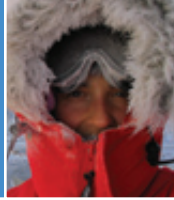




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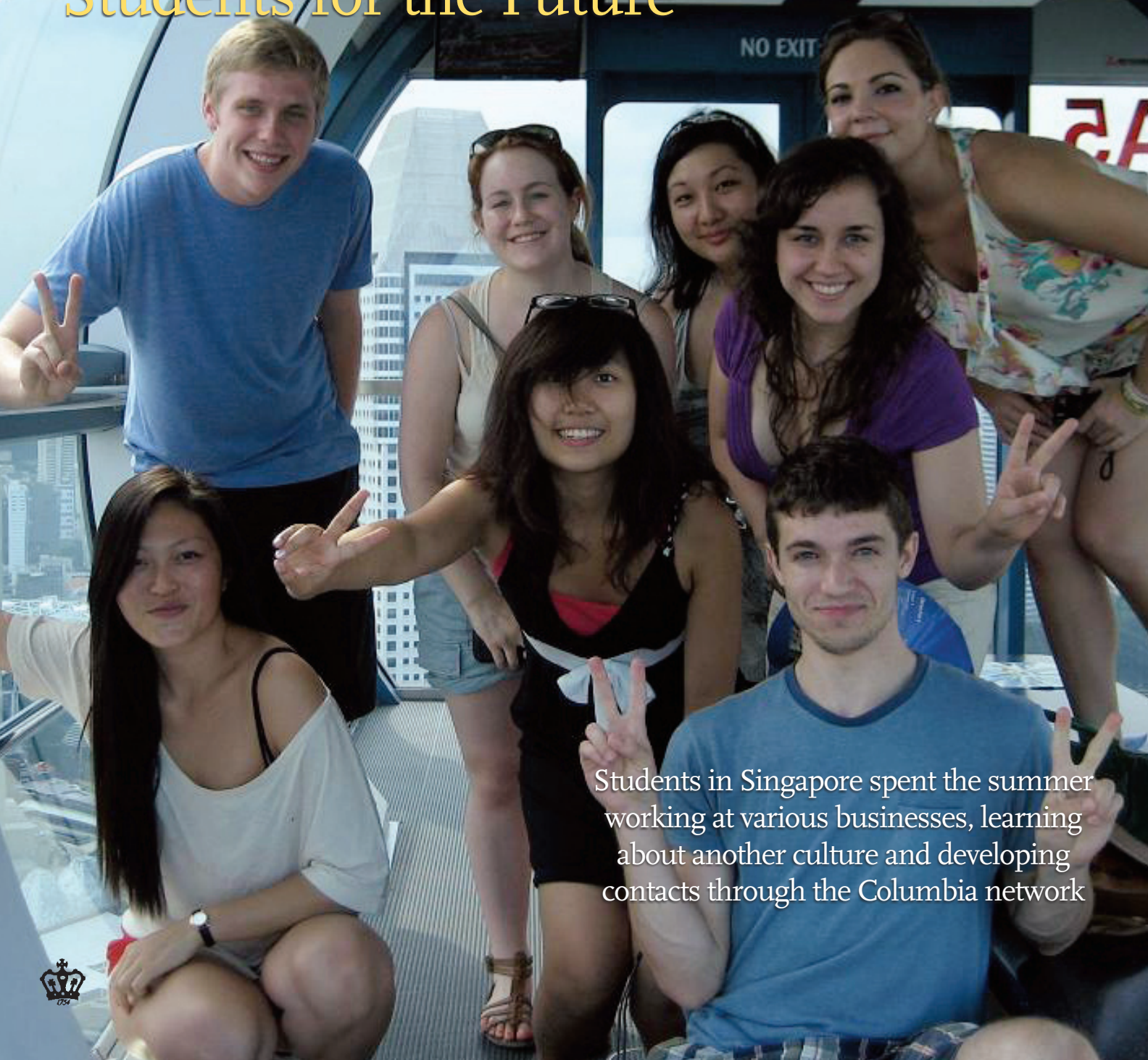
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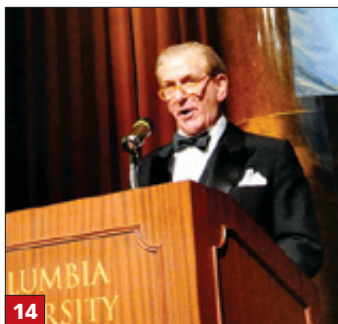
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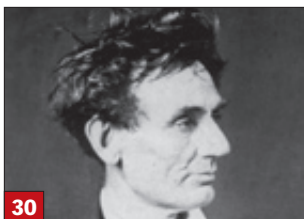
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Letters to the Editor

Kyle Smith

Your article on Kyle Smith [November/December] was terrific. He sure has a great attitude. I met him on my last trip to New York and was impressed. I have a gut feeling he will get the job done at Columbia.

Unfortunately, when he does we'll probably lose him to a higher-paying school... But till then, it should be a fun ride.

Good job.

Bob Reiss '52
BOCA RATON, FLA.

[Editor's note: The author is a three-time letter-winner in basketball and a member of the 1950–51 team that went 23–0 before losing to Illinois in the NCAA tournament.]



This letter is in regard to your article concerning the new men's head basketball coach, Kyle Smith. You mentioned that Columbia last won the Ivy League crown in 1968. Also mentioned was the 1950–51 team that won the Eastern Intercollegiate Basketball Conference title, the forerunner of the Ivy League, which was created in 1954 and began competition in 1956–57.

Permit me to mention that the 1946–47 basketball team, of which I was an active member, won the Eastern Intercollegiate Basketball Conference title as well. The same team won the following year, 1947–48, for the first successive titles in the long history of Columbia basketball. I was no longer on the 1947–48 team, as I had transferred to Harvard Medical School on professional option. After completing that year, I was placed in the 1948 Columbia College graduating class.

Dr. Murray Strober '48
PASSAIC, N.J.

Agony of Defeat

Why in the name of whatever have we not been able to win a basketball or football championship since the 1960s? We won one in basketball in 1968, the Jim McMillian '70 and Haywood Dotson '70, '76L years, where Columbia was nationally ranked only to lose to Davidson in the NCAA tournament on a poor referee call in the final 10 seconds. And we won one in football in 1961, the Tom Vassal '62, Russ Warren '62, Bill Campbell '62, '64 TC

and Tom Haggerty '62 year where we only lost to Princeton but won the Ivy League championship anyway.

Must we wait 100 years or so before we have championship seasons? Every other Ivy school has been able to win or share at least five Ivy football or men's basketball championships, while Columbia has won only those two. Something is very wrong. We need people who can bring home winning seasons and championships. The poor players cannot go through the agony of defeat year after year, and we cannot expect good players to come to Columbia. Do something about this Greek tragedy before we lose the

two major sports through the agony of constant defeat.

Theodore Calvin Martin '60
NEW CITY, N.Y.

Student Life

I read with interest the article about improved student services at Columbia [September/October]. In my senior year, I wrote a series of columns in *Spectator* gently poking fun at the low quality of student services. The columns about health services and career services prompted earnest conversations with well-meaning administrators seeking ideas on how to improve; other columns (dining services, faculty advising) didn't even accomplish that much. But nobody wrote in to say that I was wrong in my assessment of service quality.

I always thought that administrative indifference actually had many positive effects on student life at Columbia; it forced students to be resilient, and in many instances united us against a common enemy (a distraction from the more common practice of aiming ill-advised barbs at each other). It also prepared us for a post-graduation world in which shabby customer service was and is the norm. But on balance, of course, it's a huge step forward for the institution to be providing better student services, and I certainly commend those at the University and College involved in the effort.

Elliot Regenstein '94
RIVER FOREST, ILL.

WITHIN THE FAMILY

Working Adds To College Experience

Internships, summer jobs or part-time jobs during the school year can be a valuable part of the college experience and can help prepare students for life in the “real world.” Our cover story highlights the growing number of internships available to students under the auspices of the Center for Career Education. The programs offer students a chance to gain work experience, clarify their career plans and enhance their prospects for landing a post-college job, and to do so in locations around the globe.

The article also illustrates how much one Columbia office has changed through the years. This is not your father’s job placement office. Even the name, Center for Career Education, is indicative of its focus on educating students for their careers. CCE hosts career fairs, networking events and conferences in a variety of industries to provide students with opportunities to explore different fields of interest and make connections with alumni and potential employers. CCE staffers, through seminars, workshops and one-on-one instruction, coach students on everything from resume-building to effective networking to what not to wear on a job interview. They work with students “before they arrive on campus, through senior year and as alumni,” says Dean of Career Education Kavita Sharma.

It’s a more comprehensive approach from what I remember as a student. Granted, I wasn’t the most aggressive student in reaching out for career assistance; my idea of long-term planning was figuring out what I was going to do next weekend. Even today’s CCE, which does plenty of campus advertising and outreach, can’t help students who don’t take the initiative to seek it out.

I recall an office, perhaps located in Kent Hall, dedicated to helping students find jobs, whether for post-graduation or summer employment. Its best resource for me was a bulletin board with 3x5 index cards listing summer job

possibilities. I got two summer jobs off that bulletin board, and both proved valuable in shaping my career — even though my experiences in those jobs were decidedly mixed.

The first job was with a civil engineering company where I was a go-fer, helping wherever needed. I had just completed my first year at Columbia, where I started out in the Engineering School, and I was having second thoughts about whether this was the right direction for me. Spending a summer working with engineers and draftsmen, seeing what they did from 9 to 5, confirmed those doubts. So even though the job did not work out especially well, it was a valuable learning experience in that it taught me what I did not want to be.

The next summer I landed a job with a small trade magazine that covered the audio equipment industry (the big news was the battle between cassettes and eight-tracks). I had transferred to the College by then and was spending most of my time at *Spectator*, and this job turned out to be a great introduction to magazine publishing. It was basically a one-man shop, and the one man was thrilled to hire an eager college student to mind the shop during the summer so he could pursue his passion, which was concert promoting. I got to do everything on that magazine, from writing and editing to fact-checking, photo research and proofreading. I managed to not mess it up too badly and got hired for a second summer, after which I knew that I could be happy in a career that involved writing, editing and publishing.

The point is, summer or part-time jobs can be very beneficial, whether or not they are positive at the time. They are learning experiences, exposing students to possible careers or perhaps helping them scratch one off the list. A vibrant Center for Career Education and a growing network of supportive alumni enhance the chances of these formative jobs working out well, both short-term and long-term.



Growing older beats the alternative, to be sure, but one of the prices that must be paid is the loss of friends and colleagues.

Seth Neugroschl ’40, longtime class correspondent, died on November 4. Seth was an intelligent, thoughtful gentleman who often devoted space in his column to urge classmates to think about what type of legacy their generation was leaving to their children and grandchildren. It’s a question that should not be lost with his passing, for members of his class and all others.

Bill Shannon arrived at the College in 1959 but did not graduate — one friend said he was “too busy going to sports events.” He did find time to help out the sports information office at Columbia, where he discovered his calling. If you worked in sports in New York during the past 40 years, you knew Bill as a press box presence, the official scorer for the New York Yankees and Mets, a correspondent for various media outlets, and a fountain of knowledge and witticisms. I last saw him in the press box at Robert K. Kraft Field, where he was regaling younger writers in his stentorian voice. Not long ago he moved to New Jersey to help care for his aging mother, and on October 26 he died there in a house fire.

Two others whom I knew well from my sports days also died recently — Matt Dobek, public relations director for the Detroit Pistons for 31 years, and Phil Jasner, a sports writer for the *Philadelphia Daily News* since 1972. They were two of the most popular and capable people on the media end of pro basketball, part of a small fraternity that saw the NBA grow from a struggling mom-and-pop league to a thriving, global entity. Each played a role in that growth; more importantly, each had fun doing it and made being part of that fraternity more enjoyable for all. They are missed.

Alex Sarhara

AROUND THE QUADS

John Jay Awards Dinner To Honor Five Accomplished Alumni

Five alumni who have excelled in their careers each will be presented a 2011 John Jay Award for distinguished professional achievement on Wednesday, March 2, at the annual John Jay Awards Dinner.

This year's honorees are Andrew Barth '83, president, Capital Guardian Trust; Alexander Navab '87, partner and co-head of North American Private Equity, Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co.; Kenneth Ofori-Atta '84, executive chairman and co-founder, Databank Financial Services; Michael Oren '77, Israeli ambassador to the United States; and Elizabeth D. Rubin '87, a journalist.

They will be feted at a black-tie dinner at Cipriani 42nd Street on New York City's East Side. The dinner proceeds benefit the John Jay Scholars Program, which aims to extend and enhance academic and



Cipriani 42nd Street will host the John Jay Awards Dinner again this year.

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extracurricular experiences for outstanding first-year College students. John Jay Scholars are offered the opportunity to participate in special programs such as panels, discussions and outings.

Speakers at the dinner will include President Lee C. Bollinger, Dean Michele

Moody-Adams and an accomplished student participating in the John Jay Scholars Program, as well as the honorees.

The event is named for founding father and first secretary of the treasury John Jay (Class of 1764), and the awards showcase the accomplishments of the alumni population and the variety of careers that they pursue. Last year's honorees, for example, were attorney Brian C. Krisberg '81, financiers Frank Lopez-Balboa '82 and Tracy V. Maitland '82, the Meyer Schapiro Professor of Art History David Rosand '59 and stage and film actress Julia Stiles '05 (college.columbia.edu/cct/may_jun10).

For more information on the dinner, contact Meghan Eschmann, associate director of alumni affairs: me2363@columbia.edu or 212-851-7399.

Lisa Palladino

Successful Columbia Campaign Expanded

A \$1 billion expansion of the highly successful Columbia Campaign was announced in early December. Priorities for the expanded Columbia Campaign for Undergraduate Education, which is part of the overall Columbia Campaign, include financial aid, Core assistant professorships and other faculty enhancements, new programs for international students, advising in Student Affairs and the Center for Career Education, and the Columbia College Annual Fund.

"All are vitally important to the future of the College," said Dean Michele Moody-Adams. "Need-blind admissions and full-need financial aid are crucial to maintaining the College's remarkable diversity, and outstanding faculty teaching in modern facilities help attract highly qualified students to apply in ever-rising numbers, both domestically and globally."

More than 160,000 alumni, parents and friends have donated nearly \$4 billion through the Columbia Campaign since its inception in 2004, making it one of the most

successful fundraising and alumni-outreach efforts in the history of higher education. With the original \$4 billion goal in sight, the University announced that it would expand the goal to \$5 billion and extend the campaign through December 2013.

Since the campaign began, changes in financial aid policy — including the replacement of loans by grants for undergraduates from lower-income families — have put a strain on the budget. The College is one of the few schools in the nation to maintain a need-blind admissions policy; to make this work it must be accompanied by full-need financial aid, so as to ensure the College is affordable to all those who are admitted. More than \$700 million has been raised for financial aid University-wide as part of the Columbia Campaign, including a \$400 million pledge in 2007 from John W. Kluge '37, the largest donation ever for financial aid. Part of the Kluge gift is being used to create matching programs that have spurred dozens of others to give for financial aid.

In addition, roughly half of the money donated to the Columbia College Annual Fund is used to support financial aid.

Since the start of the campaign, the University has created 134 endowed professorships. These prestigious positions honor distinguished teachers and scholars and help the University recruit outstanding faculty, which directly improves the undergraduate educational experience.

Facilities have long been a challenge for Columbia, which has the fewest square feet per student of any Ivy. The opening of the interdisciplinary science tower on the northwest corner of the Morningside campus will significantly upgrade teaching and laboratory space in the sciences. In addition, when new buildings are completed on the Manhattanville campus for the School of the Arts, the Business School and the Law School, it should free up additional space for undergraduate education on the Morningside campus.

For more on the Columbia Campaign expansion, go to <http://momentum.columbia.edu>.

Bollinger's Term Extended Five Years

BY ALEX SACHARE '71

Lee C. Bollinger has agreed to continue as president of the University at least through 2015, the Board of Trustees announced. The five-year extension comes at a time when the University has reached several important milestones, completing the core Morningside Heights campus with the opening of the interdisciplinary Northwest Corner Building at Broadway and 120th Street and beginning to lay the foundation of a new campus in Manhattanville.

In a statement on behalf of the Board of Trustees, chair William V. Campbell '62, '64 TC said, "Across this large and diverse university, we see a place where talented students want to study, accomplished faculty want to teach and do research, world leaders want to speak and skilled professionals want to work. Lee has recruited and empowered a remarkable array of academic deans and executive talent who are driving both intellectual excellence and solid institutional management.

"Under his stewardship, we have not only maintained our fiscal stability during a period of great economic turbulence, we have achieved a level of scholarship and creativity across the institution that — despite far less space and far fewer dollars than our best-endowed peers — has again made Columbia one of the most exciting places in all of higher education."

In a statement, Bollinger said, "Every day I am privileged to witness the extraordinary accomplishments of our faculty, students, alumni and staff. It is a unique community, situated in an extraordinary city, and committed simultaneously to open-minded reflection, spirited debate and constructive action. Columbia has come a long way. But its potential for the future is even greater, and I am extremely happy to be able to contribute to the realization of that potential."

In an interview with *Spectator*, Bollinger reflected on Columbia's move from midtown to Morningside Heights and said, "I look back to 1895. Seth Low had a little ceremony to put the cornerstone down for Low Library. That was the beginning of a 17-acre expansion for the University. One hundred fifteen years later, we are about to open the last building that began with the cornerstone."

At the same time, shovels are breaking ground in Manhattanville, a project

Bollinger introduced in 2003 and steered through the extensive city and state approval processes during the next six years. Now, site preparation is underway for the Jerome L. Greene Science Center, the future home of the University's interdisciplinary Mind, Brain and Behavior Initiative. In March 2006, Dawn M. Greene and the Jerome L. Greene ['26, '28L] Foundation announced a \$250 million gift to help underwrite the first, major new building in Manhattanville. Earlier this fall Henry R. Kravis '69 Business pledged \$100 million for a new home for the Business School on the Manhattanville campus. "My view has always been that big gifts follow big ideas, or big gifts are attracted to big ideas," Bollinger told *Spectator*.

Bollinger came to Columbia in 2002 after successfully leading the public defense of the University of Michigan's affirmative action programs, which were the subject of twin U.S. Supreme Court cases that upheld and clarified the importance of diversity in higher education. His tenure at Columbia has not been without controversy, perhaps most notably his defense of the School of

International and Public Affairs' invitation to President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and his tough introduction of the Iranian leader in 2007, as part of the World Leaders Forum, one of Bollinger's initiatives to raise Columbia's status as a center for discussion of global challenges. As part of this effort, Bollinger also launched the Committee on Global Thought, several Columbia Global Centers in different locations around the world and new academic partnerships with institutions abroad. On campus, he created the Columbia Arts Initiative to enhance the arts as a part of student life and the University experience and recruited a diversity of dynamic new deans at schools across campus. Bollinger's administration has steered the University through the economic recession with greater stability than many peer institutions and led a record \$4 billion fundraising campaign that is being expanded after reaching its goal a year ahead of schedule.

In his statement, Campbell concluded that the trustees "have every reason to maintain the continuity of Lee's principled leadership."

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Peer-to-Peer Solicitations Get Under Way



Dean Michele Moody-Adams (left) took questions from Julie Menin '89 about the state of the College.

Adams was interviewed by Julie Menin '89 about the state of the College. Attendees then headed to Hamilton Hall classrooms for breakout sessions on specific fundraising topics, such as reunion giving and how to "make the ask." The program concluded with a presentation on admissions by Dean of Undergraduate Admissions Jessica Marinaccio, who also led a discussion with Mary Martha Douglas '11 and Colin Sullivan '11.

Class Agents are volunteers who drive the growth of the Annual Fund through peer-to-peer solicitations and work closely with fund officers in the Alumni Office. Despite the economic downturn, the Annual Fund has enjoyed steady growth, rising by more than 54 percent during the past six years and achieving a record \$15.1 million in unrestricted gifts in FY'10.

The co-chairs report that the Annual Fund is off to a record start toward its goal of \$14.5 million for FY'11. "As of November 1," says Malin, "the College has received more than \$5 million in donations and pledges, due largely to efforts to reach out to leading donors earlier in the year." Behringer emphasized the important role that Annual Fund donations play, saying, "Unrestricted gifts provide the College with immediately available financial sup-

More than 100 alumni and parent Class Agents and prospective volunteers turned out to share best practices in fundraising, hear from College leaders and receive their initial solicitation assignments for the Fiscal Year 2011 at the eighth annual Columbia College Fund Leadership Conference, held in Low Rotunda and Hamilton Hall on November 6.

Following opening remarks by Francis Phillip '90 and Dan Tamkin '81, co-chairs of the Class Agent Program, and a report on the Columbia College Annual Fund from co-chairs Michael Behringer '89 and Ira Malin '75, Dean Michele Moody-



Michael Behringer '89 (left) and Stephen Jacobs '75 led a discussion on reunion giving. PHOTOS: TINA GAO '10 BARNARD

port that is used for financial aid, student services, internships and enhancements of the Core Curriculum. It is a critical component of ensuring that Columbia is able to maintain its need-blind admissions policy and financial aid reforms that include the elimination of student loans."

For more information, go to college.columbia.edu/alumni/fund or contact Susan Birnbaum, executive director: slb2005@columbia.edu or 212-851-7947.



Professor of History and American Studies Casey Blake presented the first James P. Shenton ['49, '54 GSAS] Award for Community Service to James Kusher '11 GS (left) at a celebration in Casa Italiana on October 25 to mark the opening of the Center for American Studies. Shenton, a beloved faculty member who taught at Columbia for more than 50 years prior to his 2003 death, "is very much the guiding spirit of our center," according to Andrew Delbanco, the Julian Clarence Levi Professor in the Humanities and director of the center, located in 319-321 Hamilton Hall. Delbanco described Kusher as "a wonderful young man (a Navy veteran) who organized creative writing classes for students at the Double Discovery Center as well as public readings of their works." American Studies provides a curriculum that emphasizes service to the community, including a seminar on higher education taught by Delbanco and former Dean of Students Roger Lehecka '67, '74 GSAS in which all enrolled students volunteer at DDC.

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Noted actor Brian Dennehy '60 (second from left) makes a point during a panel discussion, "Unlocking Creativity," on October 15 in the Allen Room of Frederick P. Rose Hall, home of Jazz at Lincoln Center in Midtown NYC. The panel was part of the sixth annual Columbia Alumni Association Leaders Assembly. Pictured left to right are President Lee C. Bollinger, who moderated the panel; Dennehy; Asali Solomon '95 Barnard, author; Tom Kitt '96, composer and musician; and Kiran Desai '99 Arts, author. The next night, Kyra Tirana Barry '87 and Gedale Horowitz '53, '55L were among those honored at the Alumni Medalists Gala in Low Rotunda.

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Carnoy Appointed University Trustee

Lisa Landau Carnoy '89 has been appointed a University trustee, effective September 7, 2010.

Long involved in College alumni affairs and generous with her time and resources, Carnoy served on the Columbia College Board of Visitors for multiple terms, most recently as co-chair, and now is an emeriti member. She was a member of the Columbia College Dean Search Committee that led to the selection of Dean Michele Moody-Adams in 2009 and is a member of the Columbia Cam-



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paign for Athletics Leadership Committee and the Dean's Alumnae Leadership Task Force. She also is a co-founder of the Women's Leadership Council for Athletics. For several years, Carnoy was a board member of the Columbia College Alumni Association. She was presented the Alumni Federation Medal in 2000 and a John Jay Award for distinguished professional achievement in 2007.

Carnoy is co-head of Global Capital Markets for Bank of America Merrill

Lynch. GCM spans Equity Capital Markets (ECM), Debt Capital Markets, Leveraged Finance and Origination of Corporate Derivatives, with a team of 700 in 16 countries. Carnoy also focuses on clients in the financial institutions, insurance and healthcare sectors as well as key financial sponsor relationships. During her 15-year tenure in ECM, Carnoy worked on more than 400 bookrun equity deals including 75 IPOs. She is a member of the Capital Commitment Committees for Bank of America and chairs the Columbia B.A. and M.B.A. recruiting teams.

Carnoy earned a B.A. cum laude in American studies and an M.B.A. from Harvard (1994). She lives on the Upper West Side with her husband, David '92 Arts, a journalist, and their four children.

Belknap, McKeown, Harriss Honored

Robert Belknap, the Professor Emeritus of Slavic Languages at the College and director of the University Seminars, and Kathleen McKeown, the Henry and Gertrude Rothschild Professor of Computer Science at the Engineering School, received the 2010 Great Teachers Award at the annual Society of Columbia Graduates Awards Dinner in Low

Rotunda on October 21. Pictured (from left) are SEAS Dean Feniosky Peña-Mora, McKeown, Belknap and Dean of the College Michele Moody-Adams.

