strategic plan for the College, a plan that will engage all of us, because that future belongs to all of us. What future is worthy of a college that has existed for more than a quarter of a millennium? What do we need to produce that future? How do we acquire what we need?

Alongside that institutional plan, we are developing a “strategic plan” for every Columbia College student. It identifies a set of outcomes — knowledge, skills, abilities, perspectives, understanding, awareness — that we think every College student should possess at graduation. It also provides a

guide for every College student outlining the many opportunities offered by the College that will enable each of them to plot a trajectory to achieve those outcomes — no matter their academic or extracurricular interests.

We would like those outcomes to be as recognizable in every Columbia College graduate as “meet at the Sundial” is to every Columbia College graduate. You could say that we want every Columbia College graduate to be as imaginative as Jacoby was when he conceived a sundial to tell the date, not the time of day. And you’d be right.



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Letters to the Editor



Hamilton: A Columbia Story

A few years ago we tried to interest our kids in their Columbia roots by showing them campus, Schapiro Hall (where we met), Hamilton Hall (where we took many classes) and Faculty House (where we married). They were completely uninterested. But when *Hamilton* came to Broadway after its run at The Public Theater, we figured taking our son for his 15th birthday was bound to place Columbia in a more exciting light. The hip-hop musical's take on Alexander Hamilton (Class of 1778), the College's own "\$10 Founding Father without a father" (a line from the show), would have to interest not only us (a U.S. history professor and public interest lawyer) but also our son. It did.

First, into New York City and to the Richard Rodgers Theatre for a Saturday matinee. An entire block of West 46th Street was closed to traffic. Why? A tent had been erected in front of the entrance. Metal detectors, bag searches, TSA, NYPD and Secret Service. The audience was seated, the lights dimmed and then President Barack Obama '83 entered with his daughters, walking a few feet in front of us to their seats.

Watching one of our most famous alums watch another of our most famous alums, in a theater named after yet another famous Columbia alum, was fascinating, surreal and highly enjoyable. The musical's multiracial cast uses rap to tell the story of the American Revolution and early years of the nation in a way that directly connects the past to the present. The audience was electrified: Here was history written in hip-hop.

That President Obama was in that audience only heightened the zeitgeist of the performance. The critical acclaim for *Hamilton* speaks for itself; the show is superb. But for us it took on a special significance.

Richard Rodgers (Class of 1923) did his first two years of college at Columbia, Obama his last two. *Hamilton*'s studies at King's College segued directly into his participation in the Revolutionary War. For each it was a place where significant events were put into motion, key friendships and partnerships were made and critical ideas were formed. We feel the same way about the college that brought us together, and led to our son (and daughter, who was too young to attend the performance). The thread that ran from Hamilton, to Rodgers, to the President, to the show, to us, made the experience positively exhilarating, even for our teenager. The final number of *Hamilton* asks, "Who tells your story?" We are grateful to have seen this Columbia story told.

Alice Bers '93 and John Baick '91
LONGMEADOW, MASS.

WKCR Nears 75

WKCR-FM is celebrating its 75th anniversary in 2016. WKCR originated as the Columbia University Radio Club in 1936 and its first official broadcast was on February 24, 1941. On October 10, 1941, CURC was granted its license from the Federal Communications Commission. WKCR celebrates 1941 as its founding year and February 24 as its birthday.

The station will look back on 75 years of broadcasting and radio throughout the remainder of 2015 and throughout 2016. Check wkcr.org for exclusive content that is being unveiled for this milestone.

Alumni interested in WKCR's 75th anniversary celebrations can find out more by contacting me at WKCR75@gmail.com.

Elisabeth Stam BC'16

NEW YORK CITY

(Editor's note: The writer is WKCR's station manager.)

Tilson's Drugstore

Maybe I missed something, but I'm not sure I've seen in the food issue [Spring 2015] or in comments about it any mention of Tilson's Drugstore, which through the 1950s was a familiar landmark at the corner of West 116th and Broadway. It had an excellent lunch counter and sold all sorts of things including art supplies,

tennis balls and camera film. Tilson's achieved a ghostly fame as the unnamed drugstore in the opening scene of *The Caine Mutiny* by Herman Wouk '34.

Checking the *Spectator* archives, I find ads by Tilson's from 1936 to 1959. I believe around 1959 was when Chock full o' Nuts moved from its former smaller location in the center of the block to the corner site previously occupied by Tilson's, and remained there until around 1989, when Ollie's moved there.

Francis Sypher '63, GSAS'68
NEW YORK CITY

Class Speakers

In flipping through the Summer 2015 issue I was disappointed to see that the speakers highlighted by CCT for the Class of 2015 were all male, especially considering the very public and much-discussed activism of Emma Sulkowicz '15.

I will not comment specifically on the accusations or broader issues exposed but I feel that Sulkowicz's actions were fearless and her commitment to her performative artistic expression extremely impressive. As an alumna who is also an artist, I commend Sulkowicz for her strength and strongly support her in standing up for herself and for any college students who have shared her experience and choose to remain voiceless.

It seems to me that — for this class in particular — the College should have invited at least one alumna to address the graduates. I am curious — what is the ratio of female speakers to male through the years since the College was opened to women?

I am not suggesting that being male and being an example to women are mutually exclusive but I do believe this ceremony was an important opportunity for the presence of female alumni to represent strength and success beyond the College.

Rachel Lindsay '09
BURLINGTON, VT.

(Editor's note: Salutatorian Stephanie Gergoudis '15 spoke at this year's Class Day. Also, since the College began admitting women in 1983, children's rights activist Marian Wright Edelman (1993), journalist Claire Shipman '86, SIPA'94 (1999) and broadcast executive Alexandra Wallace Creed '88 (2011) have been keynote speakers at Class Day. In recent years, the keynote speaker at Commencement has traditionally been the University president.)

Trigger Warnings

As I view the photo of some of the exuberant graduates of the Class of 2015 on the cover of the Summer 2015 issue, I

wonder how many of them appreciate the significance of the movement among their classmates, reported in the press, to require "trigger warning" labels on those books included in the Literature Humanities reading list that treat of rape and other violent acts, on the grounds that these works might offend some students.

Since when has higher education had as one of its legitimate goals the avoidance of uncomfortable thoughts, rather than the impartment of knowledge, ideas and the cultivation of the ability to think critically and analytically?

How can we expect the future opinion leaders of our nation, and of the world, to strive for the advancement of humanistic values if they are kept in a perennial state of childlike ignorance by an institution that purports to prepare them to defend such values? And since when is the much-maligned "Eurocentrism" of the curriculum a bad thing, given the fact that men and women all over the world have for centuries looked to Western culture and its non-Western interpretations as the basis for their own efforts to strive for freedom of thought, intellectual and material advancement, and the abolition of racial, ethnic, religious and sexual injustices?

Is this what we want alma mater to stand for?

Daniel Waitzman '65, GSAS'68
HICKSVILLE, N.Y.

During the half-century since I was at Columbia, I've become increasingly disenchanted with the way things have been going there. In the latest episode that I've become aware of in the game "I'll bet I can be offended by more things than you can," the April 30 edition of *Spectator* published a letter by four students. Their main claim was: "Students need to feel safe in the classroom, and that requires a learning environment that recognizes the multiplicity of their identities."

Look at the absurdity of considering everything according to "identity" and "feeling safe." I'm 5-foot-5, quite short for a male in this country, so as a Diminutive-American I'll follow those students and demand to have a "trigger warning" appear in history classes before every mention of Abraham Lincoln (6-4), George Washington (6-2) and Thomas Jefferson (6-2), lest I feel belittled by those towering figures. In order for students who share my identity to feel "safe," I want Columbia to replace all classroom seating with computer-controlled chairs; as soon as everyone is seated, the teacher will press a button and all the

seats in each row will go up or down as necessary to ensure that everyone's head is at the same height. When it comes to language, teachers and students must keep from triggering feelings of inferiority in me and my height-challenged peers, so expressions like "short-handed," "come up short" and "give short shrift to" are to be scrupulously avoided. On the baseball team, the fielder between second base and third base must be called the ground-ball-hit-to-left-field-stop. In Music Humanities, Schubert's "Little C Major Symphony" shall be called his "Earlier C Major Symphony." In literature classes, St. Exupéry's masterpiece has to be referred to as "The Prince," or, to avoid confusion with Machiavelli, "The 20th Century C.E. Prince." The Supreme Court must be called the Supreme Tribunal because Columbia students are savvy enough about the world's languages to know that court means short in French.

That would be folly, of course, but perhaps not to the dissatisfied students, who also wanted "a training program for all professors, including faculty and graduate instructors, which will enable them to constructively facilitate conversations that embrace all identities, share best practices, and think critically about how the Core Curriculum is framed for their students." Look at all the jargon in that sentence. Worse than the clichéd writing, of course, is the substance of the proposal, which reminds us that in Communist dictatorships, dissidents and erring party members used to be sent to "reeducation" camps.

The writers of the letter are acting like petulant children who insist on having everyone cosset them. They might feel "safe" if they could be transported back to elementary school, where even simulacra of guns, and therefore triggers, are now forbidden, but if these students want to stay in college they should demonstrate that they're mature enough for it by no longer being intimidated by every will-o'-the-wisp around them.

Steven Schwartzman '67
AUSTIN, TEXAS

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AROUND THE QUADS

Holder To Receive 2015 Alexander Hamilton Medal

BY LISA PALLADINO

Former U.S. attorney general and University trustee emeritus Eric H. Holder Jr. '73, LAW'76 will be presented the 2015 Alexander Hamilton Medal at this fall's annual Alexander Hamilton Award Dinner. The medal, the highest honor paid to a member of the Columbia College community, is awarded each year by the Columbia College Alumni Association for distinguished service to the College and accomplishment in any field of endeavor.

The black-tie event will take place on Thursday, November 19, in Low Rotunda.

Holder served as the 82nd Attorney General of the United States from February 2009 to April 2015. He has since rejoined the law firm of Covington & Burling in Washington, D.C., where he had been a partner from 2001 until joining the Obama administration.

Holder is the third-longest serving attorney general in U.S. history and the first African-American to hold that office. He is an internationally recognized leader across a broad range of regulatory enforcement, criminal justice and national security issues. In 2014, *Time* magazine named him to its list of "100 Most Influential People," noting that he had "worked tirelessly to ensure equal justice."

Including his tenure as attorney general, Holder — a 1996 recipient of

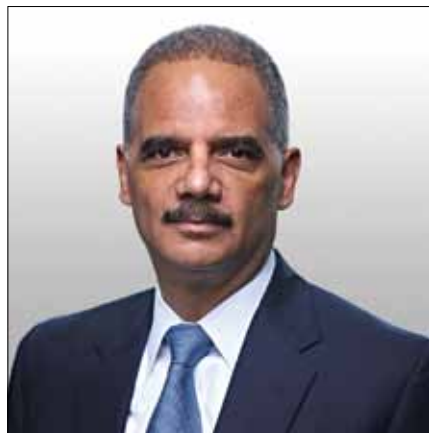


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the College's John Jay Award for distinguished professional achievement — has served in government for more than 30 years, having been appointed to various positions requiring U.S. Senate confirmation by Presidents Obama, Clinton and Reagan. He was deputy attorney general from 1997 to 2001; U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia from 1993 to 1997; associate judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia from 1988 to 1993; and trial attorney, Public Integrity Section of the U.S. Department of Justice's Criminal Division, from 1976 to 1988.

Before becoming attorney general, Holder maintained a wide-ranging

investigations and litigation practice at Covington. Among numerous significant engagements, he led the firm's representation of a major multi-national agricultural company in related civil, criminal and investigative matters; acted as counsel to a special investigative committee of the board of directors of a Fortune 50 technology company; successfully tried a complex discrimination lawsuit on behalf of a leading financial services company; and represented several life sciences companies in litigation and investigations. He now advises clients on complex investigations and litigation matters, including those that are international in scope and involve significant regulatory enforcement issues and substantial reputational concerns.

A University trustee from 2007 to 2009, Holder was the Class Day keynote speaker in 2009 and a Dean's Day speaker in 2013. He was a member of the College's Board of Visitors from 1997 to 2003, and then again from 2003 to 2007, and was a member of the Law School's Board of Visitors from 1995 to 2003.

Holder is married to Dr. Sharon Malone PS'88, an obstetrician, and the couple has three children.

For more information on the dinner, contact Robin V. Del Giorno, associate director, College events and programs: robinv@columbia.edu or 212-851-7399.

Alumni Awarded Fulbright Scholarships

Eight alumni have been awarded grants through the 2015–16 Fulbright U.S. Student Program. The 69-year-old program allows recent college graduates, young professionals and master's and doctoral candidates to spend one year either conducting international research and study projects or teaching English internationally. Roughly 1,900 grants are awarded each year and the program operates in more than 140 countries.

The following alumni were accepted into the 2015–16 program: Celia Bell '13 will conduct research in India for her project "Gendered Voices in the Poetry of Luft un-Nisa Imtiyaz and Mah Laqa Bai";

Joseph Betts '15 will research "Sustainable Urban Housing Development and Classical Music Engagement" in the Netherlands; Rebecca Clark '13 will go to Brazil to study "Race in Brazilian Theatrical Productions of the Western Canon"; Benjamin Spener '14 will conduct research in Mexico for his project "Binational Business"; Erida Tosini-Corea '15 will teach English in Brazil; Tracey Wang '15 will teach English in Taiwan; Eric Wong '15 is headed to Finland to research "Global Competitiveness: How Finland Fares in an Increasingly Globalized World"; and Hannah Wilentz '12 will conduct research in Cyprus on "Art and Architectural History."

Toni Morrison Joins Ranks of Lit Hum Authors

Toni Morrison's 1977 novel *Song of Solomon* has been added to the Literature Humanities syllabus, making its Pulitzer- and Nobel-prize-winning author the first living and first African-American writer to be included in the required list of readings for the class.

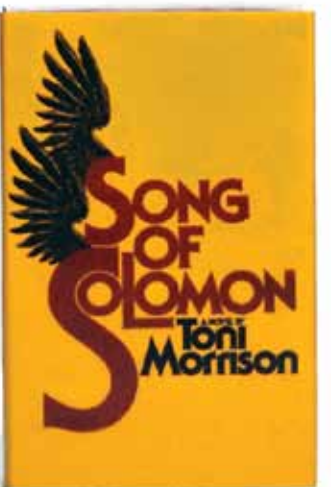
The book, which won the National Book Critics Circle Award, will be the last book read in the two-semester course for the 2015–16 academic year. (Previously, section leaders had assigned a text of their choosing for the final slot.) Also cycling onto the reading list are four works from years past: Milton's *Paradise Lost*, Sappho's *Lyrics*, Euripides' *The Bacchae* and Boccaccio's *The Decameron*.

Sophocles' *Oedipus the King*, Euripides' *Medea*, Aristophanes' *Lysistrata*, Ovid's *Metamorphoses* and Goethe's *Faust* are among those on a break.

The changes came out of a routine review of the readings for Lit Hum, which debuted as Humanities A in 1937. A committee of faculty evaluates the reading list, taking into account

recommendations from all faculty members who teach the course before proposing a revised syllabus. The entire course's faculty then votes on whether to adopt the changes.

"We thought it was time to have a later 20th-century text; it was something both instructors and students wanted," says Julie Crawford, the Mark van Doren Professor of Humanities and chair of Literature Humanities. "*Song of Solomon* is in many ways a very canonical choice — Morrison has won all the major literary awards — and one that speaks brilliantly to many of the themes and arcs of the course. I think it's an exciting addition, and I can't wait to hear the conversations we have."



Columbia College Fund Raises More Than \$18 Million

The Fiscal Year 2014–15 Columbia College Fund surpassed the prior fiscal year's total raised with 11,715 Columbia College alumni, parents and friends contributing \$18.25 million. The money goes to areas such as financial aid, the Core Curriculum and student services, as well as helps to provide stipends for student internships and global study opportunities.

Donations received from July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2015, counted toward the total.

The Columbia College Parents Fund had the most donors in its history, with more than 1,740 parents contributing more than \$3 million.

April was a stand-out month: Nearly 1,900 donors made gifts to the fund, exceeding the record for participation in that month and helping to secure a \$100,000 challenge gift from an anonymous donor.

On Columbia Giving Day 2014, held October 29, the College took first place

for overall giving for the third consecutive year by raising more than \$3.08 million in 24 hours. College alumni accounted for 31.6 percent of the \$11 million total raised by the University on that day.

To make a gift to the FY16 Columbia College Fund, go to college.columbia.edu/alumni/give/ways. You can give by credit card on the site, or learn more about giving by check, matching gifts, planned giving and more.

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Seniors Fund Soccer Field in Uganda

BY NATHALIE ALONSO '08

A shared love of soccer sparked a friendship between **Vivek Ramakrishnan '16** and **Ben Makansi '16**, and inspired their quest to give a community in Uganda a playing field of its own.

The ambitious project had its roots in Pass It On Soccer, a nonprofit that Ramakrishnan founded as a high school student in Madison, Wis., for the purpose of collecting soccer balls and cleats to send to charitable organizations in Africa. When he learned that the only public soccer field in Mpigi, a rural town in central Uganda, was slated to become a market, he resolved to provide its residents with a sustainable place to play. "The idea of Pass It On has been to make soccer accessible to people who don't have soccer equipment, and [building a field] seemed like an extension of that," he says.

Makansi joined the cause to support Ramakrishnan — they are best friends and also he considers soccer a potentially transformative force. "We both see soccer as a tool for social change," he says. The Mpigi Soccer Field Project, as the endeavor came to be known, was a collaboration between Pass It On Soccer and Abato Foundation Uganda, a charity that works with orphaned and impoverished children in the region.

Open for all to use, the new field sits next to a school operated by Abato. According to Abato founder Moses Kalanzi, it is used by local youth soccer programs, including one run by his organization, which also uses the space for physical education, assemblies and group prayer. "It's probably one of the few areas in the village where children feel safe and can play without limitations," says Kalanzi of the field, which is also used for community meetings and weddings.

Among the first steps Ramakrishnan took toward building the field was applying for the Balanced Man Fellowship, established in 2013 by the Columbia chapter of the Sigma Phi Epsilon national fraternity and awarded



Best friends **Vivek Ramakrishnan '16** (left) and **Ben Makansi '16** spearheaded the construction of a soccer field in Uganda.

every year to an undergraduate-run charitable project. (Ramakrishnan and Makansi belong to a different fraternity, Beta Theta Pi.) Ramakrishnan won the \$3,500 grant in March 2014 and, with Kalanzi's help, used the money to purchase part of the land for the field. He then asked Makansi to help him raise the rest of the funds. "He had the passion for it," says Ramakrishnan. "And I knew it would be more fun with him."

Makansi managed the project's social media accounts and online fundraising page. He also procured a \$10,000 donation from H.F. "Gerry" Lenfest LAW'58, a University trustee emeritus and the benefactor behind the four-year Lenfest College Scholarship program, of which Makansi is a recipient. Meanwhile, Ramakrishnan raffled off a 2014 World Cup jersey signed by the U.S. National Soccer Team, which he obtained with the assistance of Sunil Gulati GSAS'86, a senior lecturer in the economics department and president of the United States Soccer Federation.

In July 2014, after raising a total of around \$21,500 — enough to cover construction costs and their travel expenses, and to establish a maintenance fund for the field — Ramak-

rishnan and Makansi flew to Mpigi, where they stayed with Kalanzi. For a week, they rose around 8 a.m. and worked on the field until late afternoon alongside local volunteers. Their tasks included manually positioning plots of grass that had been hand-cut from the surrounding hills. "For Viv and me, it was really important to be a part of the hands-on aspect of the construction," says Makansi. "But we also wanted the members of the community to feel they had ownership of the field, so we worked with them."

Ramakrishnan and Makansi met as incoming freshmen during a game of pick-up soccer in Riverside Park. They both played the sport seriously when they were younger and have been teammates on intramural soccer teams at Columbia. Among their other pursuits, Ramakrishnan, an economics major, is a member of the Columbia Table Tennis Club (he was nationally ranked at one point) and is an auxiliary police officer with the NYPD; Makansi, an astronomy major from Steelville, Pa., founded the Columbia Atheist and Agnostic Students Society and performs with Sabor, the University's student Latino dance troupe. This year, Makansi and Ramakrishnan are president and vice president of policy, respectively, on the Columbia College Student Council Executive Board.

As his and Makansi's thoughts turn to post-graduation plans, Ramakrishnan doesn't foresee having the time to continue his work with Pass It On Soccer, however, he considers the field a satisfying legacy. "This was the perfect capstone to the work of Pass It On Soccer," he says. "Balls go flat, cleats wear out, but the field will endure over time."

To view a video recap of the Mpigi Soccer Field Project, go to Web Extras at college.columbia.edu/cct.

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Double Discovery Marks 50 Years

In 1965, a group of College and Barnard undergraduates formed a pilot program with the dual mission of engaging Columbia students with the neighborhoods around them and helping the youth of those neighborhoods — who often attended under-served, underperforming schools — have a better shot at college.

The Double Discovery Center, as the program came to be called, has since developed into a multifaceted nonprofit offering services to NYC youth from tutoring and one-on-one advising to internships, academic classes, career days and more. In a half-century DDC has successfully served more than 15,000 young people. Now, it annually works with

more than 1,000 students; 90 percent of its high school seniors graduate on time and enroll in college.

To celebrate its milestone year, DDC is holding a 50th Anniversary Gala on September 10 in Low Rotunda. The dinner will feature a silent fundraising auction and remarks by Dean James J. Valentini as well as the presentation of the James P. Shenton Awards, given in recognition of recipients' accomplishments and contributions to DDC's mission. This year's honorees are Roger Lehecka '67, GSAS'74, DDC co-founder and the College's dean of students from 1979 to 1998, and Joel I. Klein '67, CEO of Amplify and EVP of Newscorp.

"We wanted to use the 50th anniversary to highlight one of Columbia's best-kept secrets — and arguably one of New York's best kept secrets," said Constantine Dimas '96, chair of the DDC Board of Friends. "This celebration will hopefully usher in a new and significant era for the organization and the students it serves."

Fundraising, Dimas explained, is a new part of DDC's strategic plan: "We began [raising money] in earnest for two reasons. One was the very real risk of depleted federal funding for the program; the second was that we wanted to draw attention to Double Discovery and to pursue specific



Double Discovery student **Maria Martinez**, circa summer 1966.

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initiatives that will be rolled out in the coming months — things like focusing on technology and creating a permanent endowment for DDC. We want to ensure DDC's survival as it currently stands but also to reach much further — to helping more students in more, different ways."

DDC executive director Joseph Ayala '94 had high praise for the honorees.

"With Roger, you're talking about an individual whose commitment and dedication is in many ways responsible for the survival of Double Discovery throughout the years," Ayala said. "It's important to him that there be some extension of the wonderful education that happens here at Columbia to children who wouldn't otherwise get it. He has been a steadfast supporter of the program throughout his career and, now in his retirement, he is still one of the principal supporters."

Shifting to Klein, Ayala added that many of DDC's goals and aspirations are embodied in his career, which included eight years as NYC schools chancellor. "When you think about those themes of our mission, it's fitting to honor someone like Joel," Ayala said. "He has been a big voice for educational innovation and a leader in our area."



Top: Double Discovery in its first year, 1965; bottom: six of the 268 NYC high school seniors who earned DDC certificates in June 1988.

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Roar, Lion, Roar

Matchup of the Year Highlights Homecoming 2015

Homecoming is always a big day on the fall calendar, but Homecoming 2015 promises to have a little extra juice. That's because when the Lions run onto Robert K. Kraft Field at Lawrence A. Wien Stadium at 3:30 p.m. to face the Penn Quakers, it will be the first time new Columbia coach Al Bagnoli faces the team he guided for 23 years before resigning last winter.

Bagnoli, the all-time winningest head coach in NCAA Football Championship Subdivision history, led the Quakers to nine Ivy League championships and 148 victories during his successful tenure in Philadelphia. Last winter, he opted to pass the coaching torch to longtime aide Ray Priore and transition to an administrative position in the Penn athletics department. But when Bagnoli discovered that deskwork was not as much to his liking as striding the sidelines, and Columbia came calling, he traded in his Penn navy for the Lions' light blue (see "Switching Sidelines," page 22).

The football matchup that both schools' fans have been waiting for since Bagnoli's move was announced in February will cap a big day for Columbia alumni, who will gather starting

at noon for the camaraderie and family-friendly programs of Homecoming at the Baker Athletics Complex.

The Picnic Under the Big Tent will take place from noon to 3:30 p.m., with tickets priced at \$20 for adults and \$10 for children under 12, if purchased by Friday, October 16. A limited number of tickets will be sold on site for \$22 and \$12, respectively. Each ticket includes an all-you-can-eat barbecue buffet lunch, soft drinks (beer, wine and

cocktails will be available at an additional cost) and admission to the Homecoming Carnival, where all Columbians — young, old and in between — may participate in face-painting, balloon-making, magic, games and other activities.

Picnic tickets may be bought online at college.columbia.edu/alumni/homecoming/2015. Tickets for the football game must be purchased separately by calling 888-LIONS-11 or online at gocolumbialions.com/tickets.

At halftime, which should be about 4:45 p.m., everyone is invited back to the Big Tent for dessert and refreshments before returning to the stadium to cheer on the Lions.

Single-game parking is not available at Baker Athletics Complex and street parking is limited, so the best way to get there is by mass transit. The complex is at Broadway and West 218th Street; take the 1 train to 215th Street, the closest stop to the stadium, or the A train to Inwood - 207th Street. There are often weekend subway changes, so visit mta.info for the most up-to-date transit schedules.

Complimentary shuttle buses will be available from the Morningside campus to and from Baker Athletics Complex. Buses will depart from the gate at West 116th Street and Broadway starting at 11 a.m. and will return to campus immediately following the game.

For more information, please contact Fatima Yudeh, Alumni Affairs: fy2165@columbia.edu.

SAVE THE DATE!

SEPTEMBER 26
Football home
opener
Columbia vs.
Georgetown

OCTOBER 17
Homecoming
Columbia vs. Penn



Kickoff is at 3:30 p.m.



The Columbia University Marching Band will rally fans under the Big Tent before the game.

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Irv DeKoff, Former Fencing Coach, Dies

Irv DeKoff, who coached Columbia fencing to great success from 1952 to 1967 and was selected to the Columbia University Athletics and USA Fencing Halls of Fame, died on July 19, 2015.

The Ivy League began competition during DeKoff's era, and Columbia claimed 11 of 12 conference titles during his tenure. DeKoff's teams posted a 141-25 record and won four NCAA team championships, and he was responsible for the development of eight NCAA individual champions, 18 All-Americans and two Olympians. He was enshrined into the U.S. Fencing Association Hall of Fame in 1967 and the Columbia University Athletics Hall of Fame in 2008.

"He was a winner who loved his students and loved the sport of fencing," says current Columbia head fencing coach Michael Aufrichtig, who guided the Lions to the NCAA crown in 2015. "He will be greatly missed by the Columbia fencing family."



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Kevin Demarrais '64, who was Columbia's sports information director during much of DeKoff's tenure, says, "By many measures, Irv DeKoff could arguably be rated the most successful coach in any sport in Columbia history. His .843 winning percentage and string of Ivy and NCAA championships are unmatched. What makes the record even more notable is that the dual-meet schedule included the top teams in the country, including NYU, Navy and several other Ivy teams. He was also a super-nice guy."

"My favorite Irv DeKoff moment came in a big meet when he called a timeout to confer with one of his fencers. When they got together, Irv said to the fencer, 'I really

don't have any [strategy] suggestions, but the other guy doesn't know that and he's probably trying to figure out what we're discussing.' The Columbia fencer quickly disposed of his opponent when competition resumed."

SPORTS SHORTS

FOOTBALL ON TV: Three Columbia football games will be televised this season, starting with the Ivy League season opener at Princeton on Friday, October 2, at 7 p.m. on the NBC Sports Network. The Lions' game at Yale on Saturday, October 31, at 12:30 p.m., will be broadcast on FOX College Sports. Columbia's season finale against Brown on Friday, November 20, at 7:30 p.m. at Robert K. Kraft Field at Lawrence A. Wien Stadium will be shown by the NBC Sports Network.

EKE: Nadia Eke '15 capped her Columbia career by placing fourth in the triple jump on June 13 at the NCAA Track & Field Championships in Eugene, Ore. Eke jumped 13.46m (44'2"), which topped her Ivy League record of 13.39m set at the 2015 Penn Relays. On July 23, Eke, a four-time All-American in the triple jump, was

named among the 147 finalists for the 2015 NCAA Woman of the Year award.

JACOBSON: Emily Jacobson '08, a first-team All-American all four seasons at Columbia who competed in the 2004 Olympics and won the 2005 NCAA individual sabre championship, has been selected for induction into the USA Fencing Hall of Fame 2016 class. She compiled a record of 131-16 at Columbia, a winning percentage of .891, and was inducted into the Columbia University Athletics Hall of Fame in 2014.

FENCING MEDALS: A trio of Columbia fencers earned a combined four medals at the 2015 Pan-American Games in Toronto in July. Jeff Spear '10 won a gold medal with the U.S. sabre team, defeating Chile, Argentina and Canada. Nicole Ross '13 earned a bronze medal in the women's foil competition,

and she and Nzingha Prescod '15 took the silver medal in the team foil event after being edged by Canada, 38-37, in the finals. Earlier in the month, Prescod made history when she earned a bronze medal in the women's foil at the Senior World Championships, becoming the first African-American woman to medal in the Senior Worlds.

LO: Maodo Lo '16 led Germany to the silver medal at the 2015 University Games in July in Gwangju, South Korea, averaging a team-high 12.0 points and 4.2 assists in five games. He later trained with the German Senior National Team as it prepared to compete in the European Championships (EuroBasket) in September in Berlin. The 6-foot-3 guard was born and raised in Berlin, then spent one year at Wilbraham & Monson (Mass.) Academy before enrolling at Columbia.

SCOREBOARD

500

Yards gained last season by Cameron Molina '16, Columbia's leading rusher

4

National ranking of men's squash team following 2015 season

.718

Career winning percentage for Al Bagnoli, third-best among active Football Championship Subdivision coaches

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Beating BIAS



Valerie Purdie-Vaughns '93 analyzes the complexities of stereotyping and intergroup relations

By Alexis Tonti SOA'11

A 15-minute writing exercise, done by African-American students in seventh and then again in eighth grade, can make a difference in whether they go to college.

That's the powerful message Associate Professor of Psychology Valerie Purdie-Vaughns '93 has just delivered at the start of the keynote lecture at Dean's Day in May. Purdie-Vaughns is an expert in the causes and consequences of what could loosely be called insider-outsider dynamics and, 10 minutes into her lecture, the atmosphere already feels more like a TED Talk than a standard classroom address. She paces and punctuates her speech with the ease of a natural storyteller. The stillness that settles over the almost 200 attendees is telling: Everyone is paying attention.

The context for the study being explained is critical. These students, a mix comprising mainly whites and African-Americans, attend an inner-city middle school outside Hartford, Conn. Typically its sixth graders start out doing equally well but as they move through seventh and eighth grade, a difference in the performance of the two groups appears and widens — the oft-cited achievement gap.

In this case, Purdie-Vaughns and her team had a subset of the roughly 200-member seventh grade class participate in what they term an affirmation exercise. It asked the students to reflect on and write about their most important values, such as athletic ability, creativity, religion or sense of humor. Wrote one girl: "My family, I can't live without them. My friends, I am my real self around them (and my sister). I can be silly, goofy and weird and they don't care, they accept me for who I am." The rest of the class served as the control group, writing instead about their least important values and why they might be significant to someone else.

Ultimately, the students completed four of these affirmations over the course of seventh and eighth grade. A transformative effect was evident in the minority students' report cards by the time they graduated from middle school — but the stunner came seven years later, with college enrollment. Of the control group, 80 percent of white students and 76 percent of black students were attending college. For whites in the "affirmed" group, the number hovered around the same level as their control counterparts. For African-Americans, however, it climbed to 87 percent.

The explanation behind this change in academic trajectory is complex, and during the next hour Purdie-Vaughns carefully lays out the factors at play. She describes the nature of the self and of stereotype threat — a person's awareness that he or she may be contending with a negative stereotype, such as the notion that African-American students do poorly in school, or fear of doing something to inad-

vertently confirm that stereotype. She explains how this threat can hurt both the physical and mental health of people on the receiving end, and how its existence and potency changes depending on the situation. And, as the affirmations showed, she and her colleagues are onto solutions for helping people to protect themselves, in a lasting way, from its most deleterious effects.

Purdie-Vaughns also makes clear that this is not a minority story. Everyone experiences stereotyping.

Purdie-Vaughns works in a large windowless office at the end of a hallway on the fourth floor of Schermerhorn. It's messy on this afternoon, several weeks after Dean's Day, and she apologizes: books, notepads and paperwork are spread out over a table-turned-second-desk and its chairs, and indeterminate clutter makes sitting on the couch an impossibility. A chalkboard hangs on one wall; bookshelves line two others.

The interesting thing about the office, however, is its history: The room was a storage closet before she claimed it upon arriving at Columbia to be a professor, in 2009, and more than a decade before that it was the place where she worked for three years as lab manager for psychology professor Geraldine Downey. "It has sentimental value for me because this is where I learned to be interested in scholarship," Purdie-Vaughns says. She points to each corner, conjuring where she and three fellow researchers sat.

Indeed, as Purdie-Vaughns tells it, hers is a tale of two Columbias, and the varsity basketball player who was "an underperforming student" never would have imagined the professor sitting here

now: director of the Laboratory of Intergroup Relations and the Social Mind, the hub for her research into how differences between social groups affect human behavior; a faculty member with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholars Program; a former research fellow with the Institute for Research in African-American Studies; and a 2014 recipient of the Lenfest Distinguished Columbia Faculty Award for teaching. Purdie-Vaughns also speaks at colleges and companies nationwide and contributes to media from NPR to PBS' *Tavis Smiley Show* to *Fortune* magazine and Huffington Post.

Political science professor Fred Harris, who directs the Center on African-American Politics and Society, underscores the value of this last point — especially, he says, given the carefulness of her research and caution when interpreting its implications. "Her work on conscious and unconscious bias is important," he says. "Particularly with the events of the past year, with the incidents of police misconduct and police violence against people in this country, I think her research becomes much more relevant. She is one of the rational voices out there in the public realm."

Downey notes, "Valerie is a social psychologist, but what differentiates her is that she links it to really pressing social problems and has a really good understanding of what it's like to come from a minority group. She can get into the heads of people and understand how what they're doing is shaped by the context they're in."

Purdie-Vaughns herself volunteers that she has struggled with questions around insiders and outsiders her whole life. She grew up in a lower-middle class, largely Italian neighborhood in Brentwood, N.Y., on Long Island — a railroad track town, she says, with whites on one side of the tracks and blacks on the other; hers was the first black family on their block. Her mother was a third-grade teacher and her father was an engineer at nearby Long Island MacArthur Airport; brother Vincent is 1½ years older.

"My parents spent a lot of time and energy, I can see now, trying to both raise black children to be aware of who we were as racial beings but also to protect us from a lot of the things that were happening in our neighborhood, some of them being really unpleasant," says Purdie-Vaughns.

She shares an anecdote from when she was in fourth grade and auditioning for *The Pirates of Penzance*. She and a white girl were the finalists for the lead female role, and she recalls the music teacher telling her, "You're the best and you should be the head actress, but you're black and the part can't be for someone who looks like you ... so we're going to make you the lead musician so you're not on stage."

Purdie-Vaughns shakes her head. "I didn't tell my parents but I remember thinking, why does it actually matter? You're acknowledging that I'm the best actress but I don't look like what you think

it should be ... your imagination can't be stretched to think about what I could be in this role?"

Purdie-Vaughns was recruited by Columbia to play basketball — power forward — which became the anchor of her undergraduate experience. (At nearly 6 ft., she recalls with a laugh that her original sport was gymnastics.) Of the lessons of athletics, she says, "I wouldn't be a candidate for tenure if I didn't play sports; that was how I learned how to compete — the mental discipline, being able to push yourself, being able to do something that you never thought was possible."

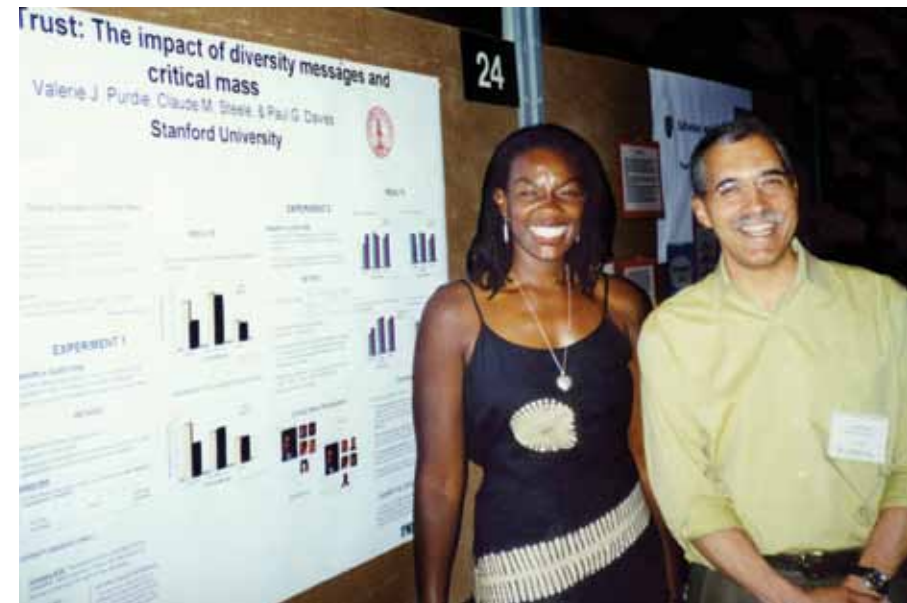
Academics were another matter. "I wanted to do well enough to not get kicked out," Purdie-Vaughns says. "I thought getting into college was the end game, not the beginning of something else. I'd never even met anyone who had a master's degree — maybe one of my parents' friends? — and I wouldn't have known what that meant, or why you would need to have one."

Her plan was to be a teacher, and after graduation she took something of a related job with the I Have A Dream Foundation, running a program that created mentoring and summer camp programs for third-graders in under-resourced communities. In 1996, when she wanted to learn how to track her students' progress in school across the longer term, to see if they made it to college, she turned to "the only professor I felt comfortable coming back and talking to" — Downey, with whom she'd taken an abnormal psychology class. The conversation piqued Purdie-Vaughns' interest and she soon decided to leave the foundation for a job in Downey's lab.

Downey's research at the time centered on understanding teens' transition from friendships to romantic relationships. Purdie-Vaughns quickly became excited by the work. "I realized I had different ideas about research questions because I have a different way of seeing the world, because I myself am a minority. And that was when I realized I had something to say to this thing called the research community."

She also discovered that "being a researcher is like Wendy Williams, just a nosy person who wants to know the answer." She laughs. "You can be a reporter, a researcher, a talk show host — the difference is just the training, learning the methods to go answer the questions."

She soon began thinking about graduate study, and Stanford appealed to her for the opportunity to work with social psychologist Claude Steele. A leader in the field, Steele was among the first to establish and explore the concept of stereotype threat. (He also was Columbia provost from 2009 to 2011.) Purdie-Vaughns' parents were by then divorced and, wanting the chance to meet Steele before applying, she persuaded her mom to take her and her brother on a California vacation, hiding her motive all the while. Purdie-Vaughns then



camped outside Steele's office one day until he had time for a conversation.

"He was known for his work showing that stereotypes are a big part of the story of what adds a unique form of stress for minority students, and that this stress undermines performance," she says. "My entire life, I had always thought that minority students underperform because they come from bad homes or because they had bad culture, bad study habits. I never thought about the idea that there was something in the environment that has to do with bias that can be the cause of this underperformance."

"It was an epiphany to think you could capture this thing called social context that could tell you

Social psychologist Claude Steele was Purdie-Vaughns' Ph.D. adviser at Stanford.

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about the amount of bias in the environment, and then that would in turn tell you something important about human behavior."

Purdie-Vaughns earned a Ph.D. in social psychology from Stanford in 2004, with Steele as her adviser. ("If you accept me, I will never disappoint you," she recalls saying to him, adding, "I don't know; I hope I haven't.") She then was an assistant professor in the psychology department at Yale until 2009, when she came to Columbia.

Purdie-Vaughns underscores that she wouldn't be in her position without the support of her family: her mother, Shirley Purdie; husband, David Vaughns, a social worker and family therapist; and daughter, Marin (7). "When I applied for my first job, my husband listened to my job talk 26 times. It's insane that I

Valerie Purdie-Vaughns '93 delivered the keynote lecture at Dean's Day in May.

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would practice 26 times, but it's insane that he would listen 26 times. And my mom, who's almost 80, has been watching my daughter since she was born.

"I didn't come from a wealthy family. I didn't have all this day care and extra support. It's been amazing. It's important to know, it's not each one of us alone."

These days, Purdie-Vaughns is interested in any idea that connects identity, and the stressors that go with identity, with human behavior. "The way I like to think about it is: How does the dynamic of insiders and outsiders get set up in institutions? What does it look like, how does it feel, and what are the costs of that?"

This insider-outsider dynamic can assert itself in instances of race, age, gender, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation and more. Along with the minority achievement gap, Purdie-Vaughns has studied

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women in the sciences, gender and negotiations, racial health disparities, concealment in the workplace by members of the LGBT community, the meaning of national identity and how it affects immigrant citizen relations, and people's propensity to associate blackness with criminality, and conversely, criminality with being black. She and Downey are embarking on a project with formerly incarcerated individuals and their capacity to find work.

"To me, these are the most important discussions of our time," she says, citing examples from the past few weeks alone: the church shootings



Purdie-Vaughns with her daughter, Marin, and mother, Shirley Purdie.

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in Charleston and President Barack Obama '83's response to them; the revelation that an NAACP leader deceived people about her race; and the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling that same-sex couples are guaranteed the right to marry.

And though every situation comes with its own particularities, Purdie-Vaughns says, there are common themes.

For example, the source of the bias almost always starts with the institutions in which people find themselves. Consider a 50-year-old at a Silicon Valley company; he sees his much younger colleagues arrive to work on bicycles or scooters, or sitting around on giant inflatable green balls. "That tells you something powerful," says Purdie-Vaughns. "It's visual, it's immediate. It's not policy, and yet it's saying: 'You don't belong there.' We need to be thinking, 'What is it about institutions that make people feel like they don't fit in?'"

Second, contending with bias hurts physically. The resulting stress can manifest in ways from extending the time it takes to recover from a cold to contributing to early onset heart disease and increased risk for heart attack. "Just like people know that eating enough potato chips puts you at higher risk for all kinds of cardiac problems, enough stress will have similar effects," she says. "And it's not just stress — the stress associated with bias in particular. I always laugh when I see policies coming out of Congress or the New York State Senate, aimed at getting people to exercise. If you think about where the health payoff is, I would put my money on reducing bias and discrimination because it takes such a toll on mortality, health, psychological well-being, how we treat our children."

The last commonality, she says, "is why I study this: it's not that hard to change." The key is to eliminate either the stereotype or the stress that comes from it.

To help with the former, she advocates for structural changes in institutions. Diversity in the workplace, for example, may be increased by switching to cluster hiring — interviewing for and filling multiple positions at once — instead of hiring for individual positions. (People operate in a different mindset when they are considering groups, she explains: They think instead about teams, who fits best together and how there are many ways to define "best," rather than fixate on some prototypical employee ideal.)

As for easing the stress of stereotype threat, the psychological armor described in her Dean's Day lecture is one strategy; it causes students to reappraise their capacity to cope, with a ripple effect that ultimately puts them in better position to focus on schoolwork.

"You can protect minority students, women, LGBT [individuals], from the stress of stereotypes," Purdie-Vaughns says. "There's a lot of work that can be done. The key is getting it out of the laboratory and into practice. That's hopefully the next big part of my career: integrating the world of academia with the world of policy."



Purdie-Vaughns dreams of building a center at Columbia where people interested in policy, journalism and both basic and applied research would come together for discussion. Her media appearances are another way of increasing understanding about the causes of bias as well as raising awareness of potential solutions. "I don't even think my opinion is important when I go on these shows," she says. "I like to bring the science — to say, we can talk about these issues but psychologists study them, rigorously, and there are scientific answers to these questions."

Of course, Purdie-Vaughns also is having an influence through the classroom and in her research lab. She regularly teaches "Introduction to Cultural Psychology" and "Cultural Psychology in the Public Interest" in addition to graduate courses. Her lab engages postdoctoral and doctoral students as well as postbacs and undergraduates, the latter through the Lobel Fellow Program. Now in its second year, the program provides funding for up to four undergraduates to work in her lab every year, including 15 hours a week during the school year and full-time in the summer.

"Columbia students care deeply about something in the world. It may not be the thing that I care about," Purdie-Vaughns says, laughing, "but they care about something — and they're going to get you on board." With that in mind, she adds, "My goal is to turn on every student in all my courses once — just one day — to get them to think a little bit differently. That's a lot of students, that's a lot of days! But that's what I ask for."

Former lab manager Nick Camp '09 attests that Purdie-Vaughns' passion is contagious and her philosophy inspiring. "What I really learned from Valerie is that research, when it's done right, has something to say to society and something to give back to society — and vice versa," says Camp, now a Ph.D. student in social psychology at Stanford.

"Dynamic is a clichéd term but Valerie has the most positive energy of any academic I've known," he adds. "She is constantly in motion and you can feel the energy in the room change when she enters; there's a spark there."

Downey agrees — "she pulls people along with her" — continuing, "Valerie has a capacity to communicate that's presidential. She's able to speak to the public in the different ways that are needed, to do it for broad and different audiences — not just [translating it into] layman's terms, but whomever the audience is; she seems to be able to make that switch."

Both qualities were on display during Purdie-Vaughns' Dean's Day lecture, as was the excitement generated by her research. She gamely took a 20-minute detour for questions in the middle of her talk, criss-crossing the room and half-jogging up the stairs to get closer to each questioner — then let the 15-minute Q&A portion run double. Afterward, attendees queued for more conversation; Purdie-Vaughns clarified concepts, shared her email address freely and invited one high-schooler to get in touch for a tour of the research lab. An hour passed before the last person said goodbye.

Purdie-Vaughns later reflected, "I'm looking at Columbia students across a 50-year span and I'm thinking, 'Wow, this is our brand. This is what a Columbia student looks like.' They're asking questions, they're attacking my theories. At the same time, they're cheering me on, totally respectful. They're being inspired, and they're inspiring. It blew me away."

She added that the outpouring of positive reactions was overwhelming. "I'm not an emotional person, but I went home and tears were running down my face. It was an amazing day and an amazing moment. I realized, 'I'm an insider. ... I am a Columbian.'"



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Left to right: President Barack Obama '83 delivering a eulogy on June 26 for Rev. Clementa Pinckney, who was killed in the Charleston, S.C., shootings; preparing for a rally in Spokane, Wash., in response to news that the head of the local NAACP chapter lied about her race; gathering outside the U.S. Supreme Court after the ruling that same-sex couples have the right to marry in all 50 states.

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COLUMBIA COLLEGE
Office of the Dean

CLOCK SPOTTING

From doorway
adornments
to under-eave
hangings,
timepieces grace
the campus'
oft-overlooked
spaces



Photos: Jörg Meyer





Clockwise
from top left:
Butler, main desk;
Havemeyer 309;
Schermerhorn;
Havemeyer
lobby; Camp
Columbia Sundial
in front of Pupin.



Top: Van Am Quad
Bottom: Hamilton lobby

THOSE WHO LIVE ON THE ACADEMIC CLOCK

often mark the passage of time by the progression of fall and spring semesters, midterms and finals, Convocations and Commencements. Meanwhile, summer, which on Morningside Heights lasts from late May to late August, seems to exist outside of time altogether. Campus empties, the pace of life eases and a comparative quiet settles over the paths and green spaces. Buoyed along by these warm and mind-wandering days, it's hard not to think about time — how it's measured and the many reasons, despite the steady tick of the second hand, it feels like it speeds up or slows down. With that in mind, we went beyond that most familiar of campus clocks, the Sundial, in search of spots that actually do (or did) count the University's minutes and hours. This photo essay features some that we found, complemented by a new series of poems titled *The Big Clock: Ten Haiku* by David Lehman '70, GSAS'78, the editor of *The Best American Poetry* series.

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THE BIG CLOCK: *Ten Haiku*

Comes love but then comes
work, time to work, must leave love
back in the bedroom.

Love is time's foe but
the balance of the battle
hangs on the weather.

Love is time's fool and
the Fool tells truths, lies, and truths
that sound like lies. Poems.

What is poetry
if not chance, work, and time, which
equals love times death?

Love and time are linked
in the realm of aesthetics
and not in real life.

Real time meant reel time
in Holland where I watched *High Noon*
dubbed into Dutch.

Time's nonpartisan —
it is anti-Semitic
but otherwise fair.

Even if you work
at something you think great, the
time goes by too fast.

The time has come to-
day: time to quit work, go home,
embrace spouse and kids.

The face of time for us who
live in the past is
a big shattered clock.

David Lehman '70, GSAS'78



SWITCHING SIDELINES

**AFTER NINE IVY LEAGUE
CHAMPIONSHIPS,
AL BAGNOLI HAS TRADED
PENN'S NAVY FOR
COLUMBIA'S LIGHT BLUE**

On rare occasions, life gives you a mulligan. You make a decision, things don't turn out quite the way you expect and suddenly you have a chance to do it over and make it right.

That's exactly what Al Bagnoli did last winter. Following 33 years as a head football coach, 10 at Union and the last 23 at Penn — with the Quakers winning nine Ivy League championships — Bagnoli had decided the time was right to pass the torch to longtime aide Ray Priore and step into an administrative role in Penn's athletics department. It was a logical move, but not the right one for Bagnoli.

"I'd always had an interest in the administrative world of athletics," Bagnoli says, "but it wasn't as challenging as I thought it would be. I guess I'm used to a different pace, different responsibilities. After three months, I had experienced it long enough to know it wasn't really for me."

That's when Bagnoli got his mulligan, courtesy of Columbia and an intermediary named Andy Talley, the head football coach at Villanova for the past two decades and previously an assistant coach at Brown. Talley knew Bagnoli well as a Philadelphia football coaching rival. Talley also knew Peter Pilling, who at the time was a candidate to succeed M. Dianne Murphy as Columbia's athletics director; Pilling had been an associate athletics director at Villanova 1998–2002.

"Andy put the two of us together," says Bagnoli. "I think Andy understood my situation at Penn and that I was getting restless, and he might have been stirring the pot a bit."

BY ALEX SACHARE '71



The bold move to hire Bagnoli drew positive reviews around the Ivy League.



At a news conference on February 24 in Faculty House to announce Bagnoli as the Patricia and Shepard Alexander Head Coach of Football, the 20th man to head the Columbia program, Pilling revealed that he set the wheels in motion even before he was named Columbia's AD. "I called Andy Talley, the coach at Villanova whom I had worked with, and I gave him a list of some people" Pilling thought would be candidates to head Columbia's football program. "When we reached the end of that list, he said, 'You know, Al Bagnoli may be looking for a job.' I thought that was very interesting. He and I started a dialogue, and when I was appointed athletics director three weeks later, I got on a train to Philadelphia and we met in person to continue the dialogue."

What Pilling found was a man who was restless. "I had the title 'director of special projects,'" Bagnoli says. "I guess I was kind of like the catch-all. I did everything from writing recruiting protocols and financial aid explanations to equipment inventory procedures and football scheduling. When the smoke cleared, I was more meant for coaching than being an administrator."

"It was like being on sabbatical," Bagnoli adds about his time as an administrator.

But when the topic of possibly returning to coaching came up, Pilling noticed a difference in Bagnoli. "He had that fire in his belly," Pilling says. "That was one of the things that struck me as a real positive."

Bagnoli was the only coaching candidate that Pilling met with, and his hiring was accomplished in a matter of days. The bold move drew positive reviews around the Ivy League, as typified by this reaction from longtime Harvard coach Tim Murphy: "This is a great statement saying football is important at Columbia. In AI they are getting an outstanding veteran coach who will recruit well, get the most out of the kids and represent Columbia in a classy manner."

The 62-year-old Bagnoli, whose teams compiled a 112-49 Ivy record at Penn including three undefeated seasons and who has an overall head coaching record of 234-99, knows full well that Columbia football has not enjoyed that kind of success. "If you like challenges, this is it," he said at his introductory news conference, drawing a laugh from the crowd. But he feels there is a commitment at the highest levels of the Columbia administration to turning the football program around and is confident he will have the resources to do so.

"I knew the whole thing would have to change radically," Bagnoli says. "If they were going to do business as usual, they were going to run into the same problems. If there wasn't that commitment in terms of finances and attitude and other things, then I didn't want to be involved. But I really became intrigued after speaking with Peter Pilling and President [Lee C.] Bollinger and hearing their

commitment to doing things the right way, and I realized that this could be right for me."

Step one, Bagnoli says, is "making football fun again" for Columbia's players. "Practice has to be the best two hours of your day."

Football has not been much fun at Columbia for a while, if you equate fun with winning. The Lions have lost their last 21 games and were outscored 389-103 last season. Columbia's last winning record was in 1996, and it has enjoyed just five winning seasons since the Ivy League began football competition in 1956.

"There has got to be a cultural change," Bagnoli said in an interview in July, as he prepared for his first Columbia campaign. "We already have been able to do some things in terms of strength and conditioning coaches, practice times, things like that, which are relatively easy. The harder thing in terms of the kids is getting them to really enjoy football. It can be really discouraging when you're not enjoying much success. We needed to loosen up the reins."

Toward that end, Bagnoli assembled a staff of assistants that includes some coaches he worked with at Penn, some coaches with experience at other Ivy League and Patriot League schools, and "some guys with other backgrounds for new ideas. It's a nice mixture of people from various backgrounds," he says.

Bagnoli was encouraged by what he saw at spring practice in April, where one of his goals was to get a firsthand look at the returning players. "So far, so good," he said after the first day of workouts. "We didn't want to go into spring football with any biases or preconceived notions. We want everybody to have a clean slate and take it from there. We want to figure out whether we have kids at the right positions or whether we should shuffle things around. We're really going to try to tailor things around what kids can do well, what they are comfortable doing, and then try to expand on that."

Although Bagnoli arrived at Columbia late in the recruiting season, he was able to add two first-years and several transfers to the first-year players who had been recruited by interim coach Chris Rippon, former coach Pete Mangurian and their staff. And since arriving on Morningside Heights, Bagnoli already has gotten several prospects to commit to Columbia for 2016.