The Society also honored the late C. Lowell Harriss '40 GSAS, long-time professor of economics, who died in December 2009 at 97. His son, L. Gordon Harriss '68, '71L (left), accepted the award.



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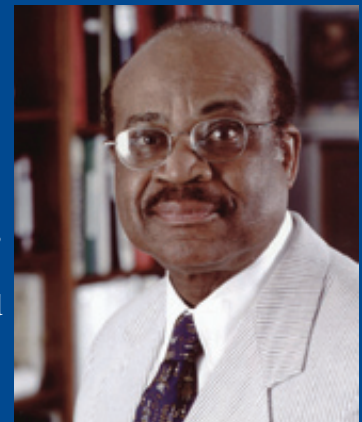
Kenneth Forde, M.D., a pioneer in the field of colon cancer, has educated and inspired generations of Columbia doctors.

Dr. Forde likes to say, “At Columbia, I've gone from applicant to student to intern to resident to professor and now to Trustee.”

Now, he is leading by example once again—by including Columbia in his will.

Join Dr. Forde and others in the 1754 Society, a group of alumni and friends who have made bequests and other planned gifts to the University.

To learn more about Dr. Forde and planned giving, visit giving.columbia.edu/plannedgifts or call 800-338-3294.



THE 1754 SOCIETY

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Umar Agha '11 Raises Funds for Flood Victims

BY NATHALIE ALONSO '08

When Umar Agha '11 received permission from the Sarhad Rural Support Programme (srsp.org.pk), an NGO in his native Pakistan, to shadow its staff for a summer, the nonprofit essentially did him a favor by affording him exposure to the realm of sustainable development. After an unexpected turn of events, however, it is now SRSP that hails Agha as a "godsend."

Last August, roughly two weeks into Agha's internship, monsoons triggered floods that left one-fifth of Pakistan underwater. According to various

reports, more than 20 million people were affected.

Before the flooding, Agha had accompanied SRSP personnel to remote areas of the rural Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa province (formerly the North West Frontier Province), the NGO's target region, in which it seeks to combat poverty. The realization that several of the villages he had visited were submerged prompted Agha to create a Facebook page to raise funds for the victims.

"There was an emotional and personal connection, having seen those areas just recently," says Agha. "It moved me into action."

Within a couple of weeks, Agha's Facebook "event" had approximately 1,000 virtual attendees. He also contacted potential donors individually. Monetary donations started pouring in, and his front lawn in the city of Lahore was soon overflowing with staple items such as rice, cooking oil and tea. Agha raised approximately \$200,000 USD in monetary and in-kind donations. Though operating under the auspices of SRSP, Agha worked independently and was pleasantly surprised by the generosity of strangers.

"Everyone was so trusting during that time of crisis. I was being handed cash by people I didn't know," says Agha, who was instructed by SRSP to purchase relief goods with the funds.

"I invited everyone who gave to come help pack the trucks and to make the trip and oversee the distribution," he adds. "It let people know it was a transparent operation, and made people comfortable giving."

In addition to his fundraising efforts, Agha coor-

dated volunteers who spent many hours at his house assembling packages containing food and supplies to sustain families of six for two weeks. While Agha enlisted the help of friends and relatives, many of the volunteers were strangers who had come across the Facebook page.

"Initially I thought we weren't going to have enough people," says Agha. "Ultimately, I had to tell some people they could not come because we had too many."

A friend of Agha's father provided trucks to transport the supplies to SRSP's warehouse in the city of Peshawar. Agha, who loaded the trucks himself, says the donations he secured yielded more than 3,000 relief packages. He made a couple of trips with SRSP to help deliver supplies but concentrated his efforts on the donation drive at home.

"Umar was a godsend for SRSP," says Humayun Khan, its chairperson. "I think it was the timing of his visit that left such an intense impact on him, that made him one of the largest contributors of help to the unfortunate flood-affected people of KPK."

It was precisely with an eye on eventually helping communities like those in the Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa province that made Agha decide to major in environmental science and complete the special concentration in sustainable development offered by the Earth Institute. His introduction to those fields took place as a first-year through the course "Challenges of Sustainable Development" with Jeffrey Sachs, the Quetelet Professor of Sustainable Development, professor of health policy and management and director of the Earth Institute. The course dealt with economic and environmental challenges developing countries often face.

"It got me thinking about

these serious problems," says Agha. "I wanted to be part of the solution, and this seemed like the way to go."

Another course, "Environmental Literature, Ethics & Action," taught by Barnard Senior Associate in Environmental Science Diane Dittrick, motivated Agha to become involved with SRSP.

"In that class we learned about being responsible citizens," Agha says. "The leadership aspect was a big part of it. We each had to do a research project; I wrote mine on water scarcity issues in Pakistan. All of that really got me interested in working in the field."

Growing up in Lahore, Pakistan's second largest city, Agha attended the pre-K-12 Lahore American School. He began learning English as a preschooler and spoke Urdu at home. Location was the key factor in his decision to attend the College.

"I loved the fact that it was in such a great city," says Agha. "The access that New York offers was pretty much what sold me."

Agha has considered returning to Pakistan after graduation to work for SRSP before returning to the States to pursue graduate studies. Regardless of what his next move turns out to be, he carries with him powerful lessons he learned in his first foray into relief efforts.

"I realized the power that a grassroots movement can have with no formal experience, with no huge charity backing it," says Agha. "There was none of that — just a kid in school who created a Facebook event."

Nathalie Alonso '08, from Queens, is a freelance journalist and an editorial producer of *LasMayores.com*, Major League Baseball's official Spanish language website.



Umar Agha '11, shown here hanging from the ledge of a wall in order to distribute water filters, raised \$200,000 USD for flood victims in Pakistan.

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ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

■ **Joel Klein '67** has stepped down from his position leading the country's largest school system as chancellor of the New York City Department of Education. Klein has been appointed e.v.p. of News Corp., joining its board of directors and reporting directly to Rupert Murdoch. In the past eight years, Klein's innovative reforms have transformed New York's 1,700 schools and boosted the performance of its 1.1 million students, reducing crime and raising graduation rates. In an interview with *The New York Times*, Klein says he looks forward to working in the private sector, where he will not be clashing with unions and balancing a \$22 billion budget. But he will continue to speak out on educational issues and, according to the company, his work includes "developing business strategies for the emerging educational marketplace."

■ **Mike Brown Jr. '06** made the *Business Insider* list of top 100 "Coolest Tech People in 2010." Brown co-founded and manages AOL Ventures, the branch of the company that seeks out and invests in fledgling Internet startups. Some of the companies Brown has supported include Beta-works, Solve Media and Sailthru. According to the article, Brown is an "overnight fixture in the New York

tech community," hosting events that promote AOL as a friend to startups and their founders.

■ **Jonathan Wald '87** has been named executive producer of the CNN talk show *Piers Morgan Tonight*, which is replacing *Larry King Live* in January. As v.p. of CNBC during the economic freefall, Wald's focus on business coverage helped bring all-time high ratings and revenue to the network. CNN hopes to bolster its sagging ratings with his appointment. A recipient of three Emmy Awards, Wald began working for NBC while a freshman at Columbia. He is a former producer of *Today* and *NBC Nightly News with Tom Brokaw*, is the son of TV news pioneer Richard Wald '52 and teaches at the Journalism School.

■ PBS will broadcast **Vanessa Gould '96's** *Between the Folds*, a documentary about origami and its most celebrated practitioners, in January as part of its *Independent Lens* series. The film, which earned a Peabody Award and numerous jury and audience awards, was Gould's first and has played at more than 40 film festivals around the world. Gould, who directed and co-produced the film with **Ariel Friedman '96**, credits the Core Curriculum with inspiring

her to explore this ancient and yet still flourishing art form.

■ **Sam Arora '03** has been elected delegate to the Maryland General Assembly. Arora has been an aide on three campaigns for former Senator Hillary Clinton, served on the Democratic National Committee and advised several nonprofits. He also is v.p. of the Arora Group, which provides healthcare to the military and their families. As quoted in *The Washington Post*, Arora says his most pressing issues include reining in the state budget, cutting subsidies for the coal mining industry, and promoting green jobs and renewable energy. Each year, Arora guest-teaches a class at Columbia on presidential campaigning.

■ **Jamal Adams '94** has received the Calahan Award from Loyola H.S. of Los Angeles, where he is the head varsity basketball coach and teaches economics and African-American studies. After 11 years at Merrill Lynch, where he rose to the position of v.p. and senior financial adviser, Adams decided to return to his alma mater. His coaching helped Loyola



Jamal Adams '94
PHOTO: LOYOLA H.S. OF LOS ANGELES

win 12 league titles and two California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section Titles. In 2009, he was named Co-Coach of the Year for the CIF Southern Section Division 2A and won the National Double Goal Coaching Award. Adams studied economics at Columbia, where he cofounded a community service club, the Columbia Student-Athlete Committee.

■ **Maggie Gyllenhaal '99** is back on stage in another melancholy Chekhov play, the turn-of-the-century masterpiece *Three Sisters*. Gyllenhaal plays the rebellious and unhappily-married middle child, Masha, who falls in love with a lieutenant colonel (played by her real-life husband, Peter Sarsgaard) and starts an affair with him, only to watch his battery leave in a classic Chekhovian dénouement. The Off-Broadway play opens in January at the Classic Stage Company. The director, Austin Pendleton, also directed Chekhov's *Uncle Vanya*, in which Gyllenhaal played another unhappily-married character, the retired professor's young wife, Elena.

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CAMPUS NEWS



Avis Hinkson '84 Barnard, '87 TC

■ **BARNARD:** Avis Hinkson '84 Barnard, '87 TC will become the new dean of Barnard College, effective February 14. Hinkson will replace Dorothy Denburg '70 Barnard, who will take on a new role as v.p. for college relations at Barnard.

Hinkson will oversee the Offices of the Dean of Studies, Admissions and Financial Aid, Registrar, Residential Life, Student Life, and Health Services. For the past six years, she has been director of undergraduate advising at UC Berkeley. In addition to her years at Berkeley, Hinkson brings more

than 20 years of experience in enrollment management, which she began during her work-study job at Barnard's Admissions Office.

In Barnard's October 26 announcement of her appointment, Hinkson describes her return to her alma mater as "a dream come true." She says she looks forward to the chance to "develop women leaders and change agents who will enhance our global community."

■ **MARSHALL:** Anna Feuer '11, an English major from Los Angeles, has won a Marshall Scholarship and next fall will attend Oxford, where she will pursue first a master's in global and imperial history and then a master's in English literature. Her area of specialization will be in the interactions between Irish and Indian writers during the early part of the 20th century.

While at Columbia, Feuer has taken a variety of classes in the humanities as well as pursued language studies in Hindi and Urdu. During her junior year, she spent a semester studying in Hyderabad, India. Feuer's senior essay explores the political, philosophical and aesthetic dimensions of the rela-

tionship between W.B. Yeats and Rabindranath Tagore.

Outside the classroom, Feuer has been an editorial intern at W.W. Norton, *n+1* and *L.A. Weekly*. She also has worked at PEN USA — a nonprofit that strives to protect the rights of writers around the world, stimulate interest in the written word and foster a vital literary community — and recently started a chapter of PEN at Columbia.

man of Sequa Corp., which he had led for almost half a century. He was a board and committee member of several Jewish organizations and on the board of Columbia/Barnard Hillel. Alexander established the Alexander Program Center on the third floor of the Kraft Center for Jewish Student Life and was presented a John Jay Award for distinguished professional achievement in 1985 from the College.



President Lee C. Bollinger is flanked by Special Adviser Susan Feagin and E.V.P. for University Development and Alumni Relations Fred Van Sickle.

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■ **FULBRIGHTS:** Columbia ranked among the top 10 producers of Fulbright Scholars in the country in 2010–11, according to the *Chronicle of Higher Education*. "Given the small size of our office and undergraduate population compared with many of the other universities named, we are especially pleased to be included in this list," said Michael Pippenger, the associate dean who heads the fellowship program. Michigan topped the list with 40 awards; Columbia was tied with Cornell for 10th with 18.

■ **LIBRARIES:** The Columbia University Libraries have received a gift of \$4 million to establish the Norman E. Alexander ['34, '36L] Library for Jewish Studies, which will include three new endowments: a Jewish Studies librarian, the General Jewish Studies Collection and the Special Collections in Judaica.

Columbia's existing research collection already is formidable. With more than 100,000 monographs and 60,000 Hebrew and Yiddish titles, it boasts the second largest manuscript collection of Hebrew texts in North America. Funds from this endowment initially are being used to focus on a project to catalog the manuscripts collection.

At the time of his death in 2006, Alexander was the executive chair-

■ **VAN SICKLE:** After more than eight years as the head of University development and alumni relations, Susan Feagin will explore new challenges as a special adviser to President Lee C. Bollinger beginning in January, it was announced on October 19. Succeeding her as e.v.p. for University development and alumni relations will be Fred Van Sickle, who had been v.p. for University development. In remarks to alumni affairs and development staffers, Van Sickle discussed the value of continuity and pledged to perpetuate an atmosphere of mutual respect, high standards and innovation.

■ **WKCR AT 70:** WKCR will celebrate its 70th anniversary with a reunion on Thursday, February 24, at Alfred Lerner Hall. Cocktails are planned for 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Station tours are planned for the following Friday and Saturday.

The WKCR staff has been gathering oral histories from alumni through its website (wkcrproject.com) and interviewing former staff for an upcoming book about the station's history. Founded as the Columbia University Radio Club in 1941, the first studios operated in the Hamilton Annex starting on February 24, 1941. The station was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for its coverage of the Columbia protests

IN MEMORIAM

Louis Henkin, a foundational scholar of human rights, University Professor Emeritus and chair of the Institute for the Study of Human Rights at Columbia, died on October 14, 2010. He was 92 and lived in New York City.

Henkin was born in Belarus in 1917, and his family immigrated to the United States when he was 6. He attended Yeshiva College, majoring in mathematics, and studied at Harvard Law, where he was an editor of the *Harvard Law Review* and received his degree in 1940. After working as a clerk in the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, Henkin served in the Army in WWII and was awarded a Silver Star. He worked in the United Nations from 1948–56, helping to negotiate a convention defining international protocols concerning refugees.

Henkin joined the Columbia faculty in 1956, researching American law pertaining to

nuclear weapons, and wrote several books in the following years concerning domestic and international law. He taught at Penn starting in 1958 and returned permanently to Columbia in 1962. Henkin was the Harlan Fiske Stone Professor of Constitutional Law and was named University Professor, Columbia's most distinguished faculty position, in 1981. His classes focused on human rights, American foreign relations, and constitutional and international law. The interdisciplinary range of Henkin's work led him to teach simultaneously at SIPA, GSAS and the Law School.

A co-founder of the Center (now Institute) for the Study of Human Rights in 1978, the first interdisciplinary center of its kind in the United States, Henkin was its chair until his death.

He is survived by his wife, Alice; sons, Joshua, David and Daniel; and five grandchildren.

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in spring 1968 and now is known as a top broadcaster of jazz and classical.

For more information about the reunion, contact Ken Howitt '76: keh32@columbia.edu.

■ **AMGEN:** The Amgen Foundation has moved into Phase II of its Amgen Scholars program, a \$34 million initiative designed to give the next generation of scientists hands-on laboratory experiences. Undergraduates participating in the program are given the opportunity to work on research projects under the supervision of leading scientists. Each summer, scholars from the 13 participating U.S. and European universities come together at a symposium to present their projects and learn from academic scientists.

Phase I funded summer research projects for more than 100 Columbia and Barnard students from 2007–10. Phase II grants Columbia another \$1 million to be used in 2011–14. Phase II also will help Amgen Scholars alumni enrolled in graduate programs with travel awards to attend science conferences.

The foundation expects that by 2014, the majority of the 2,500 students accepted into the program will use their experiences to pursue advanced degrees and careers in a scientific field.

The Amgen Scholars program began in 2006 with 10 U.S. universities and by 2008 expanded to include three European universities. The program drew more than 5,200 applicants in 2010 but could accept only 315 students.

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SAVE THE DATE 👑 **THURSDAY, JUNE 2–SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2011**

Terry Plank '93 GSAS is a professor of earth science at the College and Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory. Her research focuses on the study of magma and volcanic eruptions, particularly in and around the Pacific Ocean. She earned a B.A. from Dartmouth College and a Ph.D. from Columbia. Plank has received the Houtermans Medal from the European Association of Geochemistry and the Donath Medal from the Geological Society of America, and is a fellow of the American Geophysical Union.

Where did you grow up?

Wilmington, Del. It turns out I know all sorts of people professionally from Delaware because everybody worked for the DuPont Corp., so everybody's parents were chemists and became scientists. There are actually three of us on the earth science faculty from Delaware.

What did you want to be growing up?

I wanted to be a geologist. I'm one of the few people entering college who knew she wanted to be a geologist. I was a rock collector as a kid. We lived in a rock quarry. It was spectacular; big cliffs, pretty garnets and micas. I was a product of my environment. I studied rocks and was active through elementary school, middle school and high school.

How does one become involved in geology as a child?

I had to have a hobby in third grade, so my mom told me to go outside and collect rocks. She took me to the Delaware Mineralogical Society. I was the youngest member. I would go once a month and nerd out about minerals.

How did you end up working at Columbia?

I went to graduate school here and never expected to come back, but I was at Boston University and Columbia recruited me for a senior position.

What are you teaching this semester?

I'm teaching three lectures in "Frontiers of Science" on the

Five Minutes with ... Terry Plank

birth of the earth and volcanoes.

This is your third year teaching in the Core. Can you talk about your experience so far?

I think it's by far the best course I've ever been involved in. Every lecture is a winner. It's just exciting lectures, and the discussion sections are incredibly well organized. But it is a very different way to take a science course. I think freshmen in particular aren't used to a course about the process and not just being about answers and facts, but I think this is very real, this is how we do science and research.

What are you working on?

I study volcanoes, and I'm interested in how much gas they have in them before they erupt, how much water is dissolved in magma before it erupts. It's like trying to find out how much CO₂ is in seltzer before you take the cap off and it goes *psht*, because once it goes *psht*, the gas is all gone. How do you know how much used to be in there? That's the challenge. You can't stuff all that back in, so you have to develop proxies and tools. You look for little crystals inside the ash that have traces of magma, and you examine them with various probes. We think that volcanoes that have more gas are the ones that erupted more violently, but this hasn't

been really tested because we don't have data. I focus mostly on volcanoes around the Pacific, the ones that are most explosive, in Alaska, the Aleutians, Marianas, Costa Rica, the Tonga Islands and in the western U.S.

What on your resume are you most proud of?

The papers that I've written that involve true discovery. That's what propels us to do science, to discover beautiful systematics and data that nobody had recognized before.

Where do you live?

Near Lamont in Nyack, N.Y.

Do you have any children?

I have a 9-year-old son, Sam, who goes to school in Upper Nyack. He helped me run the Lamont open house recently. We made three volcano models. He gave a lecture on shield volcanoes and effusive eruptions. He's already an expert.

Do you have any pets?

My son has a lizard, Leo, who eats crickets. He's very small and indestructible.

What's something your students would never guess about you?

I still get nervous giving talks and sometimes even lecturing. I actually have to write out a lot of what I have to say.

How do you recharge?

I go out in the field and travel, just to get away. I was in Greece for a meeting a couple weeks ago. It was amazing.

What's your favorite food?

Eighty-five percent chocolate.

What's the last book you read for pleasure?

I'm reading Jonathan

Franzen's *Freedom: A Novel*.

If you could be anywhere in the world, where would you be?

I always wanted to go to the South Sandwich Islands. They're these tiny remote islands between South American and Antarctica. There are penguins and icebergs and volcanoes that have really only been sampled once.

How is damage done in devastating eruptions?

It's mostly the effects on the atmosphere that could last for a year or more, putting sulfur into the atmosphere, which can cause global cooling, and if it's cold enough, plants might not come back. The local damage could also destroy all living things within hundreds of miles.

Will a volcano cause the end of the world?

Not the end of the world. Volcanoes are a natural part of the world, so it will be just fine. If Yellowstone had its enormous super eruption tomorrow, it would challenge civilization in North America. People would die. Agriculture would collapse. But it's a once-in-several-hundred-thousand-year occurrence.

When was the last time this happened?

Six-hundred-thousand years ago at Yellowstone. It still could be a few hundred

thousand years.

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ROAR, LION, ROAR

■ **ACADEMIC:** Four-year football starter Adam Mehrer '11 was named to the 2010 ESPN Academic All-America second team by the College Sports Information Directors of America. An economics major, Mehrer played free safety for the Lions and made 67 tackles and one interception in 2010.

■ **ALL-IVY:** The following student-athletes achieved All-Ivy recognition in fall sports:

Men: Cross country: first team, Tom Poland '11; football: first team, Jeff Adams '12, Sean Brackett '13, Alex Gross '11, Andrew Kennedy '11 and Calvin Otis '11; second team, Josh Martin '13E; honorable mention, Nico Gutierrez '11 and Adam Mehrer '11. Soccer: second

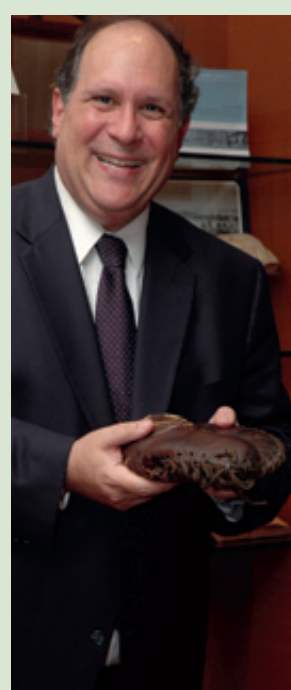
team and Rookie of the Year, Henning Sauerbier '14; honorable mention, Ronnie Shaban '12E, Michael Mazzullo '12 and David Najem '14.

Women: Cross-country: first team, Caroline McDonough '13 and Jackie Drouin '11. Field hockey: first team, Gabby Kozlowski '13; second team, Julia Garrison '11. Lacrosse: second team, Brittany Shannon '12; honorable mention, Taylor Gattinella '13 and Amanda Goodheart '13. Soccer: first team, Ashlin Yahr '12; second team, Luran Cooke '11E; honorable mention, Lillian Klein '12 Barnard, Chelsea Ryan '14 and Liz Wicks '12. Volleyball: first team, Megan Gaughn '13; second team, Monique Roberts '12 Barnard; honorable mention, Katherine Keller '14 and Madeline Rumer '14.



Gerald Sherwin '55 (left) and Franklin Thomas '56, '63L got together prior to the Athletics Hall of Fame Dinner in Low Rotunda on October 22. They were among the 19 men, 12 women and one team (1961 football) inducted into the Hall of Fame as the Class of 2010. Thomas was a basketball star at Columbia who went on to become president and CEO of the Ford Foundation and was honored among former male student-athletes from the modern (1955–present) era. Sherwin, an omnipresent alumnus who is known for his devotion to athletics and especially the men's basketball team, was honored in a special category for individual achievement.

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Now on display in the Columbia Alumni Center's library is Lion Tracks: Sources of Columbia Athletics Traditions. Inspired by collector Mark Momjian '83, '86L (above, with Lou Gehrig '23's glove) and his wife, Mel '86 SIPA, the exhibit includes many of their items as well as items on loan from the Athletics Department and the University Archives. Among the memorabilia are football programs, tobacco silks, athletics medals, crew caps, a coach's report listing Oscar Hammerstein II '16 on the 1913 freshman baseball team and a baseball signed by 1991 World Series hero Gene Larkin '84. The display is open to the public Monday–Thursday, 8:30 a.m.–7 p.m.; Friday, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

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Rothfeld Receives Alexander Hamilton Medal

BY ALEX SACHARE '71

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Michael B. Rothfeld '69, '71J, '71 SIPA, '71 Business received the 2010 Alexander Hamilton Medal on November 18 at the Alexander Hamilton Award Dinner, an annual black-tie event in Low Rountunda. The medal, the highest honor paid to a member of the College community, is awarded by the Columbia College Alumni Association to an alumnus/a or faculty member for distinguished service to the College and accomplishment in any field of endeavor.

Rothfeld, a 1970–71 International Fellow at SIPA, is a University trustee and a director of the Columbia Alumni Association. He is a former chair of the Columbia College Board of Visitors and also has served on the advisory board of the Journalism School's Knight-Bagehot Program in business and financial journalism.

In a toast, Richard E. Witten '75, vice chair of the University Board of Trustees, noted that Rothfeld and his family had received 10 degrees spanning four generations, making them "likely the single largest tuition-paying family in the University's 256-year history." He praised Rothfeld's service to the College, saying, "Much of the renaissance the College is enjoying now stems from the work Mike has done as chair of the Board of Visitors and an active member of the Board of Trustees. In a room of great Columbians, you are certainly among our very best."

Among those who spoke in Rothfeld's honor were President Lee C. Bollinger, Dean of the College Michele Moody-Adams, Trustees Chair Bill Campbell '62, '64 TC and Trustees Vice Chairs Mark E. Kingdon '71 and Philip Milstein '71. In his remarks, Rothfeld emphasized the central role Columbia has played in his life. "I can honestly say that I can trace all the good things that have happened to me in one way or another to my years at Columbia," he said. "Throughout my life there have been two constants, my family and Columbia, and the two have intersected many times in many wonderful ways."



Michael B. Rothfeld '69, '71J, '71 SIPA, '71 Business (second from right) is joined by (left to right) Columbia College Alumni Association President Geoffrey J. Colvin '74, '77L, '78 Business; President Lee C. Bollinger; and Dean Michele Moody-Adams.



Rothfeld and his wife, Ella M. Foshay '79 GSAS, are flanked by their daughters, Ella '06 and Augusta '08.



The Clefhangers, one of the school's popular a capella groups, added a musical element to the evening.



Members of the Class of 1969 (left to right) Dr. John Lombardo '73 P&S, Michael Oberman and Dr. Jeff Pines '71 SIPA, '73 P&S turned out to honor Rothfeld.



Among the young alumni enjoying the dinner were (left to right) Charles Phippen '08, James Williams '07, David Ali '07, Donna Desilus '09 and Kelly Gavin '06.



Trustees (left to right) Richard E. Witten '75; Bill Campbell '62, '64 TC; Mark E. Kingdon '71; and Philip Milstein '71 honored their fellow trustee, Rothfeld.



Witten offered a toast to Rothfeld and all the work he has done on behalf of the College.

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CCE Internship Programs Bridge the Gap

Students gain experience, learn about the job market and the Columbia network through internships

BY ETHAN ROUEN '04J

The moment is so common, there should be a name for it, maybe “the brutal awakening.” It’s that time when students look around their dorm rooms and realize that college will not last forever, that whether they are ready or not, eventually they will be forced out of the comfortable cocoon of academia and take the plunge into the future.

For Rebecca Pryor '09, that brutal awakening came early in her senior year.

“I had no idea what I was going to do,” says Pryor, who majored in music and thought about becoming an audio engineer.

She had reaped the benefits of a liberal arts education, addressing her passions by studying music as well as math, spending a semester in Ghana and traveling through Latin America. While these experiences added to Pryor’s diverse list of interests and experiences, they also made it difficult to settle on just one career path.

Then the Columbia University Center for Career Education

(CCE) offered its assistance, helping Pryor gently nudge herself toward her future. She applied for a spring internship during her senior year as part of the Columbia Communities in Action program, which pairs students with nonprofits and provides a stipend, and started working about 20 hours a week at Community Enterprise Solutions (CES), an international development and social entrepreneurship

organization that works primarily in Central America.

“I was sort of interested in doing this type of work since I spent time in Latin America,” she says. “I was given a lot of responsibility for an intern and was allowed to do some interesting stuff.”



During her internship in Hong Kong last summer, Amy Huang '11 traveled to Beijing, where she sampled the local cuisine, including fried silkworms.

The internship allowed Pryor to do most of her work from her dorm room but she met once a week with CES head Greg Van Kirk. Soon she was conducting primary research on new initiatives and investigating potential businesses with which to partner.

Shortly before Pryor’s graduation, CES offered her a full-time job, and she spent 13 months in Guatemala before coming back to New York to be a project manager, doing “everything under the sun” for the organization.

“I was looking for opportunities abroad,”

Pryor says. “With the exception of teaching English, which I didn’t want to do, in international development there is no field work you can do without a master’s. I was stuck. I had no idea how I was going to find something until I learned about this internship.”

The Center for Career Education, which has a staff of 33, serves seven schools within the University and assists students at all levels to prepare them for careers.

Through coaching, job boards, internships and a variety of other services, CCE works with hundreds of students every year to ensure that they will come out of school with the skills needed to establish them in the career they want.

In recent years, CCE has focused on developing new internship programs that provide College students with unique experiences that not only make them more competitive candidates for jobs but also help them define their career interests through exploring career areas and ultimately, land their dream jobs.

“We work with students before they arrive on campus, through senior year and as alumni,” says Kavita Sharma, dean of career education since 2006. “We help them plan for life after Columbia before they’ve even taken a class.”

The career planning involves career counseling; career education workshops and events; access to job boards, career fairs and networking events; access to Columbia’s vast networks; and doz-

(Opposite) Rebecca Pryor '09 (left), with Marta Lidia Garcia, reads a newspaper published by Community Enterprise Solutions near CES' Antigua, Guatemala, office. Pryor began her work with non-profit CES as an intern and now is a full-time project manager.



Students want to work in two places — New York and the rest of the world.



Amy Huang '11 takes a break from work to visit the Tian Tan Buddha in Hong Kong.

ens of internships happening everywhere from dorm rooms to the other side of the globe. CCE's internship offerings have grown from three programs in 2007 to 12 today, according to Heather Perceval, director of experiential education and student enterprises.

"As great as the Internet and phone calls are, there's really much to be said for doing work overseas," says Brooks Herman '98, who first proposed funding global internships in 2000 and, along with his wife, Joanna E. Herman '98, has provided the funds for 12 College students to work at non-governmental organizations internationally. "That's where the real value is added, not

just in getting the job done but in the cultural understanding the students acquire."

During the spring semester, College students can get a feel for working in the arts through the Columbia Arts Experience, help a nonprofit through Columbia Communities in Action or work for a company across the country, all without leaving Morningside Heights through the Virtual Internship Program.



Nayia Moisisdis '11 made the jaunt from London to Oxford, visiting the Hogwarts dining room used in the Harry Potter movies.

In the summer, CCE gives students a chance to travel. The Columbia Experience Overseas (CEO) offers opportunities in London, Hong Kong, Beijing, Shanghai and Singapore, and beginning this summer, Amman. Sharma says CCE is planning to expand to other major international cities and hopes to benefit from the University's own expansion around the globe.

In addition, students can spend a summer in Los Angeles or San Francisco through CU In California, or hone their science skills in the Science Technology Engineering Program.

"Our application numbers show a huge demand for these opportunities," Perceval says. "They've become very competitive, so we'd like to offer more opportunities."

Last year, CCE received 1,500 applications for 60 positions in CEO. While the programs continue to grow at a rapid clip, funding and resources limit the number of opportunities. CCE relies on donations from parents and alumni and also needs them to facilitate connections and logistics on the ground.

Donald Margolis '63, '65 Business, co-chair of the Columbia College Alumni Association's Career Planning Committee, says part of the reason demand is outstripping supply for internships is that many alumni who could provide internships or financial assistance to help cover expenses don't realize how important internships are for students today.

"When I was in college, there wasn't much of a career center, as we were all subject to the draft and went immediately to graduate school," he says. "Today, seniors are more likely to look for jobs immediately upon graduation, and having internship experience is extremely important."

The new norm often requires that students have real-world experience even before they enter the real world, so CCE continues to grow to provide an array of services. For international internship programs, students are provided housing. To ensure that financial difficulties don't interfere with these opportunities, CCE offers flight assistance for CEO and CU In California to students who demonstrate high financial need.

But it's not just financial support that alumni and parents provide. CCE bears the burden of dealing with visa issues and travel logistics for the summer internships, but it relies on the Columbia network for assistance with finding housing for students and lining up mentors who can offer advice and help students become acclimated to a new locale.

"Students want to work in two places: One is New York and the other is the rest of the world, and they don't appreciate that they are not equally accessible," Sharma says. "With these programs in particular, we can make it appear to be very easy. We have taken the stress away to make these opportunities available, but this is special. This is for you because you're at Columbia."

Martha Turewicz '10 benefited from these efforts during summer 2009 when she interned for Film London. A longtime Anglophile, she always wanted to work in England and began scoping out CCE during her freshman year, two years before



Students abroad have a strong support system. A large dinner with other Columbia interns is the perfect cure for homesickness.

PHOTO: JODIE LIU '12

she was eligible for the CEO program, which is available only to upperclassmen. CCE provided interview preparation and helped Turewicz shape her resume and cover letter before she applied.

After Turewicz landed an internship, she and five fellow Lions shared a suite provided by Columbia that was within walking distance to her job archiving film locations and digitizing them.

Turewicz enjoyed traveling around London with a camera to scout locations but learning the ins and outs of the city wasn't nearly as important as being exposed to the discipline and rigors of office life.

"It was my first time working in an office," she says. "That was really important to me, getting basic office experience and developing those organizational skills."

In addition, she became close with her boss, a connection she continues to rely on. Turewicz's experience helped her land another internship through the Virtual Internship Program, where students perform internships from their dorm rooms or any location where they have Internet access.

While studying abroad in Germany last year, Turewicz interned for Blue Lotus Films in California, keeping in touch through Skype and e-mail. She marketed the company's documentary, *Meditate and Destroy*, doing promotion and building a

website from the ground up.

"I hadn't done a website before," she says. "I did a lot of research, but I also received a lot of direction."

Donors and employers are key ingredients in CCE's internship programs, but the temporary jobs these students have eventually will fade into a few sentences on their resumes. It's the mentors and the Columbia network they develop during these times that create the personal connections that can be most valuable as students turn into the leaders in their chosen fields.

Jaye Fenderson '00, an independent filmmaker who recently completed a documentary about first-generation college students, found that mentoring two students in the CU In California program reinvigorated her connection to the College while also allowing her to reflect on how she ended up where she is.

"As an alumna in L.A., it's easy to get disconnected from my alma mater and not know what's happening on campus," she says. "You feel your undergraduate years are far away. But having a student come to L.A. and talk about her experiences at school ... it helped me re-realize how my education played a role in determining my future."

“My internship taught me how to be professional. It was the real deal.”

Columbia sponsors mixers at the start of the summer to acquaint mentors and students with each other. Fenderson says the bond she shared with the students she was assigned made it easy to grab lunch once the introductions were made.

Neither student had a firm idea of what she wanted to do after graduation; one voiced interest in education while the other was leaning toward film. But with 10 years of real-world experience, Fenderson says she felt prepared to offer the advice she wished she had received at their age.

“Telling them that it’s OK to admit that you have no idea what you’re going to do, that’s helpful,” she says. “At that age, I felt like I needed to know what I was doing and have a job lined up. It’s OK to not have everything figured out. It’s good to explore the career avenues that are out there. Even if you make some mistakes, eventually, with the foundation that you have from Columbia and the networking that you do, you’ll end up landing in the right place.”

One of the biggest benefits for Fenderson, though, was the feeling of giving back to a community that had helped her. “This is a tangible way I can give back to my alma mater that makes a difference in students’ lives,” she says.

Fenderson met with her mentees several times to answer questions about careers and allay the inevitable fears that keep undergrads tossing at night. And when one of those students, Esha Gupta ’10, took a chance and moved to California after graduation without a job, she took comfort in knowing she could rely on the network she had developed.

“I got so lucky with Jaye,” Gupta says. “She was like an older sister to me.”

Originally from Oklahoma, Gupta felt a calling to head west and got to taste that temptation during summer 2009 when she interned at Paramount Pictures in worldwide television distribution.

For months, she had been trying to find a summer internship on her own, and she was beginning to panic. That was when she turned to CCE, and the staff there helped her find work in California, even if the job title didn’t seem as glamorous as “assistant to the rich and famous.”

“The internship sounded boring, but my gut told me to do it,” Gupta says. “Whenever you leave all the stuff you know, you realize all these things about yourself and the world that you never think about.”

Gupta soon learned that she was working in the department where movies make most of their money. Instead of getting coffee, she was going with her boss to high-level meetings. She also created an employee handbook for new hires that required that she interview the heads of numerous divisions at Paramount, one of the largest production companies in the world.

“It taught me how to be professional,” she says. “This was the real deal because I moved across the country for this. This was five days a week, 9 to 6. I needed to be working. I couldn’t surf the Internet half the day.”

Away from family and friends, Gupta learned how to survive the discomfort of homesickness, forcing herself to go out and socialize after an exhausting day when all she wanted to do was sit on her couch until she fell asleep.

When Gupta moved back to California last summer, she relied on the network she had developed to combat loneliness and the dismal job market. Eventually she scored a job at Google in San Francisco, working in the fast-growing Global Online Advertising division. When she reported for work in early fall, there was no nervousness, no first-day dread, because she done it all before.

“When you’re in school, you’re pushed on an academic level,” Gupta says. “What this internship at Paramount gave me was a chance to immerse myself in the professional world and push myself in that way. It really helped me walk away from Columbia feeling like I got everything out of school that I wanted and should have gotten.”

For more information on CCE internships, go to careereducation.columbia.edu/findajob/cce-internship.



Ethan Rouen '04J is CCT’s associate editor. His last cover story was about the Violin Professor of Classics Gareth Williams.



One of the benefits of working for a small nonprofit is that Rebecca Pryor '09 gets to do “everything under the sun,” including carrying tables on her head from one office to another in Guatemala.



Internships abroad aren't all work, as a group of students show as they bond over dinner in London.



Laura Ly '12 worked at CNN in Hong Kong last summer and saw the control room up close.



Remembering
John W. Kluge '37



Kluge posed at the 2008 Alexander Hamilton Award Dinner with some who have benefited from his generosity.

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REMEMBERING JOHN W. KLUGE '37

John W. Kluge '37 was a successful businessman, pioneering entrepreneur and generous philanthropist — and Columbia's greatest benefactor. His gifts to the University total more than \$500 million and include the largest donation to any school for financial aid, \$400 million.

Kluge's gifts support several programs that benefit students from underrepresented populations. The Kluge Scholars Program, started in 1987, pays full tuition and provides mentoring and special programming. Another program funds summer research grants for minority and international students.

Hundreds of students to date have benefited from the Kluge programs, and his generosity will help hundreds more, creating a lasting legacy for an alumnus who rose from humble beginnings to become one of the world's richest men. Kluge's motivation for giving back was simple: "Columbia gave me an opportunity," he once said, "and the only way you can really repay that opportunity is for you to help someone else."

Following are tributes written by several beneficiaries of Kluge's generosity. Some are adapted from letters written to Kluge on the occasion of his 90th birthday celebration in 2004 and presented to him by the College; others were written after his death at 95 on September 7, 2010 (see November/December "Around the Quads": college.columbia.edu/cct/nov_dec10).

Shira Boss '93, '97J, '98 SIPA



President Lee C. Bollinger (left) and New York City Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg joined John W. Kluge '37 at the April 11, 2007, announcement of his \$400 million pledge for financial aid.

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Jesús Escobar '89

In my second year of graduate school at a rival university in New Jersey, I was asked to give a prospective student a tour of our department, museum and library. The potential colleague was from Texas and, like me, a Mexican-American. During our conversation about faculty, requirements and the history of art and architecture, this student informed me that he had done some research and learned that there were only 10 Latinos enrolled in the top 20 Ph.D. programs in art history in the United States; I was one of them.

Following my meeting with the prospective student, I thought for the first time very seriously about my odd place in the world of higher education. I also reflected on my good fortune to have come into contact with the generosity of John Kluge '37 and his gift to Columbia. In the summer following my junior year, I was one of the inaugural recipients of a Kluge grant that allowed me to undertake a summer research project under the guidance of another very generous man, the late Professor Eugene Santomasso ['73 GSAS]. I had always thought I would teach at some point, but the world of graduate school and years devoted to independent research seemed very daunting. In summer 1988, however, I discovered that my passion for research could be fulfilling as a fundamental part of my career and decided to apply to Ph.D. programs. The Kluge grant allowed me the time and resources to implement this important decision.

My graduate school years were productive and filled with learning opportunities both in the United States and in Spain, where I lived for nearly three years. When the time came to begin my career in the classroom, I suddenly found myself facing not only groups of eager students but also the loans of my college years. I had been in touch with [then-Dean of Students] Roger Lehecka '67, '74 GSAS at Columbia the year before and inquired about the Kluge loan forgiveness program. I learned the drill and, when the time came, submitted my paperwork. Almost like magic, my loan balances started to fall and I was left with a deep sense of appreciation. Having helped once before at a pivotal moment, the Kluge gift now provided me a sense of freedom to begin my career with the burden of debt significantly reduced.

Mr. Kluge's generosity benefits not only Columbia but also the wider community of American academia. Every scholar's research is driven in part by an individual's personal experience of his or her society. As a Mexican-American, I examine the history of early modern Spain, and the Spanish contribution to urban design in Europe and the Americas specifically, differently than a European-trained scholar, let alone a Spaniard working on the same topic. Any scholarly field of inquiry is enriched by multiple points of view, and moreover, students learn new ways of interpretation. If we can reach students in innovative ways, and perhaps even motivate students who come from so-called minority populations in the United States to find a place for themselves in the world of academia, then I believe we are fulfilling the ideal of the Kluge gift to Columbia. Mr.



Jesús Escobar '89

PHOTO: MICHAEL SCHREFFLER

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Kluge's gift was inspired, and it continues to be inspiring.

Jesús Escobar '89 is associate professor of art history and chair of the Department of Art History at Northwestern.

Angelica M. Perez-Litwin '89

While my younger years were spent planning and preparing for a professional career and ultimately having a family of my own, at the age of 27 I found myself divorced and caring for my then 11-month-old daughter, India. This came about two months before the beginning of my clinical psychology internship, one of the most demanding and time-consuming training experiences of my career. I was fortunate to find an affordable day care center for India that opened at 7 a.m. so that I could be at North Central Bronx Hospital's psychiatric emergency room by 7:30 a.m. That year, 1995, was perhaps the most challenging year of my life. It was the beginning of a new role for me. Suddenly, I gained a new label, yet another label aside from that of "Latina," "woman," "mother" and "trainee." I became a "single mother." Along with that label came the financial difficulties that are often experienced by single mothers like myself. My salary as an intern barely covered my apartment rental. I was forced to supplement my income with additional graduate student loans in order to afford household and personal expenses.



Angelica M. Perez-Litwin '89
PHOTO: COURTESY ANGELICA M. PEREZ-LITWIN '89

In 1998, I successfully completed my doctoral degree in clinical psychology. That same year, India turned 4 and began pre-kindergarten at Fieldston Lower School, a well-respected independent school in New York City. While I felt very fortunate to see my child begin her education in a safe, loving and stimulating environment, the realities of my financial situation as a single parent became increasingly evident and difficult.

The Kluge loan repayment program, at that time in my life, was a tremendous help and a relief. In 1999, the program paid for the student loan balance I had accumulated as an undergraduate. That kind of support was vital to my livelihood, both as professional and as a mother. The confirmation letter stating that my student loan balance was paid in full is folded and saved in the same box that holds the many special cards, letters and photographs I have received over the years. The letter, as well as the support program, symbolizes the act of giving back, the dedication and commitment to higher education and, most importantly, faith in the next generations, especially ethnic minority generations.

Today [2004], I am an assistant professor of research at the NYU School of Medicine and the director of the Multicultural Aging and Memory Evaluation Program, a clinic whose mission is to promote access to and use of diagnostic services for ethnic minority and underserved populations. My work as a director and researcher gives me great satisfaction in knowing that I, along with many other ethnic minority clinicians and doctors, am making great contributions toward the reduction of health disparities between ethnic

and non-ethnic minorities. Kluge's vision to promote and support higher education for persons like myself has, and will continue to have, tremendous impact on the significant educational disparities in our society. The beauty in believing in others and giving them opportunities is best appreciated in the naturally occurring cycle of passing on what was received, whether it is in the form of dollars, compassion, understanding, support or faith in those in need.

Angelica Perez-Litwin '89 is a clinical psychologist in private practice in New York.

Shelly Eversley '91

I work for love. There was a time when I thought I would grow up and become an attorney — I'd make lots of money, drive a nice car and buy myself a big house with a swimming pool and maybe even a tennis court. Looking back, the material rewards were my motivation to attend law school. I was young and naïve and my working-class background had taught me that money matters, that without it I'd be nowhere. And it's true. Money does matter. Without it, I wouldn't be where I am today: I wouldn't have had the freedom to choose love over money. I wouldn't have become a college professor, challenging students to think actively, to imagine that after college, after student loans, after the work-study jobs, after all those dinners of beans and rice, that they could be rich, rich in everything that really matters.

I'm rich. I remember the day when the choice became most clear. In the spring of my junior year I had the opportunity to participate in Chase Manhattan Bank's Summer Internship program. I had also won a place in the National Endowment for the Humanities Younger Scholars program. The Chase internship would pay \$1,800 a week; the NEH stipend was \$2,300 for the summer. The choice seemed obvious: if I worked at the bank I wouldn't have to borrow the money to finish my college career, I could get my own apartment, I could even eat meat again (in college I had become a vegetarian — I pretended I did it for ethical reasons, but it was really because I was broke). But what I really wanted was to take a train up to the archives so I could read the manuscript of my favorite novel, Zora Neale Hurston ['28 Barnard]'s *Their Eyes Were Watching God*. I was afraid that if I didn't work at the bank, my books and I would end up nowhere; I'd end up a literate waitress and beans and rice would become my eternal sustenance. And then I had a conversation with Dean Thurman. He told me that a man named John Kluge '37 had recently donated \$25 million to the College, that he wanted to make it so that students like me could choose love over money, that if I earned a Ph.D. and became a college professor, Mr. Kluge would repay half of my student loans. I'm not kidding when I say this: On that day, I heard the angels sing. I accepted the NEH offer, I spent the summer in the archives and I never looked back.



Shelly Eversley '91
PHOTO: GREG BROOM

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My graduation day was a big deal. My mother, my father, my sisters, my aunts, my uncles, my cousins and even their friends had descended on New York City to celebrate an accomplishment we all shared. I had graduated from the Ivy League and I was on my way to graduate school and I was going to become a college professor. At my cousins' house in Queens, everyone who couldn't attend the actual ceremony sat, enraptured, as my father told them that his hero, Dizzy Gillespie, had earned an honorary degree from the University where, on the same day, his daughter had earned the real thing. My mother laughed and cried over the diploma she couldn't read — the Latin text had impressed her so much that it didn't matter that its words were indecipherable. She knew what it meant. On that day, I ate barbeque ribs (yes, ribs!) with my family and we danced all night long.

When I earned my doctorate, I gave it to my mother. It became her honorary degree. On that day, my dissertation director told me that, in the entire history of The Johns Hopkins University, I was the first black person to earn a Ph.D. in English. I was stunned. I knew that the choice I had made was personally difficult (among other things, beans and rice had remained my staple), but I had no idea that at the close of the 20th century, there could be a research university that had never seen the likes of me. And then I thought about it. I had the best teachers in college, and yet even at Columbia University, I had had only one black woman professor, and she was a visiting scholar. I realized that Mr. Kluge had given us the most amazing present. I studied at some of the best universities, defended a dissertation and best of all, there is one more black woman professor in this world. Every day when I enter my classroom, my scholarship, as well as my very presence, makes a difference even for the student who decides that she will attend law school and make lots of money and maybe even buy a big house with a pool and a tennis court. That student can look at me and know that she has the opportunity to choose; I can teach her the things I learned at Columbia, and she will know that, like me, she can work for love. One man's generosity facilitated my choice and I know that without it, we'd be nowhere.

Shelly Eversley '91 is an associate professor of English at CUNY Baruch.

Phyllis Fletcher '94

The Kluge scholarship letter was the first notice my mother and I received that I had been accepted to Columbia. We were thrilled I had been admitted, and we were grateful for Mr. Kluge's help. My mom and I worked hard and lived modestly in Seattle; we lived paycheck to paycheck. Things were good when I got a little overtime at the grocery store, but not good enough to afford an Ivy League education. With Mr. Kluge's generous help, I was able to go to the school of my dreams and get a top-notch education.

In my junior year, I told my mom I'd been invited to a reception to meet Mr. Kluge. She asked me to pass along a message of thanks to him. Not yet familiar with cocktail hour rules of New York City, I showed up right on time, and was of course the first guest to arrive. When Mr. Kluge came in a few minutes later, we were introduced,



Phyllis Fletcher '94
PHOTO: JOSH KNISELY

and I hoped I could keep him entertained until the other students showed up. I wasn't sure what we would talk about, but what a treat it was! Mr. Kluge was curious about my college life and generous with details about his own. He told me he'd had a hard time at Columbia as a German immigrant in the 1930s. He hadn't fit in socially and his academic performance had been passable. I was surprised to hear such a successful man speak about himself so humbly. He told

me about the circuitous route to his famous media career, which all started when he bought just one radio station. (I seem to recall Atlantic City winnings being part of the story!)