Asked in July to look ahead to the coming season and assess the team's strengths, he said, "Coming out of spring ball, once we get our defensive line intact, that's going to be a good unit. With Hunter Little '16 and Chad Washington '16 coming back to join Niko Padilla '16 and the rest of the guys we have, that should be a strength. Our kicking game, especially our punters, looked good in spring practice. And the offense did a really nice job adjusting to a new offensive system."



Bagnoli at practice in April.

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BY THE NUMBERS: AL BAGNOLI

33

Years as a college football head coach, 10 at Union and 23 at Penn



Ivy League football championships

62

YEARS OLD

234

College football victories, 86 at Union and 148 at Penn

NO. 1

Ranking in victories among active College Football Subdivision coaches

7

First-team All-Americans coached

3

Undefeated seasons: 1993, 1994, 2003

6

Undefeated Ivy League seasons: 1993, 1994, 2002, 2003, 2009, 2010

Alex Sachare '71, Columbia College Today's editor in chief, has seen 11 Columbia head football coaches since entering as a freshman in September 1967.

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The House Tells the Story

Homes of the American Presidents, in text and watercolors



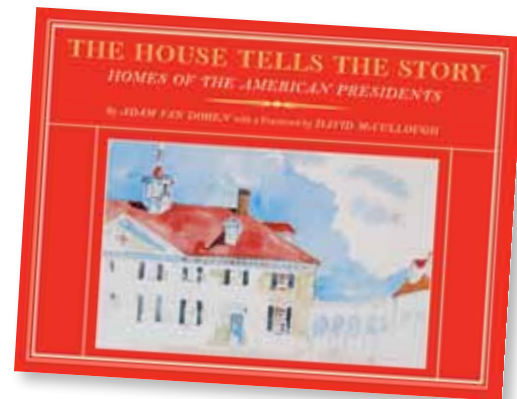
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In fall 2011, Adam Van Doren '84, GSAPP'90 sent the first of many illustrated letters to eminent historian David McCullough from FDR's home in Hyde Park. ("It was a frigid day and I damn near froze to death trying to render the house," he complained, in impressively legible handwriting.) It was at McCullough's suggestion that Van Doren, an architectural painter, had traveled to Hyde Park to sketch the house. Knowing Van Doren's love for history — and his skill at rendering facades — McCullough suggested that he undertake the project of trying to paint the homes of America's Presidents: a sidelong way of revealing each leader's essential character.

As Van Doren traveled from Virginia (Monticello) to Texas (Prairie Chapel Ranch) and Missouri (Harry S Truman National Historic Site), he was taken by a gradual realization: It was not the majesty but the authenticity and, occasionally, humility of these not-always-stately homes that impressed him most. Our Presidents' lives "are so staged, so scrutinized, that it is hard to separate public persona from private. But to see where they live ... is to learn first-hand what makes them human," Van Doren says. Fifteen houses later — after Mount Vernon in Virginia, the Coolidge Homestead in Vermont and Sagamore Hill in New York — he was done.

The House Tells the Story: Homes of the American Presidents, a collection of these letters accompanied by evocative watercolors and with a foreword by McCullough, was released this year by art publisher David R. Godine.

— Rose Kernochan BC'82



Foreword

Adam Van Doren is one of those people who has such enthusiasm for a variety of interests that he is himself invariably interesting. Added to this is a grand sense of humor and great talent as an artist.

He lives with his family in New York, teaches a popular course in watercolor painting at Yale, and keeps in touch with friends with illustrated letters that are treasures.

Adam and I first met at a reception in New York and found we shared a common interest in architecture and painting, and it was not long after that the remarkable letters began arriving, mostly about Boston and Yale to begin with.

The first of those letters chronicling his tour of the homes of the presidents was dated November 22, 2011. And clear it was from the start that he was off and running in grand spirit. There was nothing imitative about the letters. They were just as he is, refreshingly observant, good-hearted, entertaining, alert always to those details that distinguish one setting or one individual from another.

The homes of our presidents have, of course, been photographed time and again over the years, but with his eye for architecture and the human element, not to say his distinctive sense of humor, Adam presents these historical landmarks, as well as their former occupants, in a manner quite his own. He sees them anew, and consequently, so do we.

The letters kept coming. Of the forty-two presidential homes open to the public, plus a few that are not, he traveled to fifteen. Some he was seeing for the first time. Others he had visited before, but never to study and sketch.

He started with Franklin Roosevelt's house at Hyde Park, New York, on the Hudson. It was his first time there and I love that right away he singles out the formidable portraits of FDR's mother and wonders how it must have been for Eleanor Roosevelt to have had to face them every day. Empathetic note is made, too, of FDR's beloved Fala, and with understanding comment on what the little dog's companionship must have meant to someone with the weight of the world on his shoulders.

Setting foot in the habitat of a major historic figure, moving from room to room, paying attention to details, you nearly



Sagamore Hill, home to Teddy Roosevelt, in Oyster Bay, N.Y.

always feel another level of understanding of the human being who lived there. It is a degree of appreciation to be found in no other way, in my experience. And it is this that Adam's letters convey page after page, in both what he writes and his lively watercolor sketches.

Fair to say that in all these houses one feels acutely the presence of their former occupants, but at none more so perhaps than Sagamore Hill at Oyster Bay, Long Island. Sagamore Hill is big, rambling, full of books and hunting trophies — elk and moose heads, elephant tusks — a house chock full of Theodore Roosevelt. There is never a question of who lived there.

A highlight of Adam's two letters from Sagamore Hill is his account of working alone out on the grounds one morning, concentrating on a watercolor of the house while trying to cope with the stiff winds of a November day. ("The ghost of Teddy?" he wonders.) Suddenly a voice speaks to him from behind. "Nice work. Keep it up." Turning, he sees Teddy himself — or rather, an actor dressed for the part, James Foote, who does dramatic recreations on the site.

Taken all together there never has been a tour of the presidential home places so refreshing as this, or one conducted by so congenial a tour guide.

David McCullough

Sagamore Hill, Oyster Bay, New York

Teddy Roosevelt (1858–1919)

[term of office: 1901–1909]

Sagamore Hill is an elegantly designed, perfectly proportioned Queen Anne house, a masterpiece of late shingle-style architecture. It is not, however, what many people expect Teddy Roosevelt's house to look like. They envision a Parthenon-sized log cabin with massive timbers and boulder chimneys. TR, after all, was the swashbuckling hunter of big game, the larger-than-life hero of San Juan Hill, the colossal face on Mount Rushmore. But this is Oyster Bay, not Mount Olympus. Roosevelt had titanic energy and a notoriously fiery temperament, but he was equally capable of tenderness and subtlety; he loved poetry (a champion of Edwin Arlington

Robinson) and was deeply affected by the beauties of the natural world. His house is full of books, artwork, and souvenirs from a life that reveals and confirms a thoughtful, even sentimental figure. Of all the presidential homes I have visited, Sagamore Hill is perhaps most remarkable for the many original personal objects that are still present, and they provide revealing insight into his wide-ranging, if not contradictory, character. There is a gun room upstairs, for instance, where he collected Winchester lever-action rifles. He was fond of hunting big game out West; and yet, ironically, this was the same man who also founded the National Parks.

At the side of the house, there is a generous porte-cochère supported by sturdy wood columns. It evokes images of the Roosevelts arriving for the summer by horse and carriage from Manhattan, all six children in tow. I could only imagine what the sweltering heat of the city must have been like in 1890, with the redolent odor of



horse manure — and worse — filling the streets. The cool shade of the large overhang and the sweet smell of the evergreens must have felt wonderfully restorative. It was the closest thing to air conditioning one could experience in the nineteenth century.

Entering the wide front hall, I felt as if I were embarking on a great adventure. The rooms on the first floor have a decidedly more virile quality than the exterior of the house: this part is pure man-cave. Mahogany beams and dark walnut moldings create a smoky atmosphere, like some back room of a Bull Moose Party gathering. The entrance to the large sunken living room, with its high vaulted ceiling, is punctuated by two great elephant tusks thrusting upward. Hunting trophies with jutting antlers line the walls, and animal skins cover the floors. I could name at least some of the slain creatures: elk, bighorn sheep, rhinoceros, wolf, antelope, moose, cougar. Where was my Panama hat and machete, after all? I felt like I was in the American Museum of Natural History in New York. But then again, and not surprisingly, Teddy was one of its founders.

The library parlor is less dramatic, and more intimate. I was given special permission to sketch it, as long as a ranger sat beside me. The supervision seemed excessive, but I was happy to oblige. Family portraits hung above three-quarter bookcases and a fireplace with arched brickwork. By the window was a rocking chair in which TR presumably relaxed; though I imagine, given his restless nature, he never sat for long. He was too busy plotting another safari, running a campaign, founding the Progressives. My friend Roger Angell, a writer for *The New Yorker*, once told me that Roosevelt suffered from manic depression and that's why he was always on the move, to distract himself from his own black moods. Kay Jamison, the author of *Exuberance*, characterized TR as "hypomaniac on a mild day."

Roosevelt, despite his privileged, Gilded Age upbringing, was no stranger to tragedy. His first wife, whom he adored, died in childbirth (the same day his mother died). "The light has gone out of my life forever," he wrote in his diary. In order to submerge his grief, he requested, in true Victorian fashion, that



his family never utter her name again. No doubt Freud, who emerged on the scene only a few years later, would have had a field day with this repressed notion of how to deal with loss.

After stepping out onto the back porch, with its sweeping view of the Hudson, I walked down the sloping green lawn and set up my drawing stool near the flagpole — the same pole which rises above the graves of TR's sons, Quentin and Teddy, Jr., who died in World Wars I and II, respectively. Some of the children visiting the grounds took a break from sightseeing and seized the opportunity to roll down the incline in teams. I imagined the house as it once was, alive with Roosevelt's kids. Teddy once wrote to [his son] Kermit in 1904, "[No] matter how things came out, the really important thing was the lovely life with Mother and you children, and that compared to this home-life everything else was of very small importance from the standpoint of happiness." (Kermit became a soldier and a businessman; daughter Alice became a writer and socialite; Archibald a distinguished army officer; and Ethel a World War I nurse who led the efforts to save Sagamore Hill).



When the coast was clear and the children had stopped careening past me down the hill, I began drawing my picture. I had just reached my stride with the pencil when I heard a deep basso voice behind me remark, "Good job!" Startled, I turned around and to my astonishment it was — TR himself! He was short and stout with spectacles, and wore his trademark wool vest and riding boots. In actuality, it was the actor James Foote playing the part. He visits the site once a month to entertain tourists, bringing the president back to life with an uncanny likeness. Foote is very convincing; he certainly had me fooled. In my mind's eye, I saw the *real* Teddy, bellowing with his hearty laugh, his squinty eyes, and his lust for life.

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Q&A WITH CCAA PRESIDENT

Back to School with ... Doug Wolf '88

With a new school year just begun, CCT spoke with Columbia College Alumni Association president Doug Wolf '88 about his years on campus, the classes that changed his perspective and the advice he'd give to today's first-years. If you want to share your own answers to these questions, send them to ccalumni@columbia.edu.



Did you have a favorite study spot?

In my search for the quietest library, I studied at least once in every library on the Morningside Heights campus. In the end, my go-to place was with the poltergeists on any random floor in the Butler stacks. The darker the floor when I got off the elevator, the better. Then I would hunt for the furthest desk with a chair and light, and sit down with my Diet Coke and Baby Ruth.

What extracurriculars did you participate in?

I was involved with the University Dorm Council and while I don't remember my precise title, I was head of intramural sports for the Board of Managers; our committee allocated student funds to about 50 intramural sports. I recall hockey took the "lion's" share. In hindsight, participating in activities outside of academics and sports added experiences that were invaluable. It may not have seemed like much then but we were involved in negotiations with the teams, managed disappointment [for the ones that didn't receive as much money as they wanted], worked with the administration and had real responsibilities.

I did not join a fraternity but through my time wrestling during my first year, and having a brother, Eric Wolf '86, involved in Greek life, I was generally welcomed into frats on 114th for events.

What would you join if you were doing it all over today?

It certainly seems there are many more clubs and activities now than in the late 1980s! I'd probably look to some of the entrepreneurial-based organizations. I've generally been business-leaning in my interests, and something that would expose a student to that world at an early point would fascinate me.

Along those lines, I would also look to organizations that included alumni interactions. That sounds like a convenient view given my role today but it is actually my recognition that networking is critical in many social, philanthropic and business pursuits; building those

connections as early as possible is something that many students don't appreciate. I impress this upon my daughter, who is attending a different institution. She was hesitant as a freshman to attend alumni-inclusive events but has immediately seen the advantage in being one of the few underclassmen there and experiencing the enthusiasm of those alumni.

What do you think is the most exciting change at the College since you were on campus?

There have been many physical changes during the last 25 years, and I am envious of many — the abundance of places to eat, the makeover of most of the residential spaces and the new academic buildings. While I may reminisce about places like the student-run store in Furnald, its demise was probably for the best. I particularly like the seemingly popular gathering spots in Alfred Lerner Hall (on the site of Ferris Booth Hall, the student center in my era) as well as the common sight of clubs and other groups positioned on the ramps within. It provides a strong community feeling, which was more difficult to find years ago.

What advice would you give to new students on making it through the first semester, being away from home and navigating NYC?

On the issue of academics, the College does a fantastic job of screening candidates. Students are there because it's the right fit for them. Do not be discouraged if there are subjects that are difficult to grasp and seem so easy for others. Those who appear not to be studying are. The Core is not easy and I used to get dizzy trying to make sense of the various concepts. But I knew that others had to feel the same way even if they did not show it. And that applies to more than academics. Students can take comfort from the fact that when they arrive on campus, there are more than 1,000 other students who have the same insecurities, concerns, anxiousness and excitement — none are as cool as they appear.



Lions

Dan Press '64 Fights for Native American Rights

BY EUGENE L. MEYER '64

Dan Press '64, in a white shirt and tie, was headed to his Georgetown law office from his suburban Bethesda, Md., home one morning in June. But he was looking ahead to the following week, when he would herd cattle and fix fences on a ranch in the mountains of New Mexico.

"There's something about jumping on a horse and going into the mountains and wandering around," he says. "It does good things to you."

Press, raised in a working-class Jewish family in Flushing, Queens, rides the range three or four times a year, returning to his postgraduate roots as a young law student helping Native Americans achieve their rights to fair employment and union wages on their sovereign land.

In 1972, four years after graduating from Yale Law, Press left the reservation but not the cause. Back in Washington, D.C., he worked tirelessly on behalf of Indian tribes for economic justice. In 1971, Press helped to establish the first labor relations office on the Navajo reservation to ensure that companies doing business on tribal land adhered to Navajo preference in hiring. Later, he gave it a name: TERO, for Tribal Employment Rights Office, and the idea caught on. Today, more than 300 Native American tribes have TEROs.

Press also helped start the Native American Bank, jointly owned by 20 tribes; assisted one tribe with legislation awarding it \$450 million for land taken for a federal dam; and helped another tribe gain title to more than 9,000 acres of land at a former military base near its reservation.

"Dan is very humble, but he is one of the greatest lawyers who have made a national impact on Native Americans throughout the United States," says Kenneth White Jr., a Navajo who is CEO of Native Americans for Community Action, in Flagstaff, Ariz.

Press is also an adjunct professor in Columbia's anthropology department and is affiliated with Columbia's Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Race. He teaches undergraduate courses on Native American issues and, more recently, helped found the AlterNATIVE Education program for Indian youth. The five-day summer program, offered on reservations from Zuni, N.M., to Pine Ridge, S.D., covers topics from identity and tribal history, to efforts to exterminate Native Americans and their culture, to how to apply to college.

Given his background, Press' career path might seem surprising. His grandparents were Eastern European immigrants, his father a high-school dropout who sold magazines. Press assumed he was Queens College-bound. But his older brother, Phil SEAS'63, SEAS'65, had won a full scholarship to Columbia,

so Press applied, expecting to commute. A night in Phil's dorm dazzled him, however, so to afford on-campus life Press washed dishes in Johnson Hall, then a women's graduate dorm.

"Columbia was eye-opening," he says. "Taking Contemporary Civilization, thinking about all these big ideas, was the most wonderful thing that happened to me." His CC instructor was Robert Dallek GSAS'64, now a prominent presidential historian. Press majored in sociology and studied with Daniel Bell GSAS'60, whom he calls "my intellectual idol. I was interested in social theory — what made the world work."

The summer after graduating, Press worked at the New York World's Fair waiting tables. During his spare time he reread *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, which inspired him to look west of the Hudson.

Press entered the Law School but after a year took a leave of absence to join Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA), one of President Lyndon B. Johnson's Great Society programs. Unexcited by his assignment at Columbia's School of Social Work — "it was not quite floating down the Mississippi River" — he immediately traveled to VISTA's Washington, D.C. headquarters to request another post. He could work with migrants, Southern coops or Indians, he was told. He chose Indians.

"I knew nothing about it," he says. Three weeks later, he was en route to Montana. "I got off the plane, looked at the mountains, and said, 'Yes, this is what I was looking for.'"

Press spent a year on the Crow Reservation. He and other VISTA volunteers tutored children, set up a library, created an after-school program. He also helped a tribal elder write a small book about treaties made and broken. Along the way, he went to a sweat bath, shot a deer in the mountains, helped gut it and ate deer liver cooked over a fire. So accepted was he that a Crow family adopted him into the tribe and family.

During that year, Press developed a love for horses and Indian law. He transferred to Yale and focused on learning about using the law for social change. As he was graduating in 1968, Navajo Nation recruiters came to campus to hire someone to start a legal services program. Press got the job and wound up in Window Rock, Ariz., the Navajo Nation's capital.

In 1972, he moved to Washington, D.C., where he continued to fight for Indian rights, first as a consultant, then as a solo practitioner, later joining a law firm. In 1990, he went to another

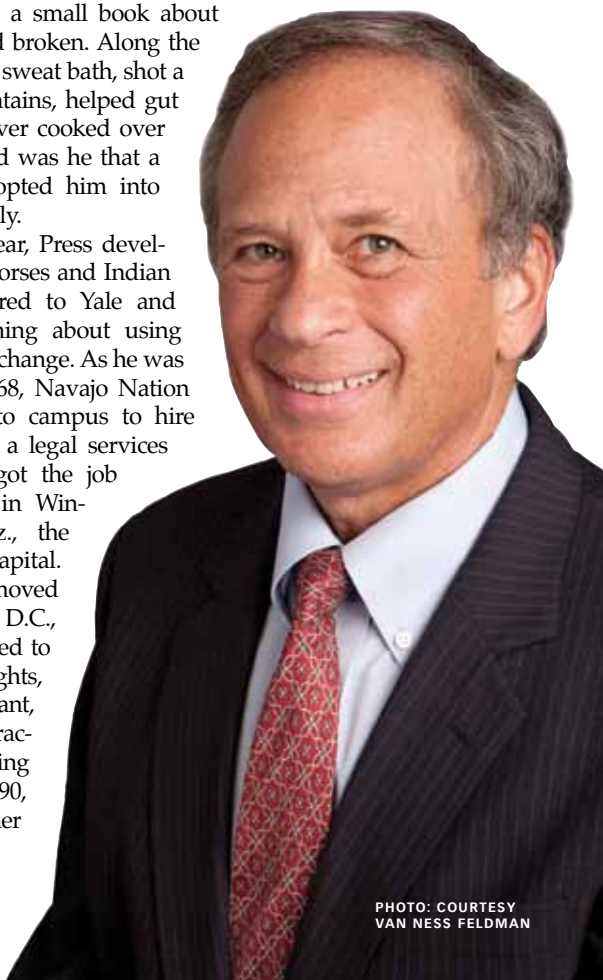


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VAN NESS FELDMAN



AlterNATIVE Education facilitators and faculty adviser Dan Press '64 at the Zuni (N.M.) Reservation in 2013.

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firm, Van Ness Feldman, where he rose to partner and where he still works.

While continuing to labor on behalf of Indians, Press decided to return to school — to teach, though he had never done so. In 2005, an Alumni Office representative invited him to speak to what was then the Columbia Native American Club. From that emerged his first course, on issues in tribal government, in Spring 2012. A second, on Indian education, followed, and like his first was jointly created by Press and students "who asked for a course in which they could actually do something about the problems on reservations," he says. A third course, on Native American economic development, grew out of the first two.

At the initial meeting of the first course, students were silent. Press thought he'd failed. But from the second class on, they talked nonstop. The subject of historical trauma came up, an intergenerational issue "that gets passed down," he says, similar to what's experienced by the children and grandchildren of Holocaust survivors.

Press arranged for his students to meet President Barack Obama '83's Indian affairs adviser at the White House. On the same trip, they visited the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. They talked about Native American cultural genocide but also about resilience.

In Spring 2013, in his course on Indian education, Press and his students came up with AlterNATIVE Education. Press used his tribal connections to help launch the initiative that summer, and it has since blossomed into an annual experience offered on eight reservations. Press remains involved as an adviser.

"He's such a heavy hitter," says Fantasia Painter '13, a member of the Salt River-Maricopa Indian Community in Phoenix active in AE. "He's such a great advocate. He really just helped make it happen."

Eugene L. Meyer '64 is a former longtime Washington Post reporter, an author and the editor of B'nai B'rith Magazine.

Little Started Demartini on the Path to Success

BY JOHN E. MULLIGAN III '72

Dr. Felix E. Demartini '43, PS'46 spent his career at the University's medical complex and helped to usher it into the modern era, starting in 1977, when he became the first doctor to serve as both president and CEO of what was then called Presbyterian Hospital at the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center. But Demartini says his first mentor was not a prominent physician. He was a Lions legend: football coach Lou Little, who was a stickler for good grades and who pushed his players to be off-the-field leaders.

Demartini was an accomplished high school player in 1937 when he made a recruiting visit to Little, the engineer of Columbia's famous upset of Stanford in the 1934 Rose Bowl. But Demartini says he was also "a screw-up. I don't think I'd ever read a book all the way through."

An assistant coach delivered bad news: "You don't have the grades to get into Columbia." But, he said, Demartini might be admitted after a post-graduate year at prep school.

Back home in Ridgely, N.J., this was not a tough call for Demartini's father, a successful textile salesman. Andrew Demartini started working after eighth grade and spent years building a career. To the senior Demartini, education was everything.

"Don't even think about it," Demartini's father said of the chance. "Do it!" So Demartini spent a year at Connecticut's Cheshire Academy, where, he says now, "I found to my surprise that I could do the work if I disciplined myself." The school's academic rigor and the individual attention wrought "a profound change in me."

And thus, in fall 1939, Demartini was playing freshman football at Baker Field. Great Britain was at war with Nazi Germany but Demartini says he and his friends "weren't concerned about the war yet." He was making his mark on the gridiron as a 6-foot-1, 185-lb. guard who stung opposing runners more with quickness than with strength.

A few weeks after the 1941 season, however, Pearl Harbor changed everything, Demartini says. Military service became a preoccupation on campus.

Demartini and All-American quarterback Paul Governali '43 were co-captains in 1942. "Our team was decimated because so many people were drafted or left school to enlist," says Demartini. He, too, had a foot in the future. Months ahead of schedule, he left the College for a war-shortened course at P&S — 36 months instead of four years. He later practiced medicine as an internist.

Also in 1943, Demartini began his nearly 67 years of marriage to his childhood sweetheart, Mildred Van Valkenburg,

who died in 2010. They had three children: Felix Jr. '71; Paul '72, PS'77; and Lisa Demartini Ogburn.

After P&S graduation and an internship, Demartini served two years as an Army doctor aboard Navy transport ships. He began his residency and fellowships in 1949 at Columbia's hospital. In 1953 he began his practice on the hospital staff. Later in the 1950s, he began teaching clinical medicine at P&S.

At that point, Demartini happily chose the track he followed until retirement: splitting his time between his practice and teaching. "The atmosphere was really unbelievable," he says. So many professionals "were at the cutting edge of medicine that I wanted to continue in this institution."

In 1974, Demartini began several years as the hospital board's vice chair for professional and scientific affairs. At the time, the hospital faced two dire problems: The facility was so antiquated that it couldn't be properly modernized (e.g., the old hospital building had been designed before X-rays were as routinely used as today — to say nothing of more modern high-tech equipment — and thus X-ray rooms were inconveniently located) and the institution was stricken with financial woes, partly rooted in the changes Medicare and similar programs had made in the economics of hospitals.

In 1977, the hospital board asked Demartini to tackle such challenges as its president and CEO. He compares the task to solving a huge, complicated puzzle. While making improvements to the old plant during his first years on the job, Demartini also had to develop the hospital's plan for a large-scale modernization of facilities, technology and finances. Then he led the creation of the bricks-and-mortar modernization plan. Major pieces would include the Milstein Hospital Building; a string of storefront ambulatory care clinics in Northern Manhattan; and The Allen Hospital, a community hospital to provide cost-efficient care of illnesses and injuries that didn't require the full resources of a major hospital. (Fittingly, the smaller community hospital's location was a rocky parcel of Columbia land by the Broadway Bridge — yards from where Demartini had played for Little more than 40 years earlier.) After seven years at the helm, Demartini and his team had set the wheels in motion for the construction of the new complex.

Demartini, who turned 95 on September 9, views his leadership years as the capstone of an association with Columbia that lasted from the 1939 football season until his 1984 retirement. He feels "those seven years had more impact" on the hospital than all the work he did in his previous years in medicine.

Demartini has devoted his retirement to the same passions that drove him as a younger man: family, medicine and sports. He enjoys regular reunions with his children and their families and as an accomplished golfer, he belongs to the American Seniors Golf Association. Among other medical administrative work during his retirement, Demartini has served on the board of

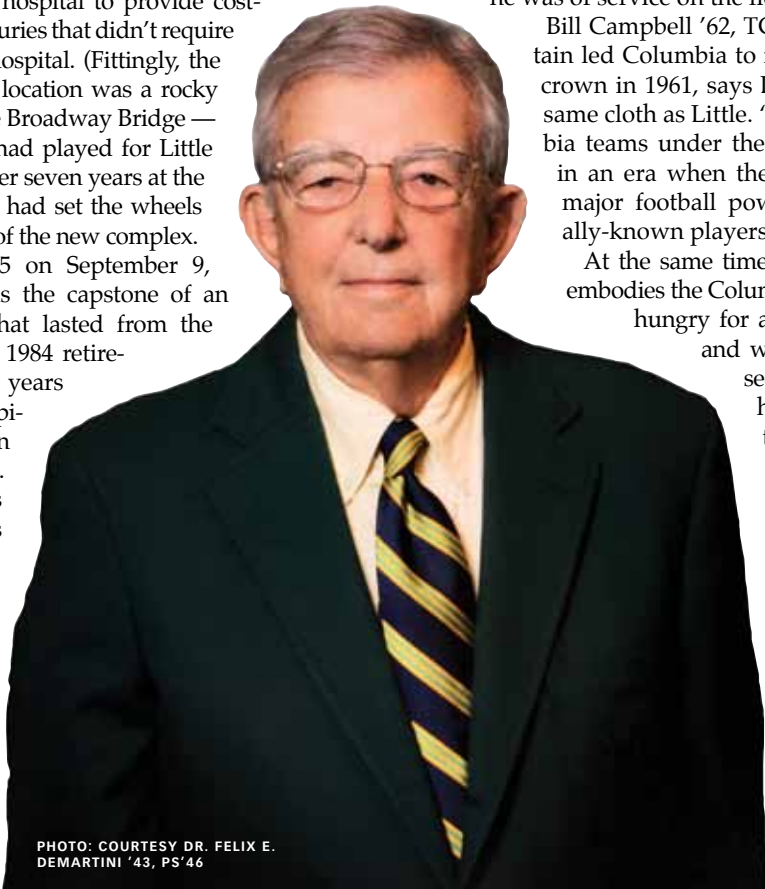


PHOTO: COURTESY DR. FELIX E. DEMARTINI '43, PS'46



Lions 1942 co-captains Dr. Felix E. Demartini '43, PS'46 (left) and Paul V. Governali '43 (right) with football coach Lou Little.

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trustees of the Indian River Medical Center Foundation near his home in Vero Beach, Fla.

One day in the 1950s, Little sent Demartini a warm note with a copy of the football program from the 1940 game at Dartmouth — a 20–6 upset for the Lions, and the first game Demartini started on the varsity.

That's "what Mr. Little was like," Demartini says. "He remembered something important to an old player, long after he was of service on the field."

Bill Campbell '62, TC'64, who as the Lions' captain led Columbia to its only Ivy League football crown in 1961, says Demartini was cut from the same cloth as Little. "He played on great Columbia teams under the greatest Columbia coach," in an era when the Lions still competed with major football powers and produced nationally-known players, says Campbell.

At the same time, adds Campbell, Demartini embodies the Columbia scholar-athlete who was hungry for a great education and career and who felt obliged to help subsequent generations to aim as high.

Demartini always had time to give a tour of the medical school to young football players who were interested in medicine, Campbell says.

"This is what people in my era wanted to be like," Campbell says, calling Demartini a mentor to younger Columbians who demonstrated that "you could be a jock, but you could also be a doc."

John E. Mulligan III '72 is a former reporter for the Providence Journal.

ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

Three Lions baseball players were selected in June's Major League Baseball first-year player draft. Outfielder **Gus Craig SEAS'15**, the Co-Ivy League Player of the Year, was taken by the Seattle Mariners in the 30th round. Pitcher **George Thanopoulos '15** and outfielder **Jordan Serena '15** both were picked up in the 35th round, Thanopoulos by the New York Mets and Serena by the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim.

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In more Lions sports news, **Katie Meili '13** won a gold medal for the 100m breaststroke during the 2015 Pan American Games, finishing in 1:06.26. During the race preliminaries, Meili set a Pan American Games record for the 100m breaststroke with a time of 1:05.64, beating the previous record by two full seconds.

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Lea Goldman '98
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HEARST MAGAZINES

In June, **Lea Goldman '98** was promoted to the role of executive editor at *Marie Claire* magazine. She began at the women's magazine in March 2008 and previously was its features and special projects director, as well as its deputy editor. In her new role, Goldman will manage writers and editors, continue to write and edit features on politics, women's rights and international issues, and will have a special focus on the *Marie Claire* @Work section.

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U.S. District Judge **Alvin Hellerstein '54, LAW'56** was in the news for his July 7 decision on robocalls, the automated calls that come from a dialing device and deliver a recorded message. In a civil suit brought by a Texas woman against Time Warner Cable, Hellerstein ruled that the company violated the Telephone Consumer Protection Act in making 153 robocalls to her mobile device even after she told Time Warner that she was not the intended recipient and did not wish to be called. The plaintiff was awarded \$229,500 in treble damages.

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College alumni were well represented during Emmy nomination season. *Saturday Night Live's* **Kate McKinnon '06** received a nomination for Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series; *House of Cards* creator **Beau Willimon '99, SOA'03** and *Orange Is the New Black* creator **Jenji Kohan '91** both received nominations for Outstanding Drama Series; and **Maggie Gyllenhaal '99** was nominated for Outstanding Lead Actress in a Limited Series or a Movie for her work on *The Honorable Woman*.

In other entertainment news, **Steven Bargonetti '78** received The Boston Theater Critics Association's 2015 Elliot Norton Award for Outstanding Musical Performance by an Actor for his work in the play *Father Comes Home From The Wars (Parts 1, 2 & 3.)* **Bill Condon '76** directed the film *Mr. Holmes*, starring Ian McKellen and Laura Linney, released in July to favorable reviews.



Steven Bargonetti '78

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Poet and artist **John Giorno '58** has two major exhibitions in 2015: His solo show at New York's Elizabeth Dee Gallery, "SPACE FORGETS YOU," was on view April 2–May 9, while a retrospective of his work will open on Monday, September 28, at Paris' Palais de Tokyo as a mash-up of his poems against a backdrop of graffiti from French street artists Lek and Sowat.

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New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo appointed **Gerrard P. Bushell '83, GSAS'04** president/CEO of the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, one of the nation's leading issuers of tax-exempt bonds and a major source of capital for infrastructure. DASNY provides financing and construction services for public and private universities, hospitals and healthcare facilities, and other nonprofits. "I am excited by the opportunity to serve Governor Andrew Cuomo and the people of New York State as we commence on an ambitious journey," Bushell said in a DASNY press release.

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The *New York Times* featured **Tifphani White '98's** relationship with now-husband Michael King as part of its "Summer Love" series exploring romance in New York City; the July 9 article was headlined "An Ice Cream Cone, a Ring, Then After 23 Years, a Promise." White, the first African-American woman to become a tax partner at financial network Deloitte, began dating King in high school; the article covers the couple's long courtship, including White's time at Columbia, where she double-majored in economics-philosophy and dance. White and King were married at St. Paul's Chapel on June 26.

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Bookshelf

Forgotten Trials of the Holocaust by Frank M. Tuerkheimer '60 and Michael J. Bazylar. Go beyond Nuremberg with this examination of 10 trials held in seven countries across 50-plus years. "Can one ever hope for justice in these cases?" the authors ask. Still, there is much to learn about how different legal systems confronted Nazi crimes and contributed to the collective memory of the Holocaust (New York University Press, \$45).

The Prince of Minor Writers: The Selected Essays of Max Beerbohm edited and with an introduction by Phillip Lopate '64. Lopate, himself a nonfiction writer, gathers works by this late 19th- and early 20th-century British drama critic, essayist and astute observer of life. There's an art to being a gentle, and gentlemanly, curmudgeon — and Beerbohm had it down (New York Review Books, \$18.95).

Jews and Genes: The Genetic Future in Contemporary Jewish Thought edited by Elliot N. Dorff '65 and Laurie Zoloth. With the layman in mind, the editors explain the science behind stem cell research, genetic mapping and identity, genetic testing and genetic intervention. Accompanying essays offer viewpoints on how Judaism should be applied to the research (University of Nebraska Press, \$35).

Eternal Ephemera: Adaptation and the Origin of Species from the Nineteenth Century through Punctuated Equilibria and Beyond by Niles Eldredge '65. Paleontologist Eldredge charts the history of evolutionary biology and its leading thinkers, exploring how and why scientific views on the subject have changed. It's the evolution of evolution (Columbia University Press, \$35).

Three Plays by John F. Levin '65. The historically based play *Vera-cruz*, set in the Mexican city during its 1914 occupation by U.S. forces, sees famed author Jack London and the young Capt. Douglas MacArthur form an unlikely alliance. *Snowbirds* and *Big Money* round out this three-in-one collection (Black Apollo Press, \$16).

Voices in the Night: Stories by Steven Millhauser '65. The author, who was awarded the 2011 Story Prize for *We Others: New & Selected Stories*, adds to his short-form oeuvre with 16 tales of the fantastic. Some put ordinary people in contact with the extraordinary, while others reimagine myths and legends of old. Is it any wonder Paul Bunyan's brother grew up in a large shadow (Alfred A. Knopf, \$25.95)?

The Last Brazil of Benjamin East by Jonathan Freedman '72. The Pulitzer-Prize-winning journalist turns to fiction with this novel that pairs the 72-year-old East, back in

the United States after nearly 40 years in Brazil, with a woman who is fleeing an abusive relationship. Love, friendship and a road trip follow (Bright Lights Press, \$12.95).

Pugilistic by George Guida '89. The author's fourth collection of poems focuses on people wavering between despair and redemption. Spend time with a diverse cohort, from a card player and a comic, to a boxer, a divorcee, a witness to a disaster and more (WordTech Communications, \$20).

The Isle of the Lost: A Descendants Novel by Melissa de la Cruz '93. The children of Disney's most notorious villains take center stage in the search for the hidden Dragon's Eye — the key to helping themselves and their parents escape lifetime banishment on a remote island. Evil runs in the family (Disney-Hyperion, \$17.99).

The New Freedom and the Radicals: Woodrow Wilson, Progressive Views of Radicalism, and the Origins of Repressive Tolerance by Jacob Kramer '93. This intellectual history examines how progressives — who sought to regulate big business, reduce class conflict and ease urban poverty — thought about radical politics at the beginning of the 20th century (Temple University Press, \$79.50).

Conversion by Katherine Howe '99. This chilling novel follows dual

plot lines: what happens when students at a modern-day elite girls' school are beset by tics and other bizarre symptoms, and the similarly strange experiences that were at the heart of the Salem witch trials of 1692. It's tough to be a teenage girl (Putnam, \$18.99).

Real Happiness: Proven Paths for Contentment, Peace & Well-Being by Jonah Paquette '04. Clinical psychologist Paquette takes his opening line from Aristotle: "Happiness depends upon ourselves." What follows is a look at the nature of happiness and seven principles for boosting emotional well-being (PESI Publishing & Media, \$16.99).

How to be a Supervillain: And Love Life Doing It by Leland Gill '13. Come under the tutelage of Master Vex to learn how to build a career out of bad deeds, from finding your motivation to picking a name and a place to menace. Turns out, for villains, heroes are a necessary evil (Re.ad Publishing, \$12.99).

The Guardians: The League of Nations and the Crisis of Empire by Susan Pedersen, the James P. Shenton Professor of the Core Curriculum. This thoroughly researched history explores the complexity and significance of the 20-year experiment in international oversight that followed WWI. Imperialist ambitions, sovereign rights and idealism collide (Oxford University Press, \$34.95).

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Brad Gooch '73 Revisits a Time Gone by in *Smash Cut*

In light of the historic June 26 ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court declaring same-sex marriage a fundamental legal right, **Brad Gooch '73, GSAS'86's *Smash Cut: A Memoir of Howard & Art & the '70s & the '80s*** (Harper, \$27.99) is an especially poignant remembrance of the relationship between Gooch and his longtime partner, the late filmmaker Howard Brookner '76. Gooch comments

in the prologue on the changes to New York City and society in a short amount of time: He now lives with his husband, Paul Raushenbush, in gentrified Chelsea, within view of the formerly dilapidated Hotel Chelsea — the place where he and Brookner lived in the '80s, when the idea of legalized same-sex marriage was inconceivable to them.

The memoir covers the period between Gooch and Brookner's first meeting, in May 1978, and Brookner's death from complications from AIDS in April 1989, depicting the transformative and electric years in between. "I was aware of surviving and being a bit of an ancient mariner here," says Gooch. "Every so often over the years people would say, 'You should write a memoir about the '70s and '80s,' and in the process of writing, I discovered that the heartbeat of [the time] was my relationship with Howard. That was at the center."

Gooch is a poet, biographer and professor of English at William Paterson University. (His M.A., M.Phil. and Ph.D. — earned in 1977, 1979 and 1986, respectively — are all in English and comparative literature.) He is best known for *City Poet: The Life and Times of Frank O'Hara* and *Flannery: A Life of Flannery O'Connor*. The latter, published in 2009, was a National Book Critics Circle Award Finalist, a *New York Times* bestseller and a *New York Times* Notable Book of the Year. In his latest, he tells the story of his and Brookner's journey, showing how they developed their artistic voices while simultaneously exploring their relationship during the hedonistic era.

The New York art scene provides the background for the memoir, and an array of celebrities and artists pass through its pages. Keith Haring's graffiti dots the streets between Gooch and Brookner's respective West and East Village apartments; a young Madonna visits Brookner in the hospital; Robert Mapplethorpe snaps Gooch's first model portfolio shots. During the time covered by the book, Gooch alternately is a teaching assistant at Columbia, a model in Milan and Paris, a porn

reviewer, a poet, a profile writer for major magazines (such as *Vanity Fair*) and a novelist; Brookner finishes film school at NYU while directing and filming a documentary about Beat poet William Burroughs, which later became the critically acclaimed *Burroughs: The Movie* (1983).

From nights spent in Burroughs' underground bunker in the Bowery, to the couple's first shared home in a series of connected apartments on Bleecker Street, to their drag dinner parties in the Hotel Chelsea, New York City is central to the story. *Smash Cut* offers an insider's look at the New York of the '70s and '80s — promiscuity, drugs, underground clubs and the post-bohemian atmosphere that imbued the artistic community are all on display. Interspersed with international jaunts, the memoir is a heartfelt look at how memories are tied to time, places and people.

"Especially in the early part [of writing *Smash Cut*], it was great to relive the '70s and youth and Columbia College and friends — all that was wonderful," says Gooch. "But the book turns, as life turns, with AIDS in the '80s, and that I almost hadn't bargained for. I realized I put those memories away in a lockbox and hadn't really revisited them in all these years."

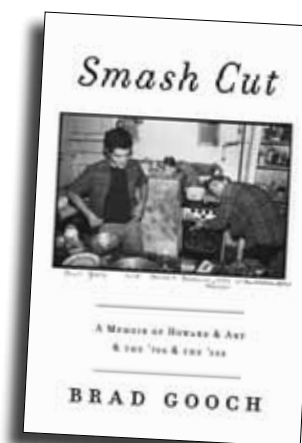
Brookner was diagnosed as HIV-positive in 1987. The memoir explores the attitudes around AIDS in the '80s, with Brookner rushing to finish his final film, *Bloodhounds of Broadway*, while keeping his diagnosis a secret. Says Gooch, "When it got dark in terms of AIDS, I thought that the amazing thing was — and Howard showed it, but he was not alone — the dignity about the whole thing, and humor, and intelligence. People really rose to the occasion of death in those wards in St. Vincent's [Hospital, in Greenwich Village, now closed], in ways that weren't corny or melodramatic."

Throughout the book, the love between Gooch and Brookner is constant; it keeps the two connected even as distance, infidelity, addiction and disease challenge their relationship. "It just seemed that the city had changed so much and gay life had changed so much and my life had changed so much; it was that radical difference that made me want to go back and recoup that time," says Gooch about the inspiration to relive New York's wild years in *Smash Cut*. "It was half magic and half tragic."

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Jeremiah Cincia CP'39 writes, "March 18, 1918, was a long time ago, but here it is 2015 and the wheels are still turning. I wanted to get this into the '30-'40 group before we both disappear from CCT."

Jeremiah has been married for 68 years and has three children (a doctor, a lawyer and a teacher) and two grandchildren.

He adds: "I came through WWII on a Fletcher Tin Can [a U.S. Navy Destroyer] with medals and no scratches. Still active in the family businesses — enjoyed a stint in beautiful Bermuda and am now communing with nature during the weekends on 100 acres in scenic North Jersey.

"Now, too, is payback time and Columbia is on the list so we're happy to help young people follow their dreams via scholarships."

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No news this time! Your classmates want to hear from you; send your updates to either the email address at the top of this column, or submit your news through CCT's web-form college.columbia.edu/cct/submit_class_note. Have a terrific fall, and be well.

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Colleen Byrnes, daughter of the late **James J. Byrnes**, sent a note to the Alumni Office reporting his death on February 18, 2015, in St. Petersburg, Fla., at 92.

James entered the College with our Class of 1942 but graduated with a degree in chemical engineering in 1943. He immediately began work with the Carbide and Carbon Chemicals Corp. in Oak Ridge, Tenn., on development of the atomic bomb. From 1947 to 1951 he worked at H.K. Ferguson Co. in New York City, then joined Associated Engineers and Consultants in Garden City, N.Y., until

1964. James ended his career at Burns and Roe in Hempstead, N.Y., as a VP and supervisor in building power plants. Upon retirement to St. Petersburg, Fla., James volunteered for 20 years at the Christmas Toy Shop, fixing bicycles for young children. He is survived by his wife, Joan, and daughters, Maureen, Eileen and Colleen. We send our condolences to the Byrnes family and honor James' memory and distinguished career.

With sadness and regret, this correspondent noted an obituary in *The New York Times* on April 10, 2015, for our good friend **Donald Seligman**, who died on April 6, 2015, at 93. Don came to Columbia from Lawrence H.S. on Long Island, where he was an outstanding student and star football player. He played both football and baseball at Columbia, forming lasting friendships with many teammates.

After Pearl Harbor, Don — along with teammates and friends **Jack Arbolino** and **Philip Bayer** — enlisted in the Marine Corps. All saw combat in the Pacific Theatre, where Jack was wounded on Okinawa and Phil was killed at Peleliu in a heroic effort to save the life of a fellow officer. Don also saw action at Peleliu and retired from active duty with the rank of major. After the war, Don began a successful career in the women's shoe business, including stints at Lord & Taylor, Saks Fifth Avenue and Bergdorf Goodman (Delman). He then founded his own unique label, The Shop for Pappagallo, which he supervised until his retirement as a consultant-representative for other manufacturers. After retirement, Don and his wife, Dorothy, lived for 20 years in Rhinebeck, N.Y., before moving to the retirement community of Heritage Hills in Somers, N.Y., and living for the last few years at Atria on the Hudson in Ossining, N.Y.

Don retained his athletics skills as a senior citizen, playing tennis into his 80s and extending his warmth, affection and guidance to his friends and family as the years passed. He was greatly admired and loved, and will be sadly missed. This correspondent last saw Don several years ago when we both delivered eulogy remarks at the memorial service for **Jack Arbolino** in St. Paul's Chapel. Don gave an affectionate, humorous and moving portrait of his friendship with Jack through the years, including some interesting comments



In this photo from 1986, left to right, **Don Mankiewicz '42** (see Obituaries), **Leslie Hershkowitz** and **Dr. Melvin Hershkowitz '42** watch the horse races at Santa Anita Park in California.

about their years on the football squad under Lou Little. We extend our condolences to Dorothy; Don's son, John; and extended family. Farewell, old friend.

With profound grief and mourning, I sadly report the death of **Don Mankiewicz** at 93 on April 25, 2015, at his home in Monrovia, Calif. Don, one of my closest lifelong friends in our great class, was the son of Herman Mankiewicz (Class of 1917) and the nephew of Joseph Mankiewicz '28. Herman won an Academy Award for his script for *Citizen Kane*, a 1941 film that ranks as one of the greatest movies ever made, and also wrote the script for *Pride Of The Yankees*, a 1942 film that this writer and several other classmates saw at the Loew's Olympia on Broadway and West 107th Street.

Joseph won multiple Academy Awards as both writer and director of acclaimed films, including *All About Eve*, *A Letter to Three Wives* and *Julius Caesar*. In this gifted family tradition, Don won the Harper Prize in 1955 for his novel *Trial* (later made into a film with Dorothy McGuire and Glenn Ford), and was also nominated for an Academy Award in 1958 for his screenplay for the film *I Want to Live!* Don also created two famous television series: *Ironsides* in 1967, starring Raymond Burr in a wheel chair, and *Marcus Welby, M.D.* in 1969 starring Robert Young.

Between 1950 and 1986, Don wrote or co-wrote approximately 70 varied television episodes, some as co-author with his friend Gordon Cotler '44. Don wrote his first

novel, *See How They Run*, in 1950 and later published his third novel, *It Only Hurts a Minute*, in 1966.

At Columbia, Don was a member of the debate council, where he showed his brilliant wit and gift for extemporaneous analysis. My lifelong friendship with Don began in 1938, when we met as incoming freshmen and shared an intense interest in horse racing. We soon found several other classmates who joined us in forming the Class of 1942 Certified Degenerate Horseplayers Club. This membership included Dr. **Arthur "Wizzer" Wellington**, the late **Donald "Dickie Bird" Dickinson** and the late **Charles F. "Chic" Hoelzer Jr.**

Arthur (94) lives in Elmira, N.Y. He was a Marine artillery officer in the Pacific in WWII. Donald was a decorated infantry officer hero in Europe in WWII. After he recovered from severe combat wounds, he was employed in the early years of the Las Vegas gambling industry and became VP of the Tropicana Club. Charles was a Marine infantry officer in the Pacific in WWII, after which he attended Cornell Law and became a prominent attorney in Washington, D.C. The current writer often visited him at his apartment in the famous Watergate office complex.

Don Mankiewicz and I played on the Royal Elite Cuban Giants, our championship intramural softball team, in the 1940-41 season. Don, who chose this name with his usual cynical humor, played first base and I was shortstop. Our pitcher, **William "Bill" Hochman**, commanded a landing ship, tank

(LST) in the Normandy invasion, survived its sinking with many casualties and became professor of history at Colorado College in Colorado Springs. I still have my "C" intramural medallion for our softball championship with my name engraved on the back.

Don lived on Long Island and in Manhattan for a few years at the start of his writing career. He then moved to California, where he remained until his death. This writer, who has lived in New York City, Washington, D.C., Providence, R.I., and Northampton, Mass., through the years, visited Don and his wife, Carol, in California several times, including an exciting trip in 1986 when my wife, Leslie, and I went with Don to the initial Breeders' Cup Championship horse races at Santa Anita Park.

Forty-four years earlier, in 1942, we had winning bets on the racehorse Shut Out at Belmont Park, who defeated the favorite, Alsab, in the Belmont Stakes. Don was an excellent handicapper, but this correspondent knoweth not about his lifetime wins and losses. He was also a great poker player, with a sophisticated knowledge of how to evaluate his cards and how to win against different opponents. His poker skills are analyzed in his 1966 semi-autobiographical novel, *It Only Hurts a Minute*.

Don is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Carol, and their adopted daughters, Sandy Perez and Jan Diaz; and his son John and his daughter Jane, his children with his first wife, the deceased Ilene Korsen. Don was also predeceased by his famous younger brother, Frank, the campaign manager for presidential candidates George McGovern and Robert Kennedy.

Farewell to one of my oldest and best Columbia pals, an extraordinarily gifted man who enriched the lives of many 1942 classmates with his wit and talent. Our heartfelt condolences to Carol, Sandy, Jan, John, Jane and the grandchildren.

While many of our classmates are coming to the end of their lives, I am pleased to be in touch with the following old friends, all 94 or 95: Dr. **Gerald Klingon** in New York City; Dr. **Arthur Wellington** in Elmira, N.Y.; **Robert Kaufman** in Scarsdale, N.Y.; **Stewart McIlvennan** in Lakewood, Colo.; and Dr. **William Robbins** in Mount Dora, Fla. We are all trying to follow the old Columbia motto: "Hold fast to the spirit of youth."

Sports notes: Our baseball team won its third consecutive Ivy League title and won two games in the national NCAA Tournament before losing to powerhouse Miami. This team has several talented freshmen and should continue to

do well next year. Our roster of incoming football recruits includes a quarterback transfer from the University of Florida and twin brother transfers from Duke. New coach Al Bagnoli has generated a rare sense of optimism among loyal alumni, and we have high hopes for a competitive season in 2015.

Kind regards to all classmates. Send me your news when you can.

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The D'Angio clan had a spectacular Mother's Day. There were four generations of D'Angios present in Covington, Ky. They included my great-granddaughter, Maggie; her mother, Sara; her grandmother, Donna; and honorary great-grandma, Audrey Evans (my wife). Sara gave the sermon in her uncle Peter's church (Trinity Episcopal Church), as both Peter and Sara are Episcopal priests. On the previous Friday we had been at the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Greater Cincinnati. There, Audrey — founder of the RMDHouses — could greet some of the families and volunteers. It is a very warm and active RMD-House quite near the hospital.

We spent Memorial Day planting flowers, appropriately, only these were on our terrace. We have a profusion of planters and trees, so it was quite a chore. The fallen were not forgotten, however. Audrey's 21-year-old brother Patrick was killed near Geilenkirchen, Germany, in November 1944. He was a captain in the British Tank Corps; thus part of the first elements of the British army to invade Germany during WWII. He is buried in a beautifully tended, small British war cemetery in Sittard, the Netherlands.

Last year I gave up my medical license and this July we sold our car, although we had bought it only one year ago. We live in Center City in Philadelphia, where everything is indeed within walking distance. We drove the car a total of 15 miles round-trip to and from Audrey's school once a week and perhaps another 200 miles in any one month. There was little point in keeping that expensive piece of machinery — garage, insurance, monthly payments, upkeep — so another of life's milestones has toppled.

There was a gala reception on June 8 for Audrey's 90th birthday. It was a fundraiser for the St. James School, which she co-founded in North Philadelphia in an area short of good schools for underprivileged children. The affair was

staged at the prestigious Union League of Philadelphia and raised about \$175,000 that is much-needed to support the school. It was both a great financial success and a great tribute to Audrey's philanthropy.

We went to Ljubljana, Slovenia, in June. I attended a medical meeting and met with the three co-editors of a history book I am writing. Audrey and I took an extra three days to visit the Adriatic Coast of Croatia. Dear old friends allowed us to use their Slovenian beach home as a base, which made the logistics much easier. It is a spectacularly beautiful coastline with traces of the Roman and Venetian years still much in evidence. The large Roman amphitheater in Pula is but one example.

Bernie Weisberger reports: "Last time I wrote I said that my wife, Rita, and I were going on a January cruise to the West Indies, which we did. We enjoyed our current old-timers' version of cruising — this means sitting on the sun-splashed deck watching the shoppers, the scuba divers and the hikers. The bird watchers and sightseers go ashore at St. Kitts, Antigua, Barbados and such places in the morning and return weary but triumphant in the late afternoon. Albeit in this inactive way, I find simply being among those islands a pleasure. Even their harbors are beautiful to look at, and their year-round climate is beyond perfect (hurricane season excepted). One of these islands, Nevis, is the birthplace of our distinguished fellow Columbian, Alexander Hamilton (Class of 1778). He arrived in New York in 1773 to enroll in King's College and left, with his degree unfinished, to join Washington's army in 1776. I keep wondering if he felt any pangs of regret during his first winter in Manhattan.

"Sorry, didn't mean to inflict a lecture, but mouthy historian that I am, I couldn't resist. Besides, when the biggest life events of the last three months are getting new hearing aids and having effortless sliding doors installed in the lobby of your condo building, you grope for 'filler.'

"Among the enjoyable moments of post-professional life is meeting younger alumni. I'm happy to record two such moments here. Just prior to the Israeli elections in March, I heard a good and fair-minded lecture on the legality of the charges that Israel was guilty of war crimes under international law. The speaker was Jeremy Bob '00, a journalist living in Israel with his family. I'm pleased to say that I am one of his in-laws, as he is the husband of my wife's granddaughter. Then, at the high

school graduation of a friend's son, I mingled pleasurably with Sandy Johnston JTS'12/GS'12 and Gabriella Spitzer BC'13. They do the old place proud."

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I received a note from the guy I call "Old Reliable," namely **Alan Hoffman**, who wrote:

"After my divorce last year, I moved from Greenwich, Conn., to The Osborn, a senior residence in Rye, N.Y., where Fran and **Oscar 'Bud' Harkavy** welcomed me. I spend my time schmoozing with other residents, visiting physicians and even doing a little mathematics on the side when nobody is looking. Every few weeks, I go to New Haven, Conn., for an esoteric medical procedure and, on one such visit, saw Bob Shulman '43 (the Sterling Professor Emeritus of Chemistry, Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry at Yale), who seems as brilliant and charismatic as I remember from old times."

Bud (perhaps not surprisingly) recommends The Osborn to classmates — "living in the lap of luxury!" He adds, "**Alan Hoffman** insists that I mention my book, *Curbing Population Growth: An Insider's Perspective on the Population Movement*. It was published in 1995 — really old news!"