Most of my Columbia friends were on the fast track to careers in law, medicine, business or academia. At 22, I had no idea what I wanted to do. I had a Columbia degree under my belt, which opened more doors for me than I could have imagined. I conducted research for one of my professors at alma mater; I worked in social services at the Urban League. Then, a computer programming class I had taken at Columbia led me to a successful career as a software engineer in Seattle's dot-com boom, which allowed me to get my mom a house of her own.

When the boom was over, I decided to make my career in the medium I love: radio. I started at the bottom, as a fundraising volunteer for a National Public Radio station. That was eight years ago. Now I'm a reporter for that station: KUOW in Seattle. My news director was impressed when he learned I had gone to Columbia; I know my degree helped me get the job. Which leads me to the message my mother had for Mr. Kluge. I did thank him when I met him that night. Mr. Kluge, in his gracious manner, told me to send my mother his thanks for everything she'd done to get me to Columbia.

Phyllis Fletcher '94 is a reporter at public radio station KUOW in Seattle.

Benjamin Todd Jealous '94

I am writing to offer three sets of much-belated thanks for your efforts to extend the diversity of Columbia's undergraduate student body.

Before I specifically thank you, I want to let you know how much of a role model you have been to me. You have made other people's struggles your struggle. Your commitment to social justice and your efforts to provide opportunities for people who might not have access to them has truly been inspiring. To know that there is someone like you has given me the confidence and motivation to make it my life's work to seek for social justice, not just for myself, but for those millions of other people who need to know that there is someone there to help them get the opportunity in this society. You have not only given tangibly to so many of us but you have given us hope and inspiration.

The first thank you is for helping me to demonstrate that there was a place for me in the Columbia College community. As a kid from a small town in northern California, I had limited insight

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into East Coast schools. The letters and view books often looked and sounded the same. (And for reasons both of us would later discover, the financial aid awards often looked remarkably similar as well.) Thus when the acceptance letters and financial aid awards finally came, I quickly found myself in a quandary. However, the honor of being named a John Kluge Scholar let me know that there was a place for me at Columbia. That sense of being truly wanted by an otherwise distant and largely overwhelming institution and city weighed heavily in my deliberations and ultimately led me to make one of the best decisions of my life.

The second statement of appreciation is for a more roundabout, yet ultimately more significant, impact the scholars program had on my life. Thirteen years ago at a Kluge Scholars dinner on campus, famed civil rights lawyer Julius Chambers ['64L], who was the honored guest at the dinner, offered me a work-study job at the NAACP-Legal Defense Fund. While there I met my future wife. While I would like to believe that Lia and I would have met regardless of the circumstances, it all ultimately goes back to my being a Kluge Scholar and a deal former Dean [Jack] Greenberg ['45, '48L] made at the dinner. Needless to say, none of us would have been there without your vision and generosity.



Benjamin Todd Jealous '94
PHOTO: COURTESY NAACP

Finally, I would like to express my deep gratitude for your efforts to help save Columbia College's full-need financial aid and need-blind admissions policies. When, as a member of the student council in the early 1990s, I heard that the University was contemplating ending these policies because it ultimately felt it could no longer afford to maintain them, I felt sick and helpless. Assurances that current students would not be affected were of little comfort. All of us

who benefited from — or otherwise appreciated the importance of — these policies understood the impact of such a shift would ultimately be detrimental to the nation as a whole. Many academically but not financially qualified future business, academic and political leaders would not have the benefit of a Columbia education. Other institutions, in those last years of the last recession, might be inspired to follow suit. I have rarely felt so joyful as I did when we heard that with your help, Columbia would keep its doors open to families and communities such as those that had sent me and many of my classmates.

Benjamin Todd Jealous '94 is president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Janine de Novais '99

Everyone has that big dream — you know the one. As a kid growing up in Cape Verde, mine was never too specific compared to those of all my friends. I wanted to be a sociologist, or a filmmaker, or a journalist — mostly a writer of any kind. The only constant was the site of my dreams: New York City. I was thrilled when my mother moved us to the States in



Janine de Novais '99
PHOTO: JALEN DE ALBA DE NOVAIS

1991. But Brockton, Mass., wasn't really the Big Apple. I would have to cover much ground quickly to get from there to where my life awaited me. I worked as hard as I could in school and then I asked about "the best school in New York." Then I applied.

Receiving my letter of acceptance was amazing, but it was heart-wrenching as well: I had gotten in but I could not afford to go. My mother became frustrated with what she saw as my youthful intransigence. I would not consider another school. How could I have come so far and be made to turn back? When the invitation came to visit in April, I jumped on the bus, hoping and praying for a miracle. The rest of the story, I must say, is straight out of a dream. I fell in love with the campus and the friends I made and the clear possibilities before me. I told myself I had to try. I took a deep breath and told Peter Johnson of the Admissions Office, who had invited me to campus, the secret of my particular predicament. Time stood still for what seemed like an eternity but was really barely a couple of minutes. Then Peter said, "Tell your mother you are coming in September."

John Kluge '37's generosity stood behind Peter Johnson's words to me that day. He is the reason Peter and his colleagues have been able to say the same to countless other young people.

I am a single parent, and more than ever I really believe that the dreams of young people move history forward. In an ideal world, we would all know to invest greatly in those dreams lest we stagnate ourselves and fall behind. Unfortunately, fewer and fewer deserving young people who are less affluent, who are youth of color, who are children of recent immigrants or non-traditional in other ways, are being given the chance that I was given. John Kluge '37 embodied the best ideal in American higher learning: that democracy depends on a diverse citizenry being given the opportunity for self-cultivation and intellectual growth.

Having grown up on Columbia's campus, my son, Jalen, now finds himself on Harvard's campus as I pursue a doctorate in education. While he loves it here, he remains a Columbia cub through and through. If we consider the great opportunities before him by virtue of my education, then the true depth and breadth of John Kluge '37's gifts to students is made clear.

Janine de Novais '99 is a doctoral student at the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

Derek Mitchell '03

As we celebrate Mr. Kluge's life and contributions, it is an immense privilege for us, the students whose lives Mr. Kluge touched and so generously influenced, to honor his memory. Each of us, in our own way, has been impacted by the vision to which he was so deeply committed.

The Kluge program creates an environment in which minority students can learn from each other, provide encouragement and

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explore college life together. It made me feel I was a member of a small, supportive community within the larger context of Columbia University. I felt more integrated into the life of the University because of the interactions it facilitated with fellow students, faculty and staff. The program's regular cultural outings also allowed me to more closely engage with New York City. The Kluge program was always doing everything it could to help me have the

richest and most meaningful college experience possible.

The program is the success it is because of the amazing faculty and staff at its helm. As my interests and ambitions evolved, I could always turn to the advisers for guidance, support or just a chat. Mr. Kluge's program could not be in better hands.

I came to Columbia from San Diego, about 10 miles from the international border. Our family looks a lot like many others in the southeast corner of the city; Mom's family is Mexican and Dad's is Caucasian. Most of my dad's family are still unclear what the Posada, our annual Christmas party, means for Mexicans, but Mom passes out translations of the Spanish songs we sing to help them along. Both my parents began their careers as teachers at public schools near the border. My mom is assistant superintendent of a school district in the barrio; every day she battles the challenges facing low-income communities with a tenacity I can only hope to have inherited. Nineteen years ago, my father became principal of the school I had attended since kindergarten and went on to transform it into one of the most distinguished independent schools on the West Coast. My parents have raised me to value service, sacrifice and spirituality as the principles by which one should live. Life for me is about striving to pursue those values in the work and relationships that I pursue.

My experience at Columbia College provided everything I had hoped for and more to equip me for such a life. I came to college with a desire to study the world's religions, especially those of South Asia. Under Professor Jack Hawley's guidance, I quickly discovered how the urban environment surrounding our university could be a vast opportunity for exploring the world's faiths. By my junior year I resolved to deepen my knowledge of South Asia's religious traditions by studying abroad in India. I'll always remember those six months in Delhi as a turning point in my life. The ideas I encountered, the crushing poverty that surrounded me and the struggles of activists and thinkers I met all told me that India would be at the center of my life's work. Support from the Kluge program allowed me to spend a summer studying Hindi. As I began searching how to avoid doing more harm than good in a country other than my own, Mahatma Gandhi's vision of a nonviolent society powerfully captured my mind and heart. Under the guidance of Professor Dennis Dalton, I turned my deep interest in Gandhi's vision into a successful application for the Fulbright fellowship.

I spent nine months in Delhi learning from one of India's most accomplished and battle-tested Gandhians how we may once again inspire faith in the power of nonviolence. My later travels around the country as a fellow of the Institute of Current World Affairs introduced me to courageous men and women striving through Gandhi's methods to build the institutions of their democracy. I saw that just as Americans once had to fight for an eight-hour work day, minimum wages, and gender and racial equality, so Indians are struggling to

build a more just society. I remain in India to work in solidarity with these struggles. Time and again I have observed how a Columbia education provided me the tools to function with awareness and humility in the world. I remain forever grateful for the opportunities that Mr. Kluge's devotion to our university has made possible.

Derek Mitchell '03 recently completed the Phillips Talbot Fellowship for South Asia of the Institute of Current World Affairs.



Jonathan Walton '08

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Jonathan Walton '08

This poem I wrote for Mr. Kluge's 95th birthday celebration captures the nature of what Mr. Kluge lived for: A life of humility-filled service that consistently invites all to get involved.

What If

Speechless — he spoke volumes
letting his actions speak for him
giving as though what he earned was never his
giving as though giving was the only way to live
giving so that those on the outside could be welcomed in
giving because all had been given unto him.

Suffering from a disease called generosity
a condition called compassion
An influenza that made him altruistic
Kindness, joy, peace — clear symptoms
Something serious, yes but something clearly not contagious

I see him and I ask what if?
What if this city could be so sick of seeing the gap
between the haves and the have-nots
that we lived to close the void
between the Upper East Side and the South Bronx
Brooklyn Heights and Bed-Sty
Stuy-town and the Lower East Side

What if it wasn't a mystery why Jimmy at 66th and 5th got on the
6 to play basketball with Ray every Saturday @ 135th
Or Ye-Jee from Westchester caught the Metro-North to play nieta
to Abuelos y abuela's at a Heights' nursing home
What if it wasn't a mirage to see Winston, a senior at St. John's
eating lunch with Alberto, an ex-con in Central Park.
What if it wasn't newsworthy to dive into the subway to save a
life but normal to love our neighbors as much as we love our-
selves so it's expected to lay down your life

What if we walked in the same principles we supposedly stand on.

Intentionally invested in people like we do our portfolios

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Checked up on our children as often as our checkbooks
Chased after our loved ones like we do those on TV that we don't
even know.

We love to honor heroes on CNN but why don't more of us want
to be like them?

We love to speak like Jesus on Sundays but Mondays don't want
to be like Him.

Quote the Koran, memorize the hadith, preach karma and medi-
tation and ideas of the East
but leave mercy, hope, peace, and justice on the mats where our
knees used to be

Know the stories of the Torah and Tanach but before the power of
these are unleashed
Somewhere they are blocked

But what if the barriers were broken and agape became our focus
A compassion that surpasses races and classes — a grace that
saves regardless of birthplace or nation state
A love that says that Staten Island is not too far or yes, I'll take you
and pick you up from JFK.
A love that says it's not too late to talk, a love that makes the "just
because" phone call.

What type of world would we live in if we opened our hearts and
let the world in.

Love for ourselves but also for our families
but not those by blood, all those kin to humanity

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Donna D. Desilus '09

Though the Kluge Scholars Program has supported hundreds of students since its 1987 inception, I have always felt that this was an individual gift made to me. John Werner Kluge '37 made it clear on numerous occasions that he wanted to "invest in minds, not buildings." And so each of his scholars was chosen to represent him and his history — hard-working individuals to whom he wanted to give the same opportunity and resources that he was so freely given by the Columbia community. And yet despite this unrestrained act of generosity, I always have felt compelled to accept his gift not only as an opportunity but also a challenge.

At 8, John arrived in Detroit from his native Germany to a world unlike his own. After struggling with his stepfather over the importance of education, and losing the battle, he left home at 14. He opted to tread the challenging path to college despite how rare it was for a young man of his background at that time. In this respect, I have always felt that Kluge and I were similar. I too am an immigrant to the United States, coming from Haiti at 5, and was

raised in an urban locale. As a teenager, I faced similar challenges while following the path to college, a rarity in my home of Four Corners, Boston. I also long identified with the gratefulness Kluge had for his many supporters, who helped him achieve his goal of getting a good education. Just as he had fondness for Mrs. Gracia Gray DaRatt, who took him in when he left home and encouraged his intellectual abilities, and for Judge Allan Campbell and Allen Crow, who mentored him in his youth, I have extreme gratitude for my mentor, Jacqueline Cooke Rivers, who nurtured me in the same way, and for the hard work and sacrifice of my parents, who left a decent life in another country so that I might have an excellent one here. But most importantly, I identified with the pressure Kluge faced knowing that the cost of Columbia tuition would be far from his reach as well as the determination he needed to persevere even with that knowledge.

Despite the many years that separated our time in Morningside Heights, when Kluge and I arrived at the 116th Street gates, we were given access to many of the same opportunities, financial resources and intellectual giants that our more privileged peers received. We studied the same great books, struggled with the same principles of economics and arrived at the same University commencement, he at the 183rd and I at the 255th. Someone before had made that possible for him and in turn he made that possible for me almost 72 years later.

It is this act that I am most moved by. Though generously supported by the University, John made a gift to Columbia in return that is incomparable to what he was given. John's financial aid gift to the University is unprecedented. It is an act of true leadership. Equipped with a Columbia degree in economics, he left Morningside Heights to become a broadcasting entrepreneur and amass a fortune. But instead of giving it away to build buildings, bridges and parks, all emblazoned with his name and building his public prominence, John instead chose to etch his name in the hearts and minds of the thousands of students who will carry his legacy.

John Kluge joins my parents, my "aunt" Jackie and a few non-profit leaders and historical figures in the group of heroes I hope to someday model. All of these were people given maybe a little or maybe a lot, and who exercised leadership beyond what was wise for them to give an opportunity to those who needed more than they needed. John's legacy is one of responsibility to those who are less fortunate than you are, of giving to ensure that others have access to the resources you were given and of a personal leadership that shows commitment to bettering the human condition. This type of leadership to me represents not just a model for all of those who hold comparable positions to Kluge as giants in their fields but also as a challenge to all those who follow him and will carry his torch. Kluge once said that "in the sands of time individuals make very little difference." Despite this fact however, he kept the mantra of "what little difference you can make, you should try to make."

I and the sea of other Kluge Scholars, students who continue his legacy, accept that challenge.

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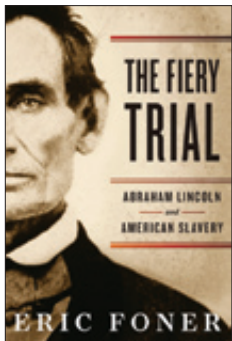
“I Am Naturally Anti-Slavery”

Young Abraham Lincoln and Slavery

Historian Eric Foner '63, '69 GSAS is the DeWitt Clinton Professor of History at Columbia, where he did his Ph.D. under the supervision of Richard Hofstadter '42 GSAS. Foner has been president of The Organization of American Historians, the American Historical Association and The Society of American Historians. His 1988 study *Reconstruction: America's Unfinished Revolution, 1863–1877* won the Bancroft, Parkman and Los Angeles Times Book prizes, among others.



Eric Foner '63, '69 GSAS
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In his latest book, *THE FIERY TRIAL: Abraham Lincoln and American Slavery*, Foner takes a measured look at Lincoln and his changing views on slavery. He shows the Great Emancipator as a work in progress — from his earliest childhood in states steeped in racism, to his career as a moderate Whig politician, to the final challenge of the Civil War presidency. “Foner argues that Lincoln’s ‘greatness’ rests in his ‘capacity for growth,’ not in the consistency many have wished to see in him,” writes one reviewer in the *San Francisco Chronicle*.

In the following excerpt, Foner describes Lincoln’s earliest encounters with racism and slavery.

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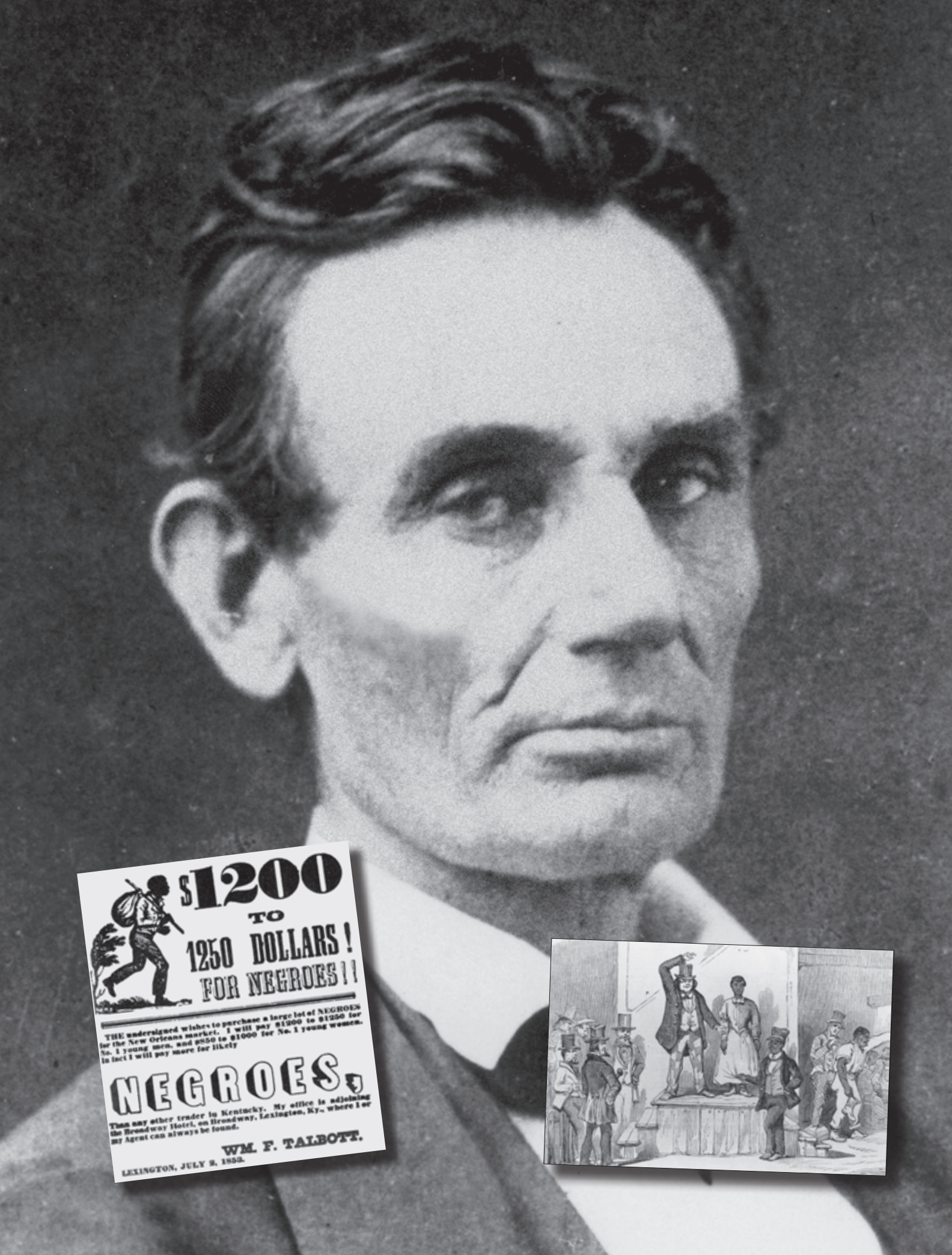
“I am naturally anti-slavery. If slavery is not wrong, nothing is wrong. I cannot remember when I did not so think, and feel.” There is no reason to doubt the sincerity of Abraham Lincoln’s emphatic declaration, written in April 1864, three years into the American Civil War. But as with so much of his early life, the origins of his thoughts and feelings about slavery remain shrouded in mystery. Lincoln grew up in a world in which slavery was a living presence and where both deeply entrenched racism and various kinds of antislavery sentiment flourished. Until well into his life, he had only sporadic contact with black people, slave or free. In later years, he said almost nothing about his early encounters with slavery, slaves, and free African-Americans. Nonetheless, as he emerged in the 1830s as a prominent Illinois politician, the cumulative experiences of his early life led Lincoln to identify himself as an occasional critic of slavery. His early encounters with and responses to slavery were the starting point from which

Lincoln’s mature ideas and actions would later evolve.

The historical record contains very little information about Lincoln’s early encounters with slavery or black persons. As a young child in Kentucky, he may have seen groups of chained slaves pass near his house on their way to the Lower South. He could not have had much direct contact with blacks in Indiana. In 1830, on the eve of the family’s departure for Illinois, the census reported no slaves and only 14 free blacks in Spencer County, where the Lincolns lived. When he settled in Sangamon County, Illinois, the population of around 12,000 included only 38 blacks. When Lincoln moved to Springfield in 1837, the town’s 86 blacks comprised less than 5 percent of its residents.

(Opposite) Lincoln envisioned a society based on free labor, not slave, even though slave auctions such as this one in Richmond, Va. (lower right), and advertisements for slaves, such as the one by William F. Talbott of Lexington, Ky. (lower left), were commonplace while he was growing up.

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\$1200
TO
1250 DOLLARS!
FOR NEGROES!!

THE undersigned wishes to purchase a large lot of NEGROES for the New Orleans market. I will pay \$1200 to \$1250 for No. 1 young men, and \$850 to \$1000 for No. 1 young women. In fact I will pay more for likely

NEGROES,

Than any other trader in Kentucky. My office is adjoining the Broadway Hotel, on Broadway, Lexington, KY- where I or my Agent can always be found.

WM. F. TALBOTT.
LEXINGTON, JULY 8, 1853.



Lincoln's first real encounter with slavery — the heart of the institution, rather than its periphery — came on two journeys down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers in 1828 and 1831, when he helped transport farm goods for sale in New Orleans. Lincoln and his companions made the southbound voyage by flatboat and returned north by steamboat (although on the second occasion, Lincoln walked home from St. Louis). Their trip exemplified how the market revolution of the early nineteenth century was simultaneously consolidating the national economy and heightening the division between slave and free societies. In the North, the building of canals and the advent of steamboats and, later, railroads set in motion economic changes that created an integrated economy of commercial farms and growing urban and industrial centers. In the South, the market revolution, coupled with the military defeat and subsequent removal of the Native American population, made possible the westward expansion of the slave system and the rise of the great Cotton Kingdom of the Gulf states. Southern society reproduced itself as it moved westward, remaining slave-based and almost entirely agricultural, even as the North witnessed the emergence of a diversified, modernizing economy. Eventually, the clash between societies based on slave and free labor would come to dominate American life and shape the mature Lincoln's political career.

This, however, lay far in the future when Lincoln made his two trips. The first began at the end of December 1828 when James Gentry, an Indiana storekeeper, hired the 19-year-old Lincoln to join Gentry's son Allen in shipping a cargo of corn, oats, beans and meat to New Orleans. The second trip, which started in April 1831, took place after Denton Offutt, an Illinois merchant, hired a crew including Lincoln, John Hanks (Lincoln's mother's cousin) and John D. Johnston (Lincoln's stepbrother) to accompany him to New Orleans. These trips were among thousands that followed a similar route during this period, when the Old Northwest shipped its surplus farm produce downriver to be sold in New Orleans and then consumed on slave plantations or transported by sea to the Northeast or Europe.

What did Lincoln see on these journeys, which covered over 2,000 miles round-trip? The Ohio and Mississippi rivers were alive with vessels of all kinds. Lincoln could not have avoided contact with slaves, who worked on the huge cotton and sugar plantations that lined the Mississippi and on docks and steamboats. There were also bands of black robbers who preyed on shipping. One night as their flatboat lay tied up at the riverbank, one such group attacked Gentry and Lincoln. The incident left a vivid impression; in his brief autobiographical sketch written in 1860, the only black persons Lincoln mentioned were the "seven negroes" who tried to "kill and rob" him. He and Gentry, Lincoln recalled, succeeded "in driving the negroes from the boat."