Joe Cowley GSAS'49 sent in the following note: "I read the column with interest; it must be a tough job [to write it], there are probably so few of us left. I myself died on May 24, 2014, but was brought back to life by my significant other, who insisted that those doing CPR continue. I was out of it for 2 minutes and 45 seconds. I had a beautiful death, warm and welcoming, and I was pissed at being revived. That feeling lasted for about three months, but it took another three months to finally accept my revival (at a cost of \$250,000 to Medicare — 15 days of intensive and intermittent care in the Bridgeport Hospital and 30 days of rehab at Jewish

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Beanie-wearing freshmen fill out registration forms during their first week at Columbia, 1941.

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Senior Services in Fairfield, Conn.). Now I'm back doing the same old, same old: adapting the classics for ESL students.

"I started doing this about six years ago when a Japanese publisher paid me to abridge *Crime and Punishment*. Since they only wanted the Japanese rights, I published it in this country and have since done another five or six. I'm completing work on *The Portrait of a Lady* and [as I write this, planned to] have it ready for publication in another couple of weeks. I stopped creating my own books, after publishing about 16 of them, because I don't really have the energy and mental strength for creative work. I occasionally add to a book on old age I'm working on; it's already book-length, but I shall just probably leave that in the computer."

I mourn the passing of Roy Kallop '46, who was my freshman college track teammate, as well as my Yonkers H.S. classmate. Roy and I had a pleasant telephone conversation a few months ago, and there was no indication of the imminence of his demise.

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Alan Medoff writes, "I guess it is time for me to make an appearance in CCT after a hiatus of some 70 years. Truth to tell, I waited until my classmates were in the same situation as myself — retired!"

"After leaving the College I attended New York Medical College in NYC until 1948, then went on to an internship until 1949. Married the love of my life, Rita Katz, a Swiss-born beauty, and we traveled across the country to leave for Japan from San Francisco, courtesy of the government and the Army. Was stationed in Sapporo, Japan, with the 7th Infantry Division as head of the Dependent Dispensary and as a first lieutenant for our troops. Rita and I enjoyed the immersion in the culture and the opportunity to travel to the major cities of that country.

"Our first child, Dianna, was born in Sapporo and — because of the outbreak of the Korean War — both my girls were evacuated to the United States. I followed them in August. Was discharged from service and applied for a residency in internal medicine at the Mayo

Clinic in Rochester, Minn., and was accepted. Lived there with my family 1951–54 and, at the same time, enrolled in grad school at Minnesota. I was awarded an M.S. in internal medicine in 1954.

"Back to the East, established a practice in Teaneck, N.J., and had a teaching appointment at New York Medical College in NYC. A bit later on, my wife and I had two more children, both boys. I eventually organized and became director of Student Health Services of Fairleigh Dickinson in Teaneck, where I was for the next 20 years. In 1985, due to family health problems with in-laws living in Switzerland, we moved to Zurich and lived there until 2005, when we returned to the States to be near our three children and our grandchildren. We have been in Greensboro, N.C., since then.

"In 2009, Rita passed away from cancer. I keep busy with medicine in my son Jeffrey's office (he is a gastroenterologist) and as president of a men's organization (the Romeos). My other son, Richard '78, is an emergency physician in San Francisco; his son is David '17. I have 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren and have been really blessed with a wonderful family. I have graduates from Amherst, Princeton, Colgate, Harvard, Duke, Middlebury and

the San Francisco Conservatory of Music among my family members. As I approach my 90th birthday this year, I can look back at a full, exciting and rewarding life."

John Khoury shares reminiscences of Columbia Chemists. "Although I took the required courses, I was also enrolled in one particular course that was not listed in any catalog or bulletin at the College and is no longer available at Columbia. It was different from any other course because the students were required to attend it two hours a day, five days a week, and they ate all their meals there. The 'professor' was Max Lev, who instructed all his students in the art of vocal communication — that it be terse, accurate and audible. The students themselves also had to be dexterous, nimble and responsive to commands.

"The class was held just off campus in a moderately sized facility where persons not enrolled were able to watch the students carry out their assignments. To encourage as many people as possible to enter the facility, Professor Lev cleverly decorated the wall with publicity photographs of Columbia's sports heroes — football players, wrestlers, baseball players and others in aggressive poses. He also had tables, chairs, booths, a soda

fountain and a jukebox that played at maximum volume.

"This course started precisely at noon and the students had to race from their 11 o'clock classes to get there in time. They had a hurried repast and donned their uniforms (aprons). Stationed behind the soda fountain, I would check all the equipment and supplies while others relaxed at their stations. Within minutes the lessons would begin. A surging crowd of hungry people would come from Columbia, Barnard, Teachers College, St. Luke's Hospital and around the neighborhood to occupy every seat. Almost instantly the jukebox came on: The Ink Spots crooned 'I Don't Want to Set the World on Fire'; Freddy Martin and His Orchestra played 'Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto' with a little swing added; or the Andrews Sisters sang 'Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy.'

"This was accompanied by what seemed to be the chatter of a thousand voices laughing, yelling, screaming and giggling. Above all this came the booming voices of the students: BT on may (bacon, lettuce and tomato on white toast with mayonnaise) or Swiss combo on rye mustard (ham and Swiss cheese on rye toast with mustard) and other sandwiches. They were slapped together by Sam the counterman, who was the fastest sandwich maker in New York. Orders came for me to draw one (one coffee); shoot two (two small Cokes); stretch a van (one large vanilla Coke); burn one (one chocolate malted); 82 (two glasses of water); 51 (one hot chocolate); or shake a van (one vanilla milkshake). In the kitchen, hot food such as hamburgers, eggs, bacon and soups were prepared by the cook, who sweated profusely trying to keep up with the orders.

"Then came the commands from the counter: 'Pickup, Al! Let's go, Bobby! Whizzer, step on it! The orders are ready for delivery.'

"As the soda jerk, I majored in sweetness: malteds, milkshakes, floats, ice cream sodas, banana splits and sundaes in myriad combinations that were often incredible. If there was a degree offered for this course, I would have earned a bachelor of fountaineering.

"This two-hour class always flew by faster than my 40-minute class in Contemporary Civilization. When it was over, I had to rush to wrestling practice. There it was grunt, groan, sweat and ache. While I was being contorted in a half nelson, a hammer lock or a scissors hold by some wrestler, in my mind I could still hear the jukebox: 'Jim never brings me any pretty flowers ...'; 'We three we're all alone ...'; 'I'll never smile again until I smile at you ...'

Then as I looked up at coach Augustus 'Gus' Peterson with his cauliflower ears, bowed legs and no neck, I thought of all the pretty girls I had just seen in my last 'class' with their sly glances and saucy smiles. When I was slammed to the mat a few times I would remember where I was.

"Each student who enrolled at the special class was compensated with \$1.10 per day payable in food for three meals. Unbelievable as it may seem now, breakfast cost 15–20 cents (juice, eggs with toast and beverage), lunch 20–30 cents (sandwich, dessert and beverage) dinner 60–70 cents (soup, entree, dessert and beverage). With tips of a nickel or a dime you could amass 25 cents for a movie or even two dollars for a date that included a movie and a dinner.

"The last time I passed by 116th Street and Amsterdam Avenue, the U.S. Post Office had occupied the corner where the Columbia Chemists used to feed and educate many young people so long ago. I wonder if the postal workers sometimes heard echoes of 'In the Mood' from the jukebox or the voices of the thousands of young people that assailed those walls. Probably, the only direct connection to the past is in the current generation of city mice, who will never know the wonderful place their ancestors occupied."

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Perhaps it's hard to believe, but it is noteworthy and wonderful: Our class will celebrate its 70th reunion next spring, preceded by Class Day on Tuesday, May 17, 2016. Graduating seniors receive their degrees, and we are invited to march in the Alumni Parade of Classes with our class banner. It is an enjoyable and satisfying experience, and you will be pleased to have participated. There will be a reminder as we approach the date, but make note of it now. You will also be posted about our reunion luncheon.

Peter Rogatz PH'56 sent this note: "After training in internal medicine, I shifted my career to the organization and delivery of health care. I was director of Long Island Jewish Medical Center, associate



Celebrating their 50th reunion at Class Day 1996, left to right: Carlo Cella '46, Bernard Sunshine '46, Norman Cohen '46 and former Dean Harry Coleman '46.

director of the Stony Brook Health Sciences Center of SUNY and senior VP of Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Greater New York. In retirement I have focused my energies on issues of medical ethics, with particular attention to problems faced by patients and their families as death approaches.

"In 1998 I helped found Compassion & Choices of New York, which recently changed its name to End of Life Choices New York. It seeks to expand choice and improve the quality of care at the end of life, ensuring that patients' values and wishes are respected. End of Life Choices initiated and is a plaintiff in a lawsuit against New York State seeking to establish that physicians who provide lethal medication in response to requests from mentally competent, terminally ill patients are not in violation of New York State law.

"I am married to the former Marge Plaut, who throughout her life has been a major force in combating racism and advocating for social change; we have had an extraordinary, full and satisfying life together for 66 years and we look forward to more such years. Our good fortune includes having two children and two grandchildren (our daughter's daughter and our son's son)."

Asked for recollections, **George Levinger** wrote: "I entered Columbia College on July 4, 1943. During WWII, national holidays were not academic holidays, so we were treated to three 16-week semesters with a week break between each. At entry I was 16 and I completed nearly six semesters before being drafted in May 1945, when I was sent for three more semesters to an Army Japanese language school at Penn. Columbia awarded my A.B. in October 1946, while I was on my way to Japan. I had entered with the Class of '47, graduated a year sooner and shared little compan-

ionship with most '46 grads. One of my prominent memories is of my kindly, sagacious adviser, Professor James Gutmann, who taught in the philosophy department. He helped moderate my youthful impetuous decision making about courses and other matters.

"A second memory is from my first week on campus, when I encountered famous football coach Lou Little. Little looked at me and said, 'You're a big guy, why don't you come out for football?' Despite never having played (I grew up in Germany and England until I was 14), I felt flattered and decided to take on the challenge, even though I was 6-foot-2 and weighed merely 174 lbs. Each weekday I boarded the team bus to Baker Field, and several hours later caught the Eighth Avenue subway back to my home on the west side of Manhattan. On Saturdays, I sat on the bench during the entire winless season.

"It was not too good for my grade point average, so I quit football to concentrate more on studying and chess. As a freshman, I'd already won the Chess Club's tournament and played first board for the team every semester.

"In my third semester I was elected VP of the sophomore class — the post had almost no duties. It was a point of honor for us to defeat the freshmen in the Soph-Frosh Rush. The morning of the Rush, we discovered the freshmen had kidnapped our class president, so I had to lead the sophomores. We were outnumbered and dressed in our oldest clothes. With their 2–1 numerical advantage (half our class had left for the military) we lost the first event, the rope pull, where they easily pulled us across the middle point. Our only hope was to stop them from lifting a huge inflated ball over a goal post (event two) and later stop the freshmen from raising someone

to take down the blue freshman beanie atop a 12-ft. greased poll (event three). Winning events two and three, we ended as victors.”

We read about it. We hear about it. But **John McConnell** in Post Falls, Idaho, may be the only one of us who has experienced it: the devastation and angst of raging forest fires. This is the season of fire disasters, and thousands of acres of timberland have been destroyed. The devastation and danger to locals often carry consequences that alter lives. John has been sending me news and photos about the fires that have been appearing in the local press.

In a lighter vein, John recently turned back the pages to the 1941 World Series between the New York Yankees and the Brooklyn Dodgers. He recalls seeing Dodgers catcher Mickey Owen’s dropped third strike in game 4, which helped the Bronx Bombers to an unbelievable turn-around victory.

John, I was there, too — that season I was a photographer for the Dodgers.

I check in periodically with **Alan Berman** GSAS’52, our actuarial guru, to report on our class numbers. At last count we are 97 remaining from a class of 425–450 (can’t refine the original number); he says we have done extremely well. Alan celebrated his 90th birthday on a Caribbean cruise with his entire extended family, including five children and their spouses;

nine grandchildren plus their eight spouses or significant others; and six great-grandchildren.

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Martin R. Warshaw writes: “Ten years after graduating from the College, I had worked in the family business, married, had four children, earned an M.B.A. at Michigan and joined the faculty as an instructor in marketing. Continuing in grad school at Michigan, I earned a Ph.D. in 1960 and was promoted to assistant professor. I ended up as a full professor and chairman of the marketing faculty. I retired in 1989 and have spent my time revising textbooks, enjoying time with my grandchildren, and living in Ann Arbor and visiting our family vacation home in Aspen, Colo.”

Ed McAvoy, who lives in Turners Falls, Mass., writes: “The magnificent foliage in Western Massachusetts will be upon us soon, and the memories of last winter with the sub-zero temps and four-foot mounds of snow already have me shivering. What a bitter recall!

“It takes me back to my CC days of the mid-’40s during the cross country season at Van Cortlandt Park when, as a Queens County, New York City boy, watching the

changing colors of the trees was a treat. I remembered the psychological ‘trick’ my teammates David Ilchert ’49 and Al Holland ’49, LAW’52 and I would perform as we entered Cemetery Hill on the final leg of the five-mile run at Van Cortlandt Park. We generated the most horrible-sounding grunts, groans and misery-in-general sounds that we could as if we were collapsing on the spot, and then as we entered the ‘flats’ we would come roaring (as best we could) through the last mile to the finish line and gain a few position spots in the race. It worked sometimes and I earned my Varsity C.

“Toward the end of that fall season the annual installing of the years-old splintery board track would take place in front of Low Library to let us train, with spikes, for the coming indoor season (events in Madison Square Garden and several large armories). Running under the guidance of coach Carl Merner was another freezing, although beneficial, experience. Also, I think I’m still carrying a few splinters from falling on that track.

“I believe it was 11 laps to the mile, and facing those cold and cutting winds coming east from the Hudson River was a real chiller. We’d dash back to the locker room after a few miles of running and would get a reviving rubdown from Gus, the trainer, and reek of rubbing alcohol for hours.

“Some of us ‘in the know’ could keep warm while getting to classes in the many buildings on campus by using the underground utility tunnels linking them. I’m sure today’s security concerns have most of them locked but I remember going from Low Library to Pupin Hall without seeing daylight.

“Can you believe that entering in the basement of Pupin Hall for an upstairs physics class I would probably pass a door to a closely guarded war support effort named the Manhattan Project? Little did I — or anyone else — know!

“Those were exciting days for us, as many students had studies interrupted by being called up for WWII service. I went into the Navy, where after 11 months of electronic studies I was told that I, then a radio technician, was going to the South Pacific to work on the invasion of Japan.

“My high school sweetheart, Norma Stout, and I, both 18, eloped, fearing we’d be torn apart, and were surprised when my assignment actually brought me to the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, D.C., as an instructor in radar and sonar classes. I never saw the ocean while in the Navy!

“I was very fortunate. Norma and I then embarked on 65 years of a wonderful marriage.”

Thank you to Martin and to Ed for getting in touch. CCT, and your classmates, would love to hear from more of you. Please share news about yourself, your family, your career and/or your travels — even a favorite Columbia College memory — using either the email or postal address at the top of the column. You also can send news online using the CCT webform college.columbia.edu/cct/submit_class_note. Wishing you a foliage-filled fall.

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Dr. Alvin N. Eden writes, “As I followed with pride the huge success of the Columbia baseball team I thought back to a mere 72 years ago, when I played freshman baseball. Our coach was Andy Coakley, who also had coached another pretty good player named Lou Gehrig ’25.”

Dick Hyman continues to perform piano concerts in the United States and Canada and hopes to connect with classmates who attend events listed on his website, DickHyman.com. Recent appearances include NYC (92nd Street Y and The Kitano hotel); Lincoln City, Ore. (Siletz Bay Music Festival); and Bohemian Grove, Oakland and Walnut Creek, Calif. Forthcoming events will include two nights solo in Dizzy’s Club Coca-Cola (Monday–Tuesday, December 21–22, in Jazz at Lincoln Center, NYC), Naples, Fla. (Sunday, January 10) and aboard the *ms Eurodam*, Sunday, January 17.

Thank you to Alvin and to Dick for getting in touch! CCT, and your classmates, would love to hear from more of you. Please share news about yourself, your family, your career and/or your travels — even a favorite Columbia College memory — using either the email or postal address at the top of the column. You also can send news online using the CCT webform college.columbia.edu/cct/submit_class_note.

Wishing you a pleasant fall.

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Well now, there has been a resounding silence from all classmates, so I urge you to take a minute from your busy lives and send a word or two. I have high hopes that you will all chime in for future issues. We

need some heartwarming sharing to help us through the short days and long nights of the winter to come. You can reach me at either address at the top of the column or via the CCT webform college.columbia.edu/cct/submit_class_note.

And with that gentle nudge, I sign off this nearly autumn note.

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A computer malfunction has caused the loss of recent email. To those who sent news, please resend, although it will have to wait for the Winter or the Spring issue. I can only apologize for this mishap and hope that it never happens again. To all I say, the U.S. Postal Service is still in business and my phone number is 914-737-6077. Best to all.

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How many classmates remember the back cover of our 60th reunion yearbook and class directory? It was the picture of the laughing Columbia Lion with the caption, “See you at the 65th!” Well, the 65th is around the corner and your class leadership has started planning. You can plan right now by circling Thursday, June 2–Sunday, June 5, on your calendar and dusting off your blue blazer.

Class president **Elliot Wales** will be responsible for coordinating our special events with the designated Alumni Office staff. The initial plan is to participate in Alumni Reunion Weekend activities on campus but reserve some time for the special events that pertain to CC’51. We have also been in touch with **Ted Borri SEAS’51**; their group is small but almost all of the members started with two years in the College. They would like to be a part of our activities.

The Class Gift is one of the most significant items on our agenda. **Willard Block**, class VP, will chair the fundraising for what is expected to be “the home run with the bases loaded.” No doubt most

of us share Willard’s gratitude to Columbia College when he said alma mater “prepared him for what has been a wonderful voyage over these many years.” Please give generously when Willard and his committee call.

As usual, as class secretary I will prepare the reunion yearbook and class directory. Unlike previous yearbook publications (which were biographical), this final production will have no restrictions in content except for size. Class members may include photos; artwork; philosophy; advice for living; stories about life, family, professional and business relationships; or whatever tickles the imagination. Column size is restricted to 3½ inches wide by 9 inches high, so be creative!

For further information, I may be reached on my cell phone at 914-610-1595 or at desiah@aol.com. Don’t use the old verizon.net email.

At past reunions, NROTC has scheduled some special activities that include activities with U.S. Naval personnel. **Leonard A. Stoehr** will be its contact person. Len writes the following:

“I received a phone call from **Jim Lowe** reporting that he has moved from the assisted living condo that he had in St. Johns, Fla. He is now living in a condo penthouse (with ocean views) in Daytona Beach, Fla. The address is 2403 S. Atlantic Blvd., Bldg. A, Ste 1108, Daytona Beach, FL 32118, and Jim’s phone number is 388-275-1083. It is certainly good to hear that one of us is moving toward greater independence.

“I wish that I could report similar progress for Phil Bergovoy ’50. Following a fall after his trip to last year’s reunion, Phil’s physical condition has deteriorated; he recently needed EMT transport to take him to a hospital for an MRI. He lives in his wheelchair, seems to be in constant pain and is receiving physical therapy twice a week. His phone number is 941-822-0650; I’m sure that he would like to hear from any of you. His wife, Hindy, is a great gal and she would be able to give you an update if Phil is not available.

“On the homefront, [my wife,] Jan, and I are finally getting back to normal after an almost six-month construction project that involved moving all of the junk in our garage to a new large garden shed. A contractor converted the two-car garage to a new master bedroom suite, complete with a bidet in the bathroom. We now have a four-bedroom, three-bath house replacing the former three-bedroom, 2½-bath place that we suffered in before. My junior year roommate, **Fred Kinsey**, and his wife, Carol, [were scheduled to visit] to check

out the new guest room (former master bedroom).

“I’m still swimming, playing tennis and mowing lawns (on a tractor) to keep myself in (hopefully good) shape.

“Best regards to all.”

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Norman Krasnow writes, “Now that I’m retired from SUNY Downstate Medical Center-Brooklyn and [Mount Sinai] St. Luke’s Hospital (cardiology) and living on the Upper West Side, I audit classes at Columbia regularly. All subjects, from poli sci to history to art history — no exams or papers, thank you.

“I’m impressed that the students and professors have closer contact (including via the Internet) than I did as an undergrad. Also, they are graded more explicitly on class participation and they seem to write more papers than I had to (in the few liberal arts electives I had time for). I am impressed at how smart they are — more knowledgeable than I was at their age, and with a better memory (that isn’t hard). And I can appreciate better than I did as a green undergrad the quality of the faculty; the world-class professors Columbia always brags about are real and terrific: Eric Foner ’63, GSAS’69; Andrew Delbanco; [the late] David Rosand ’59, GSAS’65; and so on. These professors are usually welcoming to auditors. I have even been welcomed into some graduate-level seminars, though this is against the rules.

“The wonderful fringe benefit is that I have met a bunch of guys like me and have formed close friendships, taking some classes with one or another of them and having a lunch every Wednesday to talk school or politics or our *kvetch-erai*. This doesn’t happen often at our age — 75–84. If it’s geographically possible, I urge classmates to try it.”

John Benfield writes, “I grew up in NYC and started Columbia in 1948, along with Columbia’s then-new President Dwight D. Eisenhower. My life since then, however, has been in the Midwest and the West, so I sometimes refer to myself as a ‘cowboy from Western Manhattan.’ I chose to go to Chicago’s Pritzker School of Medicine after our third year at Columbia. That was a good decision but I now recognize that I missed much by skipping my senior year.

“June 2015 was the 60th anniversary of my graduation from

Chicago. My wife, Mary Ann, and I recently celebrated our son’s 50th birthday in Utah. Our three children, and our seven grandchildren, were with us.

“I am writing this on June 21, shortly after the joy of introducing my 12-year-old granddaughter to serious ocean swimming in Maui, where Mary Ann and I celebrated Father’s Day and my 84th birthday as my daughter’s guests.

“I teach surgery and thoracic surgery at UCLA, in conference and small group settings, having left the operating room behind in 1998, after 43 wonderful years. In 1971 the students named me the best teacher in the medical school by awarding me ‘The Golden Apple.’ None of the subsequent honors I was fortunate to receive eclipses The Golden Apple, although the privilege of serving as the president of the Society of Thoracic Surgeons 1995–96 was truly outstanding.”

James Ketchum writes, “After Columbia I entered what was then named Cornell Medical College. While still a medical student, during my senior year, I joined the Army. It offered immediate appointments and a welcome salary as a second lieutenant. In return for joining its new program, which began in December 1955, we signed commitments of at least three years of active duty after graduation. My internship was at Letterman Army Hospital, followed by six months at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, learning the skills required by regular Army physicians. I then completed a three-year residency in psychiatry at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Washington, D.C., ending in 1961.

“Subsequent assignment was to Edgewood Arsenal’s chemical research lab, in Maryland, where it needed a regular Army psychiatrist to help improve the design of psychopharmacological studies of atropine-related classified compounds. In addition, LSD, cannabis derivatives and common psychoactive drugs were administered safely to hundreds of military volunteers, with the help of more than 60 drafted, mostly specially trained physicians. The work was challenging and personally rewarding, although public support faded as the Vietnam War became more openly opposed.

“Awarded a two-year ‘sabbatical,’ I spent 1966–68 at Stanford as a neuropsychology post-doc under neurosurgeon/psychologist Karl Pribram. For two years I thus had freedom from military duties and enjoyed many fascinating times, including volunteer evenings once a week at the free clinic created

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BUS	Columbia Business School
CP	Pharmaceutical Sciences
DM	College of Dental Medicine
GS	School of General Studies
GSAPP	Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation
GSAS	Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
JRN	Graduate School of Journalism
JTS	Jewish Theological Seminary
LAW	Columbia Law School
LS	Library Service
NRS	School of Nursing
PH	Mailman School of Public Health
PS	College of Physicians and Surgeons
SCE	School of Continuing Education
SEAS	The Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science
SIPA	School of International and Public Affairs
SOA	School of the Arts
SW	School of Social Work
TC	Teachers College
UTS	Union Theological Seminary

by Dr. David E. Smith in San Francisco. There, I helped a bit with drug-related problems from the street. I returned to Edgewood Arsenal, serving as clinical research chief until 1971.

“That year, I was sent to the Medical Education Center at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, where I headed the Department of Behavioral Science and finished my stay there, with approved trips to Japan, Thailand, Hawaii and many important locations in D.C., and Texas. ...

“I ended my 20 years in the Army with an assignment to Fort Benning, Ga., as chief of psychiatry, and soon after retirement gained an appointment as chief of the UCLA/VA Alcohol and Drug program (a large unit). From the VA Hospital area I often crossed the road to teach as a resident assistant professor at UCLA, all the while supervising the several different programs in my substance abuse ‘domain.’

“In 1995, I was off to Tehachapi (near Bakersfield), Calif., my apartment having been displaced for months by the 1994 Los Angeles earthquake. In this rural town, my wife, Judy, and I purchased 2½ acres, at the time a simple home on inexpensive property. I then spent most of my money — and all of my bubbling energy — designing a mystical estate with a lengthy, winding, paved pathway, as well as two golf holes situated for practice hitting short irons to greens and traps. They were placed 60 and 90 yards from concrete tees, all of this being placed non-destructively among 100 large historic oaks. We also built a guest house and a 24-ft. Japanese-style bridge, stretching across an artificially dug chasm. Upon completion, the project was proudly named the Green Summit estate.

“We moved again in 2006, to Santa Rosa, near San Francisco.

We now have a small house with a pool, some Redwood trees and cozy isolation. Meanwhile, I wrote *Chemical Warfare Secrets Almost Forgotten: A Personal Story of Medical Testing of Army Volunteers with Incapacitating Chemical Agents During the Cold War (1955–1975)*, and had it printed privately at 75. It is illustrated with 200-plus photographs and many statistical presentations ...

“In conclusion, I’ve become even lazier in the past few years, but still send out a few notes and letters when ambition pokes my drowsy 83-year-old, less-productive head. I remember my years at Columbia with much nostalgia.”

Raymond Bartlett PS’56, of Simsbury, Conn., writes, “I completed a residency in pathology at Hartford Hospital in Hartford, Conn. I remember being greatly influenced by the insight gained

“I am a professor of neurology and hold the W.W. Smith Charitable Trust Endowed Professorship in Neuroimmunology at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine.

“Jephta stepped down last year after 20 years as president of the Shriver Hall Concert Series (chamber music on the Johns Hopkins campus), which she nurtured from a tiny organization virtually on life support to one of the most prestigious organizations of its kind in the United States, with 1,100 seats now virtually sold out for every remarkable concert.

“My twin, **David Drachman**, a professor of neurology at UMass, and I have fished for trout virtually every summer, and [planned to] do it again this year.

“I could go on about my three terrific sons and five grandchildren, but will stop there.”

Raymond Bartlett ’52, PS’56 had a biographical feature on his career published in the *Journal of Clinical Microbiology* in May 2015.

from Virginia Kneeland Frantz, who taught the surgical pathology course at P&S.

“Although I have been retired for 23 years from my position as director of the Microbiology Laboratory at Hartford Hospital, I was flattered to have a ‘biographical feature’ outlining my career published in the *Journal of Clinical Microbiology* in May 2015. The author, Andrew Onderdonk of the Brigham and Women’s Hospital, remarked, ‘I knew from colleagues that Dr. Bartlett was considered a controversial figure in the clinical microbiology field ... [and] I came to understand that Dr. Bartlett’s vision for the modern clinical microbiology laboratory ... [was] 20 years ahead of his time. Virtually all of his concepts have been adopted in some form within today’s clinical microbiology laboratory as standard operating procedures. ... We are fortunate that Dr. Barlett had the vision and tenacity to follow through on his ideas for how modern clinical microbiology laboratories should provide relevant patient information in an environment of cost containment.’”

Daniel Drachman writes, “It is 25 years since my wife, Jephta, and I bicycled 4,605 miles from Baltimore to Seattle. We started out on May 5, 1990, and landed on August 8, 1990. The trip was phenomenal, and our country is amazing.

“I was elected to the Institute of Medicine (now the National Academy of Medicine) this year.

George Economakis BUS’52 writes, “As a retired ‘veteran’ of 85, I am now an active grandfather, or *pappou* in Greek.

“I was financial analyst of the Axe-Houghton Funds at Carroll’s Castle, Tarrytown, N.Y., 1952–53. From 1954 through 1963 I was an adviser to my father for his jewelry business in Cairo and Suez and for the Ford dealership covering Suez and the Red Sea.

“In 1955 I founded and started operations of the Investment Bank of Egypt, S.A.E in Cairo. I was its chairman and managing director through the 1961 banking nationalizations by Nasser.

“In 1964 I founded, with Greek and American investors, ICAP Hellas in Athens. I managed this investment and financial services company, affiliated to ICAP Corp., N.Y.

“In 1966 I started with investors a maritime operation owning and managing ocean-going ships, with offices in Athens and Lausanne. From 1972 through 1978 I owned and operated my own tanker and cargo fleet.

“My last professional activity through 1985 was organizing and managing the Hellenic Marine Consortium, a marine service and consulting group. There were several Greek ship-owning member companies with 180 cargo vessels and tankers, with total dead weight tonnage of 3.7 million.”

Shifting to memories of Columbia, George continues, “I earned my B.A. (with honors), membership to

Phi Beta Kappa and a M.S. from the Business School. In 1951 I won an ICFA gold medal (sabre) with the Columbia varsity fencing team.

“In 1949, Columbia President Dwight D. Eisenhower granted me a few minutes to present my sophomoric request to talk about the possibility for Greece becoming a U.S. state or protectorate. And this to put end to civil strife there after the defeat of the Greek red rebels. The president discouraged my pursuing the matter due basically to the provisions of the U.S. Constitution. However, I had the opportunity to explain that I took the liberty as a Hellene and great-great-great-grandson of Diakogeorgios Pavlou, mayor of Nisyros and national representative/signatory of the First Constitution of the new Hellenic State in 1823.

“My father, Evelpidis, came to Egypt from the island of Nisyros when the Dodecanese islands were under Ottoman occupation. At 19, in 1913, he started his first jewelry shop in Suez. He was honorary president of the Suez Greek community.

“[My] brother Alexander E.E. Economakis ’61, SEAS’67 got into shipping soon after graduation, based in Greece and the United Kingdom. His son Alistair married Peter Yatrakis ’62’s daughter Catherine ’94.

“My eldest son, Evel GSAS’94, teaches and writes history, having received an M.A. and a Ph.D. from Columbia. Middle son Richard, an architect with degrees from Cornell, is associate professor of architecture and director of graduate studies in architecture at Notre Dame. My youngest, Andrew ’87, is a film director and author. My grandchildren, Anthea, Anais, Nikiforos and Anastasia, are citizens of the U.S. and Greece. I retired from all business activity in early 2000 due to health problems.”

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Stan Sklar writes, “I was saddened to read about [the passing of] **Julie Ross**. He was so vibrant in our class and after graduation. Great to hear about **Peter Carbonara** [and his retirement and volunteer work]. He was a real friend at Columbia and for some years after.”

Bernard Epstein wrote, “I note a recent issue of CCT made mention of **Herb Mark** in the Class Notes. Is he still alive and well? I occasionally shared a table at a restaurant with him.”

I’ll forward information any of you have about Herb to Bernard.

Mike Sovern LAW’55’s book *An Improbable Life: My 60 Years at Columbia and Other Adventures* is filled with colorful anecdotes about the extraordinary professors he met as an undergraduate and during his years as dean of the Law School and as president of the University.

If you are storing memories of events, classmates and teachers, please take a moment to send me an email about them so that your reminiscences can be included in a future column. The following is an example of one of my favorite passages from Mike’s book.

“Professor Irwin Edman [(Class of 1916)] was a Professor of Philosophy and as a sophomore, I was a student in one of his undergraduate courses. The professor’s behavior was unforgettable. He liked to nibble on a piece of chalk. One day, Professor Edman quoted William James: ‘Religion like sex and drink takes one from the periphery of life to its very core.’ That’s so good, the professor told us, I’m going to repeat it. ‘Religion like sex and drink takes one from the periphery of life to its very core.’ At that moment, a member of the Class of ’53 raised his hand as the professor was chewing on his chalk. Our 18-year-old classmate asked, ‘Sir, may we have a choice?’”

Please email your memories of life on the campus as well as additional stories and articles for a future issue.

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Our Class(mates) of Destiny are chock full of news. Thank you all for your prompt responses to my emailed info requests. Please note that the publication schedule is beyond my control and that items you submit may not appear as soon as you expect; in that case, do not resend the information, but rather send me an email alert with the previous information as a separate attachment. Thanks much.

Jim Caraley observes, “At our age, we should be ready to go at any time.” Exactly where Jim wants to go is left unclear, but he probably welcomes suggestions, destinations and costs. Let me know if you want his email address.

Herewith is a condensed version of **Dick Wagner**’s unusual career: Dick graduated from Yale’s School of Architecture in 1957, went west and “fell in love with the Northwest, with its environment of inland sea, forests and mountains but none of the East Coast mosquitoes. I also loved the people: polite, cheerful, ingenious, humble, patient, helpful

and self-sufficient. Most of the men my age were either building a boat in their backyard, building a cabin in the Cascade or Olympic Mountains or building an airplane in a parking lot.”

Dick then married and embarked on a honeymoon that lasted from fall 1964 to fall 1965. “My wife, Colleen, and I started with a sail to the islands in the Strait of Georgia, then hopped on a Dutch olive oil tanker from New York to Lisbon to Barcelona to Naples. We jumped ship there and hitched rides to Rome, Florence and Venice. Then we took a Grecian passenger ship to Haifa, Israel, and a bus to Be’er Sheva for four months of working on the archaeology of Masada. We then toured Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey, Greece and Yugoslavia.”

After further honeymooning adventures, Dick and Colleen went home to Seattle, where they created a living museum of traditional wooden small craft. “This little experiment was discovered by our community and the media. Eventually, we became a nonprofit. We began outreach with toy boat building for preschool kids. We gave sailing lessons to deaf, blind, wheelchair-bound and homeless youth. We held summer camps for disadvantaged teenagers, where they learned to sail historically significant boats and build a traditional boat.”

“Today, our floating maritime museum, Center for Wooden Boats, operates at three sites, two on Seattle’s Lake Union and one on Camano Island, Wash. We receive more than 100,000 visitors a year, are about to break ground on a building — the Wagner Education Center — and annually provide educational opportunities for more than 5,000 schoolchildren.”

Dick hopes classmates will check out The Center for Wooden Boats at cwv.org or drop him a line at dick@cwv.org.

Peter Maris (né Marinakos) is “enjoying retirement thoroughly” and enjoys sports, travel and art collecting. He has been married for 48 years to Kay, an active board member of Old Westbury Gardens. Their daughter, Kathryn Maris ’93, is a published writer, and their son, Peter Jr. ’95, is an assistant professor at Columbia and glaucoma specialist.

Eric Salzman continues to be active in the world of music and refers us to learn all about him on ericsalzman.com or his entry in Wikipedia.

Bret Charipper GSAS’56 and his wife, Elaine, recently celebrated their 60th anniversary with a group of family and friends. Bret earned a Ph.D. in psychology from Ohio

State in 1962 and retired from IBM 30 years later. He and Elaine have lived in Manhattan since then.

Richard Werksman LAW’58 says he is “retired but restless,” at Chincoteague Island, Va., following a career with the federal government. Still, he finds retirement “enjoyable, playing tennis and teaching Spanish.” Richard’s last assignment for the good old U.S.A. was as a senior anti-corruption adviser at the State Department. (Now there’s a lifetime challenge.) In June, he moderated a panel in Washington, D.C., on “Fighting Corruption in the Americas,” sponsored by the D.C. Bar and the International Bar Association.

Dick, we’re with you all the way. **Karl H. Perzin** PS’58 is professor emeritus of clinical surgical pathology and consulting pathologist at the Columbia University Medical Center, following formal retirement in 1998 after 37 years in the pathology department. Karl supports the arts in NYC and is particularly dedicated to the Metropolitan Opera and the New York Philharmonic.

Larry Gartner says, “After 17 years of ‘retirement’ I am still doing lots of things that I like doing,” such as a giving a lecture on medical ethics two years ago in Paris. It must have been a good one — he was asked to give it again this year in Brussels. Larry and his wife, Carol, recently returned from two weeks in Venice, including an Adriatic cruise with “beautiful sight stops” in Croatia and Montenegro. Their daughter, Madeline, and her husband, Mark, both surgeons in Minneapolis, will retire during the next three years to a house “about a mile from our ranch in Valley Center, Calif.” Son Alex, a movie producer in Hollywood, claims he “will never retire”; Larry therefore concludes that “making movies must be more fun than surgery.” Youngest granddaughter Hannah is entering Duke, Carol’s alma mater.

I note that Larry and several other ‘54ers are into Max Frankel ’52, GSAS’53’s evocative memoir, *Times of My Life and My Life With The Times*, which brings back not only major historical events of the 20th century but also our time at Columbia. Those of us who were reporters on *Spectator* as Max was rising to editor in chief, and especially the eight of us on the editorial board two years later, will always be in debt to him.

Lawrence Kobrin LAW’57 is proud of his continuing strong connections with Columbia, with daughter Rebecca Kobrin now an associate professor of history, and daughter-in-law Michelle Greenberg-Kobrin ’96, LAW’99 the

dean of students at the Law School. “Within the immediate family, we have eight Columbia degrees and one in process,” he says. Larry is on senior counsel status from Cahill Gordon & Reindel, and says he tries to “act semi-retired but find myself in the office at least four days each week.”

Larry is chairman of The Council for Hebrew Language and Culture in North America. His wife, Ruth, is a social worker therapist for The Jewish Board of Family and Children’s Services, working in several area synagogues. Both Larry and Ruth *kvell* about their three children and 10 grandchildren, who “all live nearby.”

Edward Cowan writes that earlier this year he and his wife, Ann Louise, made a first-time visit to Romania and Bulgaria, including nearly five days in Bucharest where a friend “ran interference” for a magical experience. Then they took a train to Brasov, Romania, “a gracefully laid out city in Transylvania with a heavy Germanic population dating back centuries. There we visited a large synagogue that can seat Brasov’s entire Jewish population (214), and the nearby Black Church, an early bastion of the Reformation.”

They spent a week in Bulgaria and visited Sofia, the Rita Monastery and Veliko Tarnavo, a small city built into the side of a mountain. Edward observed that in both countries English has emerged as a second language and is widely used.

U.S. District Judge **Alvin Hellerstein** LAW’56, our class’ law giver extraordinaire, issued a decision in a robo-calling case that could have favorable consequences for users of mobile phones. Journalist **Edward Cowan** has boiled down the decision and its consequences, as follows:

“In a civil suit brought by a Texas woman against Time Warner Cable, Alvin slammed the company with \$229,500 in treble damages for having made 153 robo calls — calls by a dialing device, not by a human being, and with a recorded message — to the plaintiff, after she told the company she did not wish to be called. In a July 7, 2015, decision, the judge found that the calls violated the Telephone Consumer Protection Act. It prohibits making automated calls to a mobile phone without the prior consent of the subscriber.”

Al and Ed, thank you. **Alfred Grayzel** SEAS’55 took early retirement from MIT 22 years ago and in 2000 moved to skier heaven in Park City, Utah, where on a blind date at the Alta Ski Area in the same year he met his wife. He

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does his own scientific research and has filed two patent applications. He still skis on the expert slopes, although in great pain, and both knees will be replaced this summer to be ready for next season. He and his wife live in the mountains at 7,000 ft., have several national parks close by, go camping in Yellowstone and the Grand Tetons and fly-fish for trout in the High Unitas on the Green River. "Retirement has been a wonderful time in my life and Utah a wonderful place to retire to ... no traffic," he says.

Richard Bernstein recently published a series of 50 videos on YouTube titled "Dr. Bernstein's Diabetes University." Additional exciting news about Dick will be published in a future issue.

Ronald Sugarman reports that "being in good health and having time to spend 'when you like on what you like' is not a condition that needs fixing." He and his wife, Hisako, recently spent two weeks in Japan visiting with her family, reconnecting with former business colleagues and exploring the smallest of Japan's four main islands. The Sugarmans also visited Atlanta to see their daughter's family, their grandkids and former clients and colleagues. Ronald says that in the fall they "are planning to visit with our son's family in London ... and revisit the continent."

Leo Cirino SEAS'55 has spent the past five years starting and nurturing the Westport Electric Car Club. We "have been well received in our community and membership continues to grow," he says, and he reports that his background in power and energy engineering obviously is being put to good use. He invites us to catch up with the club's activities at westportelectric carclub.com.

Allan Wikman writes that he looks forward to keeping in touch with the Class of '54 and reading about us in Class Notes. He is into hiking and is well. Allan advised yours truly to "Keep on keepin' on!"

I'll try.

Sheldon Licht GSAPP'57 reminds us of some recent history, specifically the events of 9-11 and that "I have moments to think about those days and write about my feelings. I was a first responder. I watched as the first tower came down and was with Mayor Rudy Giuliani when the second tower fell. I spoke to the mayor about lending my service and knowledge, as I was the highest-ranking Building Department representative — assistant commissioner — on the scene. I worked diligently for the next 3½ weeks to help minimize the disaster's impact on the department and the citizens of

the city. Three months later I left the department and went back to my private practice as a planner and architect. To this moment I still react to the events of that time with an emotional response."

Two years ago, Sheldon and his wife, Roz, moved to Florida from Riverdale, N.Y., leaving but not forgetting a large clan still up north. Their eldest son, Adam, has twin girls and another girl; their middle son, Warren, is a physician in Providence, R.I., and he and his wife, Dr. Naomi Kramer, have three sons (the eldest a student at Tulane, where one of my grandsons is entering this fall); Sheldon and Roz's youngest, Jason, is A/V director at the New-York Historical Society.

I continue in "semi-retirement"; my wife, Helen, and I "commute" between Bronxville, N.Y., and our home in The Berkshires in Massachusetts, visit with and often see our three kids and their families (five grandkids in Manhattan and Westchester, two in Pacific Palisades, Calif.), and continue to support and enjoy the performing arts in theater, music and dance. After teaching a course on philanthropic management last year at Berkshire Community College, I will cover a new subject this fall semester, "Story Telling as a Management Tool" (really!).

Thanks to all of you who submitted information, which I hope has been fairly presented in these Class Notes. Be well, all of you, stay in touch, and all my best.

Excelsior!

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This year's Commencement was more than just a joyous occasion — the venerable Bill Campbell '62, TC'64 (who has done more for the school than most any alumnus/a) was honored as a Doctor of Laws and as a Columbia University Alumni Medalist.

Columbia alumni gathered in Italy for the highly anticipated 56th edition of the International Art Exhibition, *All the World's Futures*, and celebrated the achievements of featured Columbia artists.

Actor and writer Alan Alda shared his passion for the arts in the lecture "Getting Beyond a Blind Date with Science" at Miller Theatre on May 6. Nobel Laureate, University Professor and the Kavli Professor of Brain Science Eric Kandel gave the introductory remarks; it was a magnificent show, enjoyed by all attendees.

Speaking of outstanding performances, the Columbia baseball

team won its third consecutive Ivy League title by beating Dartmouth; they then won three more games in the NCAA Tournament before succumbing to top-ranked Miami.

Columbia alumni, students and faculty gave back to New York during the Columbia Community Outreach Service Day, Columbia's largest day of community service, on April 12. Projects included beautifying parks, serving food in soup kitchens and performing administrative work. A huge turnout showed Columbia at its best.

The keynote speaker at Class Day was Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti '92, SIPA'93, who received a standing ovation after his remarks. As of this writing, **Allen Hyman** and **Elliott Gross** (who has recovered from our 60th reunion) plan to carry the class banner in August at Convocation to greet the Class of 2019.

From near and far, classmates came back to campus to celebrate our 60th, setting all sorts of records in terms of attendance and fundraising (thanks especially to Cleveland's **Jim Berick**, the good doctor **Allen Hyman** and California's **Harry Scheiber**. As an added note, the Student Advisory Center in Alfred Lerner Hall was named after Jim and his wife, Christine).

The climax of reunion was Saturday's reception, dinner and class photo-taking in Joe's Café (in the Northwest Corner Building on West 120th Street), where, in addition to the outstanding food and company, the class was entertained by a poetry reading by **Bob Sparrow** and a performance by **Jack Freeman** of a capella versions of his favorite songs. Leading up to this great event were talks on Friday morning by **Richard Ravitch** and **Stanley Lubman** — brilliant performances, and they set the gold standard for communicating to an audience. On Friday midday, the class had a special guest when Dean James J. Valentini stopped by to give a "state of the College" update.

Classmates who participated in the weekend activities included **Chuck Solomon**, **Ron Spitz**, **Dick Kuhn**, **Mathew Loonin**, **Al Martz**, **Ron McPhee**, **Roland Plottel**, **Mort Rennert** and New England's **Ralph Wagner**. From Brooklyn came **Bob Schiff**, **Alfred Gollomp**, **Igou Allbray** and **Bob Loring**, while **Abbe Leban** and **Bernie Kirtman** came from Northern California. Hall of Fame fencer **Barry Pariser** came, as did former Varsity Show writer, performer and fencer **Herb Gardner**. **Lew Mendelson**, **Marty Dubner** and **Roger Stern** came, as did **Harris Epstein**, **Bill Epstein** (no relation), **Norman Goldstein**, **Aaron Hamburger**, **Don Laufer**, Rochester's **Beryl Nusbaum**, Los

Angeles' **Jeff Broido** and Long Island's **Larry Balfus**. Also showing '55 pride at Alumni Reunion Weekend were **Lew Sternfels**, **Ralph Tanner**, **Herb Cohen**, **Ed Siegel**, **Sven Johnson**, **Jules Rosenberg**, **Paul Frank**, professor **Neil Opdyke**, **Daren Rathkopf**, our point guard **Ezra Levin**, North Carolina's **Mike Liptzin**, **Berish Strauch**, **Henry Weinstein**, author **Dick Ascher**, **Milt Merritt** and professor **Gerry Pomper**.

If a name has been omitted, it will be made up in a future column.

We heard from several '55ers who couldn't make the reunion events; maybe we'll get them in five years. **Walt Flanagan**, **Mike Vaughn**, former oarsman **Harry Scheiber**, **Bob Banz**, **Dan Hovey**, **Bill Mink** (**Bob Brown**'s high school classmate) and **Milt Finegold** in Texas all passed along well wishes. Philadelphia's **Al Momjian** attended Class Day and Commencement in May in celebration of his 60th. Congratulations to his grandson, who is pursuing an M.Phil. in human evolutionary studies at Cambridge.

My dear and wonderful classmates of the Class of 1955:

Now is the time to relax.

Enjoy the fruits of your labor.

The 60th was more than outstanding.

You all are magnificent in so many ways.

It's not too early to think about the 65th.

Love to all! Everywhere!

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As I write these Class Notes, it came to mind how many of us have either reached or will be reaching our 80th birthday within two to six months. By the time these notes are published, I will have celebrated my 80th with my wife, Elke, on one of our many travels, this time to the Scandinavian countries, the Baltic region and St. Petersburg, Russia.

Ron Kapon will have celebrated his 80th on July 12 with a number of Columbia alums and Hudson County Community College, where he has taught wine tasting classes. By the way, Ron will be hosting a class wine tasting event at our 60th reunion.

As age should only be viewed as a number, not as a demarcation of "approaching old age," it should be noted that **Buzz Paaswell**, the youngest member of our class, will not be celebrating his 80th birthday for another 1½ years. For those of you who might remember, we had a number of Ford scholars in our class, and Buzz was among those who were sponsored by the Ford Foundation as an educational experiment, entering college having not even completed high school, at 16 (some at 15).

Reflecting on family, I note that my oldest granddaughter [has begun] her senior year in high school and will soon apply to a number of colleges, something that many of you are familiar with. Also, my two youngest grandchildren (boy and girl), are attending Horace Mann, and are potential Columbia students.

If you would like to share info about your life experiences (including family and other observations), we are proposing for our 60th reunion to have all our class members submit a one- or two-page bio update, together with a picture, to be included in a booklet to be given out at the reunion. If we do not receive enough responses to make up a booklet, they will be included over the course of the next year in Class Notes.

We had a class luncheon on May 6 at Faculty House. In attendance were **Buzz Paaswell**, **Danny Link**, **Stan Soren**, **Ralph Kaslick**, **Jerry Fine**, **Mark Novick** and me. We invited Gregory Rempe '16, one of our class scholarship recipients. Greg will graduate as we celebrate our 60th reunion. He is from Albuquerque, N.M., and shared with us many of the current goings-on at Columbia; in response, we shared some of our Columbia experiences as well as some of the benefits we have received from our College education. We hope Greg will be able to attend at least one of our 60th reunion events.

On May 19, **Danny Link**, **Leonard Wolfe** and **Ron Kapon** represented our class on Class Day, marching in the Alumni Parade of Classes with our class banner. This is the first year I have missed it, as I had just returned from one of my Mexico trips. I hope, for our 60th, we will have a "battalion" of class members marching with our banner.

At Dean's Day our class had one of the best attendances we have had for many years. In attendance were **Stanley Soren** with his wife, Ruth; **Danny Link** and Elinor Baller; **Bob Siroty**; **Peter Klein**; **John Censor**; **Ralph Kaslick**; **Jerry Fine** with his wife, Barbara; and me. At lunch, we shared our evaluation of the

morning lectures which, as usual, were quite interesting and informative. I found the afternoon lecture. "Lesson from Jazz," given by associate professor of music Chris Washburne GSAS'99, to be not only informative but also entertaining, as it included a quartet of students performing many of the works that were covered in the lecture. It was the consensus of our attendees that the lecture presenters were a great indication of the quality of teaching at the College today.

On June 11, we had our first summer class luncheon at **Danny Link**'s country club, Bonnie Briar, in Larchmont, N.Y. Those attending for tennis were **Jerry Fine**, **Bob Novek**, **Danny Link**, **Mark Novick** and me. The non-tennis players were **Ron Kapon**, **Bob Siroty** and **Peter Klein**. We had the benefit of instruction from the club pro, Nelson, who got us moving, elevating our heart rate (but at a safe level). Surprisingly, the "sleeper player" of the group, **Mark Novick**, was easily the most improved player with instruction, and the winner of the last match.

We are forming the 60th Reunion Committee. Tentative members are **Buzz Paaswell**, **Socrates Nicholas**, **Franklin Thomas**, **Donald Morris**, **Leonard Wolfe**, **Ralph Kaslick**, **Michael Spett**, **Bob Siroty**, **Ron Kapon**, **Joel Pimsleur**, **Philip Liebson**, **Danny Link**, **Lee Seidler**, **Lou Hemmerdinger**, **Peter Klein**, **Giora Ben-Horin**, **Jerry Fine**, **Robert Lauterborn**, **Newt Frohlich**, **Larry Cohen**, **Alan Press** and me.

I encourage you to contact both me and the Alumni Office to give your input for reunion planning. If you do not wish to be included in this committee, please email me to that effect. The next nine months will be exciting, productive and rewarding as we prepare to celebrate our 60th at Alumni Reunion Weekend, Thursday, June 2-Sunday, June 5.

As always, I look forward to seeing many of you at our class lunches and other events during the fall and winter.

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Stan Barnett reports the death of **Herbert L. Strauss** GSAS'60 in Berkeley, Calif., on December 2, 2014. Herbert was professor of chemistry emeritus and former associate dean of undergraduate affairs in the College of Chemistry at UC Berkeley.

John "Sparky" Breeskin writes, "**Roy Wolff** and I are pleased to

announce that we have reached our 80th birthdays; our friendship is still as strong as it ever was, although we have been overtaken by significant health problems. Please join us as we celebrate this event."

From **Peter Caroline**: "After a successful career in the ad biz, I retired to Arizona, where I keep busy writing product reviews for firearms publications. When I'm not on the range or out in the field, I'm at home, cooking."

From **Sam Rosenberg**: "The excellent Spring 2015 issue of *CCT*, with its encouragement of nostalgia for the '50s [food scene at Columbia], finally made me put pen to paper (so to speak). The most persuasive feature was probably the photo of John Jay Dining Hall (page 61), which set loose a remarkable flood of memories, and not only of The Gold Rail on Broadway and the Japanese basement restaurant on Amsterdam Avenue.

"Along with such experiences as the pleasure of Professor Mark Van Doren GSAS'21's class on verse, the shock of Robert Akere's health ed film of a live birth and the impossibility of grasping the mysteries of integral calculus filtered through several layers of Anglo-Indic [English plus one of the languages of the Indic group, which, among others, includes Sanskrit, Hindi, Urdu and Bengali], I recall the delight of being a voice of classical music on WKCR throughout my undergraduate years. Since retiring from teaching, I have known the joy of being able at last to marry the man of my life. What a step forward! It has indirectly spurred renewed efforts in other areas, as I have given increasing attention to literary translation (from French). Earlier this spring, Oxford University Press published my translation of *Berlioz on Music: Selected Criticism, 1824-1837*, and other works should be out before long.

"Many thanks for this opportunity to say hello to old friends and to let them know it would be a pleasure to hear from them. Contact should be by email: srosenbe@indiana.edu."

Yours truly attended Dean of the College Emeritus Austin E. Quigley's presentation and discussion, "A Liberal Arts Education in a World of Specialists," in Washington, D.C., on May 21. Dean Quigley briefly reported on the building of the Manhattanville campus, which is bound by West 125th and West 133rd Streets. He then spoke of the importance of getting students to think creatively in their lives, and not just in school. He noted that liberal arts colleges have the capacity to bring together a variety of people and to

teach them to think for themselves and outside of the box — to learn together but independently.

With an emphasis on student interaction, Dean Quigley said that online education can usefully supplement, but will not replace, residential education. Students learn in a variety of ways, both from and with one another, and the College facilitates student interaction in many social and academic settings. Students change residence halls every year and make new friends in new classes every semester; it is in this light that we should view the importance of their working together in clubs and affinity groups and on athletics teams.

In June I attended the American Bar Association's (ABA) Magna Carta Commemoration, which honored the 800th anniversary of the sealing of the Magna Carta. Also attending from '57 was **Larry Orloff** and his wife, retired judge Deanne M. Wilson. The theme of the conference was the importance of the Magna Carta in establishing the rule of law, which transcends all persons, including the king. The events brought back memories of Professor Richard Webb GSAS'49's "British Constitutional History" class; I recall that we had an exam question asking for, in the alternative, the positions of King John and the barons.