These trips must have been eye-opening for the young Lincoln. New Orleans, where he spent an undetermined amount of time in 1829 and a full month in mid-1831, was by far the largest city he had ever seen, with a population of some 50,000, including nearly 17,000 slaves and 12,000 free blacks. The diverse residents also included Creoles (descendants of French and Spanish colonial settlers), European immigrants, and Americans from every state. The French observer of American democracy Alexis de Tocqueville, who spent New Year's Day of 1832 in New Orleans, six months after Lincoln's second visit, took note of the city's beautiful architecture, the "faces with every shade of color," and what he deemed the "incredible laxity of morals" of the inhabitants. Every Sunday, the city's vibrant black culture was on display at Congo Square, where slaves gathered for dancing, music-making, and other pas-

times. The free black population included many propertied skilled artisans. The city's back streets held numerous grog shops where slaves, free blacks, and whites mingled freely.

Situated at the mouth of the Mississippi River, New Orleans was, after New York City, the country's second busiest port, the major export center for the staple crops of the Mississippi Valley. In 1828, vessels from throughout the Atlantic world arrived there, including some 750 steamboats and over 1,000 flatboats. New Orleans was also a major center of the domestic slave trade. Slave pens were scattered throughout the business district, newspapers carried daily advertisements for slave sales, and slave auctions took place not only at the central slave market — a major tourist attraction — but also at numerous other places, including the luxurious St. Charles Hotel. It would have been almost impossible to spend time in New Orleans and not witness the buying and selling of slaves.

John Hanks later claimed that on the second trip to New Orleans, "we saw negroes chained, maltreated, whipped and scourged. Lincoln saw it. His heart bled. ... I can say knowingly that it was on this trip that he formed his opinions of slavery." But, according to Lincoln's recollection in 1860, Hanks left the crew in St. Louis and did not accompany the others to New Orleans. After Lincoln's death, Hanks and Lincoln's law partner William Herndon recounted that in later life, Lincoln did speak about these journeys and about the New Orleans slave market. The impact of these visits on Lincoln's views of slavery, however, must remain a matter of speculation. His account of being assaulted by thieves is his only surviving reference to these two journeys. But the sight of slaves being bought and sold powerfully affected many a visitor to the South. Lincoln's friend Orville H. Browning, an Illinois politician who had also been born in Kentucky, described his reaction to a slave sale in a diary entry in 1854:

Saw a negro sold at public auction in the court-house yard. ... Although I am not sensible in any change in my views upon the abstract question of slavery, many of its features, that are no longer familiar, make a much more vivid impression of wrong than they did before I lived away from the influence of the institution.

Lincoln had more to say about a subsequent encounter with slavery, which took place on an 1841 boat trip to St. Louis with his close friend Joshua Speed. The trip followed a visit to Farmington, the Speed family plantation near Louisville, where his hosts assigned a house slave to wait on their guest. Recovering from a period of depression after the temporary breakup of his relationship with Mary Todd, Lincoln remained for a month at Farmington. In September, he and Speed took a steamboat down the Ohio River to St. Louis, from where Lincoln returned to Springfield, Illinois, by stagecoach. On the ship, Lincoln observed a group of slaves being transported from Kentucky to a farm farther south. In 1855, Lincoln would vividly recall this episode in a letter to Speed:

You may remember, as I well do, that ... there were, on board, ten or a dozen slaves, shackled together with irons. That sight was a continual torment to me; and I see something like it every time I touch the Ohio, or any other slave-border. ... You ought ... to appreciate how much the great body of the Northern people do crucify their feelings, in order to maintain their loyalty to the constitution and the Union.

Lincoln's oft-quoted letter, addressed to a good friend who by 1855 differed substantially with him about slavery, has been described as a "cry from the heart." Lincoln's response in 1841, when he encountered the chained slaves, was quite different. Then, he sent a vivid description of what he had seen to Mary Speed, Joshua's half sister:

A fine example was presented on board the boat for contemplating the effect of condition upon human happiness. ... [The slaves] were chained six and six together. A small iron clevis was around the left wrist of each, and this was fastened to the main chain by a shorter one at a convenient distance from the others; so that the negroes were strung together precisely like so many fish upon a trot-line. In this condition they were being separated forever from the scenes of their childhood, their friends, their fathers and mothers, and brothers and sisters, and many of them, from their wives and children, and going into perpetual slavery where the lash of the master is proverbially more ruthless and unrelenting than any other where; and yet amid all these distressing circumstances, as we would think of them, they were the most cheerful and apparently happy creatures on board. ... How true it is that God ... renders the worst of human conditions tolerable, while He permits the best, to be nothing better than tolerable.

Clearly, the chained slaves fascinated Lincoln, and he observed closely their method of confinement and their behavior. This letter is one of very few at any point in his life in which Lincoln muses on cruel punishments and the uprooting and separation of families — the concrete reality to which black men, women, and children were subjected. One cannot read the letter without a sense of revulsion at what the slaves experienced. Yet whether he did not wish to offend an owner of slaves, or his melancholy at the time affected his thinking, or his own views on slavery had not yet matured, Lincoln's account was oddly dispassionate. He did not describe the scene, as he would in 1855, as a violation of rights, a way of illustrating a political outlook, or an affront to his feelings, but as an interesting illustration of how human beings have the capacity to remain cheerful even in the most dire circumstances.

Until they drifted apart in the 1850s over the slavery question, Lincoln's relationship with the Speeds illustrated the close connection his circle of friends in Springfield had with slavery. His early political mentor and first law partner, John Todd Stuart, represented traders in indentured servants and slaves. Most important, when he married Stuart's cousin Mary Todd in 1842, Lincoln became part of a significant slaveholding family. His wife grew up in Lexington, Kentucky, in the heart of bluegrass country, the focal point of slaveholding in the state and a major slave-trading center. One of Mary's uncles bought and sold slaves. A prominent businessman, lawyer, and well-connected political figure, Mary's father, Robert S. Todd, was a longtime member of the Kentucky legislature and an associate of Henry Clay.

Robert S. Todd's first wife died in 1825. He soon remarried and four of his daughters, including Mary, eventually moved to Springfield as young women, in part because of difficulties with their stepmother. Mary's uncle, Dr. John Todd, also took up residence in Springfield and owned five slaves there in 1830. Mary's

eldest sister Elizabeth married Ninian Edwards, who served in the legislature with Lincoln and was the son of the governor with the same name who had bought and sold slaves in territorial days. The Edwards family owned one of the six slaves still living in Springfield in 1840, in addition to black indentured servants. Yet Robert S. Todd, a follower of Clay, was one of the Kentucky slaveholders who disliked slavery and hoped to see it gradually abolished in the state. His daughter Mary, who had a strong interest in politics, seems to have imbibed his point of view. Robert S. Todd died in 1849 while running for reelection to the state senate. His opponent had castigated him as the "emancipation candidate."

The Todds were a proud, self-important family whose pretensions Lincoln frequently ridiculed. "One 'd' was good enough for God," he quipped, "but not the Todds." Nonetheless, Lincoln remained extremely close to his wife's family. When the death of Robert S. Todd unleashed a bitter squabble over his estate, Lincoln became involved in the ensuing litigation. (His wife ended up losing money as a result of the eventual court decisions.) During the Civil War, as the *New York World* observed, referring to the Todds, Lincoln "appointed his whole family to government posts."

On several occasions, Lincoln came into contact with slavery on visits to his in-laws' home in Lexington. With his wife and two young sons, he spent nearly a month there in 1847 on his way to taking up a seat in Congress. They enjoyed another extended stay in 1849, and Lincoln visited Lexington again while handling lawsuits in 1850, 1852 and 1853. The city's newspapers were filled with advertisements seeking the recovery of runaways and offering slaves for sale. It is unknown whether Lincoln witnessed a slave auction during any of these visits. If so, he never mentioned it.

Thus, before his emergence in the 1850s as an antislavery politician, Lincoln lived in Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois, all of which had histories of slavery and severe laws effectively denying black persons the rights of citizenship. All three, in fact, at one time or another prohibited free blacks from entering their territory. Lincoln had seen the small-scale slavery of Kentucky and the plantations and slave markets of the Mississippi Valley. He had married into a family of slaveholders.

From an early age, Lincoln demonstrated an independent cast of mind. He diverged in many ways from the boisterous and sometimes violent frontier culture in which he grew up. He did not drink, hunt or chew tobacco, tried to avoid physical altercations, never joined a church, and early in life embarked on a program of self-improvement, bent on escaping the constraining circumstances of his youth. Despite his penchant for thinking for himself, however, for most of his life Lincoln shared many of the racial prejudices so deeply rooted in the border region in which he grew up.

Yet Lincoln, had he desired, could have easily moved back to Kentucky like his friend Joshua Speed and, with the support of his prominent father-in-law, established himself as a member of Lexington's slave-owning high society. He chose not to do so. "Every American," Tocqueville observed, "is eaten up with longing to rise." Lincoln was even more ambitious than most of his contemporaries. But to him, success meant advancement in a society based on free labor, not slave.



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The Subtle Maestro of Scissor Sisters

Scott Hoffman '99 may be part of out-and-proud glam rock band Scissor Sisters but "Babydaddy" honed a consistent and careful work ethic as an undergrad

BY BEN JOHNSON

As pop star Kylie Minogue prances onto the Pyramid Stage in thigh-high boots and a lace bodysuit, joining Scissor Sisters as a special guest for the 2010 Glastonbury Festival in front of some 180,000 spectators, it's as if the nexus of the glam dance music universe finally has been found.

Minogue, who has sold more than 60 million records around the world, has plenty of competition for audience attention. Scissor Sisters' singer Jake Shears channels Prince in a high falsetto and hops around in nothing but suspenders, shredded jeans, and combat boots. His ginger-haired bandmate Ana Matronic shimmies in her purple dress and belts out the words to "Any Which Way," a clubby ode to hooking up that draws the crowd's roar. As spectacles go, Scissor Sisters is a hit.

But while these three singers provide eye candy to the audience teeming on the fields of Somerset, England, a subtle maestro is hard at work.

Scott Hoffman '99 is the calm driver at the periphery of this pulsating, glitzy mothership. Despite being part of a big day's penultimate act, the bearded man in sunglasses exudes relaxed joy, whether he's grasping the neck of his white Fender bass or laying hands upon a silver synthesizer.

One could credit Hoffman's cool to the fact that the group's new album, *Night Work*, is thus far a critical success, earning raves from *Entertainment Weekly* to *Mojo*

Magazine. But the role of even-keeled, well-rested director is one Hoffman has played since the days of composing into headphones in Carman Hall, and one that has helped make Scissor Sisters a world-famous, multi-platinum-selling band.

"The Jew in me wants to stay in the tour bus and try to avoid the mud," jokes Hoffman before the show, admitting he doesn't exactly embody the rock star stereotype. "But Glastonbury is a magical place. They set up bars and tents and art installations everywhere. It's as much about the music as it is the tribal gathering. It's like a mixture of Coachella and Burning Man."

Giant outdoor festivals like California's Coachella and Nevada's Burning Man — both of which feature contemporary music, alternative lifestyles and campy entertainment — have been a part of Hoffman's regular vocabulary since he graduated from Columbia with a degree in creative writing. And they are perfect for Scissor Sisters' contagious pop — a dance-inducing mix of

Scott Hoffman '99 is the driving force behind the hit band Scissor Sisters.

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pulsing disco beats, funk-influenced bass lines and rock 'n' roll guitar licks that manages to celebrate and reflect on dance floor hedonism at the same time.

But Glastonbury in particular holds special meaning for Scissor Sisters. In 2004, the festival effectively marked the band's introduction to Europe, bringing the New York City group's genre-bending style of dance music to a new fan base that has proved voracious.

“The record had been slowly inching up the charts,” says Hoffman, recalling the group's first mainstream milestone. “We

played Glastonbury, and the next day we got the call, telling us it had hit No. 1.”

Self-titled debut *Scissor Sisters* spent a month as the top record in the United Kingdom, and was 2004's top-selling album there, moving 2.7 million copies in that year alone. The follow-up, 2006's *Ta-Dah*, hit the same peak, and spent 50 weeks on the U.K. charts overall. The group's return to the fields of Somerset is a not-so-subtle nod to their success in England thus far; a notch in the revolving doorway of fame, logging the growth of the band from Manhattan cabaret curiosity to full

on rock band. Scissor Sisters completed an extensive European tour in mid-December and opens a U.S. tour (with Lady Gaga) on February 19 in Atlantic City, N.J.

“It's a funny thing — we kind of grew backward,” says Hoffman, a polite 33-year-old who says the band's first official gig was at The Slipper Room, a Lower East Side burlesque spot. “Jake and I started performing as a duo in 2001. We would sort of get up on stage, and I would play my laptop while Jake basically took his clothes off. Later on, we realized that we wanted to actually perform this music as a band.”

Hoffman and Scissor Sisters front man Jake Shears (born Jason Sellards) met through a mutual friend in Lexington, Ky., where Hoffman grew up. There, Hoffman had developed an appetite for records from his older brother, Ben, who fed him everything from glam rock legend David Bowie to Seattle grunge kings Nirvana. An obsession with hair metal followed, as did the high school revelation of Nine Inch Nails' punishing industrial music and the dystopian post-rock of Radiohead.

“My musical discovery definitely moved on into electronic and disco music, and the mix of the two,” says Hoffman. “Finding out why and how that all happened became really interesting to me.”

When Hoffman left Kentucky to study at Columbia, his own musical journey had prepared him for Scissor Sisters. And when Shears moved to the city as well, it wasn't long before the two collaborators fell in together and started spending time at downtown clubs, making friends with others seeking the same entertainment. It was in this circle of friends where Hoffman, younger than his cohorts but mature and rocking a substantial beard, got the nickname that would later become his official Scissor Sisters handle: Babydaddy.

But beyond the places and pulses of city music, there were other kinds of knowledge the self-described “Kentucky boy” had yet to gather, and he did that gathering on campus.

“I went to Columbia because I wanted to get a challenging education and pursue some of my loves, such as understanding fiction and more of the arts,” Hoffman says. “Plus I was into the idea of going to a big city like New York after living in



Hoffman got his nickname, Babydaddy, during his college years while hanging out with an older crowd in New York's club scene.

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on, we realized that we wanted to actually perform this music as a band.”

a smaller town all of my life. My parents also were very demanding and wanted me to go for the best.”

“What impressed me about Scott wasn’t as much his music as his discipline,” says Ethan Davidson ’99, a friend and former bandmate of Hoffman’s who is a communications director for an urban development company in Atlanta. “He’s a very creative person, but it’s how he goes about it. You’d go by his dorm room and he’d say ‘Don’t disturb me. I’m writing right now.’ Columbia was a good fit for him — he was a disciplined guy with his head on straight.”

Davidson, who visits with Hoffman when both are in New York, jokes that the musician’s Chelsea apartment is highly organized, just like his old Columbia dorm room — but filled with nicer stuff, of course. The influence of his time at school isn’t lost on Hoffman, either.

“I think it was the most important experience to get me to what I’m doing right now,” he says. “The way Columbia developed my understanding and ability to discuss a piece of art or literature, how we would talk about themes and ideas and have a real discourse — that ran right into the way Scissor Sisters creates music. We spend a lot of time refining and talking about what we do musically. We feel like we’re creating something that verges on art; something conceptual that shows a bigger picture.”

One of Hoffman’s favorite professors at Columbia may have helped shape his ability to create the big picture in the band. Colin Harrison, a novelist and former editor at *Harper’s Magazine* who now is a senior editor at Simon & Schuster, taught several writing workshops at Columbia, one of which dealt with voice and narrative through the lens of music appreciation.

“We’d listen to clips of singers — Patsy Cline, Louis Armstrong, Tom Waits — to discuss the power and emotional intensity of voice for the purposes of writing,” says Harrison, whose 1996 crime novel, *Manhattan Nocturne*, received a “Notable Book” nod from *The New York Times*. “We’d explore how you sense, feel and keep narrative going.”

Anyone delving into the deep cuts of this quartet’s three albums (a fifth musician joins them for live performances) would notice an attention to voice and narrative; both lyrically and musically, the



Scissor Sisters, made up of (left to right) Hoffman, Jake Shears, Ana Matronic and Del Marquis, has released three hit albums.

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recordings all succeed as broad statements filled with juicy details.

In a market dominated by digital singles and one-track downloads, the band’s commitment to a long play artistic statement is admirable, whether or not they are working in a medium facing extinction. Since Scissor Sisters first gained attention for their 2004 club-ready cover of “Comfortably Numb,” by concept-album giants Pink Floyd, it’s been a theme, but not one necessarily obtained with ease.

“We take this seriously as a job — a job that we love,” says Hoffman, who collaborates closely with Shears on a majority of the band’s songwriting. “We did about 1½ years of writing consistently and we hit a wall. In a moment of frustration, I suggested Jake go away for a bit, and he did — to Berlin.”

After some time in the German city’s thriving nightlife scene, Shears felt rejuvenated. With some production assistance from the accomplished Stuart Price (Madonna, The Killers), and a Robert Map-

plethorpe photo for the album cover, the band found itself with what may be their most ambitious and seamless work yet.

Thus far, fans have responded; 25,000 copies of *Night Work* were purchased in the United States alone within two weeks of the album’s release. Some three years in the making, the album boasts an instantly catchy single, “Fire with Fire,” as well as brooding, drawn out anthems like closer “Invisible Light.” A collaboration with Bryan Ferry for a new recording from seminal art rockers Roxy Music is forthcoming, but for now, Hoffman is concentrating on the grueling tour schedule and looking forward to his eventual return to New York city.

“I sometimes feel like a smaller town kid, but it feels like home,” says Hoffman. “I imagine I’ll always keep coming back to New York.”



Ben Johnson is a music writer for the Staten Island Advance and numerous other publications. His band, *Conversion Party*, released its second album last fall.

How to Cope During a Recession? Start a Food or Beverage Business

BY DINA CHENEY '99

Hear the word “recession,” and opportunity is likely the last thought that comes to mind. Yet, a tough economy can promote out-of-the-box thinking and present openings in the marketplace. These two stories — of food and beverage businesses started by young alumni, one right before the recession and the other in the thick of it — illustrate that an economic downturn isn’t necessarily cause for pessimism.

Chocomize

Chocomize, an Internet business that makes customized chocolate bars to order (chocomize.com), began due to a seeming lack of opportunity. The company’s founders — Nick LaCava ’09, Eric B. Heinbockel ’08 and Fabian Kaempfer, an exchange student at Columbia in spring 2008 and a 2009 graduate of European Business School (or EBS Universitaet), outside of Frankfurt, Germany — had planned to work in finance but couldn’t find compelling jobs in the field.

Heinbockel, who spent a year looking for a job, had nearly 20 interviews. Although he was offered several positions, he took none of them — they were all commission-based, with low or no base salaries. Later, LaCava, who’d spent two summers before graduation working for Citigroup and who planned to work in sales or trading, also couldn’t find employment.

In truth, as Heinbockel pointed out, a full-time job would have proven challenging anyway, since LaCava, then one of the fastest lightweight rowers in the country, was considering joining the U.S. rowing team. In 2009 he did, as a member of the lightweight men’s four division. He currently is training to compete in the 2012 Olympics.

By the early summer 2009, Heinbockel, LaCava and Kaempfer were close friends. Heinbockel and LaCava had met during the 2005–06 school year through the Columbia varsity lightweight rowing team. They became acquainted with Kaempfer when he moved into a Ruggles suite with LaCava and four other rowers during his stint as an exchange student.

Soon, the three began talking about “opportunities outside of the ones we had our hearts set on,” as Heinbockel puts it. During those discussions, Heinbockel brought up the growing field of

mass-customization, defined by BusinessDictionary.com as “the production of personalized or custom-tailored goods or services to meet consumers’ diverse and changing needs at near mass-production prices.” Some major companies, including Apple, Dell, Nike and Brooks Brothers, already had been practicing mass-customization. Yet, few food and beverage companies had yet done the same.

Then, something seemingly inconsequential, but ultimately fateful, happened: A motley assemblage of milk chocolate candies, pretzels, gummy bears and granola melted together in the back of LaCava’s car. LaCava remembers, “We ended up putting the bag in the fridge to harden it up, and when I tried it on a bet, it tasted delicious. That was when the light bulb went off in our heads, like, ‘Wow, this could be a good idea.’”

“We decided that we’d combine an older, but growing market — chocolate — with mass customization, the next wave in retail,” recalls Heinbockel. Indeed, the friends’ market research showed that traditionally, chocolate companies have emerged or flourished during recessions. During economic downturns, people are looking for affordable comforts and luxuries.

Encouraged, Heinbockel, LaCava and Kaempfer resolved to build a website where visitors could custom-design their own Belgian chocolate bar by choosing from an extensive list of ingredients — everything from the expected (almonds) to the novel (bacon and edible gold). One percent of the proceeds from each bar are donated to charity, and each customer chooses where his or her donation goes: Doctors Without Borders, Michael J. Fox Foundation or Action Against Hunger.

Initially based out of Heinbockel’s parents’ New Jersey home to save money, the three put their plan into action. LaCava’s father, John, a lawyer, advised the friends on copyrighting their name and logo and on incorporating, which they did in August (all three

took the title of managing partner), while The New Jersey Small Business Development Centers (NJSBDC.com) offered general business assistance. Personal loans came from friends and family, enabling the trio to purchase "\$35,000 worth of chocolate-tempering machines in one day," as Heinbockel recalls. "That was nerve-wracking." Meanwhile, knowledge about what to do with those machines was furnished by a Germany-based chocolatier, to whom Kaempfer was introduced by his uncle, a Nuremberg restaurateur.

In November 2009, Chocomize launched its website, and Heinbockel — who was to handle marketing and public relations — began aggressively reaching out to media outlets. "We realized how important holidays and press coverage would be in building our business," he says. His efforts were successful: *O, The Oprah Magazine*; *The Costco Connection* magazine; and other publications mentioned their company. Soon, Chocomize was profitable on a cash-flow basis.

Today, in addition to the three founders, the company has three interns, including Dave Mulhern '10 and Jim Brown '11; three full-time chocolate production workers; and two part-timers who produce chocolate or assist with shipping. The bars are produced and shipped from the company's office and production facility in Cherry Hill, N.J.

The founders plan to move Chocomize to a larger facility (its current factory is just shy of 2,000 sq. ft.). The company also will start selling chocolate to Canadian customers; offer more shipping options and a fourth base chocolate; purchase more equipment; and hire more people.

"We fall into the category of accidental entrepreneurs," Heinbockel says. "We are risk-takers to a degree, but the recession gave us the opportunity where we had nothing to lose. Ultimately, I'm glad that I didn't find a job. It allowed me to find work that I'm happier doing."

Echoes LaCava, "I'm really glad that I didn't end up getting a more traditional job. Not only have I learned an incredible amount about running a business, I absolutely love what I'm doing. It's great being your own boss, and there's no greater satisfaction than seeing your hard work pay off. Making chocolate and working with your best friends every day is a blast."

VeeV

The founders of VeeV, the first acai-based spirit, graduated before the recession and were able to begin their careers at investment banks. Brothers Courtney Reum '01 and Carter Reum '03 both worked in the investment banking division of Goldman Sachs. Yet Courtney knew that he would ultimately take an entrepreneurial path.

While at Goldman, he worked on many deals, including a large alcohol company merger, as well as the IPO for Under Armour. "The founder of that company had a good idea, and went for it. Why can't I do that?" Courtney recalls thinking. On a surfing trip to Brazil — a respite from his grueling work schedule — he was offered a bowl of granola, banana, honey and a then-mysterious fruit called acai (pronounced ah-sigh-EE). Courtney thought the fruit was delicious, and filed away the memory.

About a year later, he began brainstorming intensively about what type of business to start. He decided to invent an alcoholic beverage that would offer a "better way to drink" — better tast-



(From left) Fabian Kaempfer, Nick LaCava '09 and Eric B. Heinbockel '08 couldn't land the finance jobs they had hoped for, so they turned to the growing field of mass-customization and founded Chocomize.

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ing, better nutritionally and better for the environment. Recalling his trip to Brazil and the growing craze for nutrient-rich "super-fruits" (such as pomegranates and the lesser-known acai), he resolved to create "the world's first acai spirit."

When Courtney shared the idea with Carter, his younger brother was dubious about leaving his finance job. "Why should we risk everything?" Carter recalls asking. "I was surprised Courtney thought I'd actually be crazy enough to leave a great job at Goldman to join him in trying our hand at our own venture."

Although Courtney did convince his brother to join him, the two didn't know the alcohol business and realized they needed help. That came from Britt West '97, then a brand director for Grey Goose Vodka at Miami-based Bacardi US (which had acquired the vodka brand). At the time, Carter was on the board of Columbia College Young Alumni, as was a close friend of West's, who introduced them in late 2006.

West remembers his first encounter with the Reums. "Like most people, when they asked me what acai was, I said I'd never heard of it," he says. "I thought that Courtney and Carter were ahead of their time, as functional fruits and beverages were just becoming more mainstream. Plus, the brothers planned to donate a portion of the product's sales to stewardship of the Brazilian rainforest. I realized that not only was that something they were passionate about; it was also something that would appeal to our target market. Finding more environmentally and socially responsible ways of doing businesses would become a long-term trend, even in an industry not known for its environmentally sensitive behavior."