The sessions began on Thursday, June 11, with an assembly at Central Hall Westminster, followed by a choral evensong at the Temple Church and a reception in the garden of the Middle Temple (one of the four Inns of Court). I was told that this is the garden in which representatives of the rival houses of York and Lancaster met and picked, respectively, a white and a red rose, precipitating the Wars of the Roses.

Friday was taken up with a series of forums, a luncheon with Cherie (Mrs. Tony) Blair as speaker and a reception at Guildhall. I attended two forums on the Magna Carta; the first called "What if ... " followed by "A Magna Carta for True Local Government: 800 Years of Lessons from the United Kingdom and the U.S."

Saturday was filled with another series of forums, a luncheon with Baroness Emma Nicholson of Winterbourne as speaker and a reception at the Royal Courts of Justice. I attended forums on "The Magna Carta's Continued Influence on Modern-Day Human Rights" and "The Independence of the Judiciary: 800 Years after the Magna Carta."

Sunday's closing plenary session on what the Magna Carta means for the future had Professor A.E. Dick Howard of the UVA School of Law as moderator. A brunch followed,

then we attended a garden party at Winfield House, the residence of the U.S. ambassador, who was there to greet us at the door.

The culmination of the events was the Magna Carta Celebration and the rededication of the ABA memorial to the sealing, held on or near the site of the meeting of King John and the barons in Runnymede, Surrey. Present was an all-star cast, including Queen Elizabeth II, Princes Philip and William, Princess Anne, the U.S. ambassador, Prime Minister David Cameron and Attorney General Loretta Lynch. It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience that I will never forget. Had I a magic carpet, I would have wanted so much to bring my older grandnephew (23), grandniece (17) and my honorary granddaughter (11) there.

I remained in London for three more days, with day trips to St. Albans, with its cathedral and Roman ruins, and to Leicester to see the new tomb of Richard III in the cathedral and several exhibits relating to the recent exhumation of his remains and his reinterment. Again, my interest arose from a College class, this time English 35-36, which Professor Andrew Chiappe '33, GSAS'39 so memorably taught. Following Richard III's rather gory death at Bosworth Field, his remains were buried in a Greyfriar monastery church in nearby Leicester. The church presumably was one of many destroyed in the aftermath of Henry VIII's dissolution of the monasteries; ultimately someone built a parking lot over the ruins. Using old records, a group of scientists located the remains and identified them as those of Richard III through the scoliosis of the back and one shoulder being lower than the other. One of the exhibits has a video scene showing him stripped to the waist for an armor fitting; evidently, notwithstanding his deformities, he was not the ugly hunchback that Shakespeare painted.

In London I walked around the Inner and Middle Temples, Royal Courts of Justice, Bank of England, Guildhall and the Monument to the Great Fire of London.

After 10 days in London, I took the train to Edinburgh, Scotland, for a week. As the presumed capital of the possibly emerging independent state of Scotland, I had a special interest in the city. There is the Royal Mile, running downhill through the Old Town from Edinburgh Castle, with its spectacular views of the city below. The Royal Mile runs past several points of interest, including St. Giles' Cathedral with its crown-shaped spire, Deacon Brodie's Tavern (that of a split personality said to be the basis of Robert Louis Stevenson's *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*), the John Knox House and the strikingly modern, stark white new Scottish Parliament building.

At the foot of the hill is the Palace of Holyroodhouse, residence of the Queen when she is in Edinburgh. Across the Sunken Gardens is the Georgian-style New Town (from the 18th century), the star of which is the Georgian House on Charlotte Square, open to visitors. Among the Scottish National Gallery, the Scottish National Portrait Gallery, the City Art Centre and other galleries, Edinburgh has extensive art collections, including a large number of Scottish paintings.

Also I took a day trip to St Andrews, with its renowned golf course, university and ruins of a castle and of a cathedral on the edge of the North Sea.

All in all, the trip was most pleasant and rewarding.

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Retirement? Retirement? What is this "retirement" of which you speak?

After a long, successful career as a litigator with the NYC firm of Weil, Gotshal & Manges, **Peter Gruenberger** LAW'61 has joined another major firm, Greenberg Traurig, as senior counsel. He will continue to focus on complex business litigation. Peter has represented clients ranging from the NBA to Ross Perot as well as acting as lead counsel in the bankruptcy proceedings for Drexel Burnham Lambert, Enron and Lehman Brothers. He is a founding member of the litigation section of the American Bar Association. He has also taught at the Law School. Responding to his new firm's warm welcome, Peter praised its attitude toward

experienced lawyers, saying, "The firm has a very attractive attitude: not worrying about hiring senior people of a certain age... Many firms don't wish to deal with older lawyers, and I don't think they understand the benefits that can be derived from having a senior lawyer on the team."

Peter also passed along the news that his grandson, Ethan Abrams '19, of San Diego, was admitted early decision, becoming the third generation of Peter's family to attend Columbia. Ethan is a right-handed pitcher who was recruited by several California schools but chose the Lions (who, incidentally, have won three consecutive Ivy League baseball championships).

Also unretired is **Henry Solomon**. The chair of the professional and corporate consortium of the American College of Cardiology, Henry earlier this year took his 16th trip to China, where he had been invited to give a talk at the China Healthcare Investment Conference in Shanghai; he also visited numerous companies (both established and startups) involved in different aspects of healthcare there.

Ira Carlin (also not retired — not that there's anything wrong with retirement, as some of you may remember **Lenny Zivitz's** eloquent endorsement of retirement a few reunions back), sent us an *ARTNews* article, "Rising from the Bunker: The World Catches Up with John Giorno" by Andrew Russeth '07. The inspiration for the piece was **John Giorno's** two upcoming exhibitions of his paintings: a solo show at New York's Elizabeth Dee gallery and a retrospective at the Palais de Tokyo in Paris. The Paris show will include poems, paintings, photos and other items dug out from John's vast archive; one unique specimen is a reel of film shot by Andy Warhol that became the basis of his infamous film, *Sleep* (1964): five hours of nothing but a nude John sleeping — the ultimate reality show. Russeth's article reads like a prelude to a full-length biography, from John's days hanging out with artists like Jasper Johns, Robert Rauschenberg and Warhol; his long career as an avant-garde poet; the recent addition of painting to his repertoire; and a description of his home in the 1885 brick loft building on the Bowery that he took over from author William Burroughs. I'll be glad to email the full article to anyone who wants to read more.

The class lunch is held on the second Wednesday of every month, in the Grill Room of the Columbia University Club of New York, 15 W. 43rd St. (\$31 per person). Email **Art Radin** if you plan to attend, up to the day before: aradin@radinglass.com

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I am sorry to report the death of **Arthur Irving Newman** SEAS'65 (76), a loving husband, father, grandfather and brother, who died peacefully, surrounded by his family, on September 21, 2014, in Houston.

Clive Chajet observes, "It is hard to believe that we graduated 56 years ago. Now we communicate with one another by computer (as well as other ways) and travel where and when we want to. Let's hope our good luck continues and we do whatever is necessary to keep going this way and help the younger generations to be as lucky as we are. And by the way I have never been a beer drinker."

David Horowitz wants us to know, "I'm a proud Columbia dad again as my son, Ben Horowitz '88, delivered the graduation speech for the Engineering School in May. Not so proud of the attempts to censor Ovid and other classics at the school by the faculty thought police. My teachers were such great models of what the disinterested pursuit of knowledge looks like; I feel very sad for the liberal arts undergrads today who are generally indoctrinated in the latest leftwing fashions and will probably never encounter a conservative adult in their four years at the school."

"I recently published *The Black Book of the American Left, Volume IV: Islamo-Fascism and the War Against the Jews*, which I have reasonable certainty won't be appearing on any Columbia reading lists soon. I'm following this publication with a mainly unpolitical book that will complete a four-volume series of meditations on mortality and faith, which I began with the book called *The End of Time* exactly 10 years ago.

"The new book is called *You're Going To Be Dead One Day: A Love Story*. Its narrative is organized around my recovery from a botched hip replacement, but its real concerns are about the arc of our lives. It is a reflection on what my publisher called 'the mysterious rejuvenating power of love,' and the bittersweet way in which our children reward us while also leaving us behind, and how kindnesses to others bring blessings home. The romance at the center of the book is a romance of age rather than youth, of achievement rather than promises. It was a great pleasure for me to write this book, and also a therapy."

John Clubbe GSAS'65 writes, "Very sorry to hear about the death



of **Arthur Irving Newman**, who was and is a month younger than I. I must be one of the few alumni who have come to reunions not so much to see old friends as to meet those classmates whom I hardly knew, being a transfer student and having to live at home, three subway trains away. Today's kids don't know how lucky they are to be on campus or nearby.

"I don't have a great deal to report. I'm checking the accuracy of quotations in the notes to my forthcoming book *Beethoven, the Relentless Revolutionary*, a time-consuming activity. I [was scheduled to present] a paper, 'Immortal Love: Beethoven's *Fidelio*,' at a conference at the Ira F. Brilliant Center for Beethoven Studies at San Jose State University in July, and in October will enjoy a tour of Beethoven's Vienna (and environs), sponsored by the center."

From **Luis Stephens**, "Really not much has changed for myself; my wife, Karen; and our five children since the last Class Note I sent in. I still paint — I'm working on seven large (5 ft. x 6 ft.) canvases,

each one representing a day in the seven days of creation as described in the King James Version of the *Bible's* Old Testament. I'm on day three. Karen writes as a fellow in SUNY's New York State Writers Institute, and our daughters, Phoebe and Annette, design and produce the most kick-ass jewelry with their company, Anndra Neen. Our youngest, Thomas, plays drums for the group Great Caesar and also paints; Dustin edits commercials; and Luis José does phone solicitations. We are a vibrant and close-knit family. Still no grandkids, ugh. Best to all classmates."

Peter Rosenfeld GSAS'61 led a symposium at the Association for Psychological Science in New York on May 22, "Studies of instructed memory suppression in concealed information tests, with autonomic, behavioral, fMRI and brain wave responses." Before that, he met with the **Clive Chajets**, the **Mike Brombergs** and the **Al Gelbs** for dinner at 'Cesca on May 19.

Ron Sommer writes "I do not sit around and drink beer. In fact (a shock to my old fraternity

brothers), I rarely drink any kind of alcohol anymore. Have lost the taste for practically anything except excellent wine.

"When I am not sitting around not drinking, I have been doing volunteer development work for a wonderful organization, DB Peru. This totally volunteer organization provides health care education and services to 18 isolated indigenous villages on the Río Napo, a branch of the Amazon River. How isolated is it, you ask? Well, there is no electricity, no telephones, no Internet and no television. There are no roads into the area and the nearest city is a 12-hour trip by boat on the two rivers. I am working on a community development project to improve the nutrition of the population. It will consist of an 11-hectare plot containing coops for 400 chickens, a pond to raise about 2,500 tilapia per year as well as some hydroponic veggies, and a huge garden. We already own the 11 hectares, the coops are built and the pond has been dug. Now I need to raise \$10,000 for pumps, generators, filters and so on. If anyone

would like to contribute or to learn more, please go to dbperu.org.com.

"In my spare time I tend my own garden; walk my dog, Scott; and play with my parrots. Sometimes I travel to learn more about my adopted Peru and its surrounding nations. In all, a great retirement."

Bernie Pucker wants us to know, "After 48 years at 171 Newbury St. in Boston, we have moved the entire Pucker Gallery (some 5,000 sq. ft.) to 240 Newbury St., 3rd Fl. The gallery is now all on one floor! It is exciting and we are enjoying it enormously. It was certainly well beyond any expectations I had at 77."

"Fortunately our son, Jon, spearheaded the entire endeavor: design, build-out, planning and opening of the new space. Additionally we had to move more than 7,000 objects. I would guess that some 50 percent of those objects were ceramics. It is now all happily installed and I do hope that one day you will visit."

"Graduations for us included our grandson from Brown and a granddaughter from The Com-

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monwealth School in Boston. She will go to Bowdoin for college.”

Allen Rosenshine reports, “Having retired from advertising at the end of 2006, I have consulted for various companies and have worked with Dean James J. Valentini on how Columbia College should position itself in order to differentiate itself from its primary competition — Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Stanford, Chicago and so on. We have focused on two distinguishing offerings unique to Columbia: the Core Curriculum and the New York City environment. The dean and the powers-that-be seem to have accepted this approach.

“I also worked with the Columbia College Alumni Association on its [new] logo and name redesign in the hopes of distinguishing it from the Columbia Alumni Association, as there seems to be confusion between the two caused by the similarity of their symbols and the typefaces used in their names. The new CCAA logo features a lion icon and a new font. Having served as chair for both our 50th and 55th class reunions, my late-in-life return to the campus has been apparently meaningful and personally satisfying.”

S. Sidney Mandel reports, “My father recently died at 100, and in cleaning out his apartment of 47 years I found my yearbook! I can look up everyone in our class; it is remarkable that so many of us survive.”

Patrick Mullins and his daughter went to Israel with a GOP delegation during the spring. From **Matt Sobel** SEAS’60, GSAS’64: “Last July I behaved as if I heard my biological clock ticking, and became an emeritus faculty member at Case Western Reserve. I sought greater flexibility and time for research and writing, and the first year of retirement has been productive. Several papers were submitted for publication, a prize was received for the best research paper in one of my fields (published in 2013) and I became a distinguished fellow in one of my research societies. Summer 2015 should [have seen] progress on a research monograph.

“My grandchildren and children are thriving and are a continual joy. Retirement simplifies visiting them in Missouri, Massachusetts and New York. I road-bicycle and cross country ski; for two months this past winter, we cross-country skied daily at home or close to it. Last summer, my wife and I enjoyed a couple of bicycling trips in Canada. My retirement gift was a bicycle ride in New Mexico from Albuquerque to Santa Fe, Taos, Eagle Nest, Ojo Caliente, and back to Santa Fe

and Albuquerque. The scenery was spectacular and it was gratifying that an old geezer could appreciate it while managing the ride’s distances, altitudes and climbs.

Norman Gelfand wants everyone to know that his granddaughter, Ayala, is adorable and an obvious candidate for the Class of 2036.

If you have gotten this far you are interested in what your classmates are up to. They would like to know what you are doing. Please send me a note, long or short, about your activities and with your thoughts.

Several members of our class have informed me of changes in their email addresses. I know that there must be others for whom I do not have the correct email address. If you do not hear from me via email please send your email

Allen Rosenshine ’59 helped to redesign the Columbia College Alumni Association logo, which now features a lion icon and a new font.

address to me at nmgc59@gmail.com. I do not share them with anyone, not even Columbia, unless I have your explicit permission.

[Editor’s note: If you do wish to update any of your contact information with Columbia, including your email address, please contact CCT via email at cct@columbia.edu or use our simple webform: college.columbia.edu/cct/update_contact_info.]

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These notes are written in the days following our 55th reunion, which was a truly splendid event, though the numbers in attendance cannot compare to the 50th. It is said that when the 55th reunion arrives it is customarily initiated with an organ recital. No, not a performance of Johann Sebastian Bach’s *Toccata in F Major*, or Johann Pachelbel’s *Toccata in E Minor*. Rather, a round-robin medical report with recitation of the condition of our livers, bladders, prostates, pancreases, etc. ... To be sure, it is undeniable that such recitals took place but the events that ensued were light-hearted, joyous and celebratory, together with poignant interludes when we remembered classmates who had passed.

Particularly significant was the eulogy for **Richard Friedlander** delivered by **Larry Rubinstein**

at our Saturday dinner, to which others contributed reminiscences. The absence of Richard, who was so central to every reunion and whose love for and contributions to Columbia were carried out in so many roles, could not go without expansive and affectionate remark.

The following classmates, and wives, were present: **Bob Abrams, Don Altshuler** and Jean, **Bob Berne** and Steffi, **Paul Brief** and Rochelle GSAS’76, **Victor Chang, Art Delmhorst, Peter Fischbein** and Susan, **Fred Gordon** and Natalie BC’61, **Larry Gould** and Jane, **Mike Hertzberg, Bill Host** and Marguerite, **David Kirk** and AnnaMaria, **Bob Lewis, Harris Markhoff** and Cookie, **G. Juris Miller** and Linda, **Bob Oberhand** and Alicia, **Jim O’Reilly, Tom Palmieri, John Pegram, Rene Plessner, Steve Reich, Lee Ros-**

ner, Larry Rubinstein and Robin, **Peter Schweitzer, Bill Seegraber, Steve Solender** and Elsa, **Irwin Sollinger** and Liz, and **Steve Wang** and Sherry. Inevitably I will have omitted a name or two, for which I do apologize. Some might believe that I did so deliberately in order to spark a response and avoid an empty column when the next CCT publication deadline arrives. To borrow the now well-known riposte of Francis Urquhart, the fictitious member of Britain’s parliament, “You might very well think that; I couldn’t possibly comment.”

Sam Tolkin GSAPP’62 took the professional option route in our junior year and in 1958 entered the Architecture School. After earning a bachelor’s of architecture he earned a master’s of architecture in urban design from Harvard. Sam worked for I. M. Pei & Associates and Victor Gruen Associates before establishing his independent practice in 1974. He continues to pursue his more than 50-year career as a practicing architect and urban planner. Licensed to practice in New York, California and Washington, he maintains his practice in Santa Monica, Calif.

In 2010 Sam was on a National Science Foundation panel reviewing grant proposals for the development of revolutionary architectural materials and processes with the aim of creating buildings with net zero energy consumption.

Aside from private projects, Sam is developing a “prefabricated,

eco-friendly, approaching-net-zero system of buildings designed to respond to the rising seas that threaten so many urban areas.”

Sam has received wide recognition in the fields of architecture and industrial design. Most notably, he was nominated for a fellowship by the Los Angeles chapter of the American Institute of Architects and has had his industrial design work accepted as part of the permanent collection of the Cooper Hewitt, at the Smithsonian Design Museum.

Perhaps Sam’s most cherished accomplishment is his family. “I am truly blessed,” he writes, “with three children with my former wife, Francine, and eight grandchildren and one step-grandson. My oldest son, Peter Tolkin GSAPP’91, followed me into architecture. He maintains his own practice here in Pasadena, Calif. Peter’s child, Elias, has dual Swiss and American citizenship and attends the University of Zurich, studying economics. My second child, Jonathan, after attending UC Berkeley and Loyola Law, became a successful developer, also in Pasadena. His oldest daughter, Porter, recently graduated from the University of San Diego with a major in communications and her younger sister, Storey, will major in business at USC. My daughter lives in Ashland, Ore., and has made a successful life raising four of my grandchildren, three boys and a girl. As of September, two of her older children, Riley and Jackson Richmond, will attend Yale as undergraduates. The others are in high school.”

Sam looks forward to connecting with classmates, “few of whom I have heard from in many years.”

Congratulations to **Alan Ashare**, who, on April 30, received an award from the Massachusetts Medical Society in recognition of his dedicated service as chair of the committee on student sports. Alan is a professor at Tufts University School of Medicine and chair of the nuclear medicine department at St. Elizabeth’s Medical Center in Boston/Cambridge.

My thanks to **Vince Russo** for bringing this accolade to our attention. Vince and Alan were formidable masters of the sabre on the Columbia fencing team.

Paul Nagano, having departed the mainland for Hawaii, has readjusted to the island of his roots. He writes, “You may think I’ve fallen off the face of the Northeast, and of course I have, but I’ve landed on my feet in the mid-Pacific where, after five months of settling in and acclimating myself to my new (old) surroundings, I have been able to do some work in my workable studio.”

Before departing for his annual sojourn in Bali, Paul completed three marvelous watercolors: *Stow Lake Idyll*, which was done as a commission; *Stone Bridge and Turtles*; and *7 Mynahs in the Garden of Jakuan*. I hope by the time this issue reaches you Paul will have added these works to his online photographic collection, which you can access and enjoy at flickr.com/photos/PTNAGANO.

To all: Be well. If you are unable to make our first Thursday of the month class lunches at the Columbia University Club of New York, make a plan to attend our 60th reunion in 2020.

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Bob Salman taught a course on great trials at Brookdale Community College this past summer. It covered the Scopes, Nuremberg and O.J. Simpson trials as well as the Clinton impeachment trial. Bob continues to serve on the New Jersey Democratic State Committee, now for his 15th consecutive year, and he and his wife, Reva, celebrated their 52nd anniversary in June. Bob also chaired three Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) arbitrations, which concluded this past summer.

Stuart Sloame and his wife lived temporarily in Hollywood beginning in November 2014 to be near their daughter, Joanna Sloame ’09, and managed to avoid the horrible East Coast winter. They are contemplating a permanent move to “LALA” land and would welcome hearing from classmates living in California; Stu can be reached at s.sloame@starpower.net. He and **Tom Lippman** play golf regularly in Washington, D.C.

Doug McCorkindale, having passed the magic retirement age of 75, left the boards of Prudential Financial (28 years) and Lockheed Martin (15 years), where he was the lead director.

During a conversation with a U.S. senator, Doug mentioned he was leaving the Lockheed board because people older than 75 apparently cannot think anymore. After a long pause, the senator announced he disagreed with that theory because he was 81!

Gerry Brodeur is recovering nicely from having his cancerous right kidney removed. The surgery removed all of the tumor and he did not need chemotherapy or radiation. He is back to golfing twice a week after a five-month layoff.

Joel Pitt and his wife spent two months in Asia — six weeks teaching calculus at Soochow University in Suzhou, China, followed by two weeks of travel in Japan (Tokyo, the Izu peninsula, Kyoto). They are busy packing up their house in Princeton, N.J., in hopes of renting it out for one year, starting in September, so they can spend a year traveling. They plan to drive across the country, spend the first two weeks of October in California and then fly to China to teach for eight weeks at Soochow. Joel’s wife will teach English while he teaches linear algebra and differential equations. When the eight weeks in Suzhou concludes, they plan to spend several months exploring Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand and India, with the rest of the year undecided.

David Konstan’s new book, *Beauty: The Fortunes of an Ancient Greek Idea*, was released in January. Search for it on Amazon, or Google the title for a preview.

Ted Stanley received the 2014 Willem J. Kolff Lifetime Achievement Award last October at the BioUtah annual Utah Life Science Summit. Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) and Rep. Jim Matheson (D-Utah) presented the award.

Phil Cottone was appointed by FINRA to a national task force of 13, charged with taking a comprehensive look at FINRA ADR (arbitration and mediation) to improve how the forum handles disputes between investors and brokers. Phil also reports that he and his wife, Maureen, were invited to visit Vietnam and Thailand for two weeks as part of an eight-person American Bar Association delegation to discuss and teach arbitration and mediation to the judiciary in both countries.

Maureen and Phil are still active tennis players, and Phil plays golf as well. Maureen is also an avid bridge player but Phil is saving that for his retirement, if that ever happens! Phil is a full-time arbitrator and mediator for FINRA and the American Arbitration Association with a commercial practice specializing in real estate and securities.

They have 11 grandchildren, ranging in age from 13 to 29. Three have graduated from college, three are in college and one is in high school. Their first great-grandson was born in February. Grandson Ryan Cottone ’15 is the third generation of Cottones to

graduate from the College, along with our Phil, and Ryan’s uncle, Anthony Cottone ’80.

Fred Toborg TC’69 wrote he made it through Columbia, served two years on the *U.S.S. Boxer* after NROTC, worked in the psych lab at Columbia under Dr. Herbert Terrace and earned a master’s in phys. ed from Teachers College. He married in 1969 and has two children. His daughter went to the School of Nursing and is a nurse practitioner in Vermont with two sons of her own. Their son went to Lehigh and is an engineer in Stuttgart, Germany, where he works on diesel and gasoline systems in automobiles. He married last September and is expecting a child this October.

Fred retired in 2002 after 30 years at Trinity School in Manhattan coaching soccer and playing with kids. He lives in Broad Channel, Queens, adjacent to a salt marsh and a wildlife refuge. Hurricane Sandy put 4 ft. of water through his first floor, taking out appliances and the heating system. While in the midst of the shock of cleanup, people descended on them to help. Through Trinity connections, former students helped put some order into the chaos of their house and the head of the Trinity Alumni Association, who owned a construction company, offered to reconstruct their house pro bono. After four months on the road staying with friends and relatives up and down the East Coast, they returned to a functioning house. All is well; Thanksgiving and Christmas meant so much more in 2013.

Arnold Klipstein, in “retirement” after 41 years of private practice in gastroenterology, practices through an agency that placed him in Spokane, Wash., in 2012. He works two weeks a month, no holidays, and takes the summer off. He enjoys the lack of pressure of paying office bills and dealing with office problems. He has an inward sense of satisfaction from caring for others, he says.

Arnold has two children and four grandchildren; the oldest grandchild is in college. He is sharing his later years with his fiancée, Bonnie, who brings sunshine to his life. Practicing medicine was hard work and demanded a lot of time; now he practices because he loves doing what he does. He says he hopes life continues as it is.

Andy Levine and his wife, Toby, have been living full-time in the Berkshires, in Massachusetts, since he retired from Compaq Computer (formerly Digital Equipment, now Hewlett-Packard) in 2001. They say they love it there except for the winter, so they purchased a condo in Bonita Springs, Fla., about 20 miles

south of Fort Meyers. Andy and Toby predicted many years ago that they would never spend winters in Florida, so they have rationalized that the purchase is for their Welsh springer spaniel, Rufus, who will accompany them in their new dog-friendly community. Before long, they may even become Florida residents. They remain snowbirds for the foreseeable future.

Charles Wuorinen received both a Pulitzer Prize and a MacArthur “genius” grant for his contemporary classical music compositions. He has written more than 260 works, including an opera, *Haroun and the Sea of Stories*, which premiered at the New York City Opera in 2004. The work was immediately hailed for its score and as a singularly apt musical response to the novel by Salman Rushdie on which the opera was based.

Charles returned to the opera stage in 2014 with a new work, *Brokeback Mountain*. Charles said when he saw the film of the same name he knew there was operatic material at hand. Upon reading the original novel, he was astonished at the differences between the story and the film. To his great joy, Annie Proulx, the author, agreed to write the libretto for his proposed opera. He informed her that his mission was to restore the meaning of a story that may have become famous but has been hidden in the process. Renowned Belgian opera director Gerard Mortier became aware of Charles’ interest in the story and commissioned the work for the Teatro Real in Madrid, where it premiered in January 2014.

Bob Pollack and his wife, Amy, have collaborated on many projects during their 53-year marriage. Amy, an artist, has often provided the frontispieces for Bob’s books. Bob, a professor of biological sciences who leads the Center for the Study of Science and Religion and was dean of the College from

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1982 to 1989, has often used Amy’s drawings for his Frontiers of Science course as part of the Core Curriculum. When Bob was asked to provide a companion text for a required course on Darwin for freshmen at the Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, N.J., he selected Amy to provide the sketches. The joint project, *The Course of Nature: A Book of Drawings on Natural Selection and Its Consequences*, tackles big questions in a 113-page volume. Bob came up with the idea for the book when the dean of the College of Arts and Letters at Stevens asked him to prepare a text that could reach first-year students who do not intend to pursue a scientific career, and for whom traditional lectures and data-filled PowerPoints do not work.

Tom Gochberg reminds everyone of the monthly class luncheon in New York City, held at his office at 650 Fifth Ave. The group meets monthly except during August. If you plan to be in New York, please contact **Tony Adler** at awadler@spartacommercial.com for the schedule.

In March, **Burt Erlich** was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor. It was removed successfully at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University Medical Center and Burt underwent chemo and radiation therapies as well as physical therapy. He returned home in April and continued radiation treatments and physical and occupational therapy. At the time of this update, Burt was working diligently to regain his health. His speech was clear, his humor and sharp wit were back and he was physically much improved.

Allen Lowrie’s wife of 29 years, Mildred, passed away on October 30, 2014, after a long struggle with cancer. Al wrote that her passing ended a brutal several years’ — and certainly last few months’ — battle. He is grateful that the “war” ended and the pain and hurt stopped. Allen hopes to continue

his work as an oceanographer and carry on one step at a time. He lives in Picayune, Miss.

Ed Kaplan reported that **George M. “Judd” Perry** passed away on April 18, 2015. George was a resident of Pacific Grove, Calif. While visiting in Carmel, Calif., several years ago, Ed and his wife, Phyllis, spent time with George and his wife, Sharon. George was enjoying his retirement, was active in various civic activities and remained the jovial, intelligent and generally great individual he was.

John Wall passed away on April 29, 2015, from cardiac arrest. He is survived by his wife, Donalyn, and daughter, Jennifer, a longtime resident of Enfield, Conn. John was a lifetime employee of Aetna Casualty & Surety, retiring in 1996 as director of property underwriting/marketing of national commercial accounts. He was a longtime sailor and racer on the Long Island Sound, an ardent golfer, a fervent University of Connecticut Huskies basketball fan (men and women) and a supporter of Greater Hartford Pro-Am basketball. At one time he was a serious jewelry designer and maker. In retirement John became an avid gardener, traveled extensively with Donalyn and was a volunteer cook at Loaves & Fishes soup kitchen.

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At the end of May, I had a delightful visit with **Allen Young** at the marvelous home he and friends built 41 years ago in Royalston, Mass. Allen’s octagonal home stands far down an unpaved road in the midst of soaring trees. He has created a rich life there; he is deeply rooted in his community and continues writing. He’s at work on a memoir, requested by his publisher. He, my sweetheart, Kathryn Thompson, and I talked about the past and future as we sat in a breezy, screened gazebo perched on a broad wooden deck. On our way out, Kathryn and I startled a magnificent mama black bear and three spritely cubs.

To commemorate his 75th birthday, **Neilson Abeel** signed on for six days of ocean racing around the buoys at the 2015 Antigua Classic Yacht Regatta (April 15–21). He was aboard the John Alden 52-ft. schooner, *Heron*, built by its owner/skipper in 2003 to a 1927 design.

Heron was based in Falmouth Harbor, Antigua, and each day the 24-mile races were held in the Atlantic Ocean. Neilson writes: “*Heron* was third in its class of

‘classic designs recently built.’ We raced against *Junco*, a 65-ft. Benjamin design, and a 130-ft. Herreshoff schooner, *Elena*. We had 15–20 mph winds and 8–12 ft. swells. More than 60 classic yachts participated. The largest was well over 130 ft.; the smallest, a British Folkboat, was 22 ft. It was some of the best sailing I’ve had in 65 years of experience. In 1960 I was a member of the Columbia team that competed in 44-ft. Luders yawls for the intercollegiate McMillian Cup (now Kennedy Cup) at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.”

Anthony Valerio’s new video about writing and the writer’s life is out. It is designed to improve/sustain viewers’ writing skills and to describe what a professional writer’s life is like. Anthony says, “I must say I’m pleased with it. Covers pretty much what I wished to share.” The link is [udemy.com/learn-from-the-masters-anthony-valerio-on-writing/?instructorPrevieMode=guest](https://www.udemy.com/learn-from-the-masters-anthony-valerio-on-writing/?instructorPrevieMode=guest).

On April 16, *The New York Times* published the following Letter to the Editor from **Jeffrey Milstein**, of Burke, Va., who was a strategic and policy planner in the State and Defense Departments and was an assistant professor of political science and international relations at Yale.

“Honoring Russia’s War Dead — To the Editor: Re ‘Czech Republic: President to Skip Parade in Moscow’ (World Briefing, April 11): The United States government and our European allies have been imposing economic sanctions and diplomatic isolation on Russia’s president, Vladimir V. Putin, in an effort to dissuade him from further military involvement in the conflict in Ukraine and for his annexation of Crimea. This diplomatic effort apparently includes a planned boycott of the military parade in Moscow on May 9.

“On that Victory Day, Russians will commemorate the 70th anniversary of the 1945 surrender of Nazi Germany and the Allied victory in Europe in World War II. The Soviet people paid a terrible price for that victory: more than 20 million total deaths, including more than 8 million military deaths — a majority of all Allied deaths in the European theater of war.

“To pay due respect to the few surviving war veterans, and to honor that great sacrifice of the Russian people to our shared historic cause, President Obama himself should be present in Moscow on Victory Day, but not attend the parade’s show of military force.

Instead, he should lay a commemorative wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, a place sacred to the Russian people. That would be

an act of statesmanship worthy of a Nobel Peace Prize winner.”

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A strong contingent of ‘63ers joined me for the 12th annual Alumni Parade of Classes on Class Day in May. **Henry Black, Doron Gopstein, Lee Lowenfish, Robert Podell** and yours truly carried the class banner. Dean’s Day also saw several of your classmates enjoying the barbecue lunch, attending the Mini-Core Classes and mixing with the reunion classes. Next year we hope to have a large turnout, to have an event just for our class and to turn this day into an annual tradition. I welcome your ideas to improve our class participation.

Chappelle Freeman writes, “I retired from the Cinema Art + Science department here at Columbia College Chicago in January, having taught for more than 40 years. The college is making me emeritus professor of film and video, which pleased me a lot. Among other small perks, the position gives me the right to retain my Columbia email address to the end of my days. This is lucky, as the address is lodged with schools of cinema production around the world through my travel the last nine years on the executive committee of CILECT, the world organization of film and TV schools.

“My first project in retirement is a trip to Los Angeles to appear in a short film one of my former grad students is producing. It’s based on my memory of something that happened to me during the 1961 holiday season on the subway in Manhattan.

“Next up will be an appearance on a panel at the University Film and Video Association conference in Washington, D.C., critiquing ‘truthiness’ in current Hollywood movies. My part of that will be based directly on what Professor George Nobbe taught us in 1963 in his seminar on the invention of the novel in 18th-century England.

“So I guess you could say the years we shared as Columbia undergraduates are coming back to fetch me in my retirement.”

Bernie Kabak writes, “Just as I began writing this note with WNYC playing in the background, **Eric Foner** GSAS’69 came on *The Leonard Lopate Show* to discuss his new book about the Underground Railroad, *Gateway to Freedom: The Hidden History of the Underground Railroad*. Congrats, Eric!

“By happy coincidence, my note also has as its subject freedom in the context of African-American history.

“Two miles south of alma mater sits Freedom Place. It’s a street named after Freedom Summer, the 1964 campaign to boost voter registration among Mississippi’s African-American citizens. Freedom Place also honors James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner, Freedom Summer activists who were murdered by the Klan.

“It happens that the Lincoln Square Synagogue is a neighbor to Freedom Place and that the martyred Andrew Goodman grew up nearby. Spurred by these local ties, the synagogue marked the 50th anniversary of Freedom Summer in 2014 with a commemoration, which I was honored to chair.

“Freedom Summer saw America’s blacks and Jews, perhaps more than at any time before or since, standing shoulder to shoulder in the fight for liberty and justice for all. To recall that relationship, the synagogue invited Harlem’s Canaan Baptist Church of Christ to co-sponsor the event, held in the synagogue’s sanctuary. Speakers included synagogue and church clergy as well as the political leaders Rep. Jerrold Nadler (D-N.Y.) and Rep. Charles Rangel (D-N.Y.). But the most poignant speakers were the Rev. Julia Chaney Moss, David Goodman and Steven Schwerner, siblings of the slain activists.

“In one respect, the commemoration was a celebration as much as it was a memorial. In 1964, the number of African-Americans registered to vote in Mississippi numbered in the mere thousands; now Mississippi has more African-American elected officials than any other state. Yet today the voting-rights legacy left by Chaney, Goodman and Schwerner is being whittled away. All good people are called on to carry their legacy forward.”

Ken Ostberg writes, “I read your email asking for news as my wife, Andi, and I were winging our way home from three weeks in Vietnam, Cambodia and Singapore. Some 25 years ago, when our daughters were 3 and 5, we hosted a Vietnamese refugee in our home for one year while she learned English and prepared for a life in the United States. That was an extraordinary experience and we all learned a great deal from our time together. It also resulted in a lifelong friendship between our families and we remain close.

“Several of her family members remain in Vietnam and we’ve had a standing invitation to visit, which we recently did. We were fêted and treated like royalty for a week, explored Saigon thoroughly and traveled to the Mekong Delta

region. (While Saigon is now, officially, Ho Chi Minh City, apparently the government doesn’t try to force the name change on the people.)

“We took a bus trip to Phnom Penh, Cambodia, and another bus to Siem Reap to visit Angkor Wat, an outstanding experience. We concluded in Singapore, a wonderfully modern, international, multi-cultural and beautiful city.

“After three journeys to Asia, I’m in thrall with the region’s varied histories and cultures and want to continue traveling there. Our next ventures will probably be to Seattle, where our younger daughter lives, followed by my annual visit to my favorite city in North America: Toronto. We’ll then probably venture to Malta and then on to Istanbul. If possible, I’ll be back in South Asia in the winter.

Ken Ostberg ‘63 and his wife spent three weeks traveling in Southeast Asia, visiting Vietnam, Cambodia and Singapore.

“We’re very active with several local volunteer groups, supporting Planned Parenthood, Habitat for Humanity, the UNC School of the Arts and, of course, the local Democratic Party as we try to move the state back into the 21st century. Andi is also busy with her art; she exhibits regularly at local shows and occasionally sells a piece. Altogether, we’re as busy now as when we worked, and that’s a good thing.”

John Moorhead writes, “A few days after I graduated from Columbia, I married Barbara Wendy Tonkin, and it was one of the best decisions of my life. After teaching high school for a couple of years, I served as an air intelligence officer in a Navy fighter squadron in two cruises to the Mediterranean. Wendy met me at some of the ports (Athens, Barcelona, Istanbul and the islands of Malta and Majorca). It was a great adventure.

“As my career began to come into focus, I worked on the staffs of two newspapers, the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* and *The Christian Science Monitor*. With Richard Combs LS’65, I started a business research company in Chicago. We retrieved and assembled information from the Internet before the invention of the worldwide web. The business was a success and we co-authored a book, *The Competitive Intelligence Handbook*. My last work before retirement was advocacy to members of the West Virginia Legislature.

Michael Hassan sent in a summary of his life after following

investment strategy from Morgan Stanley. (Bottom line, he figured he could do better than their advice by following his own, and has.)

Nicholas Zill’s study, *Red State Families: Better Than We Knew*, which he wrote with W. Bradford Wilcox, was discussed in “The Upshot” section of *The New York Times* on June 11. Nick continues to write political humor and has posted a new animated musical video on YouTube, “Republicans’ Best in Show.” He wrote the music and lyrics. You can subscribe to the YouTube channel “City In A Swamp” to see more of his work.

Victor Margolin writes, “About eight years ago I retired from the University of Illinois at Chicago, where I was professor of design history, and I am now professor emeritus. I recently published the

first two volumes of my three-volume *World History of Design* and am working now on the final volume (see Summer 2015 “Bookshelf”).

“I have been working on these books for about 15 years; they are the first true world design history books that cover all parts of the world since the beginning of culture to the end of WWII. I am the recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award for design research, given by Cumulus (the international association of schools of design) and the Design Research Society. I’ve also been traveling a bit for lectures and with my wife for holidays. We took a lovely Danube cruise last October, visiting lots of places in Eastern and Central Europe — Belgrade, Serbia; Bucharest, Romania; and Budapest, Hungary, among them. We have plans to go on a tour of Southern Africa in December, and I will go to South Korea and maybe China for conferences in October. I continue to reflect on how my liberal arts education at Columbia prepared me to enter a new field and make my way in it.”

Brook Zern reports, “In freshman humanities I read about an old man who insisted he was a Spanish knight. That same year, I commandeered the flamenco guitar that my Pennsylvania Dutch father had been playing since I was 5 (usually while I was trying to sleep) and began playing it in New Hall (usually while my roommates were trying to sleep). I also started learning about the whole baffling flamenco guitar art form and

haranguing hapless bystanders about its wonders.

“In 2008, I got a letter insisting that I was a Spanish knight, because King Juan Carlos had dubbed me one for the dissemination of Spanish culture in the New World. When I finally discovered it wasn’t a hoax, I rushed to the Spanish Embassy in time to receive the Officer’s Cross of the Order of Isabella the Catholic — an exceedingly rare honor and the first time it had been given for using flamenco song, dance and guitar to illuminate Spain’s arts, customs and character.

“In smoky bars of Seville, Gypsy caves of Granada and hidden haunts of Jerez, I’ve listened, recorded and learned from now-legendary singers and guitarists. I blew my Time Inc. 401(k) to unearth and preserve priceless Spanish documentary films for the flamenco collection at Columbia’s Center for Ethnomusicology. I wrote the U.S. section of the international petition to have UNESCO declare flamenco an Intangible Patrimony of Mankind, a status granted in 2010. After the 2014 death of guitarist Paco de Lucia, I petitioned the Spanish government to issue a stamp honoring his life and work — an effort the petition committee rammed through in just eight weeks. After 55 years of practice, I can play much of his amazing music and that of preceding giants of the art, sometimes fairly well.

“My website, The Flamenco Experience (flamencoexperience.com), has 1,800 pages of information, opinion, translations, news and a bio/CV. I see myself as a one-man flamenco studies department patiently waiting for that discipline to be recognized; meanwhile I’m seeking lecture gigs and writing the book on the art’s history, aesthetics and changing social context.

“My wife, Kristin, and I live on Martha’s Vineyard, where we met in 1957 and where we’re near our daughters, Francesca and Jennifer. Sometimes on the Butler Library steps, just as in my Columbia days, I play the flamenco of the revered masters to the same delight of little dancing kids and the same indifference or mild annoyance of the passing intelligentsia.”

Dr. Robert Morantz has been named the 2015 recipient of the Greater Naples Leadership Distinguished Leadership Award. He was honored at a celebration dinner on April 2.

I hope that many of you will return for Homecoming on Saturday, October 17. We have a new football coach, Al Bagnoli. The game is against Penn, and we are going to win. It should be a

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helluva day. Come up to Robert K. Kraft Field and join your classmates at the Big Tent. We will have our own table.

Our class lunches at NYC's Columbia University Club of New York are a great place to reconnect; the next lunches are scheduled for October 8, November 12 and December 10 — it's always the second Thursday. In the meantime, let us know what you are up to, how you're doing and what's next.

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I am writing these Class Notes in July, as temperatures hit 90 and the humidity percentage must be close to that.

You are never too old to learn, as **Dan Press** writes from Washington, D.C.: "Taking a mini-Lit Hum course by Skype — we may be 50 years out but we are on the cutting edge of educational technology. This past spring, seven members of CC'64 living in the Washington, D.C., area piloted a combination of traditional and high-tech approaches for alumni to continue their Columbia education, even if they do not live in New York City (where Columbia regularly offers short courses for alumni). **Lew Cohen, Clark Hoyt, David Levine, Gene Meyer, Barry Shapiro, Peter Trooboff** and I (joined by Elliot Wolff '65 and Lew's wife, Monique) worked with the Alumni Office to organize a three-book, mini-Lit Hum course.

"After an initial face-to-face session with the professor, Patricia Grieve, the Nancy and Jeffrey Marcus Professor in the Humanities, in the Department of Latin American and Iberian Cultures (Grieve is also former chair of Literature Humanities), we gathered regularly in a D.C. conference room to interact with her over Skype.

"After conscientiously reading the assigned text, we came together one Tuesday a month during March, April and May to discuss in succession *Oedipus Rex*, *Inferno* and *King Lear*. Tuition was low by today's standards — \$150 for the three classes. For the first session, Professor Grieve joined us at Peter's house to give us an opportunity to get to know one another and to establish the rhythm and format of the sessions. For the second and third classes, we gathered in a conference room at my law firm and joined Professor Grieve by Skype. We found both approaches successful with little difference between them, though in general we thought that

the initial face-to-face session was critical to the overall effectiveness of the subsequent Skype classes.

"In both, we quickly got the rust off our 50-year-old skills of participating in class discussions and dove into the readings, helped by questions Professor Grieve had emailed us in advance of each class. The discussions were vibrant, insightful and regularly reflected the ways our minds had been shaped (or bent) by living in Washington, D.C. Everyone considered it a valuable and enjoyable experience, and everyone received an A.

"As stated by **David Levine**: 'It was a true delight again to be reading in the focused, careful, text-based manner we'd learned in Humanities. The experience was quite rich, and there was a special added value from the 50-year-later different perspectives we each brought.'

"We are now working with the Alumni Office and Professor Grieve to schedule a second Mini-Core Course for the fall, with the readings to be jointly selected by Professor Grieve and us. We invite other members of CC'64 in the D.C. area to join us for this second installment."

Dan Nussbaum wrote in July from Pebble Beach, Calif. "I have yet to hang up my professor's hat; I'm running interdisciplinary programs in energy and in-cost estimating. The last 90 days were almost a continuous period of work-related travel — Ottawa; Munich; Sofia, Bulgaria; Bucharest; Washington, D.C.; San Diego; and Honolulu — but now that's done, and stability will be easier to maintain. Funny how everyone cares about energy and in-cost estimating."

Dan and his wife, Bev, paid a visit to **Jeff Sol** and his wife in Kailua, Hawaii. At reunion, Dan renewed his friendship with fraternity brother **Larry Kuznetz SEAS'64** and discovered that Larry, too, lives in California, and he visited Larry at his home in Berkeley Hills.

Barry Bley writes from the Denver suburbs (where he has lived for almost 20 years): "This fall will be the 40th anniversary of my work interviewing applicants for admission to the College. Since my retirement from the Denver Public Schools in 2008, this has been a way of keeping my hand in with young people. It has been my good fortune to have met with hundreds of the best and brightest and to know they will obtain excellent educations, whether that be at Columbia or elsewhere. I give a special salute to one of my former students and now fellow alum, Eric Ndikumana '12, PH'14, who is at Dartmouth's Geisel School of Medicine."

On July 16 *The New York Times* gave a glowing review to *The Prince of Minor Writers: The Selected Essays of Max Beerbohm*, edited by **Phil Lopate**.

After the untimely death of **Alan Willen** a few years after graduation, class members established the annual Alan J. Willen Memorial Prize in his honor, which is awarded for the "best seminar paper on a contemporary American political problem." This year the prize was given to Hahn Chang '15 for his paper "The Path Towards Smarter Government: An Analysis of State Government Information Technology Capabilities."

By the time this appears in *CCT*, fall will have arrived. I hope all of you and your loved ones had a fun and safe summer. The informal class lunch at the Columbia University Club of New York will resume on the second Thursday of each month. Contact me if you wish to attend. I hope to see many of you there.

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As I write this in June, our 50th reunion — the Big One! — was a little more than two weeks ago. Feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive, and the reunion was an outstanding success.

Thanks to our Reunion Committee (**Mike Cook, Bob Kronley** and **Leonard Pack**) and the participants, we had three outstanding events presented by classmates for classmates, and they were enthusiastically received, as you will read about. The College, as usual, also put on a full program of activities, including the Dean's Day lectures with prominent Columbia professors. Here's a recap:

On Thursday, May 28, we had a Class of 1965 picnic in a tent on South Lawn. That evening, we had a class reception hosted by Roberta and **Mike Cook** at Mike's law firm, Schulte Roth & Zabel, where (with the help of a full bar and nametags) we figured out who we were and reconnected.

On Friday, May 29, we enjoyed a class-specific Hudson River cruise in perfect weather. Later that afternoon, our first class-specific panel discussion took place at the historic Metropolitan Club of New York. **Bob Kronley** moderated on the subject "Where Is the World Economy Headed and Can We Do Better?," presented by a distinguished panel of economic experts: **Barry Herman**, a career UN economics professional working on international development and

now teaching at The New School; **Steve Merrill**, longtime executive director of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine's Board on Science, Technology and Economic Policy and now the executive director of Duke's Center for Innovation Policy; and, stepping in at the last minute for **Jeff Bell**, who was indisposed, **Jay Woodworth BUS'67**, an economics consultant who worked at the Treasury Department and for many years in the banking industry before setting up his own economic consulting business.

Economics may be "the dismal science" but the panel was stimulating if somewhat sobering — my takeaway is that, as a whole, the panelists were not optimistic about the future, whether economically or environmentally.

We then proceeded to a magnificent room at the Metropolitan Club for a class reception, generously hosted by our fundraising chairs, **Larry Guido** and **Jay Woodworth**. We heard Larry's and Jay's exhortations for the Columbia College Fund and some remarks about the College today from Dean James J. Valentini.

On Saturday, our class had its own luncheon in the Kellogg Center on the 15th floor of SIPA, where we had our second class-specific panel, this one titled "Current Issues in Psychiatry of Interest to People in Their 70s." The panelists were **Alan Green**, chair of the psychiatry department at the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth; **Tom Gualtieri**, medical director of the North Carolina Neuropsychiatry clinics in Chapel Hill and Charlotte, N.C.; **Eric Marcus PS'87**, director of the Columbia University Center for Psychoanalytic Training and Research; and **Dennis Selkoe**, the Vincent and Stella Coates Professor of Neurological Diseases at Harvard Medical School and the co-director of The Ann Romney Center for Neurologic Diseases at Brigham and Women's Hospital. Few other groups could make the topic of dementia as entertaining as they did, and there was a lot of optimism about treatments in the pipeline for preserving cognitive ability and emotional stability as we age.

On Saturday evening, we had a class reception and dinner in the beautiful Il Teatro in Casa Italiana (see the class photo here: college.columbia.edu/cct/summer15/webexclusive/view_alumni_reunion_weekend_and_reunion_class_photos). Right after dinner, we were entertained fabulously by a boffo comedy and singing extravaganza: a trivia contest in celebration of the first trivia contest that took place on the Columbia campus 50 years ago (led, then and now, by **Dan Carlin-sky**, who executive produced, and **Ed Goodgold**). Dan and Ed posed the questions to contestants **Mike Cook, Jim Murdaugh** and **Steve Handzo**, who won the first trivia contest 50 years ago. Lending a marvelous assist were the Columbia Alumni Singers, led by Michael Garrett '66. Four golden-voiced classmates, **Brian Fix, Jeffrey Krulwich, Chris Morren** and **Peter Smith**, were joined by Michael, Jeff Kurnit '68, Rich Rosenblum '68, Rob Leonard '70 and John Mueser '71; the pianist was Peter Janovsky '68 and the violinist (à la Jack Benny) was Jerry Bergman '70. The trivia winner (and still champion) was **Steve Handzo**!

A few days later, I asked Dan if he and Ed had realized from the blissful audience enjoyed the show. He responded, "Absolutely. I knew from the opening response of 'It's Howdy Doody time!' from a good three-quarters of the house that it was going to work."

Finally, on Sunday morning, our class had a brunch and farewell in the Faculty Room at Low Library.

Of course, a 50th reunion is also a significant fundraising event. I'll let **Jay Woodworth** present the final recap:

"Dean Valentini had done some homework before he came and spoke to our class during the Friday reception at the Metropolitan Club. He said something that has reverberated in my mind, which underscores how CC'65 has changed in the 50 years since graduation.

"The dean read a couple of paragraphs from *The New York Times*' front-page coverage of our Commencement in 1965, which referred to the 'cheers and cat-calls' from us as Dean David B. Truman spoke. I dimly recall the *Times*' article and how I had winced at the time.

"No more wincing in 2015. As fundraising co-chairs, **Larry Guido** and I heard from one or two classmates who complained about [President] Lee C. Bollinger's hefty salary, but the mood of our class was remarkably different from 1965. For one thing, most of us have grown up (my family might beg to differ about me). For another, I think we've become not only comfortable with Columbia but also have become proud of alma mater.

"That's borne out by the incredible generosity of our class in raising about three times the highest amount that CC'65 had previously raised (for our 40th reunion). This was a broad-based fundraising, with a record number of John Jay-level (\$1,500 or more) contributions for the class. We met our fundraising goal for the Columbia College

Fund; in fact, we blew through the broader fundraising goal of a comprehensive \$6 million and achieved more than \$10 million in pledges and bequest intentions.

"Harry Coleman '46, Columbia's then-brand-new director of admissions who admitted us to the College in 1961 with a mandate to achieve a more diverse and geographically balanced class than in previous years, would be very proud of us. I'm very proud of CC'65, too."

Another major part of the reunion process was led by **Michael Schlanger**, who put together a comprehensive questionnaire that was emailed to classmates for whom the College had valid email addresses. Michael compiled the responses (insightful and fascinating) and prepared a bound *Reunion Book* that was distributed at reunion. A second edition has been prepared. If you're reading this but didn't get Michael's emails, please notify Michael (mschlanger@zuckerman.com) or me (packlb@aol.com), and we'll get you an e-copy of the second edition.

We had a good turnout at reunion. With apologies to anyone who was there but not on the official list, the following classmates registered (although there were a few last-minute cancellations): **William Albert, James Alfini, Donald Bachman, Douglas Barnert, Steven Biro, Martin Blank, William Brenner, Allen H. Brill, Joel Budin, Michael Bush, Dan Carlinsky, Barry Chaitin, Ronald Chevako, Michael Cook** and **Pellegrino D'Acerno**. Also attending were **Robert Donohue, Stan Feinsod, Gene Feldman, Alan Fenton, Harrison Fitch, Brian Fix, James Fleisher, Michael Friedman, Peter Fudge** and **Robert Fuhr**.

Dean Gamanos, Ira Gomberg, Louis Goodman, Peter Gorlin, Alan Green, Thomas Gualtieri, Laurance Guido, Norman Guimond, David Halperin and **Stephen Handzo** came to celebrate their 50th, and **Kevin Hara, Robert Henn, Barry Herman, Gad Heuman, Joel Heymsfeld, Stephen Hoffman, John Howe, Paul Hyman, Richard Kagan, John Kalamarides, Arthur Klink, Jack Kress** and **L. Michael Krieger** were back on campus as well for the festivities. Also on the registration roster were **Robert Kronley, Jeffrey Krulwich, Jay Kuris, Luis Lainer, Alex Lancaster, Barry Levine, James Levy, Martin LeWinter, David Lionel, Raymond Lopatin, Ed Malmstrom, Eric R. Marcus, Robert Mattingly, Howard Matz, Charles Mayer** and **Kenneth McCulloch**.

Also representing CC'65 at Alumni Reunion Weekend

were **Edward Merlis, Stephen Merrill, Christopher Morren, Jim Murdaugh, Joseph Nalven, Michael Newell, Leonard Pack, Robert Pantell, Bruce Peck, Noah Robbins, Arthur Roberts, Peter Sack, David Sarlin, Michael Schaul, Jonah Schein, Michael Schlanger, Waldemar Schulz** and **Charles Schwartz**. Joining in the celebration were **Dennis Selkoe, Steven Shama, Frederick Shuart, Jim Siegel, Mark Siegel, Daniel Silna, Neil Silver, Roy Skodnick, J. Donald Smith, Neil Smith** and **Peter Smith**.

Barry Solomon, Allen Steere, Steve Steinig, David Stewart, Walter Stingle, Stephen Strobach, John Sullivan, Michael Tapper, Leo Vozel, Brian Wangsgard, Bernard Weinstein, Herbert Weisberg, Serge Wind, Elliot Wolff, Jay Woodworth, Robert H. Yunich, Harvey Zarren and **Owen Zurhellen** rounded out the wonderful weekend. Spouses and significant others swelled the attendance considerably.

On a more somber note, I heard from Bill Mitchell '64 that **Jack Strauch BUS'67** succumbed to leukemia at a Houston hospital on May 20, 2015. Some of you may remember the Class Notes description that ran in the Spring 2014 issue about Jack's 70th birthday party, which took place shortly after his leukemia diagnosis. And after she courageously attended the Friday cocktail reception at reunion, **Jay Woodworth's** wife, Susan, succumbed to cancer on July 3, 2015. I'd like to dedicate this column to our other classmates who are no longer with us. For a full list, please see the online version of this column at college.columbia.edu/fall2015/class_notes.

Ave Atque Vale!

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Alumni Reunion Weekend is coming, Thursday, June 2–Sunday, June 5. Mark your calendars!

Your correspondent is taking this opportunity for a brief brag on his son Richard's graduation this past May from the University of Richmond's School of Law, *cum laude*, top 15 percent of his class, *Journal of Law and Public Interest*

and John Marshall Scholar. He is spending the next year clerking for a federal judge in Virginia. Joining us at the event were **Harvey Kurzweil**, his mentor throughout law school, and Harvey's wife, Barbara.

TheaterMania announced that **Michael Feingold**, writer of its monthly "Thinking About Theater" column, won the 2013–2014 George Jean Nathan Award for Dramatic Criticism. The Nathan Award is presented by Cornell. Michael joined TheaterMania in June 2013 after having been the theater critic for *The Village Voice* for more than 40 years, 30 of them as its chief critic.

Michael received the 1995–1996 Nathan Award for his *Voice* reviews and is now among a small group of theater writers who have won the award twice. Michael has also twice been a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in Criticism. He also has had a notable career in the theater as a playwright, translator and dramaturg, and is particularly noted as a translator of the Bertolt Brecht-Kurt Weill works *Happy End*, *The Threepenny Opera* and *Rise and Fall of the City of Mahagonny*. Michael's translation of *Mahagonny* can be heard on DVDs from the Madrid Opera and Los Angeles Opera productions. The latter won classical Grammy Awards for Best Classical Album and Best Opera Recording — the first time either award had been given to a work sung in translation.

Daniel Sullivan BUS'67, from our great neighbor to the north (think snow and Molson ale), is anticipating the 50th reunion. As should you all. I know that many of you have never participated in the regular five-year celebrations but please know that they are fun! Also, our 50th is the most important one — you'll see guys you haven't seen in 50 years, and be amazed at your mutual changes. Columbia and your Reunion Committee do a great job with these, so come, enjoy, reunite and have a wonderful time.

Dan is the former Consul General of Canada in New York and has graciously offered to buy drinks for every '66er who attends, depending on the exchange rate at the time.

From **Alan Feldman GSAS'69**: "I'm glad to report that I managed to skip the horrible northeast winter. My wife, painter Nan Hass Feldman, got a job teaching on a cruise ship in the South Pacific, starting in Tahiti and ending in New Zealand, where we stayed on a little. We returned in March on my 70th birthday to receive the first copies of a new collection of my poems, *Immortality*. I've been retired since 2008 (37 years as professor and then chair of English at

Framingham State; also 22 years at Harvard’s Radcliffe Seminars) and have continued to teach what I love, offering free, drop-in poetry writing workshops at the Framingham Public Library and, in the summer, at the library in Wellfleet on Cape Cod, Mass.

George Appelbaum tells us, “Nothing much new — still happily living in rural El Dorado County, Calif.; practicing law part-time out of my house; gardening; hiking; and playing the flute. I’ve been married for 31 years and took recent trips to the Czech Republic, northern Spain and Australia. Best regards to everyone in the Class of ‘66.”

From **Paul Ehrlich**: “I practice allergy medicine in New York City and am married to the wonderful Avis Alexander (who works for the Department of Education) and have four children and five grandchildren. None of the former went to Columbia, as they all preferred to get out of town, although they do love the city. On the other hand, the grandchildren love to come to New York and my granddaughter, Audrey Ehrlich, came to New York in July and was looking forward to a visit to Murray’s Deli to get ‘the only good nova and bagels I’ve ever had’ — and she’s only 3! Got to start them early.

“There are five of us CC’ers who manage to get together. **Barry Collier**, **Herb Hochman** and I had a wonderful time at The Modern restaurant, along with **Arthur Reynolds** (who started with us in 1962, but sprung ahead to graduate in 1965) and Joel Klein ‘67. The five of us sat there for three hours talking about what the last 45-plus years had brought. The four of us from the Class of 1966 look forward to the 50th.”

Barry achieved great recognition at Stony Brook University School of Medicine. From there he went on to Mount Sinai Hospital as chairman of the Department of Medicine. He became physician-in-chief at Rockefeller University and was appointed to the first David Rockefeller chair, which he presently holds, and is second-in-charge at Rockefeller.

Richard Postupak writes, “I have taken a brief sabbatical from my pastry business in Auxerre, France, leaving my assistant in charge, as we now have an established reputation. I am using the free time to return to one of my first loves, the teaching of transcendental philosophy. Some of you may recall from earlier Class Notes that I spent a number of years doing this at the now-defunct University of Sansepolcro in Tuscany. There is a private effort to revive the philosophy department and I’ve been invited as a guest instructor. Basically

pro bono, but I will have enough free time to attend our 50th and am looking forward to seeing many of you there. I’m hoping that my dear old pals **Fran Furey**, **Tom Chorba**, **Rich Beggs** and **Rich Stanhewicz** can make it. I spent some wonderful weeks with Fran on the West Coast many years ago and may revisit him for an extended stay.”

Joel Labow writes: “It’s been a long time since [Rich Forzani and I] were fellow midshipmen in the NROTC unit! After graduation I served five years, including a tour in Vietnam. After that I used my GI Bill benefits to go to medical school at Tufts. After completing my pediatric residency at Yale I returned to active duty as a Navy medical officer. After 30 more years of active duty, I retired in 2001 as the chairman of the department of pediatrics at National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md. I am a clinical professor of pediatrics at the Uniformed Services University School of Medicine. I lost my dear wife of 28 years to cancer recently but my son is a wonderful consolation prize, with a fine disregard for his father’s career track: He is a bicycle mechanic in D.C.”

Byron Michael Noone was honored posthumously on April 25 at the 40th anniversary event of Vietnam’s Operation Babylift at the New Jersey Vietnam Era Museum & Educational Center. In addition to having the entire program dedicated to Byron’s memory, he was also recognized during the event by his widow, Lana Noone. He is portrayed in the first Operation Babylift play, *Children of the April Rain*, which was presented as a reading by an Off-Broadway theater company to tremendous acclaim. Byron’s daughter, Jennifer Nguyen Noone SW’99, was also portrayed in the play. **Barry Nazarian** attended the program. Additional performances are being planned; updates are at vietnambabylift.org.

John Longuil tells us, “While you all know from previous posts that I never joined you at graduation, please believe that I am looking forward to seeing old friends at the 50th. Much time has passed and we have all gone through many changes. I especially want to reconnect with **Bill ‘Moose’ Corcoran**, **Bob ‘Klinger’ Klingensmith** and **Harvey ‘Wildman’ Kurzweil**.”

Neill Brownstein writes, “Four kids, 3.5 grandkids and five surrogate grandkids. All of the offspring are out of the nest. We ‘right-sized’ from our too-large home in Palo Alto, Calif., to a terrific condo in Menlo Park. With our two dogs, we do our 10,000-plus steps each day. When not in the Bay Area, we reside in our Park City, Utah, home for hiking, biking and (in the win-

ter) skiing and snowshoeing. Still have all of the original body parts but the knee may be upgraded in the next year. Our business adventure investing in Indian startups has yet to bear fruit; we hope to start harvesting in the next few years. As my life-clock ticks faster I ask, ‘How do I feel today?’ Mostly ‘good’ to ‘very good.’”

We sadly inform the class of the death of **Michael Colen** on June 7, 2015. Survivors include his son, Glen; daughter-in-law, Ellen; daughter, Michelle; and wife, Diane.

Rich Beggs and his wife, Gerry, relocated for the summer to the Poconos from their Florida winter quarters. Rich’s grandson, Alex, recently was accepted to The Peddie School for high school, and his granddaughter, Morgan, received an award as an outstanding softball pitcher (she’s 11 and 5-foot-7). Rich plans to put them both on the track for Columbia. He recently returned from a trip to Sicily and Rome, reporting, “Had a great time and consumed much wine and pasta, as my extra five lbs. will attest.”

From **Gary Foulks** PS’70: “After 40 years practicing as an academic ophthalmologist specializing in cornea and external disease, I retired to Wilmington, N.C., in 2012. Most of my time was spent on the faculty at Duke but I did spend eight years in Pittsburgh as chair of ophthalmology and then director of clinical research. That was followed by eight years at the University of Louisville School of Medicine as the Arthur H. and Virginia T. Keeney Chair of Ophthalmology and as an assistant dean of clinical research. I consult with pharmaceutical companies developing new treatments for dry eye but am relieved at not having to battle the bureaucracy and expanding regulations of practicing clinical medicine. My wife, Sims, and I celebrated our 47th wedding anniversary in June and enjoy our retirement in Wilmington, near two of our three grandchildren. I spend much of my time gardening and fishing and try to get to Idaho at least once a year for fly fishing with our son. Sims is active in our church and with both the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

“I had the pleasure of catching up with **Jim Larson** and his wife when they visited Beaufort, N.C., last summer but I haven’t seen much of the rest of the class. I enjoy keeping track of folks through the Class Notes and emails with **Ken Rollston**, **Mike Stephens** and a number of the Class of ‘65. I am hoping to attend the 50th reunion.”

From **John Doody** in Fort Lauderdale: “I’m happy to say that I

won’t be able to regale classmates with stories about my children or grandchildren, because there are none. Two marriages brought forth no issue, on purpose. And now at 71 I can be my own kid. I’ve found the fountain of youth that Ponce de Leon sought here in Florida 400 years ago. Actually, Ponce could have stayed home because there are young women everywhere. I usually have two that added together fall a decade or so short of my age.

“After my M.B.A. and Ph.D. studies at BU, I taught economics and finance at Bentley for 20 years. I left in 1994 to start what are now three investment newsletters focused on the stocks of companies that mine gold and silver. My firm’s newsletters are the world’s only with outside-audited investment returns, just as the SEC requires of mutual funds.

“I have no plans to retire because, frankly, it’s expensive to be me. Few businesses have the profit margins of newsletters, once you get a critical mass of subscribers. The business has afforded me a new, ultra-modern 10,000-sq.-ft. home on the water in Fort Lauderdale with docking for a fleet of boats totaling 150 ft., and a pied-a-terre on St. Barths. Such are the fruits of no kids, although I have provided for college for my seven nieces and nephews, with one hoping to be in the Class of 2020.

“I’ve been coming to reunions every five years, and in between see **Harvey Kurzweil** on Nantucket, Mass., and **Tom Harrold** on St. Barths, and am regularly visited by my freshman roommate, **Ken Pearson**. I miss **Joe Cody**, who I always think of as ‘Mr. Columbia.’ My Columbia degree was important to my successes and I’m happy to give back with a \$1 million bequest to help kick off the 50th reunion [Class Gift]. See you all in June.”

As a final note, your Reunion Committee is happy to announce the co-chairs of our 50th reunion: **Michael Garrett**, **Mark Amsterdam**, **Rich Forzani**, **Rich Zucker** and **Barry Collier**. Please stay tuned.

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Several classmates took time to catch us up on their adventures of the past 48 years.

Bruce Burgeson writes, “I have been happily retired for about 13 years after a career as a teacher in the New York City public schools. I recently went on a Road Scholar trip to the American Southwest,

visiting Phoenix, Sedona, the Grand Canyon, Monument Valley, Bryce Canyon National Park and Zion National Park. I hope to do more trips. Best wishes to classmates.”

Aris Christou writes, “After graduating with a B.A. in physics, I received my Ph.D. in materials science and engineering from Penn in 1971 and have been in the research establishment and academia ever since. I have been a professor of materials science at Maryland since 1990 and have published more than 200 research papers on semiconductor materials as well as six books. More information may be found at christou.umd.edu.”

Bob Rosenberg writes, “What a journey! I am enjoying an incredibly fulfilling time in my life, with only the responsibilities I choose to take on — a very privileged position indeed. My wife, Pamela, and I have two daughters, Lauren ‘99, LAW’02 and Alexandra, and four grandchildren — all, of course, headed for Morningside Heights in the next 10–15 years.

“In 2012, I retired from Latham & Watkins, a large international law firm where I chaired the international insolvency group for many years. I now have an independent practice doing mediation, trusteeships, independent directorships, expert testimony, etc. ... (everything except practicing law). Two years ago I ran on an insurgent ticket to become a trustee of Bellport village on Long Island, where we have our weekend home, and won; this year the team is running for reelection unopposed.

“I continue my long service as president of The New Group, a highly successful, not-for-profit New York theater company, which is completing its 20th season with three hits in a row (check it out: thenewgroup.org). I still have plenty of time left over for great travel (Portugal last fall, Iceland last winter and South Africa next fall) and skiing. Finally, for the last several years, I have been very pleased to serve as our class fundraising chair. Please make me look good on this one!”

Pat Evans writes, “I’ve been practicing law in Watertown, N.Y., for 40 years and retired in June. I’ve been working recently with **Guy Gugliotta** SIPA’73 on a new book he’s editing, a collection of autobiographic stories of Vietnam War sailors. I’m an active volunteer, currently chairing the local Habitat for Humanity affiliate and teaching in my local Catholic church.”

John Cushman writes, “Since the Class of 1967 is all the same age, many of our classmates are transitioning into retirement as I am. Columbia was great prepa-

ration for a career; in my case, I served in churches in four states and in two educational institutions. Together, my wife, Cheryl, and I founded three preschools that continue to operate. But from that career, how lucky I have been to carry forward interests in politics, social issues and healing, and skills in media, project management, photography, music and things mechanical, into retirement.

“Nothing has been more fun recently than installing a video camera behind the locomotive of the garden railroad train that we suspended from the ceiling in the Children’s Museum of Sonoma County, Calif. Onboard video images from the miniature camera are transmitted to a television monitor inside a child-sized passenger car; that enables children to look out the window and see moving pictures from the toy train snaking its way among the exhibits of the science building. It’s like being onboard! Research for the camera installation took me to Sacramento for a behind-the-scenes look at the wonderful toy train collection of some of the earliest Lionel trains at the California State Railroad Museum, and I learned how they installed the onboard camera in their toy trains. The collection curator will be one of my first guests when we get daily operations under way here in Santa Rosa, Calif. I will extend the same VIP treatment at the Children’s Museum, of course, to my classmates and their grandchildren if they are in Northern California.

“Since retirement I have pursued cycling with great enthusiasm. I took up cycling as therapy in New Mexico following an automobile accident that crunched my femur. Since then, I have raced the steam locomotive into the mountains above Durango, Colo., and lost, and more recently ridden Highway 1 across the Golden Gate Bridge. At my age, I am probably the oldest on-bicycle marshal in Levi’s GranFondo, which is one of bicycling’s premier citizen/pro events, held annually in late September along the rural roads of Sonoma County and along the Pacific Coast. Last year, I assisted more than 30 riders with medical and mechanical issues en route, and with all the stopping, I was among the last to finish this challenging and lumpy route. I am registered for my seventh GranFondo this fall and plan to marshal once more. If you are in Northern California and want a local riding companion, let me know and I will show you the great roads — and rest stops — that [travel company] Backroads likes to point out to its tour guests. I’ll be a good host for you.

“I spoke with Mike Brownstein ‘64 not long ago, with whom I sang in the Kingsmen, and whose songs were passed to me to sing with the group when he graduated. I thanked him for encouraging my musical and performance skills, which have been lifelong interests.

“Best to the brothers and sisters of the Class of 1967.”

Dean Ringel reported with sadness the death of **Jeff Newman**, our friend and fellow editor at *Spectator*. I don’t know that I ever met a more positive, compassionate and kind person. Jeff was proud of his Columbia legacy: His son, David ‘02, married Kate Devine ‘02, and his daughter, Deborah ‘04, married Drew Shannahan ‘03. Jeff was a partner in the firm of Dolgenos Newman & Cronin in New York. We all miss him.

Dean also shared an update, “Now that I have retired from my law firm, I no longer have much excuse for not responding to **Al Zonana**’s requests for updates, so here goes: I have spent the last 43 years at a single law firm (once a relatively routine career description, perhaps a bit more unusual today). I was fortunate to be able to spend much of my time at Cahill Gordon & Reindel dealing with constitutional issues in the context of the media, representing institutions like *The New York Times*, NBC, *Time* and Penguin Publishing, along with individual television shows like *Inside Edition* and, occasionally, *Law & Order*. I handled cases involving libel, privacy and fairness doctrine issues. I was fortunate to work alongside a legend of the bar, Floyd Abrams.

“In later years, I added antitrust work to my menu, representing Sony Music and 3M and, most recently, dealing with securities law litigation, representing Standard & Poor’s in the fallout from the recent financial crisis. The work was intellectually satisfying, occasionally involving making new law at the appellate and Supreme Court levels, and it was fun, albeit more demanding in terms of time than might have been wise. Those time demands were gracefully tolerated by my wife, Ronnie BC’68 (née Sussman), herself a hard-working lawyer, whom I began dating while she was at Barnard. We have two daughters, a doctor and a lawyer, and two grandchildren. I teach legal history and the history of press freedom to a remarkably diverse group of undergraduates at John Jay College of Criminal Justice at CUNY here in New York City. I have kept up with a number of classmates, including former roommates **Elliott Hefler**, **Rich Rubin** and **Charlie Saydah**, and a subset of

Spectator colleagues, among them **Mark Minton**, **Chris Hartzell**, **Leigh Dolin**, **Marty Andrucki** and **Jeff Newman**. Time spent with Jeff during the last few years made his recent death all the more painful. I very much look forward to seeing more of our class at our not-so-far-off 50th reunion.”

Congratulations to **Joel Klein** and **Roger Lehecka**, who will be honored at the gala celebration for the 50th anniversary of the Double Discovery Center on September 10. Joel, former chancellor of New York City schools, is now CEO of Amplify and EVP of News Corp. Roger, who had an illustrious career at Columbia including nearly 20 years as dean of students, co-founded Double Discovery in 1965. Its mission is “to improve local schools by exposing students to the rigor of Columbia, and engage Columbia students with the neighborhood.” That it has flourished for 50 years is a testament to the vision of its founders and successors. Roger and Joel grew up a block apart in Woodside, Queens.

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I will be on the case next issue with a “monster” column. I encourage classmates to write, or else “the punishment will fit the crime,” to paraphrase Gilbert and Sullivan.

Please submit your Class Notes to my email address at the top of the column or online at college.columbia.edu/cct/submit_class_note. Your classmates want to hear from you!

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We are in fall 2015, and the College has welcomed the Class of 2019. This moment also marks the 50th anniversary of our class’ arrival at the College. It was a long time ago, and yet it was such a special time for each of us that classmates with varying powers of memory all seem to have at least a few recollections of our beginning days on the campus. By email and in my last column, I asked classmates to share some of those recollections, be it events in the dorms, a classroom experience or time in the neighbor-



Left to right: Mark Wenner '71, Susan Hatcher BC'70, Hank Reichman '69 and Juan Gonzalez '68 got together on June 13 in Washington, D.C., at the American Association of University Professors Annual Conference.

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hood. Here, I present a first batch of responses; those who do not see their responses in this issue will find them in a future issue (along with the personal and professional news that classmates provide). I invite classmates who have yet to email me with recollections to do so now. In the meantime, we can all ponder another momentous number; namely that, over the course of the next year or so, our age will come to match our class year — the number “69” seems less funny now than it did back then.

Let's begin with the blackout of 1965. **Fred Neufeld** writes: “I was replacing the lightbulb in my dorm room desk lamp on the 13th floor of Carman Hall on November 9, 1965. When I turned on the lamp, the new bulb blew out. Seconds later the lights went out in the room, and then on our floor. The guys were screaming for the lights to come back on. ‘Yikes,’ I thought, ‘I just shut down the dorm’s power.’ Car horns were blaring on Broadway. I looked out the window facing southbound and saw the Empire State Building’s lights go out. Oy vey! An hour later I learned it was a coincidence. I still get the willies telling the story.”

Unbeknownst to Fred, **Michael Schnipper** had found another cause of the blackout: “As a freshman, I lived on the fourth floor of John Jay Hall, a few flights above the cafeteria. One night in November, as a few of us were eating dinner, the lights went out. When they did not come on for a few minutes, we walked upstairs. There was **Roger Walaszek** in the hallway in his underwear looking for a place to hide his prohibited hot plate, certain that he had caused what we later learned was the Great Northeast Blackout.”

I have a different recollection of the blackout; at the moment it began, I was on the roof of Ferris Booth Hall helping to mount a sign for an upcoming Board of Managers event. I remember turning to the upperclassman I was assisting and asking, “Why are they closing Butler Library so early tonight?” and then we saw the streets were dark and — of greater immediacy — the stairways from the roof to the lobby were pitch black.

And now a range of other memories. From **Marc Schmid**: “I vividly recall a night in late October of freshman year. The varsity football team, after an evening at The Gold Rail, was inspired to carry my 1959 MG roadster (purchased from Tom Lesley '68) from West 114th Street into the lobby of Carman Hall. Upon my return a few hours later from The West End, the bemused night guard held open the doors while I drove out of the lobby, through the gates, down some steps and down the sidewalk to Broadway.”

Steve Conway writes: “I fondly remember my arrival day at Columbia. It was a dark and stormy morning (trite but true), and my father drove me from Philadelphia through a terrible thunderstorm. When we pulled up to the curb on Broadway, an upperclassman, Tony Sciolino '67, was waiting to help the next arrival (me) with luggage. That felt very nice. (Tony later became a Rochester, N.Y., family court judge and city council member and then a deacon in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester.) My father left, my roommate seemed nice enough and we walked across Broadway to find dinner. I knew I was in New York when I asked the server how their hamburgers

were and he replied, ‘They have their moments.’”

David Sokal states: “My most enduring scholarly memory of my first year at Columbia is reading the selections from philosophers such as Thomas Hobbes, John Locke, David Hume and Adam Smith, who provided the ideas that influenced the founding fathers and led to the creation of the United States. The power of ideas and how they evolved across time was fascinating. On the personal side, I made some good friends among my roommates and fellow bridge players.”

From **Dave Rosedahl**, recalling our senior year: “Professor Dustin Rice, in 19th-century art class, listened patiently to a long and elegant discussion by one of my classmates. I remember thinking, ‘Gee, after nearly four years here, I’ve learned nothing compared to this fellow.’ Upon completion of the guy’s dissertation, Professor Rice blew out a long stream of smoke (Camel), leaned forward and said: ‘You’ve been reading books ...’”

From **Dave Parshall**: “The first memories of the College that came to my mind are:

“One: What a remarkable faculty we were exposed to! I have a few memories of exceptional professors, such as reading Greek lyric poetry with Professor Moses Hadas in my freshman year. He was a renowned classicist and gentleman, never flustered. It was a late afternoon class and at the moment of the blackout in the fall term, he was amused, not concerned. Many Columbia guys headed across the street to Barnard during the blackout. I was devastated to learn upon my return from summer vacation in 1967 that Hadas had died during a trip out west to Aspen, Colo. Another freshman memory is of Professor Polykarp Kusch, a Nobel Prize winner, who made ‘Physics for Poets’ come alive. And how about Professor Howard Davis’ course on Northern European painting? I have unforgettable memories of his insights (and, of course, many others’). Weren’t we fortunate?”

“Two: Aren’t computers the best?! We used to type papers on an old-style typewriter, hoping not to make too many errors to be typed over. I remember going down the elevator in Carman one day and standing in the front of the elevator next to a fellow who was proofreading a paper that he was about to submit. All was well until, as he was exiting the elevator, he dropped the paper and it fell through the narrow gap at the elevator door opening, never to be seen again. A devastating setback! The poor fellow had undoubtedly

pulled an all-nighter to complete his masterpiece; today, it would all be saved on a computer.

“Three: One spring day in later years, I was selling raffle tickets for a spiffy sports car near the Sundial on College Walk. Undoubtedly for a good cause, although I do not remember what it was. However, I do remember asking a Barnard undergraduate who was passing by if she would like to buy a chance to win the car. Her quick response: ‘I don’t have a chance.’”

Ed Hyman writes: “I remember one of my first days on campus at the end of freshman week. I had returned to John Jay and entered into a series of fascinating conversations with Eddie Goodgold '65, who had just graduated and had entered law school but returned to visit the fifth and sixth floors of Jay, of which he had been the counselor for the only undergraduate floors in an overwhelmingly graduate student dorm. Goodgold and I were joined in this diverse-themed discussion by George Leonard '67, GSAS'72, then a junior and later a Columbia English Ph.D. and Yale professor, and now professor of interdisciplinary humanities at San Francisco State University. Seth Weinstein '68, later an esteemed economics major and subsequently a developer, entered into the discourse as did Henry Simonds '70, later of the medicine department of Concord Hospital. The next year that core group was expanded to include Jamie Auchincloss '70. Though Jay was then, simply put, a dump, the quality and diversity of the thought and discourse more than compensated. What strikes me most poignantly is how, on getting together with George after a lapse of many decades, I remained impressed with that same profound intellect and genuine humanity, as I did a year or so later when I bumped into Seth. I remain in regular contact with Jamie, Henry and Hank Gehman '71, GS'78, all of whom are respectively retired in Oregon, New Hampshire and Berkeley.”

From **Michael Jacoby Brown**: “Sadness: remembering meeting the sweet David Gilbert '66, and passionate Ted Gold '68, and how the craziness of the times led them to do crazy and destructive things. Of having to identify my dear friend and roommate, Daniel Grutzendler, who committed suicide by jumping off our building.”

“Luck: getting into Kenneth Koch’s creative writing class when I placed out of freshman English and discovering that the old man in my elementary Greek class was Eric Bentley, one of my heroes and the editor of Bertolt Brecht’s work.

“Lessons: being beaten by the NYPD at the behest of Columbia

for having the gall to protest the war in Vietnam and the ‘Jim Crow gym’ Columbia wanted to build in Morningside Park. When will they ever learn?”

“Still lucky after all these years: to be part of Visions, a multi-racial group that provides training and consulting in developing multi-racial and multi-cultural organizations.”

Bill Bonvillian writes: “When we arrived we all recall being subjected to the humiliation of wearing light blue beanies — hardly hazing but still bizarre; we thought, wasn’t this Columbia. ...?” I discovered something different was going to happen when that fall Paul Newman spoke at a Ferris Booth Hall festival of his films. A pipe-smoking Columbia type got the first question, and asked Newman a long, esoteric question about metaphysical meaning in *Cool Hand Luke* (that would be typical of us then, comparing, say, Luke’s ‘What we’ve got here is a failure to communicate,’ with Descartes’ theorem in Lit Hum). Newman responded by yelling back something like, ‘I didn’t come here to discuss god-damn movies, I want to talk about the f—king war!’ We all grasped this hint that beanies weren’t going to be the message of our time at Columbia.”

Let me add an observation of my own — something from freshman year that I did not foresee turning out the way it did. I lived in Carman 815B during my first year and one of my suitemates, in 815A, was a guy from Maplewood, N.J., named **Mark Rudd**. Across the hall in Room 814 was **Paul Auster**. Who knew at the time that these three classmates, housed in such close proximity, would be mentioned so often in the pages of this magazine?

Finally, congratulations to **Robert Kahan**, who received a Columbia University Alumni Medal (the highest honor conferred by the Columbia Alumni Association) during this year’s Commencement. During our College years, Bob was a sports and newscaster at WKCR, calling basketball games in 1968–69 and reporting on the campus events of our time. Since graduation, Bob has generously donated to the College, including by endowing a scholarship for a needy athlete in the name of his father, Theodore Kahan (Class of 1920), and by endowing a chair in his father’s name, the Theodore Kahan Professor of Humanities in the Department of English and Comparative Literature. Bob’s generosity also created the Bob Kahan Sports Studio at WKCR in Alfred Lerner Hall.

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I am going to devote this column to our wonderful 45th reunion, which took place May 28–31. Forty-two class members and their wives/significant others returned to celebrate Alumni Reunion Weekend, and it was fantastic! **Mark Pruzansky** and his wife, Sheila, graciously hosted the Friday cocktail party, which was well attended and got us all back into the Columbia frame of mind. The Friday and Saturday lectures were thought-provoking and excellent, and the Saturday dinner gave us the opportunity to reconnect with old friends. The Saturday lunch featured Professor **Tom Keenan** SEAS'71 leading a provocative discussion on the Internet’s ability to intrude on our everyday lives — from shopping experiences to monitoring very personal activities that no one would suspect are being watched.

At each of our class gatherings, the discussions carried on well beyond our allotted time and, in the cases of our Saturday class lunch and Saturday night class dinner, we were shoosed out of the Uris Hall facilities — we literally closed down Uris Hall on Saturday night.

Here is a sampling of our classmates’ reports on reunion. **Andy Kiörpes** said: “The Mini-Core Classes were all outstanding. I recently received the slide set from Professor Brent Stockwell’s lecture, ‘Life, Death, Drugs and the Origin of New Ideas.’ I also loved Professor Chris Washburne GSAS'99’s lecture, ‘Lessons from Jazz.’ I agree with **Steven Schwartz** that we needed more ‘classmate’ time. Even though we lingered, and were shown the door on more than one occasion, we still could have used more. I think tweaks in the schedule are all that is needed. The big change between this reunion and the last one I attended (when mastodons were still grazing in Minnesota) was the welcoming atmosphere and the Columbia College Student Ambassadors. The energy on campus was palpable [as I was] watching the dancing on Low Plaza on Saturday night. I think our 50th will be a great get-together.”

During our time together, Andy and I reminisced about the night our whole floor in Furnald Hall sat listening to our birthdays being called out in the first draft lottery.

The aforementioned **Steven Schwartz** noted: “They had to kick us out of the Saturday lunch space. Next time I think we need more time just with our class, although the lectures I attended on

Friday (Assistant Professor Noam Elcott '00 on Picasso and Professor Katharina Volk on Plato and Jane Austen) were also superb. No one wanted to leave.”

Dov Zakheim, who sent his two sons to the College, reported: “[My wife], Deborah, and I really enjoyed the classes, the receptions and the class luncheon, which really was terrific. It was good to see old friends (like **Peter Sugar** and **Al Bergeret**), former co-residents in the dorms (**John Wallace** SEAS'70, who sent me his latest book — I hope he doesn’t expect me to read all his equations!) and classmates whom I had never really encountered while at Columbia. We attended the two Lit Hum lectures — both were excellent and I especially enjoyed the lecture on *The Iliad*, the first book we had to read before we even arrived on campus. And the weather was perfect. All in all, a great time. Looking forward to our 50th.”

The eagerness to return to Columbia for our 50th reunion was a theme in many of the responses I received from attendees. **Dan Feldman**, who was an associate with me at my first law firm, reported: “I had a great time. I loved getting to chat and reminisce with old friends. That someone thought Sam Steinberg’s paintings warranted an exhibition amazed and delighted me. The Columbia Kingsmen put on a fine performance — as always — and one of the performing alumni was Jonathan White '85, a friend from Port Washington, N.Y. I was very happy that my cousin Elise Feldman '95, with her significant other and 14-month-old twins, ran into me near the Sundial. I wish I had gotten to more lectures, because Professor James Zetzel’s lecture on Adam Smith and Professor Katharina Volk’s lecture on Plato and Jane Austen were terrific. At the latter I saw Donald Altschuler '60, whose parents were my next-door neighbors in the early 1960s, for the first time in probably 50 years! Professor Matthew Jones’ talk at our Saturday dinner was inspiring, and I’m glad I got to chat with him a bit afterward as well.”

David Kornbluth, who had a long and distinguished career in the State Department, noted: “Like me, my wife, Soching, had a 30-year career with the State Department, and has much of interest to say about it.”

Special thanks to **Phil Wang**, whose generosity enabled us to exceed our class fundraising goal. And the final word will go to **Jim Periconi**, who extended our thanks to Alumni Office staff members Patricia Carchi and Mara Henckler: “The speakers

were wonderful and the energy was great. We will plan earlier for the 50th, and work the phones to get an impressive turnout.”

Amen to Jim’s final thought!

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A Columbia University Athletics press release reports: “Columbia men’s soccer alum **Rocco B. Commisso** [SEAS'71] joined 100 other outstanding individuals who were recognized at the 29th Annual Ellis Island Medal of Honor Ceremony held at the historic landmark in New York Harbor ...

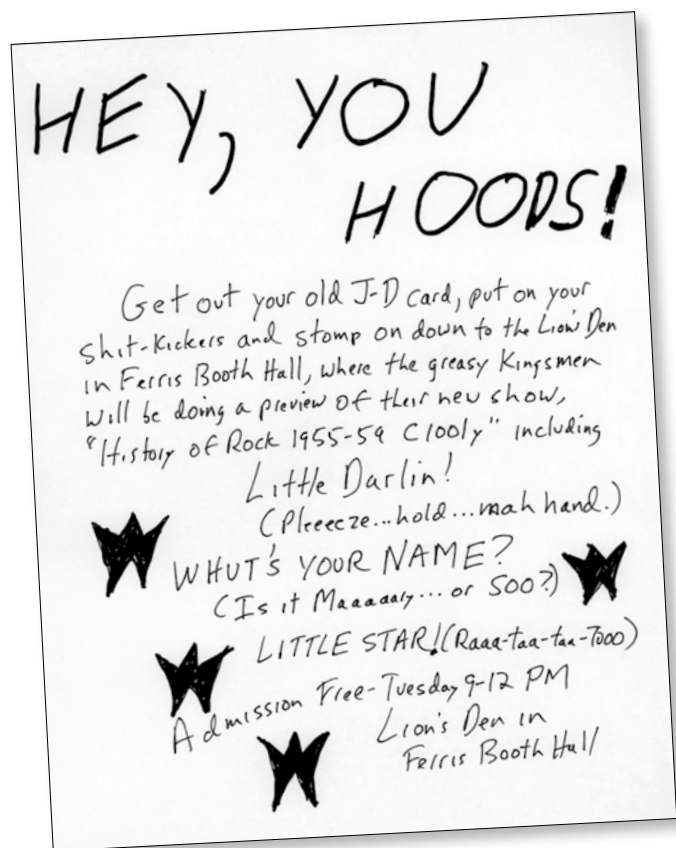
“The Ellis Island Medals of Honor were established in 1986 and rank among our nation’s most prestigious civilian honors. The award recognizes individuals who share with those less fortunate their wealth of knowledge, indomitable courage, boundless compassion, unique talents and selfless generosity, all while maintaining the traditions of their ethnic heritage as they uphold the ideals and spirit of America.

“Past recipients include six U.S. Presidents; Nobel Prize recipient Elie Wiesel; Generals Norman Schwarzkopf and Colin Powell, Hon. Hillary Clinton; Sen. John McCain; Muhammad Ali; Frank Sinatra; Barbara Walters; Mike Wallace; and Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

“... Commisso was hailed as one of the most successful Italian immigrant entrepreneurs in our nation’s history and was lauded for, among other things, providing college scholarships to 1,300 students nationwide.

“During his remarks, Commisso described the struggles his family faced in war-torn Italy in the 1950s. He thanked America for opening its doors to his father, a World War II prisoner of war, and for giving his family boundless opportunities to succeed by simply working hard, pursuing an education and relying on self-initiative to get ahead.”

From **Peter Jacoby**: “On May 19, under gray skies I attended the College’s Class Day and took part in the 12th annual Alumni Parade of Classes behind the banner of the Class of 1971 with **Cary Queen**, **Dick Fuhrman** and **Alex Sachare**. As in past years, the parade elicited



prolonged and heartfelt applause from the graduating seniors, who obviously recognize and value the sense of connection to Columbia that persists for us all long after the toil of exams and writing papers has faded from memory.

“Following the parade, we stayed on for the graduation exercises and were treated to an immensely impressive address by Eric Garcetti ’92, SIPA’93, mayor of Los Angeles since 2013. Garcetti adapted a set of 15 common themes (distilled by a website) from the texts of hundreds of such commencement speeches, providing a talk that was at once humorous, insightful and uplifting in its call for graduates to work at applying their talents to improving equality in our nation.

“As with Class Day last year, a significant number of the students had placed red tape strips on their mortarboards in a silent, but nonetheless compelling, demonstration for the ‘No Red Tape’ movement, which continues to fight for improvement in the University administration’s policies and practices for addressing gender-based misconduct.

“A notable point in the procession of the more than 1,100 students across the dais to receive acknowledgement of their passage into the ranks of alumni took

place when Emma Sulkowicz ’15, a visual arts major who has carried a mattress with her about the campus for the past academic year to protest the school’s handling of her own alleged sexual assault, took the stage with four of her classmates, who assisted her in carrying the mattress. The loud cheers and applause from her fellow graduating seniors — and from knowledgeable persons in the audience — spoke volumes about the fact that this subject will continue to require the close attention and involvement of all members of the Columbia community, not least including those of us in the alumni body.”

Howard Stoffer SIPA’75, GSAS’80 reports: “Just to be up-to-date on my professional and family activities these last nearly 50 years, I had a great career in the State Department, leaving as a member of the Senior Foreign Service; the United Nations as a senior director of the Security Council’s Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate; and now at the University of New Haven as an associate professor of national security. Please contact me via LinkedIn.

“I live on the west side of Manhattan after spending years in Europe, Russia, China and the Middle East. My wife, Jane Rosenberg, is an attorney in real estate

law and my daughter, Hannah, started at Dean College last year.

“Hope to see some of you at the 2016 reunion and hope to stay well so I can attend our 50th reunion! All the best to everyone.”

Our 45th reunion will take place Thursday, June 2–Sunday, June 5, 2016: Mark your calendars and start making your plans. As I submit this column on June 29, 2015, you should already have received an email from Patricia Carchi (pc2389@columbia.edu) in the Alumni Office about joining the CC’71 Reunion Committee. I presume that by the time this issue of CCT is in your hands in September, you will have heard from the committee itself. I’ve enjoyed serving on Reunion Committees, so definitely count me in. Are you?

Whether or not you join the committee, plan to attend reunion. Our reunions, especially our most recent, have been smashing successes. The campus is the same, yet different, and so are we. Enjoy old friendships and make new ones. I have already heard from class members living on other continents who are planning to attend.

Remember back 48 Septembers ago and the feelings we had, including of adventure, as we entered Columbia College. *We are still connected.*

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Marty Edel has been practicing law in New York City for 40 years, first at Cravath, Swaine & Moore and then at Miller & Wrubel. “My practice has been an interesting mix of commercial litigation, ranging from antitrust to contractual disputes to sports law. I also have been teaching sports law at Brooklyn Law School for more than 15 years and, this year, will be teaching sports law at NYU.

“All of that pales by comparison with the joys my wife, Pam, and I share watching our children and, yikes, grandchildren grow up. Our son, Charlie, is an assistant professor at the U.S. Naval War College. His first book, *Nation Builder: John Quincy Adams and the Grand Strategy of the Republic*, came out last fall. Our daughter, Eliza, was a teacher (until she had her first child) and now is a developer of curricula. We have three wonderful grandchildren, who range in age from 10 months to 3 years. We continue to see good Columbia friends, including **Steve Shapiro** and **David Stern**.”

Ronald Cohen PS’76 is a “hard-working neonatologist at Stanford,

in dry California,” where he’s clinical professor of pediatrics and director, Development and Behavior Unit and Intermediate Intensive Care Nursery, at the Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital. He recently completed his “magnum opus,” *Neonatology: Clinical Practice and Procedures*, co-edited with David K. Stevenson and Philip Sunshine. Here are Ron’s brief memories of arriving on campus for Freshman Week: “First person to greet me — Mark Rudd ’69, handing out flyers. During a campus tour from a senior, I heard, ‘New York City is that way, campus is this way — between the two you’ll get a great education if you survive.’”

Ron and his wife (a fellow P&S grad) enjoy living in Palo Alto, Calif. He says, “Columbia folk are few and far between out here but I have fond memories of my days on both Morningside Heights and Washington Heights.”

And for those of you with fond recollections of the Barnard campus, Lehman Library will disappear in the coming months to be replaced with a more up-to-date building, including a tower that will nestle next to Altschul. Things are always changing on Morningside Heights.

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Once more down to the beach although this column, written in June, will not appear until fall. For those who believe they’re being neglected it’s just ... timing.

In order of appearance: **Michael Shapiro** has completed his Second Symphony and premiered it this summer in Birmingham, England. It will be released through Amazon, iTunes and CD Baby. This past season he conducted the Virginia Symphony Orchestra and the Dallas Wind Symphony, playing his most popular work, *Frankenstein* — *The Movie Score*, which is played simultaneously with the classic Boris Karloff version of the film. Michael has been performing *Frankenstein* all over the United States, and for Halloween season 2015 will be once again at colleges all over the country. He is working on a new work called *Bamboulal*, commissioned by 10 colleges nationally, which will premiere in 2016. His regular gig remains The Chappaqua Orchestra in New York.

Ending one of the longest runs on Broadway, the imperturbable **James Minter** retired from Columbia’s Undergraduate Admissions Office in June after 30 years of “wonderful colleagues and immea-

surable professional rewards.” Worst of all, he is giving up his Columbia phone number, 212-854-1973, which I have always envied. The soon-to-be-mentioned **Mitch Freinberg** dedicated a plaque to James in the office’s conference room, thus keeping his spirit alive. We’ll miss you, Jeem.

Benjamin Feldman LAW’76 retired from his law and real estate career in 2000 and has morphed into a Yiddishist; he is chair of the board of the New Yiddish Rep theater company and a historian of 19th and early 20th century New York, having published three books and 50 essays (newyorkwanderer.com). He lives in the Heights, has two daughters “and an ex-wife,” and spends a great deal of time exercising al fresco.

Steve Flanagan passed a couple of milestones this year. January marked the 40th anniversary of his marriage to the redoubtable Lynn Wansley; many of us remember when they began their romance at Columbia. Their younger son, Neil Flanagan ’08, is a junior architect working on the “Bow Tie,” a building on Columbia’s Manhattanville campus. In April, Steve passed the two-year mark of his second tour at the National Security Council staff as special assistant to the president and senior director for defense policy and strategy; he says it’s “been demanding, but an honor to serve.”

We heard recently (from **Raymond Forsythe**) that **Rob Gallup** passed away in February from a heart attack. He’s survived by his wife of 22 years, Jane (janegallup@hotmail.com). Rob was executive director of AMEND Counseling Services, a Denver-based domestic violence prevention and intervention group, and was a crime victim services administrator for the State of Colorado for 16 years.

Carter Eltzroth SIPA’79, LAW’80 is a lawyer focused on new technologies, notably the licensing of standardized technologies like digital TV, WiFi and smart grid. He and his wife, Arline, live in Washington, D.C.; they have a daughter, Rebecca, who is in e-commerce marketing in Boston, and a son, Carter, who is an ensign in the Navy.

And finally (wait for it), **Mitch Freinberg** has lived in London for 10 these past 32 years, where he is an investment banker. He has recently given up the ghost as chairman of the Alumni Representative Committee for England after 24 years of “fortunate” association with the aforementioned **James Minter**.

Cannot write what I don’t get; at least — not anymore. Keep sendin’ ’em in, fellows! You can write to

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“Those meddling kids!”

That’s a phrase many of us remember from watching endless episodes of *Scooby-Doo* with our kids or grandkids. In the cartoon series, which premiered just before we started at the College, it was said by a villain referring to Shaggy and his friends. In this case, the meddling kids are the Millennials that are shoving the Baby Boomers off center-stage and diminishing our influence on both cultural and economic issues in society.

The census bureau tells us Millennials (those born approximately 1980–2000) are now 80 million strong as of last March — larger than either Gen X (born approximately 1965–1979) or even our beloved Baby Boomers (born approximately 1946–1964). Why is this of import? For most of our lives, society has molded the world around us to kowtow to the wants and desires of our cohort. When we wanted bell-bottoms, tie-dye and long hair, they were suddenly fashionable. Our parents might have supported the Vietnam War, but society and its politicians sided with the majority of Baby Boomers that seemed to feel otherwise.

What if the new Millennial Majority make skinny jeans the new fashion statement when many of us favor relaxed-fit Levis? What if they end up much further right or left in politics when our generation is moving more toward the center (or vice versa)? A recent survey showed Millennials watch less TV than their parents. No biggie ... until you learn that *The Walking Dead* garnered six of the top 10 cable telecast viewership slots for this age group. Will that mean the death of quality programming like *CSI* and *NCIS* — let alone *Celebrity Wife Swap*? Those meddling kids!

One thing that’s for certain is that they missed out on half a century of some great music. Some might say it started with The Rolling Stones in 1962. Others might cite the 1964 British Invasion led by The Beatles. All that is clear to these jaded ears is that the title of Bob Dylan’s 1964 album said it all — *The Times They Are a-Changin’* — and you skinny jeans/soy latte/*Walking Dead* Millennials missed the moment! Reminds me of the time when a young buck in my office asked me disparagingly,

“When *did* you go to college?” I responded, “Let’s just say it was after the invention of the birth control pill and before the arrival of AIDS.” His eyes glassed over.

One classmate who hasn’t let this momentous rock moment slip by is investment banker/drummer **Roger Kahn**. I saw him and his wife, Therese, on campus at Dean’s Day in June. After learning they had just attended a great jazz lecture, they had to dash off because they had tickets to The Who’s 50th anniversary show.

At a time when we are being told that Baby Boomers are retiring and moving to Florida for a life of shuffleboard and early bird specials, notes from our classmates show this is not always the case. Not only are many of our careers continuing to evolve but also many of our classmates are returning to NYC (at least for part of the year).

Dr. David Melnick PS’78 writes that he left pharmaceutical company AstraZeneca after 34 years to return to Manhattan and to assume a position as VP of clinical development at Actavis (which subsequently acquired Allergan and took its name). The combination of the companies created one of the world’s top 10 pharmaceutical companies. He will continue hunting for new antibiotics to fight highly resistant bacteria (like MRSA).

David notes, “What I have learned over 37 years of treating infectious diseases: The micro-organisms are smarter than we are.”

Also moving back to NYC (part-time) is **Bill Meehan**. He recently bought an apartment in the same building as his daughter, Katie Conway ’02, and his grandsons. He tells us he’ll be spending “fall/winter in Palo Alto, Calif., spring/summer in NYC ... back and forth.”

I need to explain that following his retirement in 1999 from his executive position at the consulting firm McKinsey & Company, Bill has been on the faculty of the Stanford Graduate School of Business. I received a press release saying he was honored last spring with the Excellence in Leadership Award from the school. Aside from his teaching, Bill has been involved in helping numerous nonprofit and cultural institutions (such as the San Francisco Symphony, the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, Fordham Preparatory School and the United Way of the Bay Area — just to name a few). He also manages to find time to be a director of Juniper Networks, a major Internet hardware company.

Although he spends most of his time in Washington, D.C., managing Cuneo Gilbert & LaDuca, the law firm he founded 27 years ago, **Jon Cuneo** also has an apartment

in NYC because he spends a fair amount of time doing legal work in the area. Last spring he was here for a different reason: Jon stepped into the boxing ring against former No. 1 heavyweight contender Gerry Cooney. The three-round fight raised money for Youth Consultation Service, which serves at-risk and special needs children and young adults in New Jersey. Rumor has it that Cooney was “sweating bullets.” I was just happy not to see Jon listed in the obits of the last CCT!

A note came in from Msgr. **Fred Dolan** in Montreal. He pointed out a June 23 *New York Times* article saying most of the restaurants we saw in *Seinfeld* have long disappeared (like H&H Bagels, Kenny Rogers Roasters and the Royal Pastry Shop). But 17 years after *Seinfeld* left the air, the *Times* notes: “the gang’s favorite hangout from the show, Tom’s, arguably has become the most recognizable ‘Seinfeld’-related tourist attraction in the city.”

The *Times* went on, “Tom’s is comfortable with friendly enough service and old-world charm; it is hard to argue with a bacon cheeseburger deluxe for \$9.25, and you will never go wrong with the milkshakes (\$5.75). But, really, cash only?”

Aren’t those prices a *little* higher than you remember?

I was reading in the Spring/Summer 2015 issue of *Columbia Magazine* about the new Tang Center for Early China, to be housed in the Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures in Kent Hall. As my son has an interest in this area, I researched further online. There I discovered that **Haruo Shirane** GSAS’83 is chair of this department (as well as being the Shincho Professor of Japanese Literature and Culture).

While this column often features classmates who change careers, few of these changes are as dramatic as that of **Dean Weber** and his wife, Lynne. Dean recalled that my column a quarter-century ago described them as “the ultimate yuppie couple.” After all, Dean was a corporate attorney at Lord Day & Lord (and later McDermott Will & Emery) and Lynne was an advertising exec. Soon after that 1989 column, Lynne left advertising to attend the Union Theological Seminary and was ordained an Episcopal priest in 1994. Five years later, Dean left law, also to attend Union Theological, and was ordained to the priesthood in 2002, as he turned 50. Dean has since been rector of All Saints’ Church in Leonia, N.J., and Lynne served at St. Elizabeth in Ridgewood, N.J., 1993–2000 and as rector of the Church of the Atonement in Tenafly, N.J., for the

past 15 years. Dean adds, “In both the priesthood and the law, TGIF has always meant ‘only two more working days until Monday,’ with the difference that I now feel I have the best job in the world.”

There you have it. Classmates moving back to NYC in their “golden years” and enjoying their careers and time with their families. Other classmates are continuing to explore new careers or are moving to the top of their longtime passions. Whatever is going on in your life, send in news, because your friends of nearly half a century want an update!

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It was an amazing reunion weekend. Your Reunion Committee took the best of our collective WAIs (Wild-Ass Ideas) and, I think, delivered a couple of outstanding WEEs (Wildly Exciting Experiences).

We had a great turnout. The following classmates were seen during the weekend, even if they didn’t sign up for an “official” event: **Glenn Bacal, Richard Barnett, Jeff Burstein, Fernando Castro, Barry Concool, Geoffrey Cummings, Lou Dalaveris, Gene Davis, Dan Deneen, Jim Dolan, Bob Edelman, Ed Firouztale, Michael Flagg, David Gawarecki, Guy Golembiewski, Bill Havlena, Phelps Hawkins, Robert Hebert ’76, Peter Holliday, David Isby, Steve Jacobs, Bob Katz, Gerry Keating, Jeff Kessler, Steve Krasner, Frank Lancellotti, Stewart Lazow, Charlie Lindsay, Robert Lopez, Barry Mahler, Ira Malin, Richard Mattiaccio, Fran Minarik, Albert Mrozik, Randy Nichols, Joe Pober, Matt Rizzo, Ken Scherzer, Bob Schneider, Rick Shur, Barry Sorrels, Roger Stefin, James Steven, Jason Turner, Joe Vassallo, Floyd Warren and Sigmund Wissner-Gross.** The class photo

is packed and, when partners/spouses are added, we fill the frame. (Spouses / partners, sorry — there just isn’t enough room to list your names, too.) See it at college.columbia.edu/cct/summer15.

On Thursday evening, some of us met at the Columbia University Club of New York as guests of SEAS’70 after our event was canceled at the last moment. Dean James J. Valentini dropped in to greet us and welcome us to reunion. Afterward, **Jim Dolan, Penny Liberatos BC’74, Ira Malin and Randy Nichols** had dinner at Aureole New York, Charlie Palmer’s restaurant. Jim’s brother, Bill, installed its kitchen and hooked up the group with executive chef Marcus Gladow-Ware, who sent over several wonderful surprises. Thanks, Bill!

On Friday morning, **David Gawarecki, Randy Nichols** and several others hung pieces for the Sam Steinberg 2015 exhibition. We ended up with more works and more display space than expected, and so displayed more works than planned. As the final touches were going up, a couple of special guests arrived and David gave them an in-depth tour. The exhibit was launched with Hershey bars on the guest book table.

Before lunch on Friday, a group of us took advantage of being on campus on a weekday: We had our own tour of St. Paul’s Chapel. We were greeted by current chapel associate Loren Myers GS’18, and **Randy Nichols and Phelps Hawkins** (both of whom have history with the chapel) shared their stories. We tried to listen to some audio clips, but had technical difficulties. Those clips are part of a larger set of a walking tour of campus; you can listen to them at columbia.edu/content/self-guided-walking-tour.html. In addition to enjoying the chapel, we really got the first chance to visit with and talk with one another.

Our Friday evening event was a reception for the class and guests at the Sam Steinberg 2015 exhibition. Some of our guests were members of SEAS classes but we were also honored to have two major non-alumni contributors to the exhibition, Craig Bunch and William Glaser. People visited the exhibition and enjoyed food, drinks and camaraderie in the lounge outside the Broadway Room on the second floor of Alfred Lerner Hall, where the exhibition was held. As the evening went on, a young man played the grand piano and chairs and coffee tables were pushed closer together as people really enjoyed one another’s company. The Broadway Room was full and abuzz most of Saturday

afternoon. A group of Barnard ’75 women came through, as did many others. In mid-afternoon, **Fernando Castro** came forward to give a dramatic reading of his poem *Forever Sam 1971–1975*. The poem is posted to the Sam Steinberg Facebook page (facebook.com/Steinberg2015), as are some film clips of Fernando reading. It was a fitting capstone to the exhibit.

By now, you should have seen our Class of 1975 reunion photograph, taken at our class dinner. There was a great turnout, and it was held in one of the grand spaces at Columbia: the Joseph Pulitzer World Room in the Journalism School, where the Pulitzer Prizes are announced. It was a ramshackle lounge until it was rebuilt and rededicated in 1954. The huge stained glass window that dominates the room was salvaged from the New York World Building, which was demolished for an approach to the Brooklyn Bridge. The name of the room was proposed by former executive editor of *The New York World*, Herbert Bayard Swope, and Joseph Pulitzer II spoke at its dedication. Fitting for the space, Dr. **Kenneth Scherzer** introduced Kenneth Jackson, the Jacques Barzun Professor in History and the Social Sciences, who entertained us and regaled us with his stories of New York.

We had another mini-reunion at the 7 Carman elevator on Sunday morning during check-out. **Mike Flagg, Barry Mahler and Randy Nichols** had all stayed on the floor. Randy was in the room that he shared with **Jose Martinez** and suitmates **Charlie Lindsay** and Bill “Mac” McCarthy ’74. The rooms seemed smaller than they were back then. And, do you remember the desk chairs with the shallow angle on the base at the back, so you could lean back in your chair but only so far? We had them then, and Carman has them now. Are they the same chairs?