After first consulting for the Reums, West joined the company full-time in June 2007, becoming a managing partner (the Reums are co-founders and managing partners).

During just two months in late 2006, the Reums secured funding from friends, family and a handful of angel investors, mostly individuals they'd met through their careers at Goldman Sachs. "We would probably not have been able to raise enough money during the recession," says Courtney. "All we had then was an idea, something that was interesting and different. We didn't have a fully-vetted business plan or even a fully thought-out product."

Armed with capital, they found a distiller with environmen-

In May 2007 in Los Angeles, VeeV was launched, with the brothers literally selling bottles out of the backs of their cars.

tally sensitive practices and began the research and development process. “We gave the distiller lay terms, and they turned our vision into a product,” says Courtney. “We went through dozens of iterations of the formula, tasting them with panels of experts to get feedback.” Once the formula was finalized, they submitted paperwork to the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Trade Bureau, the agency for such product approvals, to get approval of the recipe and package design.

Courtney came up with the company name: VeeV. “It has no meaning,” he says, “but is close to the word for ‘life’ in several Latin-based languages. We also like it because it’s one syllable and a palindrome, making it an easy call to a bartender in a crowded bar (for example, a ‘VeeV and soda’).”

In May 2007 in Los Angeles, VeeV was launched, with the brothers literally selling bottles out of the backs of their cars — they didn’t yet have a distributor or major sales infrastructure in place. After introducing the product to the Los Angeles market, they moved on to Florida, Illinois, other California cities and Texas, with Courtney (and sometimes West or Carter) spending two to six months in each location getting the brand up and running.

Meanwhile, Carter and West made sure that existing markets were moving in the right direction. “Carter and I are the faces of the brand,” Courtney explains. “Launching markets ourselves gave us firsthand knowledge of how consumers interacted with our product and showed us how to best sell it.”

In many ways, the timing of VeeV — being launched a few months before the recession officially began — was perfect. Potential new brands that would have posed competition couldn’t secure funds, so, West explains, there was a “thinning of the herd, a shakeout in the industry.” All the while, their business was growing.

Furthermore, in summer 2009, VeeV noticed an unprecedented media opportunity. As Courtney recalls, “There was an incredible amount of open media that could be purchased for 20 cents on the dollar. We seized this opportunity and had a summer-long advertising campaign across five markets. We would never have been able to afford it in ‘traditional’ circumstances. Our efforts further stood out because the big companies in our industry were slashing media spending.”

The company’s decision to focus on the “on-premise” market (bars, nightclubs and restaurants) allowed the partners to spread the gospel about their product and see how consumers reacted to

it. During this time, multinational alcohol conglomerates were doing just the opposite, shifting their emphasis to the “off-premise” market (liquor and grocery stores) to try to sustain volume sales during the recession. “This gave us a window of opportunity to exploit,” Courtney says. “We became even more aggressive in the on-premise market, and that action has built lasting business relationships. Now, our sales are about 70 percent on-premise.”

All of these efforts have paid off. Today, VeeV is available in almost every state, and, according to Courtney, the company had \$2 million in sales last year, a 250 percent increase. W Hotels, Virgin American Airlines and Celebrity Cruises serve the spirit.

The company has grown to about 20 employees, including the brothers and an office manager, who are based in Los Angeles; West, who still lives in Miami; and a v.p. of sales, Tim Maccara, who works out of San Francisco. Courtney is national sales director. Even the Reums’ sister, Halle ‘06, helps out part-time. “In truth, we’re based wherever there is a hotel room and an Internet connection,” West says. “We all log quite a few frequent flyer miles.”

“Regardless of the economy, we’d still be doing this,” Courtney notes. “We would certainly not be working in investment banking. None of us came into this project looking to dip our

toes in the water with a fallback plan that we could all return to our previous jobs.

“When I left my seemingly secure job at Goldman Sachs, given where the economy was, all my friends were saying, ‘Are you mad?’ or ‘You must be crazy!’ Now, they say, ‘You must have seen that one [the economic collapse] coming, huh?’ I just have to laugh because if that were the case, I’d probably be retired already.”

Carter adds, “I’m thrilled that my brother pushed me to think outside of the traditional path and onto something more entrepreneurial. The experience I’ve gotten at such a young age never would have been possible if I’d continued at an investment bank. I always say that VeeV is our ‘business school.’ And the success we’ve had has been even sweeter given that my brother and I are doing this together.”



Brothers Courtney Reum '01 (left) and Carter Reum '03 left jobs at Goldman Sachs to chart their own course, founding VeeV to fill a niche in the adult beverage market.

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Trees along College Walk were lit on December 2, a sure sign that winter had arrived.

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Bookshelf

What's the Story?: Try your Hand at Fiction and Learn the Art of Writing by *Rudolph H. Weingartner '50*. With drawings and descriptions of 20 casts of characters, Weingartner offers the struggling fiction writer numerous possibilities to inspire the art of writing (University Press of America, \$16.99).

Wilhelm Dilthey: Selected Works, Volume II: Understanding the Human World edited by *Rudolf A. Makkreel '60* and *Frithjof Rodi*. In this second volume of writings, philosopher Dilthey explores the relationship between self and the world (Princeton University Press, \$65).

Before Forgiveness: The Origins of a Moral Idea by *David Konstan '61*. The author tracks the beginnings of the modern sense of interpersonal forgiveness to the 18th and 19th centuries (Cambridge University Press, \$85).

Religion and Democracy in the United States: Danger or Opportunity? edited by *Alan Wolfe* and *Ira Katznelson '66*, the Ruggles Professor of Political Science and History. Scholars examine Americans' religious beliefs and the relationship between church and state (Princeton University Press, \$35).

Sunset Park: A Novel by *Paul Auster '69*. During the 2008 economic collapse, a group of young squatters in Sunset Park, Brooklyn, are brought together by the enigmatic Miles Heller (Henry Holt and Co., \$25).

Mohamed's Ghosts: An American Story of Love and Fear in the Homeland by *Stephan Salisbury '69*. Using the story of Philadelphia's Muslim community post-9-11 and his personal experiences with government surveillance in the 1960s, Salisbury criticizes the government's investigation techniques (Nation Books, \$26.95).

The Bodhisattva's Embrace: Dispatches from Engaged Buddhist Front Lines by *Alan Senauke '69*. The author puts together pieces of writings from his travels during the last 20 years to look at the sufferings of troubled places in Asia and the United States with dharma reflections (Clear View Press, \$14.99).

The Unknown Black Book: The Holocaust in the German-Occupied Soviet Territories by *Joshua Rubenstein '71* and *Ilya Altman*. This book collects firsthand accounts of massacres and other atrocities carried about by the Germans and their allies against Jews in occupied Soviet territories during WWII (Indiana University Press, \$24.95)

Salvation City: A Novel by *Sigríð Nunez '75*. Envisioning a future in which millions have been wiped out by the flu, Nunez writes a story of survivors who turn to increasingly radical religious practices in search of comfort and explanations (Riverhead Books, \$25.95).

Ed Koch and the Rebuilding of New York City by *Jonathan Soffer '78*. Soffer takes a look at former New York City mayor Ed Koch and his

fight to create a growing city while dealing with the crises of the '80s (Columbia University Press, \$34.95).

A Critical History of German Film by *Stephen Brockmann '82*. The author looks at individual German films, with an introduction to each film's era that provides its historical context (Camden House, \$60).

The New York Stories of Elizabeth Hardwick, with an introduction by *Darryl Pinckney '88*. In Hardwick's first collection of short fiction, a young woman who had been living in New York City returns to her Kentucky hometown and must adjust to the differences (NYRB Classics, \$15.95).

Notes from the Cracked Ceiling: Hillary Clinton, Sarah Palin, and What It Will Take for a Woman to Win by *Anne E. Kornblut '94*. *Washington Post* White House correspondent Kornblut analyzes the recent Clinton and Palin campaigns to see what it will take for a woman to gain the presidency (Crown, \$25).

Kiev, Jewish Metropolis: A History, 1859–1914 (The Modern Jewish Experience) by *Natan M. Meir '94*. This book explores the history of Kiev Jewry by examining the everyday lives of Jews, and their struggles, shifts and relations with the Christian population from 1859 to the start of WWI (Indiana University Press, \$27.95).

City Bird: Selected Poems (1991–2009) by *Millie Niss '94*. This collection, published after Niss' 2009 death,

offers a range of experimental poems conveying varying aspects of her personality (BlazeVOX [books], \$18).

A Thousand Darknesses: Lies and Truth in Holocaust Fiction by *Ruth Franklin '95*. Franklin investigates the role of imagination and fictive interpretations in remembering the Holocaust by examining literary works, including memoirs (Oxford University Press, \$29.95).

How Soccer Explains the World: An Unlikely Theory of Globalization by *Franklin Foer '96*. The author shows the influence of soccer in different cultures while examining its overall global effect (Harper Perennial, \$14.99).

Moment of Clutch by *Eric Siskind '03*. Baseball meets Jewish theology in this novel about a minor league player who strives to realize his athletic potential and, in the process, rediscovers his faith (Amazon Digital Services, \$0.99).

Invisible Things by *Jenny Davidson*, associate professor of English and comparative literature. In this novel, 16-year-old Sophie makes it her mission to learn the truth about her parents' deaths by seeking their former employer, billionaire Alfred Nobel (HarperTeen, \$16.99).

The Cloud Corporation by *Timothy Donnelly*, assistant professor of creative writing. In his second collection of poems, Donnelly explores a variety of emotions while trying to bring meaning to the world (Wave Books, \$16).



Samuel Moyn: The Recent History of Human Rights

BY CASEY PLETT

“Human rights are best understood as survivors: the god that did not fail while other political ideologies did,” history professor **Samuel Moyn** writes in his new book *The Last Utopia: Human Rights in History* (Belknap, \$27.95).

When human rights became high-profile in the late 1970s, majestic utopian ideas such as nationalism and socialism were losing credit amid a global citizenry disillusioned with the failures revolution had promised. Human rights have been able to achieve prominence, Moyn says during an interview in his sixth-floor office in Fayerweather Hall, because the movement’s argument is presented minimalistically.

“It says human rights aren’t a utopia like the past ones, which failed precisely because they were too grandiose,” Moyn says. “They still ask you to invest yourself, but it’s about saving the world a step at a time rather than in one grand stroke.”

In the book, he cites Amnesty International’s “direct and public connection with suffering” by identifying with a single victim as an example.

The Last Utopia, Moyn’s third book, is a fascinating history of the origins of human rights as an ideology and how their current unattainable status was anything but inevitable. The Rights of Man movement during the French Revolution, he writes, was “about the meaning of citizenship ... not the protection of ‘humanity,’ ” and the toothlessness of the United Nations’ Universal Declaration of Human Rights, passed in 1948, was indicative of human rights’ status as “one symbolic event in the public rollout” when the international organization was trying to get on its feet. “The true goal of the prospective United Nations,” he writes, “was to balance great powers, not to moralize (let alone legalize) the world.”

Moyn says there were no books on this subject 10 years ago, but when he began teaching at Columbia in 2001, he taught a class called “Historical Origins of Human Rights,” and began to engage with emerging scholarship, much of which argued that human rights began before the 20th century, in the Revolutionary Era.

He acknowledges the existing scholarship is “powerful,” especially when it comes to antislavery, the movement he credits for “pioneering techniques of agitation” for future human rights movements, as well as constructing “a particular human rights norm against chattel slavery.”

But there was no continual “human rights movement” from then to now, he says, nor does he believe that antislavery’s success was central to how human rights are shaped today. “I thought the field got off on the wrong foot,” Moyn says in explaining how *The*

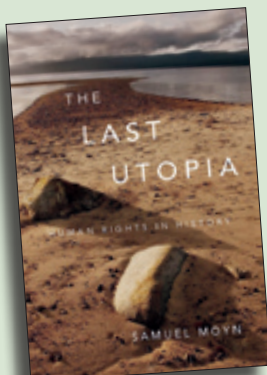


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Last Utopia originated, “so I saw the idea of writing a book that would hit the reset button.”

Moyn, a deep-voiced, affable man who received the College’s Mark Van Doren Award for teaching in 2007, was raised in St. Louis and attended Washington University as an undergraduate, majoring in French literature and history. Initially more interested in literature, he was soon intrigued by history after taking courses which, he says, “integrated literature into a larger picture of social thought.”

Moyn earned master’s and doctorate degrees from UC Berkeley as well as a J.D. from Harvard. He considered going into human rights as a career when he was at Harvard, but instead opted to teach at Columbia upon graduation. “Like me, many people were very taken by human rights in the ‘90s,” he explains of his initial interest in the subject. “They seemed on the brink of conquering the world as a persuasive framework for supplanting old systems of power and statehood with some new moral system.”

These old systems also get a thorough once-over in *The Last Utopia*. Moyn argues that historical movements about rights — such as in the Revolutionary Era — were less about individuals and more about entire peoples. “Most campaigns for rights in modern history didn’t see any way of severing individual rights from collective liberation. In our time, these things have gotten severed,” he says.

Moyn goes on to say that human rights aren’t as emotional and galvanizing as former utopias. “They seem that way today because they don’t have many competitors. They’re a utopia that was reached after others were tried and discarded. What I wondered is how these older revolutionizing frameworks entered crisis, and why it is that this minimalist utopia, however maximal it seems now, could succeed in those circumstances.”

Is it easier to motivate people to action from a minimalist perspective?

“It’s not clear to me,” Moyn says. “That’s how it seems today, but if we do the history of the idea of communism, it seems as if precisely the grandiosity draws people into this kind of romantic movement. It seems like we’re in an age when your statement seems right, that you have to give something small scale in order to make it appealing.”

“Most utopias have been maximal. And yet ours are minimal. How we switched our expectations about the idealism we want is the crucial thing to explain.”

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How to House the Homeless edited by *Ingrid Gould Ellen* and *Brendan O’Flaherty*, professor of economics. This book takes a critical look at homelessness in the United States and what policies and programs offer the best outlook (Russell Sage Foundation Publications, \$37.50).

Perpetual Inventory by *Rosalind Krauss*, University Professor. Krauss offers alternative views about the current direction of contemporary art in a collection of essays (The MIT Press, \$29.95).

The Complete Works of W.H. Auden: Prose, Volume IV, 1956–1962 edited by *Edward Mendelson*,

the Lionel Trilling Professor in the Humanities. Auden’s best-known prose, “The Dryer’s Hand,” and other essays and reviews come together in this fourth volume, highlighting the height of his career. This version includes Mendelson’s notes on biographical and historical context (Princeton University Press, \$65).

The Mind’s Eye by *Oliver Sacks*, professor of neurology, psychiatry and the arts. Sacks captures the stories of people who have lost part of their senses and abilities and yet are still capable of communicating and living their lives (Knopf, \$26.95).

Samantha Jean-Baptiste ’13



Obituaries

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Irwin W. Smith, retired insurance agent and teacher, Wallingford, Conn., on February 18, 2010. Smith was born in New York City on December 17, 1907. He was a WWII veteran, serving in the Army. Smith earned a master's from New Jersey State College in Montclair and a J.D. from NYU. He was an insurance agent with John Hancock Life Insurance Co. for 30 years until his retirement and then was a permanent substitute teacher at Paramus H.S. in New Jersey for 25 years. Smith was predeceased by his wife, Marjorie Fricke Smith, and is survived by a son, I. Stuart, and his wife, Betty; daughters, Marilyn L. Sandberg and her husband, Paul, and Dorothy S. Mullen; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to Masonic Charity Foundation, PO Box 70, Wallingford, CT 06492.

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Alvin K. Link, retired executive, Los Angeles, on February 23, 2010. Link was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., on September 17, 1917. He entered with the Class of 1938 but earned a B.S. and an M.S. from the Business School in 1938 and 1939, respectively, and obtained a C.P.A. certificate from the State of New York. Link was v.p., secretary and treasurer of Layne and Bowler Pump Co. in City of Industry, Calif., for many years. He was active for many years

with Children's Home Society of California, a large child welfare agency, first with the Los Angeles district on its Board of Directors and later on C.H.S.' state board, eventually being elected president. Link is survived by his wife, Eileen Patricia Cole Link; children, Diane B., Susan L. Flanagan and her husband, J. Michael, Kenneth R., and Richard A. and his wife, Kathy; and four grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to USC Norris Cancer Center.

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Edward J. Amontree, retired dentist, Sarasota, Fla., on February 4, 2010. Amontree was born on May 2, 1919, in Harlem and grew up in Brooklyn, where he graduated from Brooklyn Tech. He studied journalism at Columbia before graduating from the Dental School in 1944. Amontree was a captain in the Army during the Korean conflict, running the dental clinic at Fort Belvoir, Va., where he met his wife, Eva Johanna Hagenstein. The couple moved in 1955 to Sarasota, where Amontree set up his dental practice and they raised their family. After a long and distinguished career, including extensive research on the effects of light on dental health, Amontree retired at 82. He was an avid fisherman and sailor and enjoyed restoring classic automobiles. Survivors include his sons, Michael and Tom; daughter, Madelaine Dudney; and four grandchildren.

Leonard M. Shayne, retired foreign trader, New York City, on October 26, 2010. Shayne was born in New York City on September 29, 1920, and attended public schools. He entered the College with the Class of 1941 but earned a B.S. in 1941 from the Business School. Shayne was coxswain of the freshmen crew. He served in England in WWII as a sergeant with the 8th Air Force from 1942-45, then joined the family business, Leading Forwarders, to do freight forwarding and customs brokering. Shayne was regarded as an expert in his field and lectured at CUNY Baruch's Zicklin School of Business and The City College of New York. He wrote an industry memoir, *Not All Importers-Exporters Are Crooks*. Shayne became the president/co-owner of Leading Forwarders and co-owner of Leading Export Service Corp. with his brother, Kenneth. A founding father of The



Leonard M. Shayne '41

National Customs Brokers & Forwarders Association of America, Shayne was at one time its president and held the 2009 NCBFAA Centurion Award. Lifelong friend Ray Robinson '41 noted, "He was a charming, gracious man with a thirst for knowledge, and he never stopped learning." Shayne married Theresa "Teri" Deerson in 1952; she predeceased him in 2006. He married Troid Onsberg that year. She survives him, as do his children and their spouses, William and his wife, Caren, and Claudia Shayne-Ferguson and her husband, Earl; and four grandchildren.

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George T. Laboda, director of media, Lake Worth, Fla., on February 26, 2010. Laboda was born on October 7, 1919, in the Bronx. He entered with the Class of 1942 but earned a degree in 1942 from the Business School. Laboda served in the Army Air Force from 1942-46, being stationed at Mitchell Field on Long Island, N.Y., and rising to the rank of tech sergeant. Laboda was an avid golfer and a supporter of the Florida Sheriff's Youth Ranches, the Make-A-Wish Foundation and the Grandfather Home for Children in Banner Elk, N.C. He was a founder of the Kravis Center in Palm Beach, Fla., and established the Ruth C. Laboda Foundation as a tribute to his wife of 55 years to continue their legacy of helping others and furthering the arts. Laboda also was predeceased by a son, Ron, and is survived by his companion of 14 years, Roseanne McElroy; sister, Emilia McCusker; sons, Thomas and his wife, Rosa, Richard and his wife, Joan, and Lawrence; daughter Kathy and her husband, Jim;

five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Sam Pisicchio, retired Coast Guard member and employment consultant, Napa, Calif., on February 24, 2010. Born in Corato, Italy, in 1920, Pisicchio and his parents immigrated to New York when he was 3. After graduating from Freeport (N.Y.) H.S., he majored in journalism at the College. Upon graduation, Pisicchio enlisted in the Coast Guard, where he served for 23 years, retiring with the rank of commander. His tours of duty took him and his family to Boston, Washington, D.C., Cape May, N.J., Cleveland and Long Beach, Calif. In 1965, Pisicchio settled in Napa Valley, where he was an employment consultant for the Napa County Welfare Department until 1980. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Dawn; daughters, Nancy, and Valerie Straw; and a granddaughter. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice by the Bay, 190 West Napa St., Sonoma, CA 95476.

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Harold W. Polton, retired business executive, Pompton Plains, N.J., on April 2, 2010. Polton's Columbia education was interrupted by military service when he enlisted in the Army. He served in Iowa, Washington, D.C., and Hawaii before returning to complete his College degree. Polton spent his business career in paper recycling and real estate in New Jersey. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Kathleen Thomson Polton; sons, Arthur, Thomas and Richard '70; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

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Bruce L. Schalk, retired accountant, Whiting, N.J., on March 4, 2010. Born in Flushing, N.Y., Schalk served in the Pacific Theatre from 1942-46. He earned a degree in economics from the College and was a member of Beta Theta Phi. Schalk was an accountant for Housing and Urban Development for many years before retiring in 1988. He enjoyed gardening, reading and traveling. Schalk also loved music and sang in a church choir for 34 years. Surviving are his wife of 56 years, Emily (Sklenka) Schalk; daughters, Claudia, and Lauraine Pizza; sister, Georgia, and her husband, Harold Zeidel; two granddaughters; and four nieces.

Obituary Submission Guidelines

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Memorial contributions may be made to Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, 1275 York Ave., New York, NY 10065.

1946

Wayne J. Hallenbeck, retired insurance executive, Mansfield, Ohio, on February 10, 2010. Born on January 7, 1925, Hallenbeck enlisted in the Army in 1943 and served in the European theatre of operations during WWII, receiving a Purple Heart. He then resumed his studies at Columbia and graduated in 1948 with a B.A. in political science. Hallenbeck had a 35-year career in the insurance industry, starting with Aetna in New York and Security Insurance in New Haven, Conn. In 1960, he and his family moved to Mansfield, where he worked at Lumbermens Mutual Insurance Co. Hallenbeck was v.p. of claims and retired from Lumbermens in 1981. He was an active bowler and golfer and a former member of Westbrook County Club and the B.P.O.E. Hallenbeck is survived by his wife, Shirley; sons, Wayne Jr. and his wife, Lisa, and Kirby and his wife, Toni; daughter, Susan Hallenbeck and her husband, William Holland; and two grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to MedCentral Hospice, 335 Glessner Ave., Mansfield, OH 44903.

1949

William G. Ivie Sr., retired store manager, Cartersville, Ga., on February 10, 2010. Born on August 14, 1927, Ivie lived in Brooklyn until he was 12, then moved to Morningside Drive. He graduated from the Bronx H.S. of Science. Shortly after his marriage to Leslie Jean Soper in 1951, he served briefly in the Naval Reserves. In 1959, the family settled in Harrington Park, N.J. Ivie was a volunteer fireman, Little League coach and member of the community planning board. He also helped build the Harrington Park town pool and served on election committees for local politicians. Ivie's entire professional life was as a store manager for Woolworth. He and his wife settled in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., in 1983, then moved closer to their family in 2000. Ivie was committed to the Not in Bartow project, which provided food to poor families during the holidays, as well as Advocates for Bartow's Children, a group dedicated to helping local troubled children. Ivie also was a devoted New York Giants fan. He is survived by his wife of 59 years; children, William G. III, David A., and Susan Barrett; eight grandchildren; and brother, Robert. Memorial contributions

may be made to Advocates for Bartow's Children, Box 446, Cartersville, GA 30120.

1950

Desmond J. Nunan Sr., retired educational system administrator, Ocean City, N.J., on May 5, 2010. Born in New York City, Nunan had lived in Allentown, Pa., and summered for many years in Ocean City before moving there in 1981. At Columbia, he was a member of the crew and the Glee Club. Nunan was a teacher for the West Chester, Pa., School District for 12 years, an administrator for the Allentown School District for 16 years and most recently was with the New York State Education Department for four years before his 1992 retirement. He was a member of the American Legion Post #624 in Ocean City; past commodore of the Honorary First Defenders of Allentown, Pa.; past president of the Allentown Principals and Administrators Association; and a former member of the Ocean City Zoning Board. Nunan also was on the Cape May County Selective Service Board for 20 years and an active member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Ocean City. Surviving are his wife, Dolly; children, Desmond Jr., Christopher and his wife, Cindy, Peter and his wife, Lisa, Aiden, and Julie Ann Maloney; seven grandchildren; sister, Mora Sullivan; and sister-in-law, Frances.