Thank you to all who attended any part of reunion, or who didn’t/couldn’t but still worked to make our 40th an outstanding success. Pictures have been posted to the class Facebook page (facebook.com/ColumbiaNYC75).

Now to other details about classmates:

Geoff Cummings will be putting together property in Costa Rica and will be offering some kind of opportunity to visit or buy in.

Geoff, send details! You said we could be enjoying the tropics with you by winter.

Deflategate is probably not in the news everywhere, but in Boston, quarterback Tom Brady’s NFL hearing was headline material. At least on the local Boston

stations, **Jeff Kessler LAW’77** was seen walking in with the defense team and commented that they had “presented a compelling case,” according to one newscaster. When asked to comment for CCT, Jeff added, “We never had these issues with Columbia football.”

Jose Martinez couldn’t make reunion, but sent along a Class Notes scoop. He recently learned that tennis star **Henry Bunis** moved back to the Cincinnati area. Last August, Jose ran into Henry and his wife at a tennis tournament there as part of the run-up to the US Open. Henry came to Columbia from Cincinnati but has lived on the East Coast since we graduated; Jose said he would be in touch with Henry about local Columbia activities. There is a hardy group of Columbia alums in Cincinnati, and Jose is one of them. He adds, “You won’t believe this, but one of the frequent participants is the Columbia College alumnus who did my admissions interview in 1971.”

Peter Garza-Zavaleta was in the process of moving back to Spain at reunion time. He has been posting luscious pictures of his new home and gardens to his Facebook page. He said at the time, “Maybe we can see each other there, or at the next reunion ... Have a great time, will miss you all.”

Bill Havlena BUS’86 and Susan Holak BUS’85 recently celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary. They met as students in the marketing Ph.D. program at the Business School, where Bill started in the M.B.A. program four years after graduating from the College. After about 20 years teaching in Texas and New York, Bill left academia to join Dynamic Logic, now Millward Brown, leading a group doing real-world evaluation of advertising campaigns. Susan stayed in the academic world and is founding dean of the School of Business at the College of Staten Island, CUNY. In April 2002, Susan and Bill adopted a daughter, Elena, from Smolensk, Russia. She had spent several weeks with them the previous summer as part of an exchange program run by Kidsave when she was 8. Elena recently finished her junior year as an illustration major in the Hartford Art School at the University of Hartford. Bill still rides his bike, although not as much as a few years ago, when he had a serious accident. He is still interested in classical music and opera (a love that led him to the now-named Fiorello H. LaGuardia H.S. of Music & Performing Arts) and he still plays the harpsichord in his spare time.

Mark Levy is now partner at Covington & Burling in Washington, D.C.

Moses Luski grew up in Charlotte, N.C., surrounded by art collected by his parents. As an adult, Moses has been motivated to collect and to share art. The Moses Luski Contemporary Collection was displayed throughout the UNC Charlotte Center City campus. Though artwork is often presented in traditional gallery settings, this diverse exhibit was found on the many floors of a modern urban building, adjacent to classrooms, lecture halls, faculty offices and meeting rooms. The goal, according to UNCC Gallery Director of Galleries Crista Cammaroto, was to “invite daily critique and reflection.”

Richard Mattiaccio commuted freshman year at the College and got to his first college exam in Professor Herbert Terrace’s behavioral psych class more than an hour late because of a snowstorm. He had to backtrack in the Bronx because the switches had frozen on the Broadway local, and he ended up on Lenox and 116th. When he finally got to the test after a nearly three-hour trek, he was soaked and exhausted. They would not give any extra time. Rich says, “That was the sweetest ‘A’ I ever got.”

“Some priests are known for their work among the poor, others for their learning, still others for decades of service to a parish. The Rev. **C. John McCloskey III**, a priest of the traditionalist Opus Dei order, has a different calling. He makes converts, often of the rich and Republican.” So started a June 12 *New York Times* article on CJ, who preaches, publishes, pastors and is otherwise engaged in his work in California.

After 29 years in private practice, **Floyd Warren** joined the NYU Langone Faculty Group Practice this past November, where he is clinical professor in neuro-ophthalmology. There are no retirement plans in his immediate future, he says! His younger daughter graduated from Rochester in June, so there are no more tuition checks in his future. They do road trips seeing the various baseball stadiums (stadia? maybe we can channel Karl-Ludwig Selig), and his older daughter lives in NYC and works in public relations. Floyd and his wife, Jane, have been happily married for 27 years and have enjoyed being empty nesters for four years.

You will see and read more about reunion in the next few issues, as other classmates are poked and prodded to send details. It was an amazing weekend. Sam Steinberg 2015 was so well received! Classmates and friends had a wonderful time during the weekend. We will continue to post class photos

and other news on facebook.com/ColumbiaNYC75.

There is a sad (and that word is nowhere near enough) outcome to report. **Bill Ross, Mike Rosen, Mike Gordon and Joe Lipari** all contributed Sams to the exhibition, and they were among the 60 Sams that were accidentally discarded at the end of the weekend. (**Mike Flagg**’s little centaur survived and has been returned to him.) More information, and pictures of the exhibition, is on facebook.com/Steinberg2015.

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Our 40th reunion plans are well under way. Please save the dates, noted at the top of the column. Events will start on Thursday night and continue until Sunday morning. There will be more information coming through the mail and email. Hope to see a lot of you there.

At Class Day this past May, four ’76ers proudly carried the bicentennial class’ banner: **Dan Baker, Michael Sackler, Howard Berg** and me. All of us are also proud parents of recent College graduates. Both Michael and Howard are proud fathers of members of the Class of 2015.

Dan Baker’s consulting practice is going well and he’s been spending a lot more time on campus since he and his wife, Rebecca, got a place on the Upper West Side. He says, “I enjoyed helping carry our Class of ’76 banner at Class Day and hearing Eric Garcetti ’92, SIPA’93’s address to the graduates (perhaps he’ll be the second College grad president?). And in June my son, Ben Baker ’07, BUS’14, was married in St. Paul’s Chapel with the reception at Faculty House. Two generations of alumni were in attendance, including **Gara LaMarche, Vin Briccetti, Jeffrey Gross ’73, Bruno Santonocito ’66** and my daughter / Ben’s sister, Sarah Baker ’10.”

Rich Rohr wrote: “I had to make an abbreviated visit to Dean’s Day this year, as my parents were moving to assisted living on that day. I suspect that many in our class feel sandwiched between helping their parents and supporting their children. Nonetheless, I was able to hear an amazing lecture by Valerie

Purdie-Vaughns ’93, associate professor of psychology, describing her research into how racial prejudice directly impairs intellectual functioning and how psychological support can be beneficial. Her personal story is also fascinating, having been told in high school that ‘people like you (i.e., black) don’t get into Columbia and they don’t finish.’ She proved the counselor wrong on both counts, and Dean James J. Valentini counts on her now as a close adviser. I wish I could talk about all the classmates with whom I connected at Dean’s Day but the attendees tend to be elderly. We all have busy lives but I encourage you to take one day a year to remind yourself of the fabulous intellectual resources at Columbia.”

Leeber Cohen writes from Illinois: “I am a professor in the ob/gyn department at Northwestern. My expertise is in ultrasound and my most recent research has been in screening for congenital heart defects and in 3D/4D ultrasound. I am an avid amateur cellist. My wife, Elizabeth BC’75, LAW’79, works for the American Bar Association and is an expert in legal ethics. She loves sewing and tailors most of her own clothes. We have one son, Jonathan, who is an equestrian and a manager for showbarns in Wellington, Fla., and Warren, Vt.”

Terry Corrigan is living the good life in North Carolina. He writes, “We’ve been busy here in Pinehurst between work and hosting a number of players in last summer’s U.S. Women’s Open and this year’s Rolex Girls Junior Championship and North & South Amateur Championships. Looking forward to a trip to Ireland to relax, visit relatives and play golf.”

Rich Scheinin checked in with details from California: “I have three sons: Jesse (26) is a saxophonist and bandleader in Brooklyn; Max (30) is a writer in Austin; and Ben (34) is a contractor in Maui, with two sons of his own. So my wife, Sara Solovitch BC’76, and I are grandparents.

“Sara and I met in spring ’76 (we lived across the hall from each other) and got married in ’79. She’s a journalist, too, and we moved a lot in our early years, from newspaper to newspaper around the East Coast, before landing in Santa Cruz. I’ve been a writer at the *San Jose Mercury News* since 1988. From 2003 until March 2015, I had my dream job as the paper’s classical music and jazz critic. But as newspapers decline, arts coverage tends to get the shaft. I’m now covering residential real estate — I went from Mahler to mortgages. Oh well, still pretty interesting.”

That’s the latest! Remember to send in your news and current info;

you can email me or submit a note online: college.columbia.edu/cct/submit_class_note. If you are coming to NYC, please get in touch. I am only a Hoboken ferry ride away from Midtown and would enjoy catching up, maybe even going to a Columbia basketball game and then dinner at V&T. Also, reach out to me, or to either of the staff members listed at the top of the column, if you want to participate in 40th reunion planning.

Hope to see you soon.

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This is the first time that I can recall running an empty column twice in a row — I trust that this is just one of those things. The fall is an active time for most, and if you have anything to share with classmates, it is not hard to get in touch with me. Please submit your Class Notes to my email address at the top of the column or online at college.columbia.edu/cct/submit_class_note. Your classmates want to hear from you! See you in December.

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You will read this in the fall as school starts and the Lions “restart” their football program yet again. I write, though, in the heat of summer, as I am about to spend some rare and lovely time with my and my wife’s families, who will descend on our weekend home in The Berkshires during the next three weeks. August with family brings me back to the ’60s and early ’70s, when a professor’s life in America meant a month off and packing the wife and kids off to a slower and different world (in our case, to Massachusetts’ Cape Cod). These were, in hazy retrospect, strange times with parallel grown-up and child-oriented days and activities. Watching and listening to my parents and their friends — drawn together on the Cape from the great universities of Harvard, Yale, Columbia, UC Berkeley and NYU (they were mostly shrinks and esoteric medical researchers) — was exhilarating and a bit voyeuristic.

It was the time of assassinations, riots in Chicago, landing on the moon, The War and also drugs, mate swapping and Erica Jong. And our parents were in their late 30s and early 40s in a time when mores and customs were

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The Columbia University Marching Band gets the crowd pumped up during the 1979 Homecoming game.

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being rebuilt. Despite our often younger kids, youthful bodies and Internet- and Columbia-fed minds, I wonder if our conversations and activities this summer are as interesting and groundbreaking as those we overheard 45 years ago from our parents.

Our column question this month was, “What’s your favorite vacation spot?”

Tom Bisdale writes from New Jersey, “My youngest graduated from college this spring, so now it’s between me and the banks. For vacations it is hard to beat the North Carolina Outer Banks, especially when sharing an off-road house with the Goldbergs ’77 and BC’77, Rosenthals ’77 and Lubkas ’76 and BC’77.”

Alex Demac is also thinking about children and college. “This spring my eldest son graduated from college, my second got on deck for his final college year, my third son graduated from high school and the fourth got ready for 11th grade,” he says. “Shepherding my children from adolescence to adulthood is humbling and an admixture of hope and trepidation.”

John Nastuk commented on my missive about leaving the 50-somethings next year: “What do you mean you’re still 50-something? I

turned 60 this past December. Like you, achy and tired, but what else is new? My ‘News on the March’ is that my second son is gainfully employed (or is that finally?) as an engineer, making three of them in the house all driving Mom crazy! We have a summer cottage on the lake in Sanbornville, N.H., 70 miles north of home (Danvers, Mass.) and it has an excellent ‘magic beer fridge’ on the porch!”

Dr. **Richard Schloss** has a decidedly international take on life and vacation: “I work full-time in my private practice in general psychiatry in Huntington, N.Y. My wife, Meredith Jaffe NRS’82, is a dentist who divides her time between practices in Huntington and Hampton Bays, N.Y. Our older son, Bradley (’09 Hofstra), graduated from Touro Law Center in May and our younger son, Jason (’13 Pratt), entered a master’s program in digital game design at LIU Post in September. We will have gone on vacation in Copenhagen and Reykjavik from late August to early September. My favorite vacation spots and trip destinations are San Francisco, Paris, London, Amsterdam and St. Maarten.”

Another international note comes from **Carl Strehlke** GSAS’86: “I will publish on November 30 a

catalogue of the Bernard and Mary Berenson Collection of European Paintings at I Tatti (in Florence). I now live full-time in that city. [And what a city! I went there last summer. — MN] My favorite summer vacation spot is certainly a small town called Limni in Euboea, Greece, usually as a guest of **Don Guttenplan** and family. Otherwise, I like the Italian side of Monte Bianco. That is not to say I don’t like Martha’s Vineyard, Mass.; Northeast Harbor, Maine; and any big European capital.”

James Hill, who is with the New York office of the U.S. Treasury in New York, told this tale: “In summer 1975, I arranged to deliver an orange sporty Karmann Ghia from my hometown of St. Louis to San Francisco. The owner gave me 60 bucks, six weeks and unlimited mileage to drop it off in the Bay Area in one piece. I blasted through corn fields in Kansas, toured national parks and backpacked on long hikes throughout the west including Estes Park, the Grand Canyon, Sequoia National Park and Yosemite. After the drop, I put my thumbs up, hitchhiked back home to St. Louis and resumed my lifeguard job at a city pool.

“That autumn semester, while reading *Sea Fever* by John Masefield

in a literature class, I got hooked by wanderlust in the final verse:

“*I must go down to the seas again, to the vagrant gypsy life,*

“*To the gull’s way and the whale’s way, where the wind’s like a whetted knife.*

“*And all I ask is a laughing yarn from a merry fellow-rover.*

“*And a quiet sleep, and a sweet dream, when the long trick’s over.*

“Well, cheers that it ain’t over yet, my friends.”

I guess musicians don’t get to think about vacations much, but **Steven Bargonetti** always sends us his latest clips from *Variety* — impressive as usual. “I recently received the Boston Theater Critics Association’s 2015 Elliot Norton Award for Outstanding Musical Performance by an Actor, for *Father Comes Home From The Wars (Parts 1, 2, & 3)* at the American Repertory Theater (Harvard) and The Public Theater (NYC),” he says. “The Elliot Norton Award is Boston’s equivalent of the Tony Awards.”

Congrats, Steve!

Another one of our regulars is **Paul Phillips**, from Brown, who also gives us an update on his accomplishments but no summer fun stories. “My CD *Music for Great Films of the Silent Era, Vol. 2*, was released in April. This ‘Film Music

Classics’ Naxos recording of music by William Perry was recorded in Dublin last year and is my second disc with the RTÉ National Symphony Orchestra of Ireland. This year I conducted and produced two other CDs for Naxos, both with the Brown University Orchestra, which are scheduled for release next year.”

Fred Lahey SOA’84 is also in the arts and writes from the west, “I run the Colorado Film School, which has now been recognized by *The Hollywood Reporter*, *Variety*, *Backstage* and ICG (*International Cinematographers Guild*) Magazine as among the best in the world. I’ve most recently developed software, TheiaSys, which creates a virtual economy for film schools, so students experientially understand how the industry works before graduating.”

Ed Ferguson writes about campus activities (I am embarrassed to say I don’t know the details, so I look forward to someone filling me in soon): “Just sitting here watching the river flow and wondering what is going on with alma mater’s obsequious kowtowing to the cult of triggered victimhood, mattress-toting and reputation-smearing that is taking college campuses by storm. The University administration should truly be ashamed at how miserably it has acquitted itself on these issues, running at top speed from the very principles that animate the Core — particularly intellectual rigor and integrity and a fearless and optimistic willingness to engage on the merits.”

“Most likely to be asked about the Iran agreement next time you see him” is, of course, Ambassador **Chris Dell**. He says, “I’m based in Angola, the latest pearl in my Bechtel crown. I’ve been visiting Bechtel’s liquid natural gas project in Soyo, at the mouth of the Congo. This is impressive stuff and a real feat of human skill to bring all this together in such a remote place! Otherwise, life is good. My favorite vacation spots are traveling in and around the Rila Mountains of Bulgaria.”

Rob Blank (from beautiful and suddenly politically relevant and complicated Madison, Wis.) tells us, “I have happily spent a day smoking meat on my patio and look forward to doing so several more times before our (all too short) summer ends here in Wisconsin. Professional accomplishment brings decidedly less pleasure than a treat for the taste buds does. I am headed back to NYC and Connecticut for visits; I may live in Wisconsin, but I will always be a New Yorker — sorry, I don’t consider myself a Connecticuter!” [Rob, we say “Nutmegger,” for reasons I will explain next time I see you. — MN]

We close on a sad note: **Aaron Saul Greenberg** tells us, “With great sadness I report the death of Dr. **Jonathan Aranoff** PS’82. Jonny was the brightest person I ever knew. He was Junior Phi Beta Kappa and *summa cum laude*; he had no problem getting A-plusses in the hardest pre-med courses at Columbia. He was fiercely competitive, but always with good spirits and fun. We will miss him terribly.”

Send updates when you can and I hope to see some of you at Robert K. Kraft Field soon. Enjoy.

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Victor L. Garcia was ordained a priest by the Capuchin Franciscan Friars of the Province of St. Mary on June 13. Victor decided to enter religious life several years ago; he is now based at St. Joseph the Worker Church in East Patchogue, N.Y., and sends greetings of *pax et bonum* to all. (*For those of you playing at home, that means, mazel tov!*)

David J. Hachey happily reports, “Recently celebrated my 37th year as an adviser with Northwestern Mutual, which includes one year as an intern in 1978. What’s even more exciting is that my oldest daughter, Lindsay, who was married two years ago, joined my group earlier this year as an adviser. It has been wonderful having her in the office and she will likely be part of my succession plan moving forward. I’m equally proud to report that my youngest daughter, Carly NRS’14, who graduated from Hamilton in 2012, works at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University Medical Center and is studying to be a nurse practitioner. How wonderful it is to have one daughter following my footsteps at Northwestern and another daughter carrying on the tradition at Columbia.” (*For those of you playing at home, that’s called “kvelling.”*)

Jeffrey Frieden GSAS’84’s new book is out: *Currency Politics: The Political Economy of Exchange Rate Policy*. It’s an academic book, of interest at best to a handful of scholars (and maybe to some speculators). (*For those of you playing at home, this is mazel tov; we’re kvelling!*)

This column is dedicated to the memory of Dr. Jonny Aranoff ’78, PS’82. For many of us, Columbia was not a warm and nurturing environment. It was a cold and intimidating experience. Semantically one might call that its “charm” but we all know the truth: There was nothing charming about it. The four years for me were like a war. Each class I took in the required pre-



Chris Chu ’17, Mike Brown ’80, Shawn FitzGerald ’80 and Christian FitzGerald ’17 played a round of golf at the Friar’s Head Country Club in Riverhead, Long Island, in late July.

med courses was a different battle, and the greatest combat I saw was organic chemistry.

I was not blessed with a high school that offered AP classes, so surviving freshman chemistry took everything I had and then some. The syllabus for the laboratory was written by a professor, Miles Pickering, who described himself (I couldn’t make this up if I wanted to) as the “czar” of freshman chemistry. What a warm and nurturing individual he was!

But the looming battle for me and the one that would decide my future as a doctor was a “Desert Storm” called organic chemistry. Enter Jonny, my angel from above. It was the beginning of my sophomore year that I met him [and he became] one of the greatest friends I met during my four years at Columbia. I’m writing this story because on April 27, 2015, Jonny passed away but his imprint will stay with me forever.

I sat next to him my entire sophomore year in Professor Charles Dawson GSAS’38’s organic chemistry class, which I would not take officially until my junior year. Jonny let me watch and learn how to master this class. At the end of the year it was his used textbook that I read that allowed me to see things about the subject that the professor could not articulate. Jonny taught me the real meaning of “the eyes don’t see what the mind doesn’t know.”

After graduation, I visited Jonny in his apartment and glanced at the two books on his coffee table: One was in Aramaic and analyzed the *Talmud* and the other was the recent annual proceedings of the American Physical Society: Division of Astrophysics — books that only Albert Einstein could understand. But Jonny was my Einstein

and all that I have achieved and accomplished in my life as a surgeon would not have happened if our paths hadn’t crossed. Columbia as an institution is not what nurtured us; it was the classmates whom we were lucky enough to meet who really enriched us. God bless you, Jonny, and thank you. Save me a seat next to you for the next class we’ll take together.

Roar, lion, roar!

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It’s fall in NYC, the leaves are turning and the cool nights feel good after the hot summer. Football is on our minds and coach Al Bagnoli has the team back in a competitive mode. There is still a lot of work to do, but the early signs are encouraging. Jim Schachter and the news team at WNYC have been providing coverage of the Lions’ progress, and listeners can expect more to come. The Class of ’80 plans to be well represented at Homecoming on Saturday, October 17, with **AJ Sabatelle**, **Mario Biaggi** and **Charlie LaRocca** cheering on the team.

I still can’t get “Breakfast Special” by Needle Dik out of my head after the band’s great performance during Alumni Reunion Weekend; many thanks to Needle Dik for a fun night. **Steve Gendler** stopped by Dinosaur Bar-B-Que during the show. Steve is a real estate executive in Philadelphia, with a focus on nonprofits in education and healthcare.

Dan Johansson is the CEO of ACMH, which provides community outreach and promotes the wellness and recovery of persons

with mental illness in NYC. It was great to see Dan at reunion.

Hope to see you at a football or basketball game this season.

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Fall greetings! It's a lighter column than usual, no doubt due to summer plans and travel, but please keep me updated on the latest and I'll do my best to fit your news into a future issue.

In New York City, **Ethan Halpern** is the latest class member to add a branch to the Columbia tree! His daughter, Shira BC'19, started at Barnard this fall.

Congratulations, Ethan, and we look forward to your impressions of the campus, as it has been far too long since many of us have visited.

For those visiting NYC in the coming months, **Kirby Gookin** is co-curating an exhibition, "The Value of Food," with his partner/wife Robin Kahn BC'82, at the Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine, right in Columbia's neighborhood. The exhibition will be placed throughout the cathedral and its grounds; it is scheduled to open on October 6 and run for six months.

Kevin Fay recently returned from a week in the Middle East (specifically, Saudi Arabia and Bah-

rain) on business but is otherwise enjoying the hectic pace of the business world stateside.

Also, **Edward Klees** recently returned from an exciting vacation in Iceland.

It's good to see our classmates are enjoying adventures far beyond the Big Apple.

Please keep me updated on your events, achievements and travels — I look forward to hearing from you! You can email me at the address at the top of this column or submit a Class Note through the CCT webform college.columbia.edu/cct/submit_class_note.

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Greetings, gents! As I put pen to paper, Greece just narrowly avoided Grexit, the United States and Cuba have moved in together (opening up embassies in their respective capitals) and we just got ourselves a 16th Republican candidate; always room for one more clown in the clown car ... In the interest of full disclosure, I'm not a big fan of any members of the Democratic slate either!

Checking in this period is one of our most creative classmates, **Scott Simpson** SOA'85, who has been writing screenplays since earning a master's in film. Scott has received many honors for his screenwriting; in 2006, he was named a semifinalist for screenwriters in the Austin Film Festival. He was also a quarterfinalist for a 2008 Nicholl Fellowship in Screenwriting, a quarterfinalist in the 2009 Fade In Awards and a quarterfinalist for the 2009 PAGE International Screenwriting Awards.

So here's where this story gets really interesting. Scott was recently selected by the nonprofit Arctic Circle to participate in a unique expeditionary residency program. The group has a self-described mission to create "a nexus where art intersects science, architecture, education, and activism — an incubator for thought and experimentation for artists and innovators who seek out and foster areas of collaboration to engage in the central issues of our time."

Scott was selected for this honor based on a screenplay, *The MacKenzie Breakout* (penned in 1983!), that he submitted to the organization. Recently updated, "It's an apocalyptic Western, very much inspired by the movie *Mad Max 2: The Road Warrior*," Scott says. Rather than set his story in the Australian outback like the famous *Mad Max* film that inspired him, Scott chose the Arctic as the basis for his tale.

The result is that Scott, who is based in Washington Heights, along with 24 other artists, writers and photographers, will head off in October to spend three weeks sailing on a tall ship through the waters of the international territory of Svalbard, an Arctic archipelago just 10 degrees latitude from the North Pole. If anyone would like to get behind Scott's efforts, his GoFundMe campaign can be found at gofundme.com/texpatriot. I'm certainly going to!

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From a Dormitory Authority of the State of New York press release regarding **Gerrard Bushell**: "New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo has appointed Gerrard P. Bushell to the role of president/CEO of the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY), one of the nation's leading issuers of tax-exempt bonds, and a major source of capital for infrastructure. DASNY is a key player in building partnerships to develop and help shape New York State's social infrastructure. DASNY provides financing and construction services for public and private universities, hospitals and health-care facilities and other not-for-profits that serve the public good. I am excited by the opportunity to serve Governor Andrew Cuomo and the people of New York State as we commence on an ambitious journey," says Gerrard.

"Gerrard is currently a senior relationship advisor in BNY Mellon's alternative and traditional investment management businesses. Prior to joining BNY Mellon, Gerrard has held a number of senior advisory roles; they include: director in the Client and Partner Group at Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. (KKR), managing director in Business Development at Arden Asset Management, and the head of institutional sales at the Legg Mason affiliate, ClearBridge Advisors (formerly Citi Asset Management)."

I also had the pleasure of speaking with Gerrard on the telephone. Unbeknownst to me, Gerrard was a high school classmate of **Wayne Allyn Root**. Gerrard shared some great stories, including a rave review of the pastrami served at the local delicatessen owned by Wayne's father. Gerrard also marched in the Alumni Parade of Classes; **Andy Gershon**, **Stuart Lutzker**, **Ed Joyce**, **Steve Coleman** and my son Ricky also joined in.

Andy Gershon reports: "[At this writing,] my wife, Gail, and

I are preparing for our nest to empty out next August, as our kids, twins Alex and Sophie, will head off to college. Sophie graduated from Stuyvesant H.S. in Manhattan, where she distinguished herself academically and athletically. Sophie was named an AP Scholar with Honors after her junior year and is a National Merit Scholar finalist. One of the top soccer goalies in the city, she was captain of the girls' soccer team and started for the Public School Athletic League team in the 2014 NYC Mayor's Cup Soccer All-Star Game. On the basketball court, she led the city in rebounding and was named All-Manhattan Westchester Second Team as a junior (*The Daily News* has yet to make selections for last season). As a senior, she was captain of the girls' basketball team, averaging 20 points and 14 rebounds per game, and was again chosen to play in the Mayor's Cup All-Star Game for basketball, in which she led the PSAL team in scoring. Sophie also started at first base and batted cleanup for the Stuyvesant softball team.

"She was featured on Time Warner's channel NY1 as a NYC Scholar Athlete of the Week and also took the field at Yankee Stadium as a New Era Pinstripe Bowl Scholar-Athlete. Sophie will be pursuing her interest in computer science and playing basketball at MIT.

"Despite being born with a genetic disease and seizure disorder that seriously impairs his cognitive abilities, Alex became a fine travel team pitcher. He is a 6-foot-6 lefty with a knuckleball who throws lots of strikes and has played with and against many college-bound baseball players. As of this fall, Alex will attend the REACH Program for special needs students at the College of Charleston in South Carolina."

Also marching was **Stuart Lutzker** GSAS'89, PS'90, VP of biooncology exploratory clinical development for Genentech. His son Sam Lutzker '15 studied sociology and East Asian languages. Stuart also has kids attending Harvey Mudd College and Swarthmore.

Steve Coleman wrote in before daughter Sarah Coleman '15's graduation: "I am going to join the Alumni Parade of Classes at Class Day. This year, I have a vested interest. I was thinking about that time many years ago when we marched together. I still don't remember what year it was or why I was there, but you juggled the entire length of the march and it was special."

Mark Momjian and his wife, Melineh SIPA'86, were also proud to attend their son David Momjian

'15's graduation. David will attend the University of Cambridge in the fall for an M.Phil. program in human evolutionary studies. Mark and Mel's younger son, Gregory '17, will also attend Cambridge this fall as part of the junior-year Oxbridge Scholars Program. Mark also shares that this year was his dad Al Momjian '55's 60th reunion!

On May 14, I attended the Columbia/Barnard Hillel Gershom Mendes Seixas Award Dinner at the Robert K. Kraft Center for Jewish Student Life honoring Michael Lustig '86 and Dr. Judith Schwartz. My wife, Dr. Deborah Gahr, and Schwartz are ob/gyns in private practice in NYC and have a shared commitment to medicine and the Kraft Center.

Ken Gruber '82 writes in: "Hello, gentlemen. I am leaving my house in Toronto after 20 years. I'm a pack-rat who is downsizing, so am going through a major purge. As I was going through old clippings, magazines, etc., I came across a *Columbia College Today* from 1990. I immediately flipped to the Class Notes for my year, assuming there was some blurb about me, and indeed there was (I had recently moved here from the States). As I was about to toss the mag in the garbage, a big black-and-white photo caught my eye on the same page. The photo is of President **Barack Obama** with this note: 'The election of Barack Obama '83 last February as the first black president of the *Harvard Law Review* commanded wide attention in the press. However he emphasized to a reporter, 'It is important that stories like mine aren't used to say that everything is OK for blacks. You have to remember that for every one of me there are hundreds or thousands of black students with at least equal talent who don't have a chance.' Mr. Obama spent four years after college heading a community development program on Chicago's South Side before enrolling in law school. Born in Hawaii — his late father, Barack Obama Sr., was a Kenyan finance minister and his mother, Ann Dunham, an American anthropologist — Mr. Obama was largely raised in Los Angeles and Indonesia. In interviews with the *Harvard Law Record*, law review members said it was Mr. Obama's combination of "outstanding legal scholarship and experience as a community organizer, in addition to his inclusive leadership style, that distinguished him from the crowded field of candidates" for the editorship, to which he must devote about 60 hours a week."

Wayne Allyn Root writes: "Finding out Donald Trump is a fan was a wonderful development, and getting his endorsement of my book was a nice development. Then I received an invite to a private gathering at [casino magnate] Sheldon Adelson's home for an intimate dinner with President George W. Bush. "I'd met W. at the White House Hanukkah dinner in 2006 with my wife, Debra. We had a chance to tour the White House and chat with George and Laura. But there were a couple hundred people there; this dinner at Sheldon's home was a small, private setting. The most special part of the night was when [casino magnate] Steve Wynn and his wife walked in right after me. To be in a living room with a former president and two of America's richest billionaires doesn't happen every day. Even W. was impressed; he said to the group, 'It's amazing to see both Steve Wynn and Sheldon Adelson with us ... we have the world's gaming market cornered in this one living room!' For a blue collar SOB (son of a butcher) from Mount Vernon, N.Y., whose parents never went to college, this was a great thrill. I've come a long way. As Don King would say, 'Only in America!'"

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The Class of 1983 was well represented at the Alumni Parade of Classes on Class Day. Left to right: Andy Gershon, Steve Coleman, Stuart Lutzker, Roy Pomerantz, Gerrard Bushell, Ed Joyce and Pomerantz's son Ricky.

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Andrew Botti sent me the most incredible bookmark with images of his original artwork (oil on canvas). I was blown away! In fact, Andrew was our Class Notes cor-

respondent in 1990 (as noted in the CCT sent to me by Ken Gruber '82).

From **Jon Ross**: "[As I write,] I am in the Philippines, on the east coast of the island of Samar, an area that is in the direct path of Pacific typhoons (especially Haiyan in 2013 and Ruby in 2014). Here is an update on the good work my company, MicroAid International, is doing building permanent houses for survivors. I remind you that we stay focused on areas after the world's attention has moved on (rest assured that MicroAid will go to Nepal down the road, when the earthquake survivors will still need our help). As with all disasters, here in the Philippines there are many people who have not received assistance years after the typhoon disasters.

"The people here say 'maopai' for 'hello,' because they speak Warai not Tagalog; Samar is like its own country. They are fierce and independent but they have been friendly and helpful to me. They are aware that MicroAid is a small family of supporters who understand people still need help. They are grateful. So am I."

Kevin Chapman sent a fascinating summary of his trip to Las Vegas to play in the World Series of Poker. "I've been playing for many years and really enjoy tournament poker. So, on my bucket list for a long time has been going to Vegas for the World Series. I cashed in on two of the smaller daily tournaments but did not make the big money in either of the championship events that I entered. But I came home with slightly more

money than I arrived with, which is definitely a success."

From a press release about **Kenneth Chin**: "Kramer Levin is pleased to announce that banking and finance partner Kenneth Chin has been inducted as a fellow into the American College of Commercial Finance Lawyers. The ACCFL extends fellowships by invitation only, and after careful investigation, to those lawyers who have achieved preeminence in the field of commercial finance law and exemplify the highest professional and leadership standards. Mr. Chin has more than 25 years of experience providing legal and transactional advice to a wide variety of clients in corporate and financing transactions. He has been recognized by *Chambers USA*, *The Best Lawyers in America* and *New York Super Lawyers* as a leading lawyer, and in 2014 was named one of the Outstanding 50 Asian Americans in Business by the Asian American Business Development Center."

I look forward to seeing classmates at the CC basketball games and to checking out German basketball player Lukas Meisner '19.

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Straight from the funny pages comes **Carr D'Angelo**'s latest thought bubble: "My wife, Susan LS'85, and I celebrated our 12th anniversary as the owners of

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Like the page to get
alumni news, learn
about alumni events and
College happenings,
view photos and more.

Earth-2 Comics in Sherman Oaks, Calif., this past March. Hard to believe we opened the shop in 2003. We also recently returned from the ComicsPRO Annual Membership Meeting, where I was re-elected VP of the trade association for comics shop owners. In July, I went to San Diego to judge the Will Eisner Comic Industry Awards, which are given out each year at the Comic-Con International: San Diego. The Eisners are essentially the Oscars for the comic book and graphic novel industry, with awards for best writer, artist, series, graphic novel, etc. ... Apparently, Columbia now has a major comics library and archive as well. Maybe I should look into that."

Longtime reader, first-time contributor **Robert Rubinson** writes: "I've lived in Baltimore for 16 years with my wife, Randi Schwartz, a psychologist, and my children, Stella (15) and Leo (13). I teach at the University of Baltimore School of Law and am director of clinical education there. What's been on TV is not, by any stretch, representative of all of Baltimore although, unfortunately, it is representative of part of it. I am involved a bit in helping to improve things: The clinical program I direct enables students to represent low-income clients and engage in community development initiatives. It's fulfilling work and I hope it's helping to make things a little better here."

Congratulations to **Karim Assef** BUS'86 on being named co-head of Bank of America's global investment bank. Karim was my high school classmate and, coincidentally, my "seatmate" on both the LIRR (we were both commuters at the start) and in Professor (now General Studies Dean) Peter Awn's Lit Hum class that first Monday of classes.

This year's Dean's Day included a Columbia University Band affinity reception and viewing of a long-forgotten 1935 Universal Pictures short film (only 18 minutes!), *Meet the Professor!*, featuring the Columbia University Band. Set on a college campus (not Columbia), a young woman — either a reporter or a prospective student — takes notes while following a professor (not Selig, but pretty reminiscent!), takes a tour (which includes a gym filled with acrobats) and culminates with a band (not named Columbia, but really Columbia) playing (for no particular reason) "Who Owns New York," "San Souci" and "Stand Up and Cheer." Lucky for them, they actually played and are designated as "The Columbia University Band" in the film credits. Special thanks and congrats to band alumni leaders Dan Carlinsky '65 and Samantha

Rowan BC'96 for finding and obtaining this little gem.

Perhaps some of you might remember that in 1984 (literally the week after graduation) our generation's Marching Band was hired to participate as a unit (albeit, uncredited) in *Turk 182*. Wearing our band uniforms with a red bandana to mask our CU identity, we hobnobbed with actors Timothy Hutton, Robert Urich, Peter Boyle, Robert Culp, Darren McGavin and Kim Cattrall for a week of shooting on Roosevelt Island from dusk to dawn! Unlike that 1935 band, union rules prohibited us from playing, so the songs were added "in post," as they say. Still, our band — including **Ira Gilbert** as conductor and yours truly, **Dennis Klainberg**, playing trumpet — can be seen (best on wide screen) acting/playing at the tail end of the movie.

As I'm the last name in boldface this time, let me also congratulate my son Adam on his successful graduation in finance and accounting from SUNY New Paltz.

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Our 30th reunion is over, but we will continue the momentum until our 35th!

I will need several columns to fully report on the festivities; kudos to **John Phelan** and **Leslie Smartt** for leading the reunion effort on the planning and communications fronts. Many thanks also to **Joe Titlebaum**, who developed a great questionnaire that solicited interesting info about us and led to great discussions. The results:

The Class of '85 attended school for an average 3.74 years beyond our graduation; has lived in 2.08 countries and 3.2 states; has had 4.08 jobs; has been married 1.05 times and have 2.18 children. The most jobs reported was 10, the least was one; the most children reported was six, several respondents reported zero; the most marriages was three; all respondents reported at least one year of post-graduate education, one reported 12 years; and there is an inverse relationship between times married and number of children.

From **Tom Vinciguerra** JRN'86, GSAS'90: "Had a ball at the reunion. No matter how closely I stay in touch with alma mater, only when I reconnect with a critical mass of classmates do I recapture what life in the College felt like. Thank you, all who were there."

"My book *Cast of Characters: Wolcott Gibbs, E.B. White, James*

Thurber, and the Golden Age of The New Yorker will be published in November. In October, the Philolexian Society will celebrate the 30th anniversary of its revival. It's difficult to convey the pride I feel in having dusted off and nurtured this oldest and most essential of Columbia student activities."

Joel Feldman is married to Pamela Schwartz BC'85 and has three children: Isaiah '18 (19); Gabriel (17), rising high school senior; and Talia (14), rising high school freshman. "Since 1993, we have been happily living in Northampton, Mass.," says Joel. "We've traveled quite a bit (lived for six months in Oaxaca, Mexico, with the kids, and spent all of last summer in Ecuador — desperately trying to become fluent in Spanish, but not quite there yet!)."

"I went to Harvard Law School, graduated in 1988 and began a career in poverty law, doing legal aid work from 1988 to 1994, then I was the litigation director of a fair housing organization in Holyoke, Mass., for three years. I founded a private law firm that serves poor people in western Massachusetts with housing, employment, consumer and discrimination problems. We had grown this year to seven lawyers, until some turnover in the last couple of months."

"Our services have been a national model, and I have been active through state/national bar associations trying to recruit attorneys to use our fee-shifting model locally and nationwide. I am on the Massachusetts Access to Justice Commission, attempting to solve the problem of scarce legal resources for the poor; have taught at many seminars; and have also taught at Western New England School of Law (our local law school)."

Mitch Regenstreif is in Manhattan Beach, N.Y., and his law firm is doing well (up to 70 lawyers). "I focus almost entirely on real estate transactions," he says. "My wife, Ellen Regenstreif '88, is busy with her travel business (she is a travel agent/consultant focusing on family travel, hence her company name, Child Tours — find her on childtours.com). Our kids keep her busy too. Our oldest, Nina, is a sophomore at Penn; our second daughter is in her senior year in high school and our baby, Grace, is in seventh grade."

Heather Paxton lives in Prairie Village, Kan. She says: "In my younger days, I worked for several small magazines and wrote books for Kansas City organizations that celebrated significant anniversaries. In 2006, my book about the first 150 years of the Kansas City Board of Trade was published."

I half-seriously consider it a collector's item, as the Kansas City Board of Trade was purchased by the Chicago Mercantile Exchange in 2012, which closed it in 2013.

"I was one of journalist Stephen Fried's research assistants on his book about [19th-century restaurant and travel industry entrepreneur] Fred Harvey, *Appetite for America: Fred Harvey and the Business of Civilizing the Wild West — One Meal at a Time*. Last fall, I took a two-week driving trip to New Mexico and Arizona, visiting Harvey-related sites including three hotels: La Posada (restored and reopened in Winslow, Ariz.), La Fonda (still in business in Santa Fe, N.M.) and La Castaneda (being renovated in Las Vegas). I'm a FredHead and would love to hear from relatives of the Harvey family, anyone who worked for the company or who is a descendant of a Harvey girl/other employees. I also would be delighted to correspond with collectors of Fred Harvey memorabilia. I administer a Facebook group, Harvey Girl Descendants (search for it by name), open to those interested in Harvey. My email addresses are hpaxton@kc.rr.com and alwayshnp@gmail.com."

Brian Cousin and his wife, Barbara Mehlman, celebrated their 24th anniversary in July. "We live in Larchmont, N.Y., and have three boys. Sam (19) is a sophomore at American in Washington, D.C., and worked this past summer for Lawyers Alliance for New York, an NYC not-for-profit. Eli (16) is a senior at Mamaroneck H.S. and [this past summer] was a camp counselor and baseball specialist at a sleepaway camp in Pennsylvania. Jake (12) is in eighth grade, spent the summer at the same camp and is being bar mitzvahed in September."

"Professionally, I am fortunate and actually enjoy being a lawyer. I'm a partner with Dentons and leader of the firm's global employment and labor practice group. With Dentons' combination with a leading law firm in China, 大成 (pronounced 'da CHUNG'), and its recent merger with McKenna Long & Aldridge, the firm will have about 6,600 lawyers and professionals in 125 locations across 50-plus countries. My practice group will have more than 350 lawyers across more than 30 countries. While I still do much U.S. litigation and counseling, my practice increasingly involves coordinating global teams and advising multi-national companies on cross-border matters. It's very interesting and challenging."

"I attended the [reunion] cocktail party and ballet on Thursday

night, and dragged my 12-year-old to the Saturday barbecue and campus tour before returning on Saturday night for the class dinner and Starlight Reception. In addition to seeing and catching up with old friends in person, I emailed or spoke with others who could not make it. I hope to build on the reunion momentum and spend more time with my Columbia (and Barnard) friends."

Richard Maimon lives in Center City, Philadelphia, with his wife, Susan, and sons (12 and 15) and is a partner in the KieranTimberlake architecture firm. His current projects include the new U.S. embassy in London; a new building for NYU that will include athletics, academics, performing arts and housing; an addition and renovation to the Tulane School of Architecture; a redesign of LOVE Park/John F. Kennedy Plaza in Philadelphia; and renovations to Congregation Rodeph Shalom, also in Philadelphia. Richard is also active on the boards of the Arden Theatre Company and the American Institute of Architects. He says, "Great to be back at Columbia, to catch up with the Class of '85 and to see progress on the new Manhattanville campus. Looking for a better '85 turnout next time."

From **Michael Coudreaut** PS'90, who lives in Utah: "Great to see everybody. Eleven Jay was well represented and I enjoyed getting to know many whom I recognized but didn't know in college. Drinking on Low Steps and getting backstage access to the New York City Ballet (thanks to **John Phelan's** daughter) were the most memorable parts of reunion. I work for Intermountain Healthcare at Intermountain Medical Center as a consultation liaison psychiatrist; my wife, Kimberly, works for the same company in PR. Our daughter, Tillie, graduated from pre-K and was voted the class expert in *Frozen*. She wants to be a ballerina when she grows up. Our son, Curtis, is starting fourth grade this fall and plans to be the goalie for the U.S. World Cup Soccer team in 2026. We recently returned from the kids' first multi-day, self-guided rafting trip on the Green River. It is one of the advantages of living here, but my ballerina is not a fan. I am a partner in a Utah distillery — we make Five Wives Vodka and Underground Herbal Spirit, among other things. Ask for it at your local liquor retailer."

Colin Redhead: "My wife, Anne Redhead '87, and I live in Mount Kisco, N.Y., and have four kids: Andrew (19) is a sophomore at Grinnell; Matthew (16) is a senior at Fox Lane H.S.; Sarah (12) is in seventh grade at Fox Lane; and



Columbia/Barnard Hillel honored Michael Lustig '86 with a Gershom Mendes Seixas Award to thank him for his support of Jewish student life at Columbia. Attending the award ceremony were, left to right: Alon Mogilner '86, Sam Katz '86, Lustig and Everett Weinberger '86.

Chris (10) is in fourth grade at Mount Kisco Elementary. We're hoping that either Sarah and/or Chris attend Columbia.

"Since leaving Columbia, except for two years off for business school, I have worked in financial services, primarily debt capital markets for several banks including J.P. Morgan, Chemical, Chase and one bond insurer, MBIA. In early 2104, I interviewed for the position of deputy treasurer at Columbia. I thought it was a unique opportunity; the University is experiencing dramatic growth while several schools are maintaining or improving their selectivity in many areas. It is a very different institution from the one we left. I remain connected with the crew program, fundraising and as a member of the Rowing Advisory Committee."

From **Glenn Alper**: "News from my wife, Lynne, and me: Our oldest son, Teddy, graduated from Penn State last year with majors in business management and Spanish, and a minor in international business; he works at investment bank Stifel Nicolaus as an analyst in the San Francisco office. Our daughter, Evelyn, graduated this year with a major in food science from UC Davis and started a job in product development, also in the Bay Area. Our younger son, Elliot, is a sophomore at the University of Washington and is studying business. Lynne and I continue our medical practices unchanged, me as an obstetric anesthesiologist in Berkeley, Calif., and her as an internist at UC Berkeley's University Health Services. Now in the empty

nest phase, we are traveling more and trying to catch up with old friends. The reunion was excellent. I really enjoyed catching up with everyone and hearing about all the varied life experiences."

Steve Carty notes: "My wife, Makiko Yamamoto, and I had a wonderful time at reunion, catching up with my classmates as well as track/cross country teammates. We look forward to making it to the 35th. We now have another College alum in the family — our daughter, Monica Carty '15."

Congrats, Monica!
Noah Sabin is a neuroradiologist at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, where he does clinical work and research on brain tumors and on adult survivors of childhood cancer. He writes, "My wife, Joanne Levine, is a pediatrician. My oldest child, Rebecca, started her junior year of high school this August. She has begun to look at colleges and had a nice introduction to Columbia at reunion! I also have two sons who began eighth and sixth grades this fall. I've been in Memphis for six years and enjoy it, especially the work at St. Jude."

Joe Dapello unfortunately had to miss reunion — his New York-based law firm, Schreck Rose Dapello & Adams, recently opened an office in Beverly Hills. His practice still focuses on representing actors, writers and directors in film, television and theater, but now they'll officially be doing it on both coasts.

Tim Tomasi had a fun time at the 30th. "I especially loved singing

with stray members of the Glee Club at the Sundial," he says. "I stayed in Carman with my freshman roommate **Joel Feldman** and corralled **Barry Ableman** to come into the city for brunch on Sunday. It was great to catch up with everyone."

"I am a Superior Court judge in Vermont. I cover the criminal, civil and family court dockets. Vermont is one of the few states where judges change courts every year or two. So, I never know where I will be stationed from year to year. It's a tough but rewarding job. My wife, Vivian Ladd Tomasi BC'86, and I have three children. Our oldest daughter is a sophomore in college, our middle daughter is headed to college this fall and our son is in eighth grade. Hope to see even more folks for the 35th."

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Jonathan Rutchik updated us on his amazing 50th year travels to multiple continents while keeping his neurology and occupational medicine practice thriving in the San Francisco Bay Area. "I began

2014 with a fabulous road trip starting in Buenos Aires, then through Salta in the north, to Bolivia’s southern cities and salt flats, then through Chile’s Atacama Desert to Santiago. *Los tres* (my wife, Beth; son, Rex (now 8); and me) loved taking a manual four-wheel drive through these amazing high-altitude spots and seeing Andean nature and culture.

“Spring break found us in Paris and Monte Carlo celebrating our 10-year wedding anniversary, where *les trois* Rutchiks watched tennis stars Roger Federer, Novak Djokovic and Rafael Nadal on red clay.

“For my birthday in May, I ventured solo to the Canadian arctic and northern Baffin Island to observe Inuit traditional lifestyle and to see narwhal, bowhead whale, polar bear and seal in the ice floe edge! It was a trip of a lifetime, no doubt. I also went searching for jaguar in the Pantanal, Mato Grosso, Brazil, on a motorized house boat for a week in the fall with an American researcher studying birds and animals. Quite amazing!

“In December we went to Morocco to visit Casablanca and the imperial cities of Rabat, Fez and Marrakesh, where I had worked 22 years ago as a volunteer doctor with an international organization. Seeing old friends was terrific but road tripping by ourselves to the south (where we slept deep in the Sahara in a caravan tent) was even more fabulous! The year was filled with happiness, love, health and a lot of photography and watercoloring!”

Congratulations to **Michael Lustig** on receiving the Gershom Mendes Seixas Award from Columbia/Barnard Hillel at a dinner on May 14 in Low Library. It was a mini-reunion, as in attendance were **Sam Katz**; **Meir Feder**; **Alon Mogilner**; **Guy Reiss** and his wife, Barbara Tepler Reiss BC’86, SW’94; and me. Michael is president of Columbia/Barnard Hillel and has deep involvement with the UJA-Federation of New York, chairing a number of its committees. He’s a trustee of Congregation Shearith Israel, also known as the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue of New York, the oldest Jewish institution in North America, and lectures for two classes at the Business School.

Michael had a 25-year career at BlackRock, where he was a senior managing director overseeing structured products and derivatives trading. He also created the firm’s training program and led that effort for 15 years.

Rick Wolf has already started working on our 30th reunion and has set up a Facebook page for our

class; please search for “Columbia College, New York Class of 1986.” Let’s greatly increase the number of group members, which was at 29 as of July. Once there, click on whether you’ll attend our 30th reunion, which will be held Thursday, June 2–Sunday, June 5.

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The Class of ’87 has been very busy of late in the academic arena.

Lee Ilan shared the great news about her Carman suitemate **Alix Gitelman**, who recently was promoted to full professor of statistics at Oregon State. Alix majored in computer science at Columbia and earned an M.S. in mathematics

Her Tory, a new film written and directed by Magaly Colimon-Christopher ’87 on the subject of grief and healing, debuted on June 10.

from Portland State and a Ph.D. in statistics from Carnegie Mellon. She joined the Oregon State faculty, where she focuses on environmental statistics, in 1999.

In more academic news, **Arthur Small** recently began a stint as a visiting fellow at Cornell in the Charles H. Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management, and **Eli Kavon’s** essay, “Beyond the Dark Ages: Modern Jewish Historians and Medieval Judaism,” was published in the *Journal of the Interdisciplinary Study of Monotheistic Religions* of Doshisha University in Kyoto, Japan, in April. Eli is a regular blogger for *The Jerusalem Post* website.

The academic hits keep coming! **Edward Bethel** recently completed a Ph.D. at Concordia College. His work was titled “A Systematic Review of One-to-One Access to Laptop Computing in K-12 Classrooms: An Investigation of Factors That Influence Program Impact.” Well done!

Edward, who is on the faculty of the College Of The Bahamas, also wrote that he spent his 50th birthday running his third Marathon Bahamas!

Impressive!

Dan Botich shared the story of how he celebrated a milestone: “I spent a 50th birthday week with my son, Peyton, and nephews, Derek Taylor and Brent Biggs, in five national parks and areas in south central Utah canyoneering, rappelling, hiking, backpacking and camping. We visited Capitol

Reef National Park (Cassidy Arch); Grand-Staircase Escalante National Monument’s Hurricane Wash — to access the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area’s Jacob Hamblin Arch, Cliff Arch and Coyote Gulch; Bryce Canyon National Park for sunrise, including the canyon trail loops and hoodoos; and Zion National Park’s Angels Landing for sunset. It was an amazing marathon, spending time away with no access to wireless or mobile phone service. Nature at its best, and we shared lots of stories around the evening campsite, including some that my son is now old enough to hear ... but not all.

“Happy 50th to everyone in our class. Make it a memorable day, week or month.”

In career moves, **Judy Kim** now lives in London, where she is launching her derivatives consult-

ing company, Judy J. Kim (UK). I had hoped to see her when I was in London in May, presenting a paper at the first World Congress for Existential Therapy, but as always, Judy was working crazy hours.

Next time, Judy!
Margaret McCarthy started in November as a research associate at the Bronfenbrenner Center for Translational Research at Cornell. She continues to teach trial advocacy at Cornell Law and to maintain a private law practice representing children and indigent adults on appeal.

Michael Burke has joined New York Life as COO of the New York Life Foundation and as corporate VP in the corporate responsibility department. Michael is responsible for New York Life’s internal operations, including fiscal oversight, nonprofit oversight, vendor and project management, and general governance.

We of the Class of ’87 are also incredibly well-rounded — we have a bounty of artistic as well as academic talents. **Magaly Colimon-Christopher**, who has appeared in countless episodes of the *Law & Order* franchise as well as on *Guiding Light*, recently released a short film that she wrote and directed. *Her Tory* deals with life and loss and healing, all topics near and dear: youtube.com/watch?v=ZVKT3Beeutk.

Keep those 50th birthday stories coming — those of us with fall and winter birthdays are dying to know. Inspire us!

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Our only update for this edition is a sorrowful one. **Julia Perry Lawrence**, wife of Richard Lawrence and mother of Magnus and Ginny, passed away in January. Richard delivered a moving eulogy at her funeral that does more justice to her memory than anything I could add, so I will simply provide you with excerpts:

“Julia had a great capacity to inspire others, both by her example and her ability to teach — not something that I’m confident that she ever really realized ... She felt that in the light of climate change and given her own skills and interests, the best place for her to work was in sustainable development. She set up a local charity and also her own consulting business, but she found it hard to find projects that really excited her. In 2012 she succeeded, taking the role of sustainability manager at the Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust in Slimbridge, England — a charity involved with saving some of the world’s most vulnerable species in the world’s most vulnerable habitats, and a charity with a strong commitment to sustainable development. She loved it there, she felt valued and she felt that she had a huge amount to contribute.

“She had very little time to do it. In November 2012, Julia and I were both working from home one day. Julia had a bad taste at the back of her throat, and felt uncomfortable. We thought that this may be tonsillitis, and called the doctor. An hour later Julia started a series of fits, and I called an ambulance. A couple of hours later, Julia was in A&E [accident and emergency] and I was told that she had a large mass in her brain — clearly a tumor. A few days later, Julia had a brain resection to remove the tumor, an operation that we knew had significant risk of death or serious damage given its size and position. Julia’s life was never the same again.

“I don’t want to dwell too much on the two years that followed, but they did show some of Julia’s finest qualities. She was exceptionally brave, always positive and heroically determined. After her first operation she lost almost all movement on her left side — she could wiggle one toe and roll her wrist slightly — and her ability to think clearly (very important to Julia) was badly affected, too. She fought back, despite a number of challenges (including a rapid regrowth of the tumor), to walk again and to make it home

Alumni Sons and Daughters

Sixty-one members of the College Class of 2019 and six members of the Engineering Class of 2019 are sons or daughters of College alumni. This list is alphabetical by the parent(s)’ last name.

STUDENT	PARENT	STUDENT	PARENT	STUDENT	PARENT
Christopher Alleyne <i>La Jolla, Calif.</i>	Neville Alleyne ’79	Yoon Ah Han <i>Hong Kong</i>	Jinduk Han ’85	Abigail Rubel <i>Chatham, N.Y.</i>	David E. Rubel ’83
Jessica Antiles <i>South Orange, N.J.</i>	Seth Antiles ’89	Andrew Hauser <i>New York City</i>	Mark Hauser ’84	Lani Sader <i>Overland Park, Kan.</i>	Neil Sader ’80
Anna Berkowitz <i>Los Angeles</i>	Ruth Berkowitz ’94	Jacob Hyman <i>Englewood, N.J.</i>	Joshua Hyman ’85	Nicole Scheck <i>North Miami Beach, Fla.</i>	Martin Scheck ’88
Jesse Zweben * <i>Potomac, Md.</i>	Lynn Charytan ’87	Sarah Joyce <i>New York City</i>	Edward Joyce ’83	Luke Cregan <i>New York City</i>	James Shapiro ’77
Niles Christensen <i>Menlo Park, Calif.</i>	Jens Christensen ’84	Hana Kateman <i>Beverly Hills</i>	Jeffrey Kateman ’89	Yuna Shin <i>Palisades, N.Y.</i>	Duke Shin ’89
Yael Cohen <i>Closter, N.J.</i>	Jonathan Cohen ’89 and Cynthia Cohen ’89	Olivia Kiely <i>Atlanta</i>	Tim Kiely ’82	Ruby Drake <i>San Francisco</i>	Kevin Siegel ’88
William Connell <i>Haddonfield, N.J.</i>	John Connell ’76	Timothy Kiely <i>Atlanta</i>	Tim Kiely ’82	Justin Skelly <i>Needham, Mass.</i>	Elizabeth Skelly ’92
Victoria Cornacchia <i>Darien, Conn.</i>	Thomas Cornacchia ’85	Lindsay Kim <i>Mamaroneck, N.Y.</i>	Angela Kim ’89	Gabriel Slaughter <i>New York City</i>	Lawrence Slaughter ’85
Cameron Davis <i>Great Falls, Va.</i>	Sharon Davis ’88	JiMin Ko <i>Lexington, Mass.</i>	Yu Ko ’83	Gabriella Smith <i>Englewood Cliffs, N.J.</i>	Glenn Smith ’81
Christine Desbois <i>Scarsdale, N.Y.</i>	Marcel Desbois ’77 °	Sophia Koh <i>New York City</i>	Alexander Koh ’86	Jordan Stepaniuk <i>Katonah, N.Y.</i>	George Stepaniuk ’81
Owen Driscoll <i>Oakland, Calif.</i>	Brian Driscoll ’86	Michael Leone <i>Westport, Conn.</i>	Nicholas Leone ’88	Justin Strauss <i>Forest Hills, N.Y.</i>	Jerry Strauss ’77
Gabrielle FitzGerald <i>Manhasset, N.Y.</i>	Shawn FitzGerald ’80	Bryan Markowitz <i>Ocean, N.J.</i>	Charles Markowitz ’82	Madeleine Stuzin <i>Baltimore</i>	Kenneth Stuzin ’86
Caroline Freinberg <i>Montclair, N.J.</i>	David Freinberg ’78	Megan Massey <i>Ho Ho Kus, N.J.</i>	William Massey ’83	Benjamin Titlebaum <i>Bethesda, Md.</i>	Joseph Titlebaum ’85
Aaron Friedman <i>Salt Lake City</i>	Brett Friedman ’80	David Mendelson <i>Miami Beach, Fla.</i>	Eric Mendelson ’87	Abigail Van Doren <i>New York City</i>	Adam Van Doren ’84
Allegra Geanuracos <i>London, U.K.</i>	John Geanuracos ’81	Sias Merklings <i>Cape Town, South Africa</i>	Christian Merklings ’82	Salvatore Volpe <i>Staten Island, N.Y.</i>	Salvatore Volpe ’82
Marco Della Genco * <i>Holmdel, N.J.</i>	Robert Genco ’86	Kurt Moskovitz <i>West Orange, N.J.</i>	Martin Moskovitz ’85	Ryan Walker <i>Scarborough, N.Y.</i>	David Walker ’87
Sandra Goldstein Lehnert <i>Sparkill, N.Y.</i>	Steven Goldstein ’76	Aaron Schaffer-Neitz <i>Northumberland, Pa.</i>	Robert Neitz ’93 and Rebecca Schaffer-Neitz ’93	Yael Waxman <i>Cedarhurst, N.Y.</i>	Daniel Waxman ’89
John Gorton <i>New York City</i>	James Gorton ’84	Brian Ng <i>Brea, Calif.</i>	Fergus Ng ’81	Jackson Welles * <i>Montclair, N.J.</i>	Michael Welles ’83
Benjamin Greenspan <i>Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.</i>	Andrew Greenspan ’77	Jabari Nuruddin * <i>Rivonia, South Africa</i>	Mansur Nuruddin ’93 and Sasha Thomas-Nuruddin ’93	Daniella Wilner <i>New York City</i>	Philip Wilner ’79
Jason Hagani <i>Woodbridge, Conn.</i>	James Hagani ’85	Nicholas Puljic * <i>Darien, Conn.</i>	Goran Puljic ’86	Brandon Choi * <i>Garden City, N.Y.</i>	Junghyun Youn ’87
Gidon Halbfinger <i>Washington, D.C.</i>	Eliezer Halbfinger ’88	Natan Rabinowitz <i>Silver Spring, Md.</i>	Steven Rabinowitz ’84	Rebecca Yu <i>Glen Head, N.Y.</i>	Song Yong Yu ’87
Eva Hale <i>Weston, Fla.</i>	Martin Hale ’74	Phyllis Rosenblum-Sellers <i>Washington, D.C.</i>	Marc Rosenblum ’91 and Catherine Sellers ’91	Nina Zweig <i>New York City</i>	Jason Zweig ’82
Avidan Halivni <i>Deerfield, Ill.</i>	Isaiah Halivni ’88	* member of the Engineering Class of 2019 ° deceased			

after three months. Shortly after this she decided to bake me the world's most elaborate birthday cake — I think that it was finally ready to eat shortly before midnight on my birthday — because it was something she wanted to do and was determined to do. Throughout the whole period of treatment she was calm and interested and never angry, even in the most difficult situations and after the worst possible news. She was delighted, in what turned out to be the last throw of the dice, to be involved in an experimental treatment pioneered by professor Steve Gill at Southmead. I think that the main reason she was so pleased to be involved was not so much that it could cure her — though that would be an obvious bonus — but that someone might learn something useful as a result. In October 2014, it became clear that no treatment would succeed, and Julia remained at home with her family, including her mother, Katherine. Julia died at home on January 16, 2015, surrounded by family, gracefully and in peace.

"I can see that I've left a lot out. No mention of chicken-rearing, experimental cider-making, her Beaver Scout pack, business mentoring for The Prince's Trust, the quest to write a popular business book based on actual research and actual science, and her tendency to go off and sleep in the woods for the night because she felt like it.

"Julia was a remarkable person who made a profound impression on a large number of people. She was passionate but calm, inspirational but intellectually rigorous, a brilliant planner and persuader who achieved more than most manage in their lives in less time, all without her feeling that she ever really finished anything. She was interested in everything and everyone, and she was generous with her time and with her spirit. Given her generosity, she wouldn't want to leave a hole in anyone's life, she'd be much happier to be remembered by people asking themselves 'What would Julia do?,' 'What would Julia say?,' or 'What would Julia think?,' in the hope that they'd gain some benefit from it. I'd like to picture Julia where (except perhaps in the company of family and friends) I think she'd be happiest — in some vast library, researching a near-to-impossible problem and devising a practical plan to solve it to make the world a better place for all of us."

Richard said Julia would appreciate it being noted that she is buried under a pear tree in a small orchard. May her memory be blessed.

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It's with a heavy heart that I report the passing of **Claudia Lacopo** on March 31, 2015, from ovarian cancer. Claudia, a pioneer in the technology sector, lived in Hawthorne, N.J., and was the director of IT for the Bauer Media Group, where she worked for nearly 20 years. As an art history major, Claudia was a connoisseur of campus life on Morningside Heights and a beloved friend to many. At a celebration of life in her honor, **Danielle Maged** thanked Claudia "for sitting at all those special dive bars and coffee shops with me at Columbia, then after graduation, and then in adulthood, talking about life, love and the pursuit of happiness with only the slant you could offer: wry, warm, completely honest, self-effacing."

In her eulogy, **Sam Marchiano** said, "To be Claudia's friend, to be one of her people, to be loved by her, was her greatest gift. Claudia possessed an unending reservoir filled with acts of kindness, hearty laughter and complete commitment."

Claudia is the godmother of Danielle's children, Nicholas and Gabriel, as well as of Sam's children, Frankie and Cal. She is survived by her brothers, Chris '84, Jay and Mike; and her parents, Charlotte and Mike Lacopo '57 of Boulder, Colo. Claudia will be missed each and every day, and those who were close to her are so grateful that she enriched and touched their lives.

Recently I have been fortunate to connect with Christine Jamgochian-Koobatian '87, Teresa Saputo-Crerend '87 and Sherri Pancer Wolf '90 at events for Columbia College Women. Of CCW, Sherri (its president) writes, "[The past year,] 2014–15, was an exciting one for Columbia College Women. The new board set out to revitalize CCW by increasing programming and by focusing on outreach and development. CCW's programming has been incredibly successful, ranging from terrific Broadway shows and talks, to sponsoring a lecture at Dean's Day, to a Senior Week event that welcomed more than 130 seniors to CCW. CCW's signature event was its relaunch, 'A Conversation with Claire Shipman'; CNN correspondent Poppy Harlow '05 moderated the April 20 event. It was a fantastic event with more than 200 alumnae."

Of the event, which took place at Casa Italiana, **Bonnie Host** writes, "Poppy Harlow '05 interviewed Columbia University Trustee

Claire Shipman '86, SIPA'94 about her book *The Confidence Code: The Science and Art of Self-Assurance — What Women Should Know*. It was an interesting and informative discussion with plenty of humor thrown in for good measure. The room was packed with old and new friends, and everybody had a great time. **Cindy Cohen** (née Ceresney) also attended. Her daughter, Yael '19, just started at the College. Good luck, Yael!"

Anyone interested in connecting with CCW can email Kim Diamon, associate director of alumni relations: kmd2182@columbia.edu.

In May, I attended the 25th reunion for the Class of '90 with my husband, David Terry '90. There were a few '89 classmates in attendance including **Wid Hall SEAS'89** and **Steve Metalios**, and it was lovely to catch up with some of the fantastic members of the Class of '90, including Dave Kansas '90; Lauren Bauer Zinman '90; Lorin Jamison Stevenson '90; Joy Kim Metalios SEAS'90; Sherri Pancer Wolf '90, and her husband, Doug Wolf '88; and many others.

While I was registering in the now classy and spiffed up FBH (now called Alfred Lerner Hall), a student approached me to ask if I had known Fred Schultz '90, who immortalized our Columbia room voicemail system in *This American Life's* story about the 'Little Mermaid Message.' (You can find the story at thisamericanlife.org/radio-archives/episode/203/recordings-for-someone-under-the-title-Buddy-Picture.)

I was reminded of another 1980s moment during a recent tour of campus: The tour guide told the story of Ken Hechtman, who was expelled in 1986 for stealing Uranium-238 from Pupin Hall. If we have reached the point at which we have become a layer in Columbia's history, I find it reassuring that we have captured the interest and attention of today's students.

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Reunion is a few months behind us but the memories are still vivid! I'm hoping everyone who went had as much fun as I did reconnecting with and meeting classmates, plus seeing the changes to campus and the neighborhood. Our class had a huge turnout, and we were rewarded with our Saturday dinner in Low Rotunda. I could never begin to report on everyone who attended, so here is a smattering of updates in no particular order.

Sheri Bonstelle GSAPP'93 was an architect designing public architecture (the Hudson-Bergen Light Rail, for example), and traveled the world (including living in Switzerland, Japan and India) before starting a career in real estate development. She earned a J.D. from Fordham Law in 2001 and is a partner at Jeffer Mangels Butler & Mitchell in Century City, Calif., representing developers. She lives in the Silverlake area of Los Angeles with her partner, Patricia Curry. Sheri reports that **Amar Sen** GSAPP'94 and **Erhmei Yuan** GSAPP'94 live in Park Slope (Brooklyn) with their children, Khyber, Kora and Kieran.

Matt Connelly married Sarah Kovner in 2007, and they have a 5-year old daughter, Lily. Matt has been teaching history at Columbia since 2002.

Also in the history field is **Durahn Taylor** GSAS'99, who is a professor at Pace in Pleasantville, N.Y., where he recently was awarded the university's highest teaching honor: the Kenan Award for Teaching Excellence. He's putting the episodes of the history TV show he produces, *Stories in Time*, with *Durahn Taylor*, online so you can see them. He was especially happy to meet the other members of our class who are also in academe or broadcasting and says, "Let's stay in touch!" He can be reached at durahn.taylor@att.net.

If there are other classmates he didn't meet who are into either broadcasting or academe, let him know.

Matt says he can't help thinking about how the world has changed in the last 25 years. "We graduated in 1990, just as the Cold War was passing into history and just when the age of computers was about to go to the next level as the age of the digital online superhighway. It would change not only the adult world of work but also the way in which young people learn in school. In many ways, our class didn't just straddle two decades; it also straddled two centuries.

"Some of us, in fact, may still feel more like 20th-century people than 21st-century people. We don't necessarily have to lose that; our challenge is to be a role model for the next generation by combining the best of both eras, combining, for example, the classic skills of critical reading and thinking that we learned in the 1980s (before books were digital) with the information and communication savvy that the 2010s now offer us at the touch of a phone screen. In a few years (in fact, by the time of our next reunion), we'll be in 2020. May that inspire us each to take what our Columbia education gave us and use it to

help give the world a greater 20/20 vision, a greater clarity about how we got where we are and where we should go from here."

Ijeoma Acholonu Ejeh PS'94 left private practice in September 2014 to join Cape Fear Valley Medical Center in Fayetteville, N.C., as its first bariatric surgeon. She says it's going great! The job isn't scary but being the mom of a teenager (Chidera, 13) is. Ijeoma keeps in touch with **Dianne Nagler** (née Morse), who lives on Long Island with her husband, Mike, and children, Emma and Alex. Dianne has become more of a New Yorker than Ijeoma (who was born and raised there).

Dianne, Ijeoma is still waiting for that move to North Carolina! Ijeoma would also like to reconnect with **Stan McCloy**, so if you are reading this, Stan, please phone home (or contact me).

Karin Wurapa (née Small) came from Columbus, Ohio, for reunion, but left her husband and three children at home. Karin hasn't changed — she's still her wonderful, bubbly, positive self.

Jeff Rake is executive producer/showrunner for NBC's *The Mysteries of Laura*, which was renewed for a second season.

Paulette Light is co-founder of Momstamp.com, a social recommendation platform where people share, search for and save word-of-mouth recommendations of everything from tutors to tile installers, piano teachers to podiatrists. Momstamp launched in Los Angeles in the spring and is expanding to other cities in the fall. Paulette's four kids range in age from 9 to 17.

Mark Ambrosino is the president and co-founder of Sojourn Records as well as a professional drummer and producer who runs The Madhouse, a recording studio in Elmont, N.Y. I was lucky to catch him playing with one of his artists, Blessing Offor, at the Kennedy Center in July.

Theresa Rice was disappointed to have missed reunion after having so much fun at our 20th. She lives in Coral Gables, Fla., and after many years as a senior executive at global public relations agencies has launched her own strategic communications firm, Out Loud Communications Consultants (outloudcc.com, @outloudcc), a network of senior multilingual and multicultural professionals in corporate communications, marketing communications, crisis communications, public relations, government relations, litigational communications and associated disciplines. She explains that the firm lends its experience to private- and public-sector clients around

the world as well as provides institutional and client communications support to professional services companies like public relations advertising agencies, law firms and management consulting firms.

Dean Temple makes his debut appearance in this column. He says, "A film I wrote, produced and star in, *The Naked Truth About Fairies*, was an official selection of the 2015 St. Tropez International Film Festival, where it received four award nominations: Best Short, Jury Prize, Best Actress and Best Supporting Actress. The film had its world premiere in May at the festival in Nice, France, which I attended with my co-producer. Although we didn't win anything, I was pleased to spend time in Nice and visit with **Ronnie Halpern** while I was there. Check out nakedtruthaboutfairies.com and facebook.com/truthaboutfairies."

If you were at reunion and didn't see your name in print here, there's an easy fix to that. My email address is at the top of this column. Happy fall to all.

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No news this time! Your classmates want to hear from you; send your updates to either the email address at the top of this column, or submit your news through CCT's webform college.columbia.edu/cct/submit_class_note. Have a terrific fall, and be well.

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Hello there, Class of '92ers!

On her way to London in late March, **Wah Chen** wrote that she spent a little time in Los Angeles with **Randa Grob-Zakhary**, **Karl Cole-Frieman** and **Yoshi Maruyama SEAS'92** "at Eric's crib, AKA Getty House." Yeah, I had to search online, too — that's Hizzoner **Eric Garcetti** SIPA'93's official residence.

"Randa was visiting from Switzerland with one of her handsome sons," Wah reports. George

Kolombatovich '93, LAW'98 was on hand, which makes sense given that George's Twitter profile lists him as "Deputy Counsel to Mayor Eric Garcetti." Side note: my Internet search for George turned up news from 2011 that his father, George Kolombatovich, retired as Columbia fencing coach after 33 years, and I was immediately transported to taking fencing for the gym requirement. #Disengage

Yours truly also received a long report from **John Tullai** — his first Class Notes submission — who tells this tale, which I'm reproducing pretty much in full:

"I was attending the Society for Neuroscience meeting in Washington, D.C., in November 2014, and decided to look up my old friend, **Olivier Knox**. I don't think I've seen him since our fifth reunion, but we have had an on-again, off-again Twitter relationship. He responded! We were on. "We met at the Mayflower Hotel's Edgar Bar & Kitchen, a 'frequent watering hole for reporters and other ne'er do wells' (to quote Olivier). When I arrived, he was on his laptop working (of course). He spoke precisely as fast as I remember (so I knew it wasn't an imposter), and we sat down for a quick cocktail and talked about mutual friends, politics and family. I was so pleased that he was the friend I remembered. He talked about 'on the record stuff' regarding the President and the Senators, blah blah...he clearly has been kind of hanging around D.C. Yup, do a Google search."

John means "Yahoo! search" here, I think. Continuing: "How did I get there, and what did we talk about? Well, after CC, I spent several years in Manhattan. First, living with **Rich Rosivach** and **Jeff Noles** while a neuro-anatomy lab technician and then as a neuroscience Ph.D. candidate at the Ichan School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. During this time, I married a lovely woman from Maine, Jennifer Moores ('89 Wellesley). We ultimately moved to Maine (of course) and I took a job at Boston University. Subsequently, Jennifer and I attended **Jeff Noles'** wedding to Rachel Rojany in Los Angeles in 2009, where we also encountered **Peter Hatch**.

"I am an assistant professor of biology at BU, focusing on cancer and cardiac biology, and teaching molecular and cell biology. In the interim, we've seen Kelly Diemand BC'92, who provides equestrian advice for our girls, and Sue Halpern Berkely BC'92, who provided me with career advice. Jennifer and I have two daughters, Sydney and Elizabeth (12 and 8), and I have nurtured Jennifer back to health

following a near-fatal hemorrhagic stroke in March 2012. She is doing amazingly well, and we are thankful for every day. We have plans in place to travel to Paris, Hawaii and South Africa. Email me at jwt9@columbia.edu if you are up our way; we'd love to catch up."

Louise Dubin has a new CD, *The Franchomme Project*, a tribute to virtuoso cellist and composer Auguste Franchomme. The project is the culmination of years of Louise's research on the French Romantic-era musician; she transcribed the cello quartets from Franchomme's mostly unpublished manuscripts. Louise will be putting on two concerts in NYC to mark the CD's release: Saturday, September 19, at John Street Church (44 John St.) and Sunday, September 27, at St. Paul's Chapel/Trinity Church (209 Broadway).

That's it for this edition of the CC'92 Class Notes mailbag! Please send me your updates using the email address at the top of the column or the CCT webform college.columbia.edu/cct/submit_class_note. There are classmates who are wondering what you've become!

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Classmates: I love hearing from you and, when I don't, I turn to social media. After a Facebook plea and some Instagram "likes," I heard from **Melissa de la Cruz-Johnston**, who quite frankly looks like she's having a lot of fun (I "like" a lot of her posts). Melissa told me that she's 'happy to share that my latest novel, *The Isle of the Lost* (which is a prequel to *Descendants*, a Disney Channel original movie), has been No. 1 on *The New York Times* bestseller list since its publication (going on 10 weeks [as I write this]). It is aimed at readers ages 6–12 and my daughter, Mattie Johnston (8), gave me critique notes while I was writing it. The next book in the series comes out next year. My novel *Witches of East End* was adapted into a television series and aired on the Lifetime network for two seasons; the show is now available on Netflix if anyone is curious! The young adult spinoff, *Triple Moon: Summer on East End*, comes out this November.

"My husband, Mike Johnston, is a fellow author and we run a creative content company called Spilled Ink, a book and television packager. We live in Los Angeles and Palm Springs and recently had the pleasure of getting together with Gabriel Sandoval, a partner

at a Pasadena-based law firm (Gabe left Columbia junior year for Stanford), and **Jennie Kim** as well as Jennie’s husband, Jason Harman, and their son, Jack (2). I also recently reconnected with Amy Wilkins ’94 at Paris Photo. Amy is the director of an art book press in New York City and travels regularly to Europe for art fairs. Many fun Columbia memories were shared!”

Alan Freeman also responded to my plea and shared that he is “practicing law as a partner at Blank Rome in Washington, D.C., but in my spare time I’ve been volunteering in a variety of roles at the Charles E. Smith Life Communities, which most people still know as the Hebrew Home of Greater Washington. We are the seventh largest, single-campus, not-for-profit senior living community in the country (comprising nursing, assisted and independent living), and in May I became chair-elect of the Board of Governors. Not sure what that says about the judgment of my fellow board members, but I love the work we do there and it’s good to know there will be a place there for my wife, Remy, and me in 60 years or so! Beyond that, my days look a lot like many of yours — trying to keep up with the kids, but we got a break when they went off to camp for the summer. [As I write this, I was] looking forward to spending 4th of July weekend with **Joel Lusman** BU’S ’99 and his family in Connecticut.”

Outside of my social media outreach efforts, I was pleased to hear from **Jacob Kramer** GSAS ’98, who recently wrote a book, *The New Freedom and the Radicals: Woodrow Wilson, Progressive Views of Radicalism, and the Origins of Repressive Tolerance*. Jacob was promoted to associate professor of history at Borough of Manhattan Community College in 2013.

Rachel Mintz heard from **Diego Hoic** and reports: “A couple of years ago, Diego and his wife moved to Cali, Colombia, and they enjoy their life there. Diego manages the personal care business for Tecnoquímicas. They welcomed their second son, Antonio, in February; fortunately he is well-behaved and has slept through the night since week nine. Their first son, Carlos, is not quite 3, is learning to swim and recently had his first music recital and horseback ride. Quite exciting.” Rachel also mentioned that she and **Neil Turitz** have begun brainstorming about plans for our 25th reunion.

Finally, it is the end of an era in Italy. Since moving to Rome in summer 1993, **Jenny Hoffman** has been a host or travel guide to many classmates and friends from Columbia traveling through Europe, and

in particular those visiting Italy (I visited her four times while she was there). But now she’s back in the U.S.A. with her family, to open the Washington, D.C., office of Astaldi, a global infrastructure company based in Rome. **Ali Towle, Robyn Tuerk** and I squeezed in one last memorable trip to visit Jenny in Rome in late May, which was as fun and wonderful as anyone could expect when four college friends are able to travel in a foreign country for vacation.

Please keep sending in updates!

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Congratulations to **Jeremy Workman**, who sent an update about his latest documentary film, *Magical Universe*. After a successful theatrical release last year and a number of film festival accolades, the film can now be found on Netflix and on DVD. It tells the story of Jeremy’s 10-year friendship with an octogenarian outsider artist in Maine. Jeremy writes that his “movie trailer and production company in New York, Wheelhouse Creative, continues to work on scores of indie films while also producing several documentary films, including for ESPN’s *30 for 30* series.”

Congratulations also to **Danny Franklin**, who shared the happy news that he and his wife, Erica Guyer, welcomed daughter Anna Beverly on April 2.

I’m happy to report that as I slowly (very, very slowly, it seems — moving is much more overwhelming than I remembered) get my footing in the Chicago area, my family recently had the opportunity to get together over lunch with **Elliot Regenstien**, his wife, Emily Paster, and their son, Jamie. It was quite a delight to get to meet some of Elliot’s family, whom I’d heard so much about through the years. Elliot is SVP of advocacy and policy for the Ounce of Prevention Fund, a private-public partnership dedicated to providing all children with high-quality early childhood experiences, from birth to age 5. A bonus for me is that he could help me understand, at least a little, the political environment in Illinois, which I’ve found fairly baffling since moving here.

That’s it for this latest installment of “CC ’94: 21 years later.” Looking forward to your news, whether dramatic or quotidian, for next time. Don’t forget that you can email me at the address at the top of this column or via the CCT online

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We are all still having a hard time believing that we graduated from college 20 years ago, so Alumni Reunion Weekend served as a nice chance to catch up.

I will be sprinkling in updates across the next few columns from classmates with whom I caught up at reunion, and after.

Up first is **Rachel Klauber-Speiden**, who sat at my table at the Saturday dinner with her husband, Josh Empson. Rachel, Josh and their children (Lucinda, 10, and Becket, 8) recently returned to the Big Apple after more than a decade of beach living in Santa Monica, Calif. They spent their first year back in Manhattan, but by September will be installed in Brooklyn for the foreseeable future.

Whitney Rowe lives in San Francisco, where she has been firmly planted for 12 years. She and her husband have a 6-year-old daughter, Fiona. Whitney is a fifth-grade teacher in a Spanish immersion public school in The Mission District; she’s been doing that since she moved there. She earned a graduate degree at Bank Street College of Education, a few blocks from the Columbia campus.

Kent Pierce JRN ’96, one of my classmates from the J-School, is in his 16th year with WTNH-TV, the ABC affiliate in New Haven, Conn. “Folks in Connecticut can see me covering the major (and sometimes minor) stories of the day, Monday-Friday, on *Good Morning Connecticut*,” Kent writes.

Kent attended reunion with his wife, **Sandy Mechael** SEAS ’95. For three years, Sandy has been the CIO of Equity One, a commercial real estate company. The couple lives on the UWS, though Kent stays in Connecticut during the week to arrive at work early for the morning show. “I’m a self-taught mixologist, and Sandy and I host happy hours most Fridays,” he says. “**Ross Gotler** and **Matt Trokenheim** frequently stop by to sample whatever it is I’m experimenting with that night.”

Ross and his wife, Rachel, also live on the UWS with their kids Maya (5) and Jacob (1). Ross is e-discovery counsel at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, and Rachel is a clinical psychologist.

Danny Kass, who didn’t attend reunion, wrote in at the urging of his Columbia family members

(mother, Miryom GS’63; father, Rabbi Alvin ’57; and sister, Sarah ’87.) Danny and his wife, Debby Gillman, have two kids: Judah (11) and Nava (5). Danny is a pulmonologist and researches pulmonary fibrosis. He left the Columbia University Medical Center in 2010, when the University of Pittsburgh recruited him and his lab to the Dorothy P. and Richard P. Simmons Center for Interstitial Lung Disease.

Danny says, “My big news of the year is that I was funded by the National Institutes of Health Research Project Grant Program (R01) to study the role of a gene, twist1, in idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF). I was also appointed the director of the Simmons Center, which is one of the largest centers for this disease in the world.”

The next column will include all the law professors in our class. Thanks to **Gene Mazo**, our unofficial master of ceremonies at the Saturday dinner, for the tip that our class has produced at least five.

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Only a bit of news to report this time.

Chris Steighner is an editor at Rizzoli International Publications and established Rizzoli as a cookbook publisher. He has worked there for 15 years and edits eight to 10 cookbooks a year. He and his partner, Sean Johnson, have a house in Prospect-Lefferts Gardens in Brooklyn.

Patrick Belton writes that in 2008, he married Soo Koon Lee BC ’96 after meeting her at our 10-year reunion. **Chris Steighner, Muzafar Husian** SEAS ’96, Melissa Morrone ’97, Jane Chew ’91 and We Chen Foo ’99 were all in attendance. After graduation, Patrick worked in finance and hedge funds, mainly in New York City. In fall 2011 he made a radical switch, starting school at SUNY Upstate Medical in Syracuse, alma mater of **Uchenna Acholonu**. Patrick writes that he has been very happy with the decision, finding tremendous fulfillment in the doctor-patient relationship. He recently started a residency in neurosurgery at University of Missouri-Columbia. Missouri will be a new state for Patrick

and Soo, and they would be happy to hear from fellow Lions in the area, in real life or on Facebook.

Malik Rashid recently hit his three-year mark at the Asian Development Bank in Manila, Philippines. He writes that the experience has been amazing for both him and his family but for personal reasons they are planning to move back to the Northeast. In anticipation of that happening fairly soon (and now that his daughter is old enough), Malik and his family will travel extensively in the region.

Hard to believe, but our 20th reunion is coming up next year (Thursday, June 2–Sunday, June 5), so save the date! And please keep the notes coming so that I don’t have to bombard you all with another desperate mass email plea.

I leave you with this:
“Be yourself. Everyone else is already taken.”

— Oscar Wilde

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Carrie Bass Mezvinsky and her husband, Scott, relocated to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., from Moscow for his job with Yum!Brands. They said they were in Russia for three eventful and adventure-filled years. While overseas, Carrie gave birth to their son, Beau Bass Mezvinsky, who turned 2 in July and is the light of their lives. Carrie writes that she recently had the pleasure of reconnecting with **Zaharah Markoe** and **Naveena Ponnusamy** in Miami during Art Basel. Now that she is back in the United States, she says she looks forward to seeing more CC people soon.

Ayana Curry participated on the legal team that presented a groundbreaking case to the United States Supreme Court regarding the treatment of disabled citizens by the police pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act. The case was *City and County of San Francisco v. Sheehan*, which was decided May 18, 2015. Ayana writes, “This was an exhilarating and humbling experience for me, my husband, Rashaan Curry ’99, and our two sons.”

Oren Lerman has been named director of breast reconstruction at Lenox Hill Hospital in Manhattan. He is an assistant clinical professor of plastic surgery at the NYU School of Medicine, a member of the board of trustees of the New York Regional Society of Plastic Surgeons and a fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He and his partner, Dr. Wojciech Dec ’03, helped establish the new department of



Lions basketball player Grace Wiener ’99 married Nick Ritter on July 5, 2014, in Seattle. Attending were, left to right: Tyler McMaster ’97, Emily Roller ’99, Trinke Vaughan ’99, the bride, the groom, Renee Jackson ’99, Beth Fuchs (née Papas) ’98 and Courtney Allshouse ’98.

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plastic surgery at Lenox Hill as well as a new microsurgical breast fellowship. Oren lives with his wife, Sandy Schwartzberg-Lerman BC ’97, in Englewood, N.J., with their twin sons, Solomon and Michael.

Joel Finkelstein is the director of strategic communications at Climate Advisers, a policy and politics consulting firm working to deliver a low-carbon economy. He has been active developing and executing campaigns to transform global agriculture, which have led to commitments from major commodity traders to end deforestation across supply chains. These efforts were profiled in *The New York Times* and in financial media around the world. Joel lives in Alexandria, Va., with his wife, two children and a growing unease about our political system’s ability to address global warming without structural reform.

Gabrielle Fulton’s film *Ir/Reconcilable* received its broadcast premiere on HBO. Her play *Uprising* premiered this summer at Horizon Theatre in Atlanta.

Sadaras Harrell ’99 has been busy, with much success. He is an actor, singer and writer, and has worked on movies including *Hot Pursuit* (2015), *Lee Daniels’ The Butler* (2013), *When the Game Stands Tall* (2014) and *Black or White* (2014). He also released a popular music EP, *Sadie*.

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It’s a column of baby news! Congratulations are in order for **Heather E. Stern** (née Deetjen) and her husband, Gabriel Stern, on the birth of their identical twin girls, Willow Edaline and Elowen Alisandre, born on a palindrome (5-15-15). Heather remembers fondly the nature vs. nurture debates from her classes and looks forward to formulating her own opinions from personal experience. The Sterns live in Pasadena, Calif., where Heather is a partner in a law firm specializing in legal services to banks.

There’s also baby news from **Lori Meeks**: “My husband, Jason Webb, and I are delighted to announce the birth of our son, Jupiter Patrick Webb. He was born on May 19 at 6:20 p.m.” Lori and Jason are professors at the University of Southern California. She is an associate professor of religion and East Asian languages and cultures and he is an associate professor of comparative literature as well as associate director of the USC Shinso Ito Center for Japanese Religions and Culture.

In work news, **Lea Goldman** was promoted to executive editor of *Marie Claire* in June. Before that, she was for three years the features and special projects director and also was the features director, deputy editor and features editor since starting at the publication in March 2008.

Congratulations, Lea! On the homefront, Lea and her husband, Ofer Goldstein, have two sons, Ozzie and Rafe.

Lea also shared the following: In March, a bunch of Columbia friends met up at the Neil Diamond concert at the Barclays Center at the invitation of **Megan Kearney** to celebrate the life of her twin brother, **James Kearney** (a big Neil Diamond fan), who died in 2004. In addition to Megan and Lea, **Hilton Marcus, Tom Sanford**, Claudia DeSimio ’99, **Amol Sarva** and **Joe Master** were in attendance.

I’d love to hear from more of you! Please send your updates using the email address at the top of the column or the CCT webform college.columbia.edu/cct/submit_class_note.

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Hello, classmates! Fall is almost here, and we’re happy to report some impressive accomplishments as well as some additions to the Class of ’99’s extended family.

We were delighted to hear from **Juliet Koczak**, who caught us up with her life since 1999. Following some time traveling and working, she earned a master’s in architect-



Left to right: Ilya Levtoy '00, Michael Shields '00, Brian Andrews '00 and Brian Legum '00 on the Low Steps during Alumni Reunion Weekend in late May.

ture from the Rhode Island School of Design. After getting married and having her first daughter, she headed back to her hometown stomping grounds of the Philadelphia suburbs. There she had another daughter and, in 2009, started her own architecture firm.

Pretty impressive for 10 years' work!

Juliet is currently designing a custom beach house and has some renovation/addition projects. You can find her company at koczak.com.

In other architectural news, **Justin Shubow** is president of the National Civic Art Society, a nonprofit headquartered in Washington, D.C., that promotes the classical and humanistic tradition in public art and architecture: monuments, memorials, federal courthouses and so on. The group has come to national attention for leading the fight to stop Frank Gehry's design for the Dwight D. Eisenhower National Memorial — a fight that they have nearly won, he notes. Justin also regularly blogs for *Forbes* about architecture.

Shelby Leuin shared that she and her husband, Jason, had a second son in January. Truman Daniel Handwerker joins Jaden Maxwell Handwerker (2).

Grace Wiener joined the ranks of recently wed classmates on July 5, 2014. She and Nick Ritter married in Seattle. Joining them at the wedding were Tyler McMaster '97, **Emily Roller**, **Trinke Vaughan**, **Renee Jackson**, Beth Fuchs '98 (née Papas) and Courtney Allshouse '98. Sports fans will note that the women in this list make up a full lineup of Columbia College basketball players. We're just a few months late to join them in wishing Grace and Nick a happy first anniversary!

That's all the news this time, folks. We look forward to hearing from more of you soon. Please send updates to us at either of

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Cheers to fall, everyone!

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It was great to see so many of you at our 15-year reunion. Thanks for writing in with news and, to those of you who have not yet done so, please email me with your updates!

Alex Conway was greatly missed on campus but couldn't join for good reason. She recently moved to the United Kingdom to open the London office of Hunter Public Relations and to be the company's managing director. Congratulations!

Kristelia "Krissey" Garcia began a tenure-track teaching position last fall as an associate professor at the University of Colorado Law School in Boulder, where she teaches copyright, trademark and property law.

Andrew Ricci joined First Nationwide Title Agency as underwriting counsel in January. He lives in Astoria with his wife, Manuela, and daughter, Sofia (7).

In other law news, **C.J. Wang** (editor of our class' yearbook) has been running her own immigration law firm in NYC for the past 10 years. **Jacqueline Seidel** lives in Brooklyn and is balancing life as a mom (to 18-month-old Sofia) and as a partner at Reed Smith, where she focuses on complex and mass litigation strategy, resolution and coordination.

Brian Legum had a great time at reunion and loved getting to see college friends from across the globe. He lives in Delaware and is an attorney at Kimmel Carter, which handles workers' compensation

and personal injury law. "I mainly work with the Spanish-speaking community. Lucky for me, there are virtually no Spanish-speaking lawyers in Delaware," he says.

"On the family front, my wife and I had our third child — a boy — on July 21 at 12:14 p.m. Cole Hudson Legum came in at 8 lbs., 1 oz. and 21 inches. We have a 6-year-old son, Dylan, and a 2½-year-old daughter, Taylor; both were excited to welcome their brother to the Legum family."

Rhonda Henderson has been working in public education for almost a decade, the last three years with DC Prep, a charter management organization with five campuses in (and only in) Washington, D.C., where they serve about 1,300 students. They're preparing to open a campus in Anacostia, a neighborhood in D.C., where she will be the operations manager. Rhonda is "over the moon about the adventure" and says that, "outside of work, I stay busy with church activities, my adorable almost-2-year-old nephew, friends and all things local to D.C."

Vanessa Loder lives in San Francisco with her husband and daughter, Eva (3). Vanessa says she had a lot of fun connecting with many of you at reunion and looks forward to our 20th. She is the cofounder of Mindfulness Based Achievement, a company that teaches high-achieving women how to lean in without burning out. It offers a free 30-day meditation challenge and Vanessa would love to have anyone from CU join! It only takes five minutes a day and you register here: mindfulnessbasedachievement.com/30day2015.

Kim Fisher Warren says she is thrilled to be back on campus after 15 years. She is pursuing an M.B.A. through the Business School's E.M.B.A. program, all while balancing work, family and friends.

In 2006, **Anthony Ramirez II** and John Martin GSAS'02 started Mainland Media, a company whose mission is to celebrate and to improve the image of the Bronx. Anthony writes: "As of 2010, our core team has expanded to include Paul Ramirez and Greig Bennett '01. The company operates From The Bronx — an online source of Bronx-themed apparel and souvenirs — and The Bronx Beer Hall, which is located on Arthur Avenue in the borough's Belmont neighborhood."

"Mainland Media has worked with some of the Bronx's leading designers, artists and photographers to bring original Bronx-themed merchandise to market. In addition to the fromthebronx.com store, the company has hosted numerous 'pop-up shops' throughout the Tri-State Area that

have generated significant positive attention for the borough. In 2013, From The Bronx merchandise was featured in The Museum of Modern Art's gift shop collection in all of MoMA's locations: New York City, Korea and Japan.

"Nestled in the heart of the historic Arthur Avenue Retail Market, the Beer Hall offers craft beers from across New York State, alongside an original menu curated by Chef David Greco of Mike's Deli notoriety. Two-and-a-half years since its opening, it has already garnered local and international recognition and has been featured in *The New York Times*, the *New York Daily News*, *Time Out New York*, *Delta's Sky* magazine and more."

Special thanks to my fellow Reunion Committee members:

Antoinette Allen, Alex Conway, Lainy Destin, Susie Freeman-Kaufman, Vernon Gibbs, Laura Hearn, Laura Pietropinto, Anthony Ramirez II, Ingrid Richardson, Yong-Kyoo Kim, Jordan Rosenbaum, Charles Saliba, Michael Shen, Maria Spinola Spaulding, Christopher Totman, Michelle Wang, Kim Fisher Warren and Janet Whang.

Special thanks as well to the following SEAS Reunion Committee members, who worked with Engineering on its programs: **Ann Chung SEAS'00, Daniel Greenstein SEAS'00, Naveed Hasan SEAS'00, Vikas Mittal SEAS'00, Alek Remash SEAS'00, Sid Singh SEAS'00, Steve Specht SEAS'00 and Josephine Tatel SEAS'00.**

Finally, I had great conversations with many of you during reunion and I'd love to share the cool things you're doing. So send your updates to either the email address at the top of this column or through CCT's webform college.columbia.edu/cct/submit_class_note!

Thanks, all!

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I hope everyone enjoyed a restful summer!

Brian Perlstein and his wife, Nazanin Dana, welcomed a son, Kayan "Kai" Dana Perlstein, on April 15 at 4:16 p.m., weighing 8 lbs., 9 oz., and measuring 21 inches long.



On April 18, David Epstein '02 married Elizabeth Green (JRN'09 Spencer Fellow) in Warrington, Va. Front row, left to right: Jeff Novich JRN'04 (in beige), Andrew Edwards '04, Will Boylan-Pett '05, Delilah DiCrescenzo '05, Scott Moncur '04, the bride, the groom, Lee Kowitz '04, Evan Zeisel '02, Vincent Galgano '04 and Sheila Casey. Back row, left to right: Darin Schroeder '03 (with beard), Ryan Heath '05, Martin Gehrke SEAS'06, Caryn Gehrke '05 and Tommy Jager '02.

Congratulations to Ethan and Nazanin!

Katie Champion Land and her husband, Matt Land '05, welcomed their second daughter, Daphne Rose, on April 4 at 11:29 p.m. in Tulsa. Daphne weighed 9 lbs., 7 oz. Katie, Matt and 25-month-old Nina Jane are thrilled that she's finally here ... Class of 2037.

Congratulations to Katie and Matt!

On June 14, **Lauren Abraham Mahoney** married Jared Safran. The wedding took place at the J.B. Fuqua Rooftop Pavilion with views of downtown Atlanta and, despite the heat, the evening was a lot of fun. In attendance were close friends and family, including Karen Silver '04 (née Abraham), Lisa Marx GS'05 and Antonia Abraham LAW'08. The newlyweds are taking a "familymoon" with Lauren's daughter to Vancouver and will take a honeymoon together in 2016.

Congratulations to Lauren and Jared!

Please write in with updates on your adventures! You can email me at the address at the top of this column or submit a note online: college.columbia.edu/cct/submit_class_note.

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Lachlan Smith and his wife welcomed their second daughter,

Willia, in early December. Lachlan is finishing his radiology fellowship in cardiovascular imaging at Yale and planned to return in July to his home state of Kentucky to become an assistant professor at the University of Louisville.

Allison Lloyds O'Neill moved to New Canaan, Conn., and had a daughter, Caroline, in June 2014.

David Epstein GSAS'04, JRN'04 married Elizabeth Green ('06 Harvard), who was also a Spencer Fellow in Education Reporting at the Journalism School in 2009.

As always, I look forward to hearing from all of you! You can send updates to soniah57@gmail.com or via college.columbia.edu/cct/submit_class_note.

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Summer seems to have been a busy time for our class; as the weather cools down, please take some time to send me an update.

Robyn Schwartz writes, "[My husband,] Dan Hammerman '02, and I have continued our travels, but hopefully will be staying put for the next few years! After another brief stint in Italy (preceded by three years in Texas, split between Houston and Fort Worth), we moved to Los Angeles

this spring, where Dan works for Renzo Piano Building Workshop, focusing on the construction of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences' Academy Museum. We are joined here by our dog, Aldo, and daughter, Elsa (2), who arrived four months before a certain chilly queen. I work with New York City-based nonprofits on various editorial and database projects and look forward to exploring additional opportunities in California. My cookie business, Fianco a Fianco (launched when we were in Texas), likely won't survive yet another move, but stay tuned. We hope to (re)connect with L.A.-based alums as we explore our new city."

Gregory Vaca writes, "I recently moved back to New York from Rio de Janeiro, assuming the role of managing director of acquisitions for Tishman Speyer, a global real estate PE firm. My wife, Maria Fernanda, and I live in Manhattan and look forward to (re)joining the CU community."

Katie Rose Thornton is an assistant director of development/major gifts officer for the Redhawks at Miami University (Ohio). She writes, "We're in the midst of an \$80 million athletics campaign, which supports all varsity programs at Miami. I will be looking for a place to live in the Cincinnati area. I'm excited about this new opportunity in my career in college athletics."

RSR Partners, a leading board and executive search firm, announced the appointment of **Dany Berghoff** as principal in the firm's Sport Leadership practice. With a wealth of experience in

consulting for sports and entertainment organizations, Dany will play a key role in the firm's business development and search execution efforts, where he will concurrently focus on traditional and emerging media ecosystems.

Peter Neofotis went to the Piccolo Spoleto Festival in Charleston, S.C., to perform his solo show, *The Aviatrice*, which opened during the weekend of May 22.

Maxim Mayer-Cesiano married Kate Supnik last October at the Hotel Bel-Air in Los Angeles. Max writes, "When I'm not celebrating my marriage, I'm practicing corporate law in New York at Skadden, with a focus on mergers and acquisitions."

While back in Beijing for work, I stopped by **Bill Isler**'s new baijiu bar, Capital Spirits. He's already opened a second baijiu bar/distillery and he's also working with his team on various consulting projects. Calvin Chen '07, BUS'14 and Alex Yao '05 also joined.

I also caught up with Kat Don BC'03 at the opening of bar Mei in the Rosewood hotel in Beijing.

Please drop me a line if your travels will bring you through either Singapore or Beijing. And, as always, don't be shy about the updates.

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Hello CC'04! Let's jump right into the news:

Janine Sutton has been living in Boston for three years, working at EYP/Architecture & Engineering. In November 2014, she finished her seven requisite exams and became a registered architect. **Christine Luu** (and her dog) relocated from Memphis to Los Angeles last fall after she completed her federal judicial clerkship. Since then, she has been working in downtown Los Angeles at Kirkland & Ellis in its intellectual property litigation practice. **Crystal Proenza** recently moved from Miami back to the tri-state area, as she was promoted to director of public relations, U.S. and global marketing, for Colliers International.

Katie Zien is entering her fourth year as an assistant professor in the English department at McGill, where she teaches theater and performance studies. She lives in Montreal and is writing a book about theater in the Panama Canal Zone. **Emily Shin** writes: "I'm finishing an orthopedic hand surgery fellowship and moving to Honolulu to work at Tripler Army



Maxim Mayer-Cesiano '03 married Kate Supnik last October at the Hotel Bel-Air in Los Angeles. Present were, left to right: Andrei Schor SEAS'72, David Schor '07, Marin Feldman '02, Phil Bezanson '01, Doug Kravitz '05, Josh Salzman '03, Caroline Kravitz '05, Harry Layman '02, the groom, the bride, Josh Rosenberg '03, Bobbie Anderson '03, Jennifer Phillips '08, Cyrus Habib '03, Evan Mayo-Wilson '03, Viviana Beltrametti-Walker BC'03 and Garner Robinson '05. Not pictured: Alice Abraham '05.

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Medical Center (where Lauren Turza Greer also works).

Congratulations go to G.

Andrew Johnston, who married Robin Faulkner in Southampton, N.Y., in June. Helping the happy couple celebrate were Miklos Vasarhelyi, Daniel Goldman, James Lee SEAS'04, JP Chisholm '03 and me.

David Neistadt and his wife, Meredith, welcomed Chloe Michelle Neistadt to the world on January 29. Tricia Bozyk Sherno and her husband, Joseph Sherno, welcomed their second child, Mack Alexander, on June 12. Their 2-year-old, Charles, is thrilled to have a little brother. Bradley Weinstein and his wife, Sarah, welcomed their first son, Zeke Marias Weinstein, into the world this past June. They live in Seattle.

Congratulations to you all!

Finally, Kent Sherman sent in an update from Fiji: "I look forward to sharing some of the exciting things that have been going on with me and my family [which includes my wife, Karol Petreshock BC'04 and our three children]. Our 6-year-old daughter definitely got her father's height, as she is already over 5 ft. tall. We live on my native island, Fiji, however my career has taken me to some fantastic destinations all over the world. I love my job in the Ministry of Agriculture as the director of legume harvesting. Suffice to say that I am keeping busy here on the island — my scooter will surpass 200,000 km soon! I'd love to visit with classmates if they find themselves in Fiji (though it's often a destination for people on their honeymoons)."

Please see the Class Notes coming! Send an email to aeg90@

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Until next time!

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My big news is that I was married on June 19 to James David Lee of San Francisco. I'm going to use that as an excuse for having done a poor job of collecting submissions for this column. In light of that, I thought the least I could do is share the scoop on the lovely Columbians who were at our wedding.

Michael Yates Crowley was the officiant. He's officiated quite a few Columbia weddings during recent years, though this was his first on a farm in West Virginia. When he's not orchestrating major life events for his friends, he's writing plays and fiction in Brooklyn. You can catch his company, Wolf 359, at the American Repertory Theater in Cambridge, Mass., in October.

Aashti Bhartia '06 made her way to West Virginia from Delhi, India, earning her the distinction of farthest distance traveled. She runs both a restaurant (The Coast Café) and an online fashion retailer, Ogaan, in Delhi, and is always an amazing host to Columbians passing through.

Josh Hadro is the deputy director of NYPL Labs, the team working to reformat and reposition the New York Public Library for the Internet age. Word on the street is that he gives a great library tour.

Sutton Kiplinger '04 joined us from Boston, where she is

dedicating her talents to her role as Greater Boston regional director at The Food Project, a youth development organization.

There was a strong San Francisco contingent, including Rob Meyerhoff '06, who recently made us very happy by heading west after more than 10 years in New York City; Ted Summe SEAS'06, who is a San Francisco social maven with a startup named Discoverly that helps users get more out of their social networks; Laura Goode '06, who writes the column "Antiheroines" for *Bright Ideas Magazine*, where she is also a contributing editor; Pat Cushing SEAS'06, who runs WorkHands, a professional network for workers in the skilled trades; Elizabeth Dwoskin JRN'09, who covers big data for *The Wall Street Journal* and is a serious yogi; and Vanessa Carr, who in addition to being a documentary cinematographer introduced me to my now-husband via an email with the subject line, "Connection is Perfection."

Until recently, Justin Hulog '06 and Ramsey McGlazer would have been on this list, but they've just made exciting moves beyond the Bay. Justin is now in Portland, Ore., where by all accounts he is loving life and his job at Say Media, and Ramsey earned a Ph.D. in comparative literature from UC Berkeley in May and is a Pembroke Center Postdoctoral Fellow at Brown.

There is a space for your news in this column even if you weren't at my wedding. Please email me with your latest and greatest at claire.mcdonnell@gmail.com and your update will be in a future issue!

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Here are some updates from our classmates:

After two years as an organic farmer and two more as an investigative reporter for the *Arizona Daily Star* in Tucson, Emily Bregel is returning to her hometown of Baltimore, where she will be the real estate and economic development reporter for the *Baltimore Business Journal*. Emily is also the proud aunt of Piper (5) and Tener (1), and is thrilled to finally live closer to the kids and the rest of her family.

Seth Anziska GSAS'15 earned a Ph.D. in history in May and will be a lecturer (assistant professor) in Jewish-Muslim relations, with a focus on Israeli and Palestinian society and culture, at University College London starting this fall.

Jacob Rubin writes, "Hard to believe it's been a year since I got married, with Chris Belz, Matt Del Guzzo, Jimmy Mark and Rod Salguero among the groomsmen. Since then, I've been in the Bay Area investing for Lonestar Capital Management and have moved to the 'burbs like an old person. Those groomsmen have been busy, too: Rod got married in June (congrats!), Chris is working on an a cappella album, Jimmy has surprisingly taken up skateboarding and Matt might start a business focused on security (password protection emphasis). Go Columbia!"

Neeta Makhija and Nithya Nagella met in Hindi class as freshmen and now, 13 years later, are finishing their residency in ob/gyn together at the University of Washington in Seattle.

Woohoo!

A reminder: next spring will mark the 10th anniversary of our graduation. Wow! While the thought is a reminder of how old we're getting, I'm already looking forward to Alumni Reunion Weekend.

Until then, wishing you the best, and please send news! You can use the email address at the top of the column or the CCT webform college.columbia.edu/cct/submit_class_note.

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Thank you so much to everyone who submitted notes! It's nice to see all of the exciting things members of our class are up to.

Love is in the air for CC'07 ...

Tina Wadhwa is happy to announce that she married Christopher Charles Dods in a multi-day Indian/English wedding celebration in Tuscany in June. Tina continues to live in London with her husband. Stacey Hirsh SEAS'06, Sydney Spector '06 and Kate Cederbaum '06 were in attendance.

Lenora Babb Plimpton writes, "I married John Plimpton on May 30 in Sundance, Utah. In attendance were Suzanne Hopcroft Roszak and her husband, Jonny Roszak '05; and Kori Estrada and her husband, John Estrada SEAS'07. My husband and I [planned to] move to Denver this

August, where I'll start a judicial clerkship with Chief Justice Nancy Rice [of the Colorado Supreme Court]. I'm looking forward to connecting with Columbians in the Denver area!"

And on June 20, Benjamin Baker married Elise Herbruger. The ceremony was performed in St. Paul's Chapel and the reception was held in Faculty House. Among the groomsmen were Bryan Mochizuki and Jacob Olson. Also in attendance were Ben's father, Daniel Baker '76; sister, Sarah Baker '10; and friends Aaron Bruker, Arvind Kadaba and Kylie Davis.

And many classmates are starting exciting new professional chapters ...

Anna Natenzon shares, "I recently graduated from residency in ob/gyn at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and started as an attending physician at Hackensack University Medical Center in New Jersey."

James Mahon writes, "So excited to have recently graduated with my Ph.D. from Harvard! I accepted a position with Deloitte and [was planning to] move to Cobble Hill, Brooklyn, in July. Looking forward to catching up with all the Columbia folks still in New York!"

Josie Raymond (née Swindler) shares, "I've finally moved home to Louisville, Ky., with my husband, Adam (who went to NYU and was an honorary Wien resident for two years). Our daughter, Pippy, is 22 months. I'm a Kiva Fellow, working to provide domestic microloans to entrepreneurs in Louisville. We're working on getting an alumni club up and running here — please be in touch if you're nearby!"

David Greenhouse lives in London and recently started as an implementation consultant for AppNexus, a company that provides technology solutions to the digital advertising industry.