1952

Vernon C. Wynott Jr., sales executive, referee, Belmont, Mass., on April 17, 2010. Wynott was a member of the Belmont H.S. Athletic Hall of Fame. He was a retired Naval officer, having served with the Beach Jumper Unit at Little Creek, Va., from 1952-55. At Columbia, Wynott was Honorable Mention All American in football. He refereed high school and college football for 35 years. Wynott was employed by Lewis-Boyle and Pillsbury in sales and was trustee of Belmont Savings Bank. His last time in public was on Thanksgiving Day 2009. It was a special day for his family, as his grandson, Michael, was playing his last high school football game, and Wynott was named honorary captain for Belmont H.S. and was at midfield for the coin toss. The ending was especially exciting, as Belmont came from behind late in the fourth quarter to win 8-7, when Michael took the snap for the extra point, faked and threw for a successful two-point conversion. Wynott was thrilled. He is survived by his wife, Sheila; sons, Vernon III, Dennis and John; sister, Dot McBride; and eight grandchildren.

Elizabeth A. Dwyer '92, Financial Executive

Elizabeth A. Dwyer, a financial executive and a member of the College's Board of Visitors since 2009, passed away on November 18, 2010. She was 40 and lived in New York City.

Dwyer was a managing director at J.P.Morgan, based in New York. She was the head of the commodity derivative sales group, Exploration and Production Companies for the Global Commodities Group, which provides corporate risk management solutions for clients hedging commodities exposure as well as market intelligence and commodity related financing. Prior to joining J.P.Morgan, Dwyer held derivative sales-related positions at RBS Sempra Commodities, Credit Suisse and AIG. She began her career at International Paper.

Dwyer also was a member of the Steering Committee of the Junior Council for the American Museum of Natural History.

"Beth was among our most loyal alumnae," said Dean Michele Moody-Adams, "a member of the Board of Visitors,



the Columbia College Alumni Association Board of Directors and the Dean's Alumnae Task Force. Her commitment to the College exemplified a generation of Columbia College women leaders. Beth's passing is a personal loss to the many of us who admired her strength and character."

Dwyer is survived by her husband, Daniel; children, Nathaniel and Alexander; and parents, William and Barbara Deruiter.

Lisa Palladino

1953

Jay A. Levine, professor, Chicago, on February 22, 2010. Levine was born in New York City in 1932. He earned a master's in 1954 from GSAS in English and comparative literature and a doctorate in English literature at The John Hopkins University. Before going to the University of Illinois at Chicago, Levine taught English literature at Chicago, UC Berkeley and Cornell. A scholar of 18th-century British literature, he chaired the English department at UIC and was dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences from 1985-95. Levine is survived by his daughter, Julia H.; brother, Neal; sister, Harriet "Sandy" Miller; former wife, Karen L.; close friend Bob Hiebert; and many nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions may be made to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, 833 W. Washington, Chicago, IL 60607-2327.

1954

Max R. Pirner Sr., retired engineer, Humble, Texas, on May 9, 2010. Pirner was born on December 8,

1932, to German immigrants. He attended De Vilbiss H.S. in Toledo, Ohio, where he met his wife of 53 years, Marilyn Mae Hahn Pirner, on a New Year's Eve blind date. In 1949, Pirner was named All-City Quarterback and played in the Ohio North/South game. He earned a B.A. from the College and a B.S. in 1955 from the Engineering School, and lettered for four years in football. Pirner was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps, where he served as an infantry platoon leader and rifle company commander. He completed service in 1958 as a captain. Pirner held positions in the food and petro-chemical industries for more than 40 years and was a football official for more than 20 years. He is survived by his wife; daughters, Deborah Lynn Pirner and her husband, Greg Jarrett, Pamela Mae Pirner Bergeland and her husband, Mark, Karen Marie Pirner Braaten and her husband, Mark, Sandra Kay Pirner Atwood and her husband, Pat; son, Max R. "Rick" Jr. and his wife, Darla; 18 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and

OTHER DEATHS REPORTED

Columbia College Today also has learned of the following deaths. Complete obituaries will be published in an upcoming issue, pending receipt of information. Due to the volume of obituaries that *CCT* receives, it may take several issues for the complete obituary to appear.

- 1936** Charles R. "Captain Dick" Murray Sr., retired sales representative, Charlottesville, Va., on November 21, 2010.
- 1937** Bertram Fuchs, retired gastroenterologist, Marathon, Fla., on October 18, 2010.
- 1940** Seth G. Neugroschl, computer and technology expert, New York City, on November 4, 2010.
- 1941** Douglas L. Gruber, retired talent agency owner, Sun City Center, Fla., on October 11, 2010.
- 1942** Alan E. Baum, retired radiologist, Fort Pierce, Fla., on October 10, 2010.
Sanford A. Bayer, antiques and fine arts dealer, Greensboro, N.C., on June 27, 2010.
Robert E. Healy, physician, Amesbury, Mass., on October 16, 2010.
George C. Thompson, retired Columbia professor of business law and accounting, Greenwich, Conn., on October 12, 2010.
- 1943** Albert W. Cayot, sales manager, Boxford, Mass., on November 22, 2010.
- 1944** Albert P. Ryavec, San Diego, on October 14, 2010.
- 1947** Henry G. Burger, retired anthropologist, automated word-finding expert, Overland Park, Kan., on October 14, 2010.
Gerald S. Lesser, professor of child development, Lexington, Mass., on September 23, 2010.
- 1949** Perry E. Morrison, business executive, violinist, Pittsburgh, on August 24, 2010.
- 1951** Robert J. Archer, Portola Valley, Calif., on September 4, 2010.
Jerome K. "Jerry" Chase, car dealership owner, Wayland, Mass., on October 29, 2010.
Muir N. Weissinger Jr., St. Augustine, Fla., on July 2, 2009.
- 1954** Thomas E. Sinton Jr., retired business executive, Mahwah, N.J., on November 11, 2010.
- 1955** Alan D. Pasternak, consultant and lobbyist, Lafayette, Calif., on September 24, 2010.
- 1956** Joseph A. Parker, engineer, Toms River, N.J., on November 11, 2010.
- 1958** Donald Festa, retired colonel, Oakland, N.J., on October 14, 2010.
John J. Rothschild, cardiologist, New York City, on November 4, 2010.
Asher Rubin, retired deputy attorney general, San Francisco, on September 29, 2010.
- 1960** William V. Borden, playwright, novelist, poet and English professor, Rockwall, Texas, on October 23, 2010.
Henry Schoenfeld, attorney, Takoma Park, Md., on September 21, 2010.
- 1961** Donald G. Roesch, retired attorney, Woodside, Calif., on September 19, 2010.
- 1962** Lawrence I. Lubkin, retired high school teacher, Tucson, on September 27, 2010.
- 1965** Garland E. Wood, financial executive, Weston, Conn., on November 15, 2010.
- 1971** Paul C. Jamieson III, former attorney, amateur chef, Stamford, Conn., on October 8, 2010.
- 1976** Mark J. Heller, business executive, Potomac, Md., on October 22, 2010.



T. Irving Chang '60

of the Hawaii Youth Symphony Association and the Hawaii Chapter of United Cerebral Palsy. After retiring in 2004, Chang focused on traveling, listening to his eclectic music collection on the Internet and trading stocks. He recently turned to tending to fruit trees, a bee hive and hibiscus plants. Chang is survived by his wife, Jocelyn (Joce); children, Allison '94 and her husband, Ivan Huang, Kimberly '95, Timothy and his wife, Gina, and Jonathan '98 and his wife, Pauline; sister, En Harriet Chang; mother-in-law, Gladys Yee; and three grandchildren.

1975

Joseph F. Slade III, physician, professor of orthopedics and rehabilitation, Guilford, Conn., on May 21, 2010. Slade was born on January 4, 1953, in Washington, D.C. He was a professor of orthopedics and rehabilitation, with a joint appointment in plastic and reconstructive surgery, at Yale University School of Medicine and was the director of the Hand and Upper Extremity Service. He joined the Yale full-time faculty in July 1993 following his training at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine, Duke and the University Miami/Jackson Memorial Medical Center. Slade then served in the Air Force during Desert Storm. He made many contributions to clinical care, including the development of new approaches to the treatment of hand and wrist fractures. Slade also lectured around the world, conducted scholarly research and authored numerous scientific articles. He is survived by his children, Joseph IV and his wife, Kimberly, and Andrew; sisters, Carol and Veronica; fiancée, Kathleen; and a granddaughter. Memorial contributions may be made to the Joseph Slade III MD Memorial Fund c/o Department of Orthopedics and Rehabilitation, Yale University, PO Box 208071, New Haven CT 06520.

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sisters, Carolyn Penland and Susan Wiechman. Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army, MD Anderson Cancer Center or Shriners Hospital.

1955

Bede C. Sullivan, library cataloguer, Washington, D.C., on February 22, 2010. Sullivan was a native of Chicago. He served in the Marine Corps in the 1950s. Sullivan worked for 30 years at the Library of Congress, first in the division for the blind and later as a cataloguer of foreign-language materials. He specialized in Romance languages and took classes in others, such as

Swahili and Indonesian, in order to write descriptions of books for the library's catalogue. Sullivan previously worked for the public library systems in New York City and the District of Columbia. He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Georgetown. Survivors include his wife of 48 years, the former Carol Miller; children, Nora Mejia, Emily Dennis and Peter; a sister; and four grandchildren.

1960

T. Irving Chang, retired attorney, Honolulu, on April 1, 2010. Chang was born on October 8, 1939, in Honolulu. He attended Iolani

School and graduated from the New Mexico Military Institute in 1956. At Columbia, Chang played football. He earned a law degree from the University of Michigan in 1963, then clerked for the Honorable Jack Mizuha of the Hawaii Supreme Court. His next job was as a deputy prosecuting attorney in Honolulu. After four years, Chang opened his own practice, focusing on corporate law and bankruptcy for more than 30 years. He was the longtime chair of Columbia's Alumni Representative Committee for Hawaii and served on Columbia's national Board of Visitors. He also was the chairman of the boards

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Bernard Queneau '32 writes: "Way back in 1928, I was fortunate enough to be one of four Eagle Scouts selected to cross the United States on the Lincoln Highway in an REO Speedwagon as part of a promotional tour. We left Times Square on July 6 and put on scouting demonstrations several times a day at towns along the way. We reached the Golden Gate in San Francisco on August 8 and were welcomed in a formal ceremony in Lincoln Park. As a reward, we returned via Hollywood, where we met Douglas Fairbanks and Mary Pickford, visited the Grand Canyon, Pike's Peak and Niagara Falls, and completed a total of 7,000 miles.

"The year 2010 was the 100th birthday of the Boy Scouts of America, and it was celebrated on July 25 with a major parade down Constitution Avenue in Washington, D.C., with more than 100 cars, floats, Boy Scout units and bands participating. I was invited to be in the parade, riding in a replica of the 1928 REO Speedwagon.

"Beginning on July 26, the Scouts held their National Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill in Virginia, and I was invited to be part of the festivities on August 2. I was given a V.I.P. badge and met top Boy Scout executives, including the national president, Rex Tillerson, CEO of Exxon. One of the interviews done that day is on YouTube (youtube.com/watch?v=z1j7srFVIs8).

"My wife, Esther, was always included in the invitations, and we greatly enjoyed celebrating 100 years of scouting."

David Perlman '39 was given the Helen Thomas Award for Lifetime Achievement from the Society of Professional Journalists. Perlman, the science editor at the *San Francisco Chronicle*, has been at the paper for more than 50 years. To read more about Perlman, go to college.columbia.edu/cct/nov_dec09.

Seth Neugroschl '40 passed away on November 4. A former IBM employee who ran the Computer, Man and Society University Seminar at Columbia, he was devoted to bettering humanity through the use of technology. Seth was a loyal alumnus who was his class' CCT correspondent from 1990 until shortly before his death.

Vic Streit '40 considered Pierre A.

Clamens the finest professor he had at Columbia. Clamens fostered in his students a deep appreciation of French literature and culture. When the Germans occupied France in 1940, Vic went to see Clamens and found him weeping in his office. The United States had not yet entered the conflict, but teacher and student had similar thoughts about the direction of the war and its implications for France and the United States.

While stationed at Quantico, Va., for Marine Corps officer training, Vic received a letter from Clamens. Handwritten in beautiful French, the letter still packs an emotional punch.

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Family and friends of **Len Shayne** helped him celebrate his 90th birthday on September 29. The happy affair took place at an Upper East Side restaurant in Manhattan, where Len was the principal speaker. Just 3½ weeks later, Len passed away. He was a regular at our Arden House reunions, class v.p. and the major domo of our NYC class lunches. To me, he was a very knowledgeable and helpful business associate and a very dear friend.

Len's *New York Times* obituary included the following quotation: "I loved every minute I had on earth. If you remember me kindly, do one of the good things I didn't get around to. There were so many of them." [See Obituaries.]

We also learned that **Cecil London** died in August. He was from Atlanta but lived in Greenbrae, Calif. Cecil was a magazine editor.

Gloria and **Gene Sosin** participated in setting some sort of record, at least for our class. Their 61-year-old daughter-in-law recently presented them with a beautiful natural-born grandchild. Thanks to **Charlie Plotz** for the reporting and congrats to the Sosins. Looking at the other end of the spectrum, I just keep my fingers crossed that my 18-year-old great-granddaughter, now at NYU, finishes college before she has my first great-great grandchild.

Gene and Gloria (who met at Columbia after WWII and celebrated their 60th anniversary last June) wrote that they are grateful to **Charlie** and **Bob Zucker** for their warm congratulations on the birth of their granddaughter, Mollie Moore Sosin,

on October 6. Her brother, Nick, is a senior at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y., and is delighted to have a little sister.

Nick and Mollie's parents are Gene's son, Donald '76 GSAS, and daughter-in-law, Joanna Seaton, an actress and singer. Donald is an internationally known silent film composer and pianist who performs all over the United States and abroad. He recently was invited to Shanghai for its first festival of silent films and reports that the Chinese loved Buster Keaton and Charlie Chaplin as much as their own old movies. Joanna often accompanies Donald with nostalgic songs of the pre-sound era. New Yorkers can catch them at MoMA, BAM, Walter Reed AMC and the newly refurbished American Museum of the Moving Image in Astoria.

Gene continues his close ties with Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty despite his having retired more than 25 years ago. He has appeared on TV programs produced in Germany and Spain that deal with the role of Radio Liberty in the Cold War. A recent 600-page book, published by the Central European University Press in Budapest, includes Gene's chapter on the successful efforts of the radio in breaking through Soviet censorship with the forbidden fruit of democratic ideas. The book also includes heretofore secret documents from the archives of former Communist countries that reveal the powerful impact RFE/RL's broadcasts had on the frustrated regimes, which were losing their control over the minds of their citizens. (Google "Cold War Broadcasting" for details.)

In October, **Ray Robinson** was feted at a two-month-early surprise party for his 90th birthday by a group of significantly younger sports writers and broadcasters. The large, festive group was hosted by Ernestine Miller, head of the Babe Ruth Birthplace and Museum in Maryland. It included the head of the Yogi Berra Museum and Learning Center, and HBO and ESPN writers and broadcasters.

How about some news of your activities?

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On September 6, **Nick Cicchetti** sent me an interesting letter with

his comments about the article "Where Columbia Beats Harvard: On the Battlefield of Curricula," which appeared in *The Wall Street Journal* on September 3. The article reported that in football competition since 1887, Harvard beat Columbia, 54 wins to Columbia's 14. In curriculum content, however, the author of the article, James Piereson, president of the William E. Simon Foundation, praised Columbia's Core Curriculum as far more rigorous and superior to Harvard's laissez-faire undergraduate requirements. The final sentence of the essay read, "If it were a football game, Columbia would beat Harvard by several touchdowns."

I last saw Nick at a luncheon at the Columbia Club in NYC on December 16, 2005, where we celebrated my wife Leslie's 81st birthday with several classmates, including my oldest and dearest friend and Livingston Hall roommate, the late Dr. **Herbert Mark**. I did not know it then, but that was the last time I would see Herb alive. Soon afterward, he became acutely ill with a fatal post-operative infection after open-heart surgery and died on January 5, 2006.

At Columbia, Nick rowed on the lightweight and varsity crews. He earned a master's in education in 1944 and subsequently had a distinguished career as a school principal and superintendent of schools in District 11 in New York. It was good to hear from Nick after a hiatus of five years. See additional news in this column about Nick in my Homecoming report.

I was delighted to hear from **Paul Hauck** in an e-mail message on September 30, sharing with me the good news of his 90th birthday. Paul had just reviewed my Class Notes in the September/October issue, in which I discussed Columbia's great basketball teams in earlier years. Paul, a Phi Beta

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Kappa member of our class, with a subsequent distinguished career as an economist, recalled that he was assistant manager of the basketball team in 1941 under the fiery and temperamental coach Paul Mooney, and the much calmer head manager, the late Arthur Weinstock '41. Paul's major duties were to care for the team's dirty laundry and to assure a good supply of tape for the team. From these humble tasks, Paul, one of our most brilliant classmates, rose to prominence in his work with the Navy Department and Department of Defense. Congratulations to Paul and his entire family on this milestone. **Art Wellington** and Dr. **Gerald Klingon** recently joined Paul in the Nonagenarian Club. Let us now hope for eventual membership for Paul, Art, Gerry and other classmates in the Centenarian Club and attendance at our 70th Reunion in 2012. Long may Columbia stand!

On October 22, our Alumni Office notified me of the recent death of **George Thompson**. No further details are available at this time. George, from Greenwich, Conn., was an active undergraduate who won numerals in freshman track, was senior circulation manager for the *Columbian*, was the Debate Council photographer and was a member of Le Cercle Lafayette. George also earned degrees from the Business School, in 1943, and the Law School, in 1949, a true Columbian all the way. A more detailed obituary for George will be published in a future issue of *CCT*. We send condolences to George's family and friends.

On October 23, your correspondent and grandson Benjamin Hathaway '10 drove 170 miles to Wien Stadium from Northampton, Mass., for our Homecoming game versus Dartmouth. It was good to see **Bob Kaufman** (and his loyal wife, Sue, wearing wonderful Columbia earrings), and Dr. **Gerald Klingon** (with his son, Robert, and daughter, Karen). Bob reported he had heard from **Nick Cichetti**, who was unable to come to Homecoming because of a sore back. Nick says his sore back started long ago, when, as a member of the freshman crew, he was introduced to coach Glendon's special method of long layback stroking. Bob was coxswain of that crew and of the subsequent highly successful varsity crews of 1940 and 1941.

The football game featured multiple fumbles by both teams, harmful penalties against Columbia and an impressive performance by Dartmouth running back Nick Schwieger, who scored the winning touchdown in Dartmouth's 24-21 victory. Columbia has several excellent returning players, including

quarterback Sean Brackett '13 and placekicker Luke Eddy '14. Coach Norries Wilson will graduate 26 seniors from this team, with capable replacements at all positions. Let us hope we will live to see Columbia win another Ivy League football championship (it has been a long wait since our last one, in 1961).

The New York Times of October 29 reported the death of Dr. **Robert E. Healy** on October 16 in Dover, N.H., at 88. Robert obtained his M.D. from Cornell Medical School in 1944. He saw active duty in both WWII and the Korean War, and then had a long career as an internist with the Mount Kisco [N.Y.] Medical Group while also serving as an s.v.p. of the Northern Westchester Medical Center. He later was a consultant for General Foods and the Joint Commission. Robert was a past president of the Westchester County Medical Society and the Westchester Division of the American Heart Association and was a trustee of the Stepping Stones Foundation. The *Times* added that Robert was a member of the Waccabuc Country Club, where he served a term as president and greatly enjoyed playing golf with members and friends.

At Columbia, Robert was a member of the Newman Club and Beta Theta Pi. Although we were in several of the same required pre-med classes, I did not know him very well. Oddly, and somewhat eerily, his graduation picture is immediately adjacent to mine in our Class of 1942 *Columbian*.

Robert is survived by his wife, Audrey; sister, Helen McLaughlin; children, Audrey, Tracy and Jeff; and five grandchildren. A memorial service was held on November 5 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Mount Kisco. We send our condolences to Mrs. Healy and to Robert's children and grandchildren. Like so many of our Columbia classmates, he had a distinguished career and was loved and respected by his family, friends and professional colleagues.

On October 31, I received an e-mail greeting from Mrs. Regina Albohn and her son, Daniel '81, expressing their regrets at missing this year's Homecoming. Regina is the widow and Daniel the son of **Arthur Albohn**. Regina and Daniel have been regular visitors to our annual Homecomings. They could not come this year because of Regina's recent medical problems, but they sent their greetings to classmates and expressed their ongoing loyalty to our Lions football team, and their anguish at our close losses to Dartmouth (24-21) and to Yale (31-28). We send Regina our good wishes for recovery from her current disabilities and hope to see her and Daniel at Homecoming 2011.

As I write this, Columbia's new men's head basketball coach, Kyle Smith, leads the Lions into their new season. [Editor's note: *CCT* profiled Smith in the November/December issue: college.columbia.edu/cct/nov_dec10.] It has been many years since Columbia was last able to overcome the dominance of Princeton, Penn and most recently Cornell in Ivy League basketball. We send good wishes to coach Smith and our players in their efforts to start a new era of Columbia success in the Ivy League and beyond.

Best wishes to all classmates and their families for 2011.

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I came across another prominent CC alumnus, DeWitt Clinton (Class of 1786), in my reading. His noteworthy career was highlighted in *Wedding of the Waters: The Erie Canal and the Making of a Great Nation* by Peter L. Bernstein. Clinton was largely responsible for the creation of the Erie Canal and served multiple terms as mayor of New York City and governor of New York as well as being prominent on the national scene.

My wife and I went to Appomattox Courthouse during the Labor Day weekend. I was struck by the generosity of Grant at the time of Lee's surrender. That he allowed the Confederate soldiers who owned horses to keep them "for the spring plowing" is well known. I didn't know that he directed that ample provisions be brought when Lee asked for food for his starving men. The Union soldiers also were ordered to present arms in tribute to the CSA men as they trooped by to stack their arms. These were men who had been killing each other in horrendous battles just a few days before. Grant thus presaged with his actions Lincoln's immortal, "With malice toward none, with charity for all ..." in his second inaugural speech.

Al Cayot wrote saying he was sorry to read of the death of **Bill Webb**, another oar in the lightweight boat of 1939-40. **Bill Loweth**, who died on May 5, was stroke oar of the varsity heavyweight crew that same year. Al added, "Both were great Columbians and great crew men."

The 1943 Class Notes produced a happy byproduct recently. A medical school classmate of mine in Puerto Rico happened to see a

copy of *CCT* in the waiting room of a hospital he was visiting and noticed my name. We have started a lively correspondence as a result.

Sad news:

Bernard Amster, physician, West Hollywood, Calif., died on December 4, 2009.

Clifton C. Field Jr., retired editor and speechwriter, Brunswick, N.J., died on November 30, 2009.

Edward M. Marwell, Mount Kisco, N.Y., died on September 7, 2010.

Henry Corey, attorney, Falmouth, Mass., died on February 27, 2010.

Please note my new e-mail address, at the top of the column.

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Your correspondent wants to bid a personal goodbye to **John Donohue** (obituary in November/December: college.columbia.edu/cct/nov_dec10), who had long kept us abreast of his retirement activities as "Mr. Democrat" in his nook of Connecticut.

On a brighter note, from New Smyrna Beach, Fla., **John T. Wil-liamson** — as far as we know, '44's only professional golfer — tells us the Professional Golfers Association of America elected him to the PGA Half Century Club. Jack left Morningside for the WWII Navy and returned in time to graduate in '46. He "spent seven years in Venezuela as a petroleum geologist until bitten by the golf bug." He wrote, "I built a golf course in Daytona Beach in 1955 and have spent most of my time teaching. I hosted and helped Columbia's golf team during the 1960s during their winter trips to Florida. I keep in touch with some of them."

The PGA Life Member "never joined the tour, nor was tempted to," but the teaching life has evidently kept him in good shape and he remains "very active." An enviable model.

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Greetings, classmates. I'm your new class correspondent. I'd love to hear from you, and I'd also like to hear from alumni who were freshmen in '41 but adopted their graduating class after they returned from the military diaspora. I went on to P&S before 1945 and know some '41 freshmen who are alive and well but abandoned the Class of '45.

I am an 87-year-old emeritus

professor (UC California San Francisco, Department of Psychiatry). I retired at 70 but continued to see patients until I had auricular fibrillation and a series of strokes that didn't improve my short-term memory. In the first part of 2010, I was fortunate enough to get a percutaneous aortic valve transplant at Stanford. That was followed by strep bovis septicemia, which led them to look for, find and extirpate a colon cancer. Since then, I am doing well; no fibrillation, no strokes, hard swimming for 30 minutes. Because of neuropathy in the right leg, driving and tennis are things of the past, so I play the recorder with a group, garden and write (see *Asylum: A Mid-Century Madhouse and Its Lessons about Our Mentally Ill Today*).