Julia Kite writes, "I am the new policy and research manager at Transportation Alternatives, a nonprofit dedicated to safer streets in New York City. I'm looking forward to helping make New York a better place to walk, cycle and otherwise get around without a car, and to putting my nerdy obsession with all things urban to good use. If you're looking to cycle in the city, I wholeheartedly recommend Redbeard Bikes in Brooklyn, which is owned by Kasia Nikhamina and her husband, Ilya."

Kathleen Reckinger shares, "This was a pretty fantastic year! Since 2011, I've been the busy gallery director of ArtsWestchester in White Plains, N.Y. In March I opened 'Crossing Borders:



Beatrice Lee '09 and Victor Chiang SEAS'09 were married last October at St. Paul's Chapel. Left to right: Wilson Li, Pik Yee Lai, Peter Fung, Andrea Chan SEAS'09, Philip Foo, Katherine Zhang '09, Steven Mon SEAS'09, Pamela Sundelacruz SEAS'09, the bride and the groom.

Memory and Heritage in a New America," an exhibition of artwork responding to the contemporary immigrant experience. As curator, I was proud the exhibition won a federal grant from the National Endowment for the Arts and was featured in a fabulous full-page spread in *The New York Times*. I'm excited to share that I was recognized as a 914INC. 'Wunderkind' for 2015 — one of 22 professionals under 30 who are making significant contributions to the business climate of Westchester County. And one final exciting announcement: My next curatorial project, 'SHE: Deconstructing Female Identity,' was also awarded a significant grant from the NEA. The show opens in March 2016; I hope to see any NYC-area alumni there!"

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When we graduated, only one state in the country recognized same-sex couples' freedom to marry. Now, seven years later, the Supreme Court confirmed what so many of us believed all along: that every American seeking the freedom to marry the person he or she loves deserves equal dignity in the eyes of the law.

Andy Schlesinger is proud to have been working for the ACLU (which was co-counsel in two of the four marriage cases that reached the Supreme Court) on decision day, and he wants to share his joy with

all his fellow LGBT alumni who can now choose to marry (or not marry!) whomever the heck they want, wherever they want.

David Henry Gerson recently earned an M.F.A. in directing from the American Film Institute in Los Angeles. He says, "My thesis film at AFI was in some way the completion of my thesis from Columbia!"

Congrats, David!

JD Stettin recently moved to Dallas to start a commercial real estate investment firm with his brother, Jessie. They relocated from their lifelong home of New York City in order to be central to their coast-to-coast investments and investors. JD loves commercial real estate and investment, and is always happy to talk with fellow Columbians. If you can't make it to Dallas for a tour of his latest office building in Dallas Arts District, you can call (917-502-0615) or email (jdstettin@carnegiecp.com) him anytime — though it is Central Standard Time these days.

Jonathan Basile created an online version of Jorge Luis Borges' *Library of Babel* (libraryofbabel.info). It contains every possible permutation of a page of text of 3,200 characters. Thus, it is a collection of everything that ever has been or could be written, including this message. And it's searchable. In total, there are about 10^4677 410-page books on the site. To put that in perspective, the universe is thought to contain about 10^80 atoms.

Applying the same principle to the visual world, he has created an image archive with every possible

combination of 4096 colors on a 640x416 pixel canvas (Babel Image Archives: babelia.libraryofbabel.info). It contains portraits of every person who ever lived at every moment in his or her life, digitized versions of every work of art ever created, even those lost to history, as well as every work of art that ever could be created, and photographs of your own birth, wedding and funeral. It contains 10^961755 images.

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Beatrice Lee and Victor Chiang SEAS'09 were married in October 2014 at St. Paul's Chapel. The couple began dating during their junior year of college and got engaged on the six-year anniversary of their first date. There to help celebrate their joyous day were many friends from Columbia, including Steven Mon SEAS'09, Katherine Zhang, Pamela Sundelacruz SEAS'09 and Andrea Chan SEAS'09.

Michael Accordino '07 and Lauren Accordino welcomed their first child, Maximus "Max" Joshua, on April 23. They are hoping he joins the Class of 2033.

On May 8, Clark Koury surprised his girlfriend of three years, Christy Polanco, by proposing during sunset on the beach in Carmel, Calif. She said yes (!). An under-

cover photographer was on site to capture some amazing pictures. They spent the weekend relaxing and celebrating with friends, including **Ralph DeBernardo** and **Kaitlyn Busler '10**, who drove down from Palo Alto, Calif. The date has not yet been set, as they are exploring wedding destinations.

David LoVerme finished his M.B.A. at Boston College in May. In his final semester, he founded a startup, **Radici Travel**, that combines his passions for history and travel. David will work on Radici full-time and also will be part of the 2015 class of the Soaring Startup Circle accelerator in Boston. Outside of work, David was excited to relive his EC201 Sunday nights with **JP McManus**, **Jared Walker**, **JP Park SEAS'09** and **Sophie Reiser** when the *Entourage* movie came out in June!

In May, **Andrea Steele '07** planned a surprise 28th birthday party for her husband, **Cody Steele**, at a bar in Brooklyn. It was a great turnout from friends and family, including married couple **Craig Hormann SEAS'08** and **Liz Hormann '08**, **Kristina George '07**, **Ula Kudelski**, **Katrina Benitez** and **Clark Koury**.

Lana Limón recently packed up her East Coast life to move back to Los Angeles, trading snowball fights for beach days. During her decade in New York City, Lana pursued graphic design and launched her own company, **Lana Limón Studio**, in 2012. She also found her niche as the assistant art director at *MAD Magazine*, making her the fifth woman to work at the publication in a creative capacity.

Lana met **Christian Douglass GS'15** two years ago while he was studying for his degree in political science and human rights at Columbia. Soon after consolidating their abodes in the Upper West Side, they celebrated another milestone by welcoming a furry son/ Caim Terrier named **Günter ("Güny")** into their home. After Christian graduated in May, the

couple and pooch packed their car to the brim and drove cross-country to the golden shores of El Lay, where they hope to live a more sandy and serene existence.

After six years of investment banking at Barclays Capital and Credit Suisse in NYC, **David Alade** moved to Detroit in late May. There he joined his best bud, **Andrew Colom '05**, to work on a company they founded last year, **Century Partners**. Their mission is to facilitate holistic community revitalization primarily through three channels:

1. sustainable residential housing development and property management;
2. grass-roots community outreach and advocacy; and
3. core competency development and empowerment through the arts.

In the summer 2014, David fell in love with the energy burning within Detroit and began financially investing in its neighborhoods. For more information on how to get involved in what David calls the most rapidly evolving — but accessible — urban space in the USA, shoot a note to david@centurypartners.org.

In July, **Winston Christie-Blick** planned to pedal his way across Europe in July as part of the Transcontinental bike race. Alongside 200 other participants, he planned to attempt to find the fastest route crossing 2,500 miles from Brussels, Belgium, to the gates of an Ottoman fortress in Istanbul. Show your support and change a life by contributing to Winston's World Bicycle Relief campaign: teamwbr.worldbicyclerelief.org/winstoncb.

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Hi, 2010. I hope all of you had a wonderful summer. While I was unfortunately unable to attend our five-year reunion in May, classmates have shared great recaps of the weekend's festivities. Let's dive straight into the notes!

Emily Lampert, our reunion programming chair, shared some highlights:

"I had a great time at reunion! I enjoyed kicking off the weekend and catching up with classmates in a less-formal setting at The Ainsworth on Thursday night. Perhaps my favorite event of the weekend was the 2010-exclusive reception before the Young Alumni Party on Friday — it was great to see our class together again in one space. Following many excellent years at the *U.S.S Intrepid*, this



Left to right: **Jordan Kobb '10**, **Carolyn Matos-Montes '12** and **Russell Kostelak '11** celebrated their 2015 graduation from Cornell Law on March 10.

PHOTO: PETER HOLST-GRUBBE

year's new venue for the Young Alumni Party, Stage 48, did not disappoint. We enjoyed four floors of dancing and drinking, and a rooftop with beautiful views.

"The reunion would not have been complete without our Class of 2010 dinner, followed by the magical Starlight Reception, on Saturday. We toasted the reunion classes with champagne and danced to a live band under a tent on Low Plaza, a fantastic way to end the weekend. Thank you to the Reunion Committee and to the Alumni Office staff for all of their hard work!

"On a personal note, I [planned to begin] pursuing an M.B.A. at Wharton in August."

Valerie Sapozhnikova shares, "It's hard to believe that we recently celebrated our fifth reunion! I had an absolute blast coming back to campus, catching up with everyone and dancing to a live band on Low Plaza. I'm really impressed by all the accomplishments and adventures of our classmates since graduation. Keep it up, Class of 2010!"

"This past semester I got engaged to my boyfriend of many years. I am happy to be back in New York for the summer after surviving a brutal winter in Boston. This summer, I was a summer associate at Cravath, Swaine & Moore. In the fall, I will return to Harvard Law for my last year of law school. If anyone is in Boston this coming school year, I would love to have another reunion!"

Alana Sivin writes, "I am a public defender in Manhattan. I love it and feel like I'm exactly where I'm supposed to be. Life is good! I'm getting great experience and am really passionate about the work that I'm doing.

"I live in Brooklyn and am happy it's summer [as I write this] so I can bike anywhere and everywhere. I had such a great time at

reunion! I was only able to go to Saturday's dinner because I was in a six-day training but it was such a blast to see people I haven't seen in years and to dance on Low Plaza. Loved hearing about my peers' accomplishments, engagements and life changes. It's amazing to see how far everyone has come."

Ahiza Garcia recently started as a staff reporter at CNNMoney, where she covers business and tech. She writes about reunion, "I had a wonderful time catching up with classmates who are doing amazing and creative things. It was so inspiring to see that people I so admire are effecting positive change in the world and are intent on making a difference in society. Columbia grads are the best!"

Arvind Ravichandran LAW'12 proposed to **Jacquelyn La Torre** the morning of reunion. She said yes! Columbia has always been the backdrop of their romance: Their courtship began six years ago in the "Intro to Swim" class, when he asked her to race.

Millie Manning was married on May 16 to **William Haberland** at The Elks at Bass Rocks in Gloucester, Mass. They honeymooned in Italy, which kept them from attending reunion. The bridal party included **Clea Litewka**. Millie and William live in Gloucester with their dog, Emma.

Last but not least, our regular update from **Chris Yim**: "The last month has been an absolute whirlwind, and I'm writing this note as I set off for my honeymoon in Banff — we're outdoorsy folks.

"The adventure started when I went to Sonoma Lake with my roommates (**Varun Gulati SEAS'10** and my [then-]fiancée, Grace) and contracted a bad case of poison oak. Over the course of a week, my entire face and groin area was decimated by that wretched plant. The worst of it

set in while I was at my bachelor party in Colorado. I woke up with swollen eyes and looked like what **Floyd Mayweather Jr.** should have looked like after his bout with **Manny Pacquiao**. Despite this setback, I had an epic Memorial Day weekend with a group of guys that I'm fortunate enough to call brothers. We tore through Denver like a Kansas tornado and found our way to Breckenridge, where we met nature and all its wonders.

"Briefly after, I landed in New York City for the Class of 2010 reunion. These were my takeaways from the reunion:

"1. It's great to be a nerd among a sea of nerds.

"2. Names came back quicker than I thought they would, and there were a lot of people who, even though I hadn't kept in touch with them or seen them during the last five years, it was genuinely super good to see and hear what they have been up to.

"3. The weather in New York could not have been any better for our brief time there. It made me very nostalgic for all the wonderful times that I had there.

"4. I went up to a guy who I thought was **Niket Pandey** and told him that he looked like a 'grown man.' He replied, 'I am a brown man!' Then we chatted for a few minutes before I realized that it was another Indian guy who looked like Niket. I later found Niket and told him this.

"5. I realized that I never had a set group of friends. I had a friend here and there from classes, a few friends from my freshman year floor (Carman 12, holler!), a few friends from being an RA and other activities, but my closest friends aren't part of a group that we formed.

"6. Congratulations to everyone who has graduated recently from school and those who are about to start school. It's an exciting journey. The only school that I could see myself going to at this point is business school, but now that I'm married, I think it's too late.

"7. The campus area has changed a little bit with new establishments but the campus itself was the same, bringing back memories of times on Low Steps, skipping class and shenanigans in various dorms. I really missed pick-up basketball and my intramural teams.

"8. I realized that not many people in our class had gotten married and that I was one of the first. As a kid from a small town in Virginia I always thought that I would get married young but after having my heart gutted in college, I grew dark and jaded. It wasn't until I met a Beyoncé-like

angel that the ice melted and I found myself engaged at 26. Love conquers all.

"9. Reunion was a special thing. Approximately 2,000 kids graduated with our class, and whether or not we knew everyone, we all brushed shoulders, crossed paths and walked on the same campus for four years — some of the most influential years of my life. We grew up together around some of the smartest, most distinguished and coolest kids in the world. We weren't the traditional type of cool, but we had edge. We got to live in New York as 18-year-olds and explore a gangly beast of a city in the prime of our youth. I grew up in college, went from being a shy, bashful kid to an adult who could speak up and for himself. I learned about God, truth and that the fear of sounding stupid is totally irrational. I learned about privilege, about intimacy and about having friends who you can truly count on for anything. I learned how to get by, how to struggle, how to pass tests and cram and I learned that that's not the way to do it. I'm not the only one who learned these lessons and some people learned different ones but we all did it on the same campus and it's because of the people we came across. I loved my time there and wouldn't trade it in for anything.

"Now, my wedding! What a beautiful day that went by too quickly. I had three groomsmen from Columbia — **Justin Leung '09**, **Zak Ringelstein '08** and **Varun Gulati SEAS'10**. We had our wedding on a farm in Winters, Calif., just a 1¼-hour drive from San Francisco. Friends from every part of our lives were in attendance. We had a Ferris wheel, and it was the most magical night of my life to date. My wife (can't believe I'm calling her that) walked out to a *Lord of the Rings* song played by a string trio, we kissed on the aforementioned Ferris wheel, walked through a lavender field, danced with our parents and were lifted up onto our friends' shoulders as 'Forever Young' played and our guests chanted 'House of Yim.' 'Twas truly a special day that I spent two days recovering from. Lots of love and thanks to our family and friends who made our day a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Never have I felt so much love. Check out photos on Instagram; hashtag #peaceloveyims.

"If I had to sum up this email in three points, I would say this: "1. Thank you, thank you, thank you. I'm undeserving of your generosity, and I hope that I'll have the opportunity to pay it forward. Challenge me to be more generous. "2. I think we have this notion sometimes that we need to be

friends with people because they're of benefit to us (it's very utilitarian), but sometimes, you can just be friends with people because you love them, because they bring out the best in you, make you laugh, remind you of memories that were really good and they get your essence. You know you're living a good life when you get the chance to surround yourself with the people you love.

"3. I'm going to butcher this, but my dentist told me that your mouth/teeth/gums are an ever-evolving, ever-shifting thing. That's why, if you've ever had braces, you need to wear your retainers. If you don't, your teeth start to shift again. And you can never stop wearing retainers because your mouth is always changing. People are like that; we're constantly changing. The importance of finding a good partner is to make sure that the retainer you're putting on your teeth is one that's going to make your smile look great (this metaphor isn't perfect). But if you're all messed up, a wreck on the inside, then the retainer itself is no good and you'll just mess that up, too. My point is, find a lady/guy who is good to you, who makes you better and fortifies you. Also make sure that you're not too selfish, self-centered and messed up; otherwise, you're no good either. Once you do find him/her, hold onto him/her for the rest of your life.

"Finally, I give this all up to the man upstairs, who made life and love possible. Even when I forget and live the hedonistic life, I know in my heart of hearts that I couldn't live and believe in humanity without believing that we needed to be saved and that someone who thought the universe of us had to do it. Lebron isn't the King. That's my homeboy, Jesus."

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It continues to be a pleasure to hear about all of 2011's successes four years out from graduation! When we aren't writing these columns,

your class correspondents have been hard at work in their respective medical endeavors. **Nuriel** is taking a year off from medical school at Stanford to learn more about policy development and **Sean** recently joined the Class of 2019 at Penn Med. If you're visiting California's Bay Area or Philadelphia, please drop one of us a line! We'd love to say hello.

Many of our classmates report new beginnings at this stage in their careers. **Kara Bess McCaleb** started a job with Goldman Sachs within its business architecture and change management subdivision. Specifically, she will work with its industrialization team to drive the adoption of global core competencies meant to bring greater efficiency and risk management capabilities to the operations division.

Michelle Yuan left the banking life at J.P. Morgan in Hong Kong for her own startup: the Asia Wedding Network Ltd. (asiaweddingnetwork.com). It's a platform for newly engaged couples to plan their wedding, connect with vendors and get expert advice on planning a wedding in Asia.

On the other side of the pond, **Sam Beck** and his wife, **Louise Beck** (née Stewart), have been living in London while Sam completes his Ph.D. and Louise is an objects conservator at the Science Museum. They planned to move back to the United States in August; Louise was to start graduate school at Johns Hopkins, doing research into the aging and preservation of 3-D printed materials. Sam will be writing up his Ph.D. and be an adjunct professor while applying for postdoctoral fellowships.

Matthew Stewart recently started graduate school at Tufts in occupational therapy (O.T.). He has been working in psychiatric rehabilitation since graduation from Columbia, where he was a counselor in a mental health and substance abuse day program in East Harlem. He hopes that studying O.T. will help him improve his skills as a mental health worker. He will also develop a new set of rehabilitative and therapeutic skills that will enable him to assist other populations with their day-to-day needs.

Past class correspondent **Colin Sullivan** recently left his role in business development at The Huffington Post and completed a spring internship at Starwood Hotels and Resorts before starting an M.B.A. at Northwestern's Kellogg School of Management this fall. Prior to journeying to Illinois in late summer, Colin planned to spend July and August traveling through Italy and Turkey with **Cindy Pan '12**. This past spring, he

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Former roommates Ben Kurland '11, Raphael Pope-Sussman '11 and Nilkanth Patel SEAS'11 met in Delhi, India, for Patel's August 2014 wedding. Left to right: Anna Arons BC'10, Alexandra Katz BC'11, Patel, Kurland, Larisa Sunderland and Pope-Sussman.

ran the Brooklyn Half Marathon with **Akhil Mehta SEAS'11** and enjoyed catching up with fellow alumni and friends at the 2015 Young Alumni Spring Benefit.

After eight years in New York City and being a consultant after graduation, **Jessica Schwartz** also planned to move to Chicago in August to attend the Kellogg School of Management. Jessica is looking forward to getting her M.B.A. alongside a few other Columbia 2011 alums. Prior to starting grad school, Jessica planned to travel in Japan and Taiwan.

Neil Pearlman is in his fourth year of living in the Boston area and touring the country (and sometimes farther afield) as a Celtic/jazz musician, both freelance and with his band, Alba's Edge, which also features Doug Berns '10 on bass and Neil's sister, Lilly Pearlman BC'14, on fiddle. This year the band released its debut album, *Run to Fly*, produced by world-renowned Scottish fiddle player and composer Aidan O'Rourke. Aidan has been a lifelong musical hero of Neil's, so

it was a major milestone both personally and professionally. They're very excited about the resulting recording, they said.

After graduation, **Kasey Koopmans** moved to Kathmandu, Nepal, to work with Save the Children through a Princeton in Asia fellowship. After a year there, she moved to Yangon, Myanmar, for a position with a local NGO via Princeton in Asia. When that wrapped up, she found a job in market and industrial research that kept her in Yangon up until a few months ago. Kasey packed her bags in April and dragged them back stateside. She planned to hike the Pacific Crest Trail for five months, with no idea what her life will hold at the end. Follow her on her blog, *The Importance of Elsewhere*: kaseykoopmans.wordpress.com.

Shira Schindel is engaged to Ron Gejman '10! They met on campus in 2007.

There are also tons of graduations to note! **Ana Bobadilla** recently graduated from an M.B.A. program at IESE Business School in Barcelona. She says it was great fun in an awesome city and looks forward to joining a rotational program with Citi (Latin American CITIzens Management Associate Program), where she will travel around Latin America for the next two years.

Zila Reyes Acosta-Grimes LAW'15 will start at Debevoise & Plimpton this fall.

Nicole Cata graduated with a J.D. from The George Washington University Law School and with an M.A. from the Elliott School of International Affairs. In September, she will start as a judicial law clerk for the U.S. Department of Justice's Executive Office for Immigration Review in New York. She also

recently attended Women's Power to Stop War's WILPF 2015 Conference, hosted by the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom in The Hague, and helped facilitate roundtable discussions about feminist peace activism on university campuses.

Alexandra Coromilas PS'15 moved to Boston to start an internal medicine residency at Massachusetts General Hospital.

In Los Angeles, **Taylor Tomczyszyn** recently received a master's in urban planning from USC. Taylor continues her work as the director of national programs for CBS EcoMedia, and is engaged to be married in fall 2016.

Kyle Robinson graduated from the University of Florida's College of Medicine with honors and matched into plastic and reconstructive surgery at the University of Tennessee at Memphis. He recently became engaged to Sarah Carey, whom he met in medical school (and who will be a pediatrics resident at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital). They are tying the knot in November 2016, in Miami.

And, of course, many Columbians continue to make positive changes in the world without making major changes in their own lives. **Dhruv Vasishtha** has begun a smoothie obsession, typically buying healthful ingredients at his local farmers market. He makes the treats in his Ninja Professional Blender every morning, when you can still hear his soul screaming.

Tanisha Dee Daniel recently celebrated her one-year anniversary as a pathologist office assistant at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. She supports a team of clinicians and researchers who are working to shed light on the varied tumor morphology that presents in the gastrointestinal tract, driving

toward personalized medicine and cancer treatment for G.I. primary and metastatic tumors. Excitingly, she added that she planned to take a reunion trip to Thailand this past summer with other Columbians, including Luwam Kidane '12, **Katherine Klymko** and **Zawadi Baharanyi**. Their friendship dates back to living in Carman on the mezzanine floor as freshmen. The annual trip started with an alternative Spring Break in New Orleans and, each year since, they've made time to reconnect and go on an adventure. Thailand will be their furthest stop yet.

Pretty awesome.

Joey Shemuel works on the social work team at an HIV clinic in San Francisco, is taking prerequisite courses to apply to public health programs, lives in a "silly" co-op in Oakland and is happily dating a geographer.

Ben Kurland and **Raphael Pope-Sussman** went to India this past summer to celebrate **Nilkanth Patel SEAS'11's** wedding. **Dino Grandoni** was supposed to come but applied for the visa too late. See the nearby photo for other attendees!

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Class of 2012, we have lots to celebrate with many graduations, new jobs and even an engagement on Low Steps!

Last Thanksgiving, **Max Banaszak** proposed to Gina Ng (University College London '11, NYU '13) on Low Steps. The two celebrated at Dinosaur Bar-B-Que with **Jason Alford**, **Morgan Fletcher**, **Anchit Nayyar**, Theo Buchsbaum '14 and Ayelet Evrony '13. Max writes, "The rest of John Jay 12 was there in spirit!"

After graduation, Max taught English in the rural countryside of Yunnan province, China, for two years, then worked in finance in Hong Kong. As of this past August, he moved to Singapore to be with Gina. There, he works in the Southeast Asian physical commodities business.

On May 15, **Sarah Engle** graduated from Georgetown with an M.A. in security studies.

Also graduating this past May, **Carolyn Matos Montes** earned a J.D. from Cornell Law along with Jordan Kobb '10, Russell Kostelak '11 and Jessica Flores '10. Carolyn writes that she is glad to have survived three brutally cold winters in Ithaca.



Left to right: Liz Lee '12, Ashley Chin '12 and Lea Siegel '13 met up at Tilden Regional Park in Berkeley, Calif., on May 30.

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Congrats to all the graduates! **Paul Hsiao** spent the summer going to various tech events with **Emily Ahn**, going to Cape Cod and visiting **Sonal Bothra** in Seattle. Paul sends best wishes to **Chuck Roberts**, who is in law school (he writes, "Who's going to rock bowties now?"), and welcomes **Alex Harstrick** back to New York from his training with the U.S. Army Reserve. Paul also entertains **James Tyson**, who is spending several years in Washington, D.C., as a fellow for the Brookings Institution, to come back to New York (his note included #drafttyson).

After living and teaching in Seoul, South Korea, **Jenn Leyva** moved to Brooklyn in August to teach seventh-grade science. She says that she is looking forward to pizza, bagels and plus-size shopping in Brooklyn.

Yin Yin Lu completed her first year as a D.Phil. (Ph.D.) student at the Oxford Internet Institute and Balliol College. Her thesis is on the rhetoric of hashtag campaigns. Outside of academia, she has been actively involved in Oxford's entrepreneurship ecosystem and in May and June participated in the Venture Idea Exploration Workshop at Saïd Business School. The event culminated on June 12 with her pitch to the audience and investors for Hashnovel, a new media publishing platform that visualizes crowd-sourced stories as branching trees. She writes, "If you're intrigued, find out more (and see the demo) at hashnovel.com. It will potentially be a new genre of literature!"

Aditya Mukerjee shared an exciting update: "The Columbia collection never ends!" After a three-month retreat at the Recurse Center (founded by Nicholas Bergson-Shilcock SEAS'08 and David Albert SEAS'09), Aditya is excited to be starting work

at Stripe, a startup that enables businesses to accept and manage online payments. He'll be joining **Dan Weinstein**, **Pierre Gergis** and even his next-door neighbor from Shapiro 3 — **Nathan Bailey**! Stripe is headquartered in San Francisco but Aditya will be staying in NYC and working remotely.

The Recurse Center, based in SoHo, is "a free, self-directed, educational retreat for people who want to get better at programming, whether they've been coding for three decades or three months." Aditya used it as a sabbatical and a chance to work on his personal projects without any distractions.

Sarah Ngu is a freelance writer, primarily producing thought leadership businesses and leaders. She lives in South Slope, Brooklyn, with Carolyn Ruvkun '13, whom she met through Nightline, Columbia/Barnard's student-run hotline.

Since graduation, **Cristina "Cha" Ramos** has appeared in numerous plays around New York City (including a staged reading of her own full-length, original play), a few short films, a couple of internationally televised dance performances and a spoken word piece or two (one in front of thousands at Madison Square Garden!). She decided to pursue training in stage combat and is now certified with recommendation from the Society of American Fight Directors in three combat disciplines. She's also taken on an administrative role at The Boston Consulting Group and says she loves the people. She is still happily living in New York City with her percussionist/entrepreneur brother, Javier Ramos '11, and four other professional musicians.

Thanks for all the awesome submissions, and keep them coming because I know I'm not the only one who enjoys hearing our classmates' news!

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Richard Sun is running for city council in his hometown of Summit, N.J. After being appointed to the city's Recycling Advisory Committee, Richard co-founded a nonprofit in Summit and has been serving the community for more than a decade.

Richard says he will bring a fresh perspective on economic development, public education and technology to the Summit city council and is committed to creating opportunities for all members of the community. Richard recently left his job at McKinsey, where he advised infrastructure and pharmaceutical clients, to devote his time to serving Summit.

Richard says his campaign is grateful to have the support of many Columbia classmates, including Alex Frouman '12 and Alex Andresian '14. To learn more, visit sunforsummit.com. You can also reach out at Richard.M.Sun@gmail.com or 908-227-9060.

Leland Gill's first book, *How to Be A Supervillain: And Love Life Doing It*, was released in July and is available on Amazon as well as other digital outlets. He is working with the publisher on scheduling signing events and convention appearances. Progress on the book can be followed at facebook.com/thevillaincorps.

Amanda Gutterman was involved with the launch of a news website and app this summer, Slant (slantnews.com). Mobli, Slant's parent company, reached out to Amanda this past March about an exciting new endeavor; when she signed on to lead the project as editorial director and build a team in New York, the idea soon evolved into Slant. Before launching Slant, Amanda was special projects editor at The Huffington Post.

Amanda describes Slant as "an innovative journalism platform that seeks to reinvent the newsroom for the digital age by blending the diversity of user-generated content while applying the most rigorous professional standards of writing and reporting." Within a week of the soft launch, she notes, the app and site reached more than 100,000 unique visitors, published more than 300 pieces of original content and was featured twice on Product Hunt. As Slant moves forward, readers can expect more growth and disruption in the media space, Amanda says.

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After working for a year in Columbia's Center for Student Advising (recently renamed the James H. and Christine Turk Berick Center for Student Advsing), leading an initiative to support first-generation students in the College and SEAS, **Chris Zombik** has moved to Shanghai to work in a private educational consulting firm. He says he is enjoying the local cuisine and learning Chinese, and reminds everyone that the Columbia network is vast — no matter where you are, you can always find Columbia folks with whom to connect!

Your classmates want to hear from you! Email updates to me at emily.dreibelbis@gmail.com or submit via college.columbia.edu/cct/submit_class_note.

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Hello, Class of 2015! I hope you all are enjoying life as Columbia College's newest alumni. It seems like just yesterday we were all feeling inspired during the Class Day and Commencement. Though it has only been a few months, I can see on Facebook, Instagram and other media that you all are up to some pretty cool things!

Kunal Mehta has set out on a plan to see as much of the world as he can before going to work. At the time of writing, he had been to Peru, Korea and Vietnam.

Ryan Rivera, **Lillian Chen** and **Michael Li** followed a similar plan, traveling extensively in South America with stops in several cities, including Rio de Janeiro, Bogotá and Lima.

As the summer winds down and many of you begin full-time employment or additional schooling, remember that it is important to stay connected to classmates and to keep everyone up to date on the happenings in our lives. Please be sure to submit updates to me at either of the addresses at the top of the column or via the CCT webform college.columbia.edu/cct/submit_class_note.



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Obituaries

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John W. Siegal Sr., retired dentist, Harveys Lake, Pa., on May 26, 2015. Born in Larksville, Pa., on May 15, 1918, Siegal was the son of Josephine Adamczyk and Walter Szezygiel. He was a football star at Larksville H.S. and later excelled with the Lions. Pairing up with Sid Luckman '39, Siegal was named All American in 1937. He was drafted by the Chicago Bears in 1939 and played five consecutive seasons, during which time the Bears won three World Championships. At the time of his passing, Siegal was the oldest living Chicago Bear and the third oldest living NFL player. While playing for the Bears, he attended Northwestern's Dental School. In 1944, Siegal served as a lieutenant in the Navy. In 1946, he declined an offer to return to the



John W. Siegal Sr. '39 (right) with Sid Luckman '39 in 1938 at Baker Field.

NFL and opened a dental practice in Plymouth, Pa. Siegal moved full-time to his summer residence at Harveys Lake in 1963 and retired from his dental practice in 1986.

He was an avid sports enthusiast, gardener and golfer. Siegal and his wife, the former Emily Ann Klimkevich, celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary before her 2009 death. Siegal is survived by his children Tara Ann Cortes and John W. Jr. '77; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by a daughter, Cheryl Lee Javer, in 2011.

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William R. Carey, reinsurance firm founder, Allendale, N.J., on July 3, 2014. Carey served actively in alumni and Class of 1942 affairs, where he held numerous leadership positions, including class president, and was recognized with a number of alumni achievement awards. As a supporter of the Columbia football team, Carey, who earned a degree

from the Business School in 1942, and his wife, Hertha Birner Carey, were fixtures at Baker Field and never gave up believing in a bright future for the Lions. One special moment was a surprise 80th birthday party thrown by his children under a tent at Baker Field prior to a home football game in 2000. Carey completed his 80th birthday weekend by riding the Cyclone roller coaster at Coney Island three consecutive times. Among his many philanthropic activities was to fund the British Isles tour for the Columbia Lions Rugby Club in the '80s. He and his wife, who predeceased him, were proud of the six College alumni in their family. Carey is survived by three children, including William R. Jr. '69, and their spouses; 21 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Don M. Mankiewicz '42, Film and Television Writer, Novelist

Don M. Mankiewicz '42, an Academy Award-nominated screenwriter and novelist, died on April 25, 2015, in Monrovia, Calif. He was 93.

The son of Herman J. Mankiewicz (Class of 1917), co-writer of *Citizen Kane*, and the nephew of Joseph L. Mankiewicz '28, a writer and director of films including *All About Eve* and *Julius Caesar*, Mankiewicz was born on January 20, 1922, in Berlin, where his father was a foreign correspondent for *The Chicago Tribune*. He grew up and attended high school in Beverly Hills. Mankiewicz enrolled at the Law School but left to join the Army; he served in military intelligence in France, Belgium and Germany.

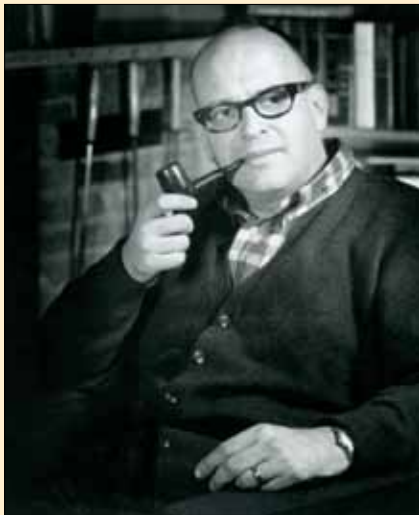
Mankiewicz published his first story in *The New Yorker* in 1945, thereafter joining the magazine as a staff writer. He wrote his first novel, *See How They Run*, in 1950. His second, *Trial*, was published in 1954 and made into a movie in 1955 starring Glenn Ford and Dorothy McGuire. That same year the novel garnered him the Harper Prize. In 1966, he published his third novel, the semi-autobiographical *It Only Hurts a Minute*, which analyzes his poker skills, said to be considerable.

In 1957, Mankiewicz was assigned to adapt F. Scott Fitzgerald's *The Last Tycoon* for the CBS television series *Playhouse 90*, which produced weekly 90-minute dramas. His script for the 1958 film *I Want to Live!* was

loosely based on the true story of Barbara Graham, a prostitute wrongly convicted of murder and put to death in California's gas chamber in 1955. Mankiewicz received an Academy Award nomination for the screenplay, an adaptation of Graham's letters and the newspaper coverage of her execution.

Mankiewicz also wrote the pilot episodes for the successful television series *Ironside*, in 1967, about a paraplegic detective, starring Raymond Burr, and the medical drama *Marcus Welby, M.D.*, in 1969, starring Robert Young. Mankiewicz contributed later episodes to both. Between 1950 and 1986, he wrote or co-wrote approximately 70 television episodes. These included a first-season episode of *Star Trek*, titled "Court Martial"; episodes of *MacGyver*, *Mannix*, *McMillan & Wife* and *Simon & Simon*; and the 1964-65 NBC series *Profiles in Courage*, adapted from President John F. Kennedy's book.

While living on Long Island, Mankiewicz was drawn to local Democratic Party politics and union activism. In 1952, he lost a race for a New York State Assembly seat but remained active in local and state politics for years. In 1966, he ran as an at-large delegate to the state constitution convention, outpolling one of New York's biggest vote-getters, Sen. Jacob K. Javits, a Republican. As a member of the Writers Guild of America, Mankiewicz helped to gain union representation for quiz-show writers.



Mankiewicz returned to California in the early 1970s. He is survived by his second wife, the former Carol Bell, whom he married in 1972; their adopted daughters, Jan Diaz and Sandy Perez; his children, John and Jane, from his first marriage to Ilene Korsen; and four grandchildren. Mankiewicz was predeceased last October by his younger brother, Frank, a top aide to presidential candidates George McGovern and Robert F. Kennedy as well as the president of NPR from 1977 to 1983.

Karl Daum '15 and Lisa Palladino

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Robert A. Shanley, professor emeritus, Springfield, Mass., on November 1, 2014. Shanley was born on June 1, 1922, in Brooklyn, N.Y. He served during WWII with the Army in the occupation duty at Okinawa, 1945-46. Shanley earned an M.A. in political science from GSAS in 1949 and a Ph.D. from Georgetown. While attending Georgetown, he held positions in the Documents Division, U.S. Congress, and later was a research assistant with U.S. Air Corps Intelligence. Shanley taught political science at Detroit and at Oglethorpe, then was a research director for the Joint Civil Agencies, in Springfield, Mass. He later was assistant director of the Bureau of Governmental Research at UMass. Shanley's 32 years of teaching and research focused on the American presidency, as well as environmental and energy politics and policies; his research focus was presidential executive orders. After retiring in 1994, Shanley volunteered for several causes; he assisted immigrants in passing their citizenship exams, read aloud to Springfield fourth graders, and worked with Meals on Wheels and Rachel's Table. Shanley was predeceased by his wife, Charlotte Belenky Shanley; and brother, James V. He is survived by his cousin, Walter Strohmeyer; nieces, Gloria Rothman and Susan Haskell; and nephew, Neil Belenky.

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Donald C. Adrian, retired ob/gyn, Liberty, N.Y., on March 26, 2014.

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1940 Harry Kosovsky, physician, Englewood, N.J., on January 16, 2015.

1947 John F. Lippman, Springfield, Va., on March 22, 2015.

1948 David N. Brainin, attorney, New York City, on June 13, 2015.

George W. Buffington, Japanese translation consultant, Mill Valley, Calif., on August 7, 2014.

Robert E. Colwell, advertising agency founder and owner, Old Tappan, N.J., on March 2, 2015.

Joseph A. Mangano, retired physician, Raleigh, N.C., on November 7, 2014.

1950 Daniel Malcolm, retired physician, Tenafly, N.J., on June 13, 2015.

Kenneth H. Milford, retired publishing executive, flutist, New York City, on July 18, 2015.

George T. Rozos, professor emeritus of philosophy, Brooklyn, N.Y., on July 1, 2015.

1951 James B. "Tex" McNallen, Goodyear, Ariz., on May 25, 2015.

Robert G. Spiro, professor emeritus of biological chemistry and medicine, Sudbury, Mass., on May 16, 2015.

1952 Matthew Rosenshine, retired university professor, State College, Pa., on June 11, 2015.

1953 Elliot J. Brebner, Bridgewater, N.J., on November 10, 2014.

1954 Robert A. Reynolds, retired VP of finance, Oxford, Md., on April 22, 2014.

Jay W. Seeman, attorney, New York City, on June 23, 2015.

William C. Rindone Jr., retired attorney, Clayton, Del., on March 11, 2015.

1955 George F. Fickeissen, Santa Ana, Calif., on November 18, 2014.

1956 Arthur E. House Jr., retired educator, Franklin, W.Va., on May 29, 2015.

1957 Carl I. Margolis, physician, Rockville, Md., on July 27, 2015.

1958 Charles A. Goldstein, art restitution attorney, New York City, on July 30, 2015.

Richard M. Zakheim, physician, Miami, Fla., on July 25, 2015.

1959 Arthur I. Newman, retired executive search firm executive, Houston, on September 21, 2014.

George P. Spelios, Bayside, N.Y., on June 24, 2015.

1962 Barry H. Leeds, retired English professor, Bristol, Conn., on April 15, 2015.

1964 Robert A. Levy, retired professor of architecture, Syracuse, N.Y., on December 28, 2014.

1967 Jeffrey A. Newman, litigator, Bronx, N.Y., on March 17, 2015.

Born on June 30, 1926, in New Jersey, Adrian was a member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Liberty, a 65-year member of the Rising Sun Lodge No. 15 F&AM in Haddonfield, N.J., and a Navy veteran. Survivors include his daughters, Jennifer Fallet and her husband, Michael, and Lisa Adrian Davies; and three grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Carol J., and son, Donald C. Jr. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church Restoration Fund, 24 Chestnut St., PO Box 1063, Liberty, NY 12754.

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Alfred P. Rubin, retired professor, Belmont, Mass., on November 30, 2014. Rubin was a professor of public international law at The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts from 1973 to 2002. Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., on October 13, 1931, he graduated from Stuyvesant H.S. and earned a J.D. from the Law School in 1957. His studies were

interrupted by service in the Navy, from 1952 to 1955. While at Columbia, Rubin was a nationally ranked foil fencer. He attended Jesus College, Cambridge University (England), and earned an M.Litt. While at Cambridge, he met his wife, Susanne (née Frowein); they married in 1960. Rubin began his career in 1961 as an attorney in the legal department of the Department of Defense, advancing to director of trade control in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense. In 1967, he accepted an appointment to Oregon Law, where he taught until his appointment to Fletcher in 1973. There, in 1993, he was selected as the first recipient of the James L. Paddock Cup for teaching excellence. Rubin authored the books *Ethics and Authority in International Law*; *The Law of Piracy*; *The International Personality of the Malay Peninsula*; and *Piracy, Paramouncy, and Protectorates* in addition to articles, notes and reviews. He is survived by his wife as well as his children,

Conrad, Anna and Naomi, five grandchildren; and brother, Sander.

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Otto H. Olsen, professor emeritus, Gainesville, Fla., on December 4, 2014. A first-generation Norwegian-American, Olsen grew up in Schenectady, N.Y. As a young man he served in the U.S. Merchant Marine, licensed to pilot any ship



Otto H. Olsen '57

Andrew D. Hyman '88, Healthcare Advocate

Andrew D. Hyman '88, a government official, healthcare advocate and philanthropic leader, died on February 24, 2015. He was 49 and lived in Princeton, N.J.

Hyman was born on January 21, 1966, and grew up in Englewood, N.J. He graduated from Horace Mann H.S., majored in history at the College and graduated from Fordham Law in 1991, after which he joined Bill Clinton's first presidential campaign. Hyman served in the Clinton administration for eight years, first as special assistant to the general counsel of the Department of Health and Human Services, headed by Secretary Donna Shalala, and later as the HHS assistant secretary for intergovernmental affairs. From 1998 to 2001, Hyman was the deputy director and then director of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs at HHS, serving as Shalala's liaison to state, local and tribal governments. His work at HHS also included efforts to combat tobacco use, implement the Children's Health Insurance Program and advise the secretary on Medicaid.

Hyman next served as director of government relations and legislative counsel for the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors, which represents the public mental health systems in every state. In that role, he sought to advance policies that secure positive health outcomes and full community participation for individuals with mental disorders.

In 2006, Hyman joined the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, where he worked with policy experts, researchers and advocates to help state and national policymakers to enact and implement policies designed to expand coverage. He also worked with the foundation's staff to develop a strategy and design programs to address violence and its impact on children and



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families, with a particular focus on mental health.

Hyman's passion was ensuring that everyone in America, especially the poor and the underserved, has the coverage necessary to access high quality health care — physical, behavioral or both. He worked tirelessly to create the State Health Reform Assistance Network to help states implement the coverage provisions of the health care law.

Hyman also made sure that consumer advocates had seats at the tables where decisions are made. To that aim, he helped establish

Consumer Voices for Coverage, a national program designed to strengthen the role consumer advocates play in state health reform efforts.

A committed board member of HiTOPS, a Princeton-based organization promoting the health and well-being of young people through prevention, education and support groups, Hyman also was active in several philanthropic and Jewish organizations.

Hyman's family and good friends are raising an endowment to create nonprofit and government internship opportunities for students. If you have comments or questions regarding participation, contact Jim McMenamin, senior associate dean for Columbia College development and senior director for principal gifts: 212-851-7965 or jtm2@columbia.edu.

Hyman is survived by his children, Lily and Nathaniel; parents, Valerie and Dr. Allen Hyman '55; brothers, Joshua '85, PS'90 and his wife, Elizabeth, and Jonathan and his wife, Susan, and their families; and former wife, Molly Chrein.

A memorial is scheduled for Thursday, October 15, at 4 p.m. in the P&S Alumni Auditorium, 650 W. 168th St., First Fl. Shalala is scheduled to speak.

Lisa Palladino

of any tonnage on any ocean. He served in WWII in the Atlantic, Pacific and Mediterranean. Olsen earned a Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins and became a professor of history and a renowned historian of the Civil War and Reconstruction. He taught at UNC - Chapel Hill, Old Dominion, George Mason, Morgan State, Wisconsin - Madison and Northern Illinois University, from which he retired as a professor emeritus after serving as chair of the history department from 1985 to 1991. Olsen, an avid fisherman, is survived by his wife of 65 years,

Corinne Mikkelsen Olsen; son and daughter-in-law, Stephen Olsen and Susan Bockenbauer; daughter and son-in-law, Amy and Ian Hanigan; two grandchildren; and sister, Elisabeth Jackson. He was predeceased by his sister, Gurd Young, and brother, Earl. Memorial contributions may be made to the National Audubon Society or to the American Civil Liberties Union.

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Anthony J. Forlano Sr., retired hotel and hospitality management worker, Mount Pleasant, S.C., on

December 13, 2014. Forlano was born on June 20, 1940, in New York City. After the College, he was commissioned in the Marine Corps and served during the Vietnam War. Forlano entered civilian life after earning a degree in hotel and hospitality management from Cornell and continued in that industry for the majority of his career. He was also an ordained brother in the Grey Robes Monks of St. Benedict. Forlano is survived by his wife of 12 years, Leslie Graham Forlano; son, Anthony J. Jr. and his wife, Mary; daughter,

Danielle Forlano Galluccio, and her husband, Doug; sister, Diane C.; four grandchildren; and many cousins. He was, until the moment of his passing, a proud patriot and fiercely proud Marine officer. Memorial contributions may be made to Wounded Warrior Project (woundedwarriorproject.org) or to Water Missions International (my.watermissions.org/donate).

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David S. Chessler, retired economist, Waltham, Mass., on November 19, 2014. Born on March 16, 1942, in Brooklyn, N.Y., Chessler graduated from Thomas Jefferson H.S. and earned two degrees in economics from Columbia: a bachelor's and a Ph.D. (GSAS, 1974). After his academic career, Chessler worked for the FCC and later ran his own consulting company. A lifelong learner who was passionate about reading, Chessler also loved the outdoors and was active in the Boys Scouts of America as a leader for many years. He enjoyed camping trips with his family and summer vacations to Orr's Island, Maine. Chessler also enjoyed cooking for his family and friends, and never met a home improvement challenge he couldn't master. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Christiane (née Larbaletrier); son, Marc, and his wife, Amy; daughter, Anne-Danielle Gierahn, and her husband, Todd; brother, Michael, and his wife, Heinke Forfota; and five grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the Columbia College Fund (college.columbia.edu/alumni/give/ways) or Good Shepherd Community Care (hospice) of Newton, Mass.

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Correction

The Summer 2015 obituary for Donald R. Pevney '54 was missing some information for his survivors. His brother, Bruce, is a member of the Class of 1962; his daughter Donna Masterson is a member of the Barnard Class of 1982 and the Law School Class of 1985; and her husband, John Masterson, is a member of the Class of 1983. In addition, Pevney's years of service in the Navy were incorrect; they were 1954-63. CCT apologizes for the errors.

Alumni Corner

(Continued from page 88)

was slain in 1804 at 47 (maybe 49) in a pistol duel in New Jersey by Vice President Aaron Burr, it pretty much closed the book on whatever unlikely chances he had to become our nation's chief executive.

But in his all-too-short life, Hamilton's achievements were assuredly on par with other achievements of Founding Fathers who ascended to the presidency. After all, he served bravely as an artillery captain at the Battle of Trenton and later as a general and close confidante to Washington during the American Revolution.

In addition to being the first Treasury secretary, Hamilton also created our central banking system, is credited with the establishment of Wall Street and its stock exchanges, founded the Federalist Party, campaigned successfully for the adoption of the Constitution, fought against slavery, wrote many of the Federalist Papers, was instrumental in founding the Coast Guard, got the U.S. Mint established, argued incessantly but productively with Jefferson, Madison and Adams (not withstanding *l'affaire Burr*) and helped craft Washington's Farewell Address.

So now comes Treasury, ready to ax its founder in favor of a deserving woman — perhaps Harriet Tubman, Rosa Parks or Eleanor Roosevelt. Featuring a woman on our paper money for the first time in almost 1½ centuries is a commendable idea and needs to be done. But at Hamilton's expense? For shame!

A better target would be Andrew Jackson, whose portrait is on the \$20 bill and whose track record includes the Trail of Tears that evicted Native Americans from their ancestral lands, along with making a tidy little profit from slave trading. (Jackson reportedly kept hundreds of slaves at his Hermitage

plantation near Nashville.) He deserves to go, not Hamilton.

Treasury Secretary Jack Lew (who ironically holds the post created by Hamilton) says that the \$10 bill has been slated for an anti-counterfeiting redesign for some time and, as part of the process, an opportunity arose to honor a deserving woman with the central portrait while still recognizing Hamilton in some undetermined way. But when Treasury made the announcement in 2013 that the 10-spot was up for redesign, nothing was said about taking aim at Hamilton. That makes it either an odd omission from the original announcement or a more recent decision that warrants explanation and consideration beyond the convenience of timing.

Others are with me — notably a grassroots organization called “Women on 20s,” which has been campaigning for a woman to replace Jackson on the \$20 bill since late last winter. This solution also was endorsed by *The New York Times* in a July 4 editorial. However, as things stand now, Hamilton won't keep his star billing on the sawbuck while “Old Hickory” continues in undiminished glory on the \$20 bills dispensed to us by ATMs in never-ending profusion.

It's enough to make a statue weep.



Bob Orkand '58 entered with the Class of 1954 and graduated while serving in the Army. He retired as a lieutenant colonel of infantry; from Knight-Ridder Newspapers as president and publisher of the Centre Daily Times in State College, Pa.; and as a high school teacher in Texas. He writes a weekly opinion column for his local paper, The Huntsville (Texas) Item, where an earlier version of this article appeared; it is reprinted and adapted with the Item's permission.



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| 3. William V. Campbell '62, TC'64 | 6. Norries Wilson | 9. Lou Little |
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ALUMNI CORNER

Who Needs Change for a \$10 Bill?

BY BOB ORKAND '58

I graduated from a college in Manhattan that a wag once described as a seat of learning nine blocks south of the Apollo Theater in Harlem.

Arriving for class at Columbia each morning a few minutes before 9, I'd pass a bronze statue of Alexander Hamilton (Class of 1778) that stood 14 ft. tall mounted on a formidable pedestal in front of the academic and administrative building bearing his name and where many of my classes took place.

I think he frowned more than once at the sophomore casualness with which I was under-applying myself to what should have been a quality educational experience. After all, my professors were some of the greats in their fields, namely Mark Van Doren GSAS'21, Lionel Trilling '25, GSAS'38 and Jacques Barzun '27, GSAS'32 as well as lesser-known but equally brilliant scholars and teachers such as Charles Everett GSAS'32, Richard Chase, Quentin Anderson '37, GSAS'53 and George Nobbe.

At my tender age, I lacked the maturity to recognize and appreciate the wisdom and depth of knowledge to which I was being exposed and, for my troubles, ended up during my senior year receiving a "greeting" and calling from my "friends and neighbors" on the local draft board to undergo a different type of edu-



cational experience with a large nonprofit organization known as the United States Army.

After I'd been commissioned and had served the first of what would be three duty tours in Asia, Uncle Sam allowed me to return to Columbia (at my own expense, of course) to complete the final semester I needed to qualify for my B.A.

As I returned to Hamilton Hall after a four-year absence, I was convinced the statue out front looked down at me — still holding, apparently, the same sheaf of papers in his left hand and striking his chest with his right — as if to say, "See, smarty pants, if you hadn't been so lazy and unappreciative of what was being offered, you might by now have risen to become an English instructor in this very building, instead of needing eight whole years to earn your B.A."

As you can see, my relationship with Hamilton is a close, personal one that goes back many years, and I'm one of those who's aghast at the recent and misguided initiative by the Treasury Department (which Hamilton founded in 1789, for heaven's sake) to more or less bump him off our \$10 bill.

The statue celebrates one of Columbia's earliest students, who became one of our nation's Founding Fathers. Hamilton, in fact, might very well have been one of our early Presidents except for accidents of birth and death.

He was born in 1755 (maybe 1757) in the British West Indies, the illegitimate progeny of a married woman and her wealthy par amour, but despite his many qualifications was rendered ineligible at birth for the U.S. presidency because he wasn't a natural-born citizen. This was stipulated by Article II, Section 1 of the very Constitution he was instrumental in getting adopted. And when he

Featuring a woman on our paper money needs to be done. But at Hamilton's expense? For shame!

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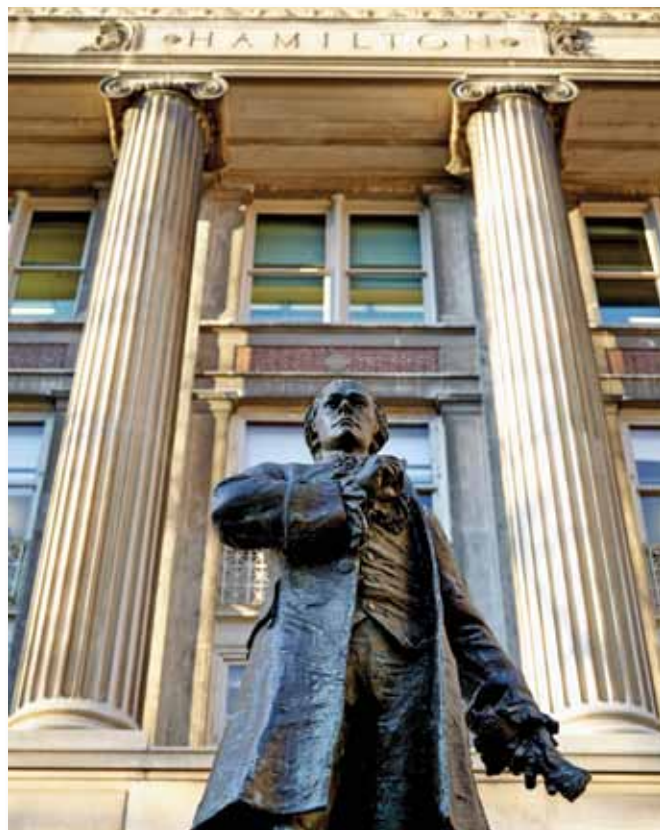


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Name That Coach

Al Bagnoli, the Patricia and Shepard Alexander Head Coach of Football, is the 20th man to lead the Lions since the team first played intercollegiate football in 1870 (albeit for the first 29 years, Columbia did not see the need for a football coach). Test your knowledge of Columbia's gridiron leaders.

1. Who was Columbia's first head football coach?
2. What coach holds the records for most games coached and most wins in Columbia history?
3. Who coached the Lions from 1974 to 1979 and later served as chair of Columbia's Board of Trustees?
4. Aside from Lou Little, who coached the Lions from 1930 to 1956, two other men coached Columbia for more than 10 seasons. Name them.
5. After leaving Columbia in 1973, he later coached at Princeton for seven seasons. Name him.
6. What former Columbia head coach is now the assistant head coach/running backs coach at Rutgers?
7. He coached the Lions for 14 seasons, including their last two winning campaigns (1994 and 1996). Name him.
8. Who coached at Columbia in 1985 and is the father of the current head coach of the Dallas Cowboys?
9. Who was Columbia's coach during the official first season of the Ivy League in 1956?
10. What coach holds the best winning percentage in Columbia history?

Answers on page 87.

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