Albert Rothman writes, "Sadly my close friends from CC '44-'45 are gone: John O'Connor, Les Rosenthal, Marty Shulman, Harold Samelson, maybe others? I remain alive, despite, successively, heart bypass, cancer, Coumadin-related four-plus pints of blood loss, resulting in heart attack and congestive heart failure, hip replacement, and clinical depression a year ago. Each challenge resolved. But also healthful eating, including some steak, and excellent red wine daily.

"I hike solo every few days for three to four hours and close to 1,000 ft. of climbing in semi-wilderness, for both pleasure and exercise. (Thanks, California, for the weather!)

"I feel it's a happy time of life. I'm fortunate for my loving offspring and grandchildren. Sure, I have old guy's back pains and so forth, and my spine has shortened my height five or six inches. On the plus side, I won poetry awards, my work is printed in anthologies and I published my first book; working on two more. I also am a volunteer trails patroller. I'm lucky."

Please send me any news, and pictures if they show at least two alumni.

Warning: Send me your notes or else I'll be phoning you at 9 p.m. Pacific time!

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George Levinger, professor emeritus of psychology at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, came the

greatest distance to attend our class lunch in May. The conversations and exchanges among the assembled were particularly stimulating and provocative that afternoon. I asked George to put some of his thoughts about retirement to pen and paper. He obliged, saying, "There is a story about a man who jumps off the top of the Empire State Building. As he passes an open window, he yells to an onlooker: 'So far, so good!' And so it is with my retirement."

About retirement, he references two psychologists. One wrote: "The Golden Years: you got to be kidding." And the other emphasizes the importance of security and autonomy.

George continues: "So far my retirement experience has been mainly positive. I've adjusted my aspirations to fit my abilities and new opportunities. Although I can no longer speed-walk or run down stairs two at a time, I still bicycle and do serious yard work. I drive more defensively and sleep more assertively. I'm privileged to continue living in the resource-rich environment of Amherst and keep a department office at U of M. While I still have departmental and professional involvements, I no longer confuse my career with the rest of my life. Victor Frankl, a therapist and holocaust survivor, argued that the meaning of one's life always changes but remains central to one's personal well-being. The meanings in my life now derive largely from contacts with family and friends, new explorations through reading and travel, and pursuing my long-term social concerns."

George has involved himself in a number of community social-issue organizations. He writes, "My most stimulating and demanding involvement has been facilitating weekend prison workshops for the Alternative to Violence Project, initiated by Quakers 35 years ago. Each weekend in the prison has been a truly cross-cultural experience; most of these inmates have had totally different life experiences and outlooks from our own."

Retired, George relishes the opportunity for he and his wife, Ann, to travel extensively. "Two months after my retirement, we spent a week in a Buddhist ashram in Bali after snorkeling in Micronesia. We've revisited my birthplace, Berlin, several times, admiring the rebuilding of this marvelous city. Especially rewarding were two three-week experiences as English language teachers with the U.S. organization Global Volunteers. We taught English for Chinese students in X'ian and three years later for Vietnamese young people in Vung Tau."

Fifty-three years after Army service in Japan, George returned and



The Class of '49 showed its Light Blue pride during Homecoming on October 23. Cheering on the Lions were (left to right) Fred Berman '49, class president; Marvin Lipman '49; and Bob Rosencrans '49.

made the professional observation that the Japanese social psychologists he met were knowledgeable about American relationship research. Of course, travel to the Far West for visits with children and grandchildren are musts for George and Ann.

"I have decided to write a memoir for our children and grandchildren to read," George adds. "I have explored family records, writings by my mother and her father, and found letters and diaries of many years ago. I was born in Germany before Hitler, went to school in three more countries, attended Columbia and then served in the Army in WWII. (And there is all that followed since.) I have much to write about."

George, you may be encouraging similar endeavors by classmates. The legacy to succeeding generations of memoirs, written or spoken, can be invaluable for preserving the relationships of a family.

I welcome responses to George's writing and would be pleased to report them in this column.

This is a reminder to set aside Saturday, June 4, to join in our 65th Alumni Reunion Weekend celebration at lunch on campus. You will receive further news and details about the event, but meanwhile, reserve the date.

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Columbia College Today

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CCT thanks Bert Sussman for his two years of service as a class correspondent.

The Class of '47 is looking for a class correspondent to write a bimonthly column for CCT. If you want an open platform and a chance to reconnect with classmates, please contact Associate Editor Ethan Rouen '04J at ecr2102@columbia.edu. Until then, please send notes about your life, thoughts, travel,

family and experiences at Columbia to the postal or e-mail address at the top of the column.

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Frank Newmark recently published *Bernie: The Biography of Bernard J. Englander*, a 92-year-old WWII air hero, devoted Civil Rights worker and founder of Union Optical Plan. Copies can be purchased from Interfaith Community Services, 550 W. Washington Ave., Ste B, Escondido, CA 92025. The author will donate all proceeds to charity.

Frank's wife, Elle, is the prize-winning author of *The Book of Unholy Mischief* and, coming in April, *The Sandalwood Tree*. Both are literary historic novels published by Simon & Schuster.

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Let's start with the extraordinary feeling of warmth and camaraderie around the table at Homecoming on October 23! Bill Lubic; Fred Berman, our illustrious president, with his wife, Barbara; Marv Lipman, as effervescent as ever; Bob Rosencrans and his wife, Marge [see photo] ... A special mention for one of the absentees, Gene Rossides, whose "excuse" was that

it was his birthday and he was off celebrating. Happy birthday, Gene!

One of this correspondent's earliest Columbia memories was at Baker Field [now Robert K. Kraft Field]. My brother, Bert Sussman '47, was a freshman that fall, before Pearl Harbor, and he took me to a game to watch the great Paul Governali '43.

The group was somewhat smaller this year with some of the usual stalwarts unable to make the trek, but we know they were there in spirit and their ears burning as we spoke of them fondly. You know who you are!

Heard from **Art Nolan** again in his continuing pursuit of the history of Professor Franz Neumann. Art is hoping some qualified historian will take up this subject for an in-depth study.

Bill Lubic, once again, provides us with correspondence of extraordinary interest, including some news of **Charley Peters**:

"I cannot remember a better organized, better attended, higher quality or more enjoyable Baker Field event. Wow! The transformation of the facilities there is really remarkable (of which I am sure few of our classmates have any idea).

"Another news item for you: My wife, Ruth, and I attended a luncheon event in D.C. for **Charley Peters**, who was present with his wife, Beth.

"Although retired from his *Washington Journal*, Charley is still in the mix. He spoke about his recently published book, *Lyndon B. Johnson*, which was described as 'sleek,' 'richly detailed' and the best one-volume work on the subject. It is full of his personal experiences, observations and opinions about the President, his contemporaries and those times. He considers LBJ to have been one of the best in terms of major legislative achievements (notwithstanding the warts). Charley sends his best to the class."

A personal note: reading in the November/December CCT item about the dedication of the Austin E. Quigley Theatre [Editor's note: See "Around the Quads: college. columbia.edu/cct/nov_dec10.], I was once again moved by this man's dedication and achievement. As a student, my forays into the dramatic arts were limited to the only avenue available, as an extra-curricular activity. Austin elevated the theatre arts to a respected pursuit on an academic level, so long in coming, for a college situated in the theatre capital of the country. One more immigrant proving the strength of our nation is in our open and welcoming arms!

At this writing, a fierce November wind is rattling the windows in our Brooklyn home. At the time you are reading this, winter is upon

us. I write with hope that the snow brings its brightness and special sounds to the city. Step carefully, spring will be here soon enough.

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A funny thing happened on the way to this column. Despite the fact that my address is prominently displayed at the head of the column in every issue, and despite the fact that I dispatched more than 30 e-mail messages to classmates to solicit items for the column, no one was willing to talk. But a correspondent is expected to report, so I am reporting that no classmate had anything to report.

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These notes contain important information about our 60th Alumni Reunion Weekend, to be held Thursday, June 2-Sunday, June 5.

The second meeting of the '51 60th Reunion Committee took place in the law offices of **Mark Kaplan** on November 11. The committee was joined by **Ted Borri '51E** and Alumni Office staffers Paul Staller from the Columbia College Fund and Jennifer Freely from Alumni Affairs. Ted indicated that as with our 50th reunion, the Engineering School would partner with us in developing the program events. The immediate goal for the committee is to arouse an enthusiastic response from the entire class so that the 60th reunion attendance surpasses the 165 attendees of the 50th.

There are numerous opportunities for all class members to participate in making what may prove to be our most significant reunion. Here are some of the things we need to accomplish:

1. The class e-mail address list is not current, and numerous communications are being returned as "not deliverable." Please send an e-mail message with your current e-mail address to Jennifer Freely at jf2261@columbia.edu so that class records can be updated.

2. Our class is divided into six geographic zones: East, Midwest, South, Texas region, Rockies and

Pacific Coast. We need a "spark plug" in each of these zones to recruit alumni to make phone calls and generally keep in touch with alums. Don't be bashful. Please contact your class correspondent with the good news that you want to be on the team and be responsible for the zone in which you reside.

3. Recently, class members were asked to contribute \$25 to cover expenses associated with organizing this big event. To date, about 40 have sent checks. If you are not on the list, please send your voluntary contribution to class treasurer **Willard Block** at his home, 54 Cornwall Ln., Sands Point, NY 11050. Checks should be made out to Columbia College Class of '51C Reunion.

As we did with our 50th reunion, we are going to publish a *Class of 1951 Reunion Yearbook and Directory*. The page size is 8½ in. x 11 in. and will be divided to provide four photos and biographies per page, each 3½ in. wide x 5 in. tall. That is not a lot of space, but see what you can do to send your class correspondent, **George Koplinka**, your photo and some biographical info. Be creative: Family pictures and reunion wishes are welcome, too. To allow time for the directory's preparation, the deadline for material is Tuesday, March 1.

The Reunion Committee, headed by class president **Robert Snyder**, has made several suggestions, a number of which are contingent on how many classmates are planning to attend all or part of the 60th reunion. For example, class luncheons, cocktail parties and dinners require commitments and reservations that cannot be made until the committee gets a handle on who is attending. So, if classmates can telephone or send an e-mail message to Jennifer Freely (212-851-7438 or jf2261@columbia.edu) with this information, we will have a better idea on how to proceed. A substantial amount of our class participation in the 60th will revolve around the College Alumni Reunion Weekend schedule. Early registration and some events begin on Thursday, June 2, although Friday, June 3, and Saturday, June 4, are the major activity periods. Generally, our class will follow Columbia's reunion programming with exceptions to allow for our own cocktail party, class luncheons, and dinners and panel discussions. Housing is available at Carman Hall for about \$120 a night, a substantial savings over the \$250-\$300 a night in New York City hotels. Several classmates in the metropolitan area have volunteered to provide "Home Hospitality" and have classmates stay with them. Let the committee know if there is some interest with this idea, and we will try to make the necessary

connections.

The Class of '51 would like to honor all of the class members who served in the Armed Forces either before or after entering the College. Please let us know about your experiences, especially with helpful information that can be included in future CCT columns. In addition, our outstanding athletes, especially our Columbia University Athletics Hall of Fame members, will be included in reunion festivities. An opportunity exists to display Columbia '51 memorabilia, so if you have some items, please contact your class correspondent.

Finally, reunions such as our 60th provide an outstanding opportunity for a class gift of major proportion. The committee has recommended a goal of \$51,000, obviously the significant number to tie in with our class year. **Mark Kaplan** and **Willard Block** are heading the subcommittee to contact classmates about their contributions. Please be generous!

Many thanks to the dedicated classmates who regularly have been attending Reunion Committee meetings. These include **Bob Snyder**, **Mark Kaplan** and **Willard Block**, all of whom have been mentioned in this column, as well as **Dave Berman**, **Myron Winick**, **Robert Flynn**, **Elliot Wales** and **Bob Osnos**.

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Happy New Year to all the members of the Class of 1952. I hope you enjoyed the holidays and the warmth and laughter of friends and family. Perhaps the November election results were pleasing to you and therefore you will have even more to smile about. But pleased or not, the people have spoken, and the democratic process continues with strength and vigorous health.

Most of us are octogenarians, and we can use some of that strength and vigorous health ourselves. The earth spins on its axis and Father Time is unstoppable. Let's take our vitamins, get enough sleep, eat plenty of broccoli, do some exercise daily, think pleasant and positive thoughts, count our blessings and hope for the best.

Claude Thomas writes: "I surrendered my active California medical license in September. So I guess, except for prescribing for family, I'm finally retired. I formally left academia (UCLA) in 1993 with the title of professor emeritus (psychiatry and biobehavioral sciences, David Geffen School

of Medicine), a euphemism for unemployed. I recently published *Your Personal Power Up*, a business book co-authored with Dr. Brenda McGlowan-Fellows, my last graduate student. Union Graduate School gives a very different message from *Prizzi's Honor*. ("This is America. You see a dollar, you go after it!") Shelton is the publisher.

"I didn't know about **Charlie Jacobs'** website (retirement-writing.com).

"I will try to be proactive, working with my son, Dr. Jeffrey Thomas '83, '87 P&S, a stroke neurosurgeon, on the board of his emerging San Francisco-based Stroke Shield Foundation, and continue board work with the Bay Area Foundation for Human Resources. I also will offer (probably unwanted) advice of the kibbitzing variety to my daughter, Julie Goggin '82 Barnard, '86 GW Law, now CEO of Entelos; to my grandson Alex '12; and to my granddaughter Selin '13 Boston University.

"My wife, Carolyn, and I recently returned from Turkey, where we had a great tour. We missed **Henry Herman Kramer** and his wife, Carol, who couldn't make it. (Henry is still active as president of the International Nuclear Medicine Society.) The year before, we had a great tour to India with Bob Vidaver '53 and his wife, Virginia. Bob recently retired from his post as superintendent of New Hampshire Hospital but is still professor of psychiatry at Dartmouth and filling in where and when needed.

"We're aiming for Vietnam come February. We have great curiosity about the forgiving nature of the Vietnamese."

Bob Muscat writes: "With my Manhattan home only a short walk from the campus, Columbia was an obvious first choice. Ever since, I have felt that I lucked out, especially with the Greek classics courses of Moses Hadas, logical positivism under Ernest Nagel and later, as a Columbia Ph.D. economics student, mentorship under Albert Hirschman. I also attended the Journalism School on the way.

"As a development economist, I worked for the U.S. Agency for International Development during its halcyon days. Within weeks of being hired, I married and flew off for a career and residence in Thailand, Malaysia, Brazil, Kenya and Washington, D.C. Subsequent work as an independent consultant for the World Bank, UN agencies and USAID took me to many other countries, some not so pleasant. I've written books and articles, including a book on Thai development I authored while a visiting scholar at Columbia's Weatherhead East Asian Institute, published by

CU Press (Thailand and the United States). In recent years, I fell into work and research on problems of violent conflict and post-conflict reconstruction in developing countries. One product was *Investing in Peace: How Development Aid Can Prevent or Promote Conflict*, published by ME Sharpe in 2002. I'm also active in a small nonprofit, Global Peace Services. If interested in innovative ideas for peace education, see our website, globalpeaceservices.org.

"My wife, Juliette, attended CCNY and has had a career equally varied. We have two sons and a daughter, all born in exotic places. We live in Timonium, Md., north of Baltimore."

David Kettler writes: "I was a pretty marginal member of our class, a commuter from Jersey City for the first two years, left-wing in politics, off to Graduate Faculties after our third year, but I register many of the names, salute the accomplishments and regret the passings as I browse these reports from time to time. And I now have a specific question to ask: Does anyone have recollections of taking a College class with Franz L. Neumann? I think he may have taught one or two courses during our years, perhaps jointly with C. Wright Mills or Charles Frankel, but I'd be very glad to hear about any such class. With a young historian as collaborator, I am finally writing a long-overdue book on Neumann, and his Columbia teaching is important to it.

"To my good fortune, I am able to remain an active faculty member at Bard College, where I am listed as 'research professor' in political studies, teach one or two courses a year and receive support for my reading and writing. If anyone is interested in the work I do, respectable journeyman labor, there is a lot of material on my website, bard.edu/contestedlegacies, with a link to 'works' with a lot of articles and book chapters, including a recent piece on 'My Six Teachers,' a list that recalls both Frankel and Neumann. With my wife, Janet, retired as international student adviser at Bard, I live in Rhinebeck, N.Y. I have three adult daughters: Ruth is v.p. for health policy at the New York Academy of Medicine, Katherine is a partner in a women's law firm in Berkeley and Hannah is a senior program officer with the Global Health Program at the Gates Foundation. There also are four grandchildren."

Howard Hansen sent this message: "We lost a most loyal classmate in **Vern C. Wynott Jr.** on April 17. Vern and I had an unusual history. First and foremost, he was a great football teammate to all the team members. He and I were running mates in the same backfield for

freshman and three varsity seasons.

"At Lou Little's recommendation, we both joined the Naval Reserve (136th Street and Hudson River) so we wouldn't get drafted out of Columbia before graduation in 1952. We spent two summers attending OCS via the Reserve Officer's Corps Program in California-Treasure Island and Terminal Island. When he married the love of his life, Sheila, I was fortunate to be in his wedding party.

"The influence of then-assistant football coach Capt. Phil Bucklew, who was activated as commanding officer of Beach Jumper Unit, Little Creek, Va., and the amphibious base enabled Vern and me to end up running mates again for two more seasons. Filling out the all-Ivy backfield was ex-Yale all-star quarterback Stu Tisdale and Penn halfback Noel Schmidt. Other Columbia teammates joining the 'GATORS' were **Bill Wallace** and John Guerriero '53 in addition to Cornell all-star guard Frank Vitale.

"We all had a great all-around experience at Little Creek made possible by Phil, who was one of the most decorated heroes of WWII. He was one of the original 10 Scouts And Raiders, which subsequently became known as Frogmen and now SEALs. He was Vern's commanding officer at Little Creek.

"**Bill Wallace** and brother Bob Wallace '53 were the last of our teammates to visit with Vern and Sheila over lunch on the west coast of Florida on March 30, 2008. The next day he had a stroke.

"Tackle **Tom Federowicz** said it the best: Pound for pound, Vern was the toughest player on our team. Amen!" [Editor's note: See [Obituaries](#).]

Fred Phillips sent the following: "I am glad to report that I've had a very interesting time since that day in June 1952 when we all received our diplomas from the world's greatest college and some of us also were commissioned in the world's greatest Navy.

"The Navy instantly sent me to Athens to join a ship operating in the Mediterranean, then the North Atlantic and subsequently the Pacific for a couple of tours off Korea and points south including the Philippines, Taiwan and Vietnam in the period before direct U.S. involvement. In fact, I 'found a home' in the Navy. Except for some personal, built-in need to keep moving on, I probably would have opted to stay in the service for the long haul.

"Instead, I happily moved on by returning to Columbia's J-School and then to United Press (later United Press International) in New York; was sent to London as a correspondent; returned to Washington, D.C., to work for an aviation

and space magazine; joined the government as press officer for the supersonic transport plane that never was built; went to work writing speeches for the Secretary of Commerce under President Johnson; and served for some years as public affairs director at the Smithsonian Institution.

"Punctuating this series of experiences (and terminating an endless sentence), I headed to Europe again for a year, studying history, literature, art and such at the Complutense University of Madrid in Spain. After that, I came home to conclude my professional (read: gainfully employed) career with an amazingly swift 20 years as a man-of-all-work editing a magazine, other publications and writing the bosses' speeches at Martin Marietta, now Lockheed Martin Corp., in Bethesda, Md.

"I conclude on a personal note because it seems the right thing to do. Back when United Press sent me to London, I met and married a remarkable English girl, Mary, who became the glorious center of my personal universe for the next 52 years. She passed away a few months ago of a merciless pancreatic cancer. The only solace is that it's been a great ride all these years. I'd do every bit of it again in a New York minute and so would Mary."

Thank you all for your contributions and best wishes for the New Year. I am in Florida, but my e-mail address remains the same.

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On November 10, Barnard College celebrated Margaret Mead '23 Barnard by dedicating a permanent installation of archival photographs that were taken by our celebrated classmate **Ken Heyman**, who traveled the world with Mead for 20 years. Ken was the featured speaker at the event. The exhibit can be seen in the Reading Room of Lehman Hall on the Barnard campus.

In an article published in *ART-INFO*, Ken explained how he came to work with Mead. "I was a terrible student. I only got into Columbia because my father was connected to the place, but when I got there I wanted to work with the most famous professor, and that was Margaret Mead. In the first course I took with her, she said to us, 'I can't grade all your papers, but if any of you have any other abilities, like photography, then you can include them in your paper.' At that time, I was doing social work in Harlem with a group of 7-8-year-olds and included pictures of that with my paper. In

the last week of the course, Dr. Mead called me into her office. I got my first A, and she asked me to take a graduate anthropology course.

"A year after I graduated, she asked me, 'Ken, would you like to go to Bali with me? Just the two of us.' It was so monumental that it didn't register. The next morning, I woke up and phoned her. 'Dr. Mead, did you ask me to go to Bali with you?' She said, 'Yes, godammit. And you didn't answer. I thought you didn't want to go.'"

When asked what was the most important thing Ken learned from Mead, he replied, "That you can affect the world. She certainly did."

There's a wonderful anecdote about Ken and Andy Warhol that you might enjoy. It seems that years ago, Ken had gone to a party and was sitting at a table with a woman who would later become his wife. At the time, she was a soap opera star and had the lead in *As the World Turns*. Andy was sitting at the same table and was thrilled to be able to ask questions about what was going to happen on the show the following week. The day after the party, the woman who had thrown the party called Ken and asked him whether he had any work for the strange, starving artist who had been sitting at his table. Ken had an extra bathroom that needed painting and Andy offered to do the work. When Ken returned home that evening, he found that Andy had painted a calico cat on the toilet seat. A few years later, the apartment burned down and Ken recalls thinking, "I should have kept the toilet seat!"

Ken lives in Greenwich Village. He has five children and 10 grandchildren.

Congratulations, Ken, for your life of outstanding achievements.

In a delightful phone conversation, **Dan Epstein** told me that he had exercised a professional option by going to the Dental School in his senior year. In 1956, he went on active duty with the Air Force and spent two years in Great Britain. He and Ellen have been married 54 years and have four children and eight grandchildren. After completing two years in the Air Force, Dan practiced dentistry in Brooklyn for 50 years. Since retiring, he has taken up woodworking at their second home in Lakeville, Pa. When I asked him what he has built lately, Dan told me that he had recently finished a beautiful wine rack, which he and Ellen needed because every afternoon at three or four o'clock, they have a glass of wine. Amazingly, Ellen learned to play the violin eight years ago. She and Dan play tennis and enjoy waterskiing and snow skiing. Dan promises that he and Ellen will attend our 60th reunion!

Despite being confined to a wheelchair, **Howard Pettebone** is playing his instrument and practicing daily. He wants to be good enough to play at our 60th reunion in two years. Howard reports that his wife, Barbara, still is physically active at 76. She goes to a health and fitness center to exercise and ride a bicycle. With his usual zest and sense of humor, Howard told me he spends his time watching TV and lifting weights to delay the inevitable.

Talking to **Rolon Reed's** wife, I learned that sometime in July, Rolon broke his right hip and right arm. He also lives with a terrible case of emphysema, which means he is always out of breath and in a wheelchair. Knowing how much Rolon was addicted to cigarettes, I asked whether he had given up nicotine and was amazed to learn the following: After Rolon had spent several months in a hospital, his doctors decided that it was time to move him to an assisted living facility. Rolon agreed but only if his wife could find a place that would allow him to smoke 24 hours a day, seven days a week. His wife reports that after searching Florida facilities, she found one that allowed patients to smoke whenever they wished. As a result, Rolon spends his time on the porch of a huge Victorian house with a burning cigarette in one hand and a book in the other. He claims that besides visits from his wife, these days smoking is the only thing he gets to enjoy.

Several months ago, George Lowry sent me photographs that were taken at our wonderful 55th reunion. Many thanks, George!

In a recent e-mail, George indicated that he had a patch of health problems last summer but now is OK. George developed something called pseudogout in every joint. He surmises that if he had gone to Harvard, he would have developed real gout. To cure a urinary infection and a kidney stone, George spent two months in and out of hospitals. Thankfully, he is now back at work four days a week, which he claims keeps him out of trouble. He's quite active at the Garrison [N.Y.] Art Center and continues to be the "institutional memory" at Swann Galleries.

Keep getting better and better, George, and bear in mind our 60th reunion is coming in 2013. A class reunion would never be the same without you.

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While there are many events and accomplishments regarding our

classmates individually, we as a class have made contributions to Columbia College in which we can take pride. One of these is our support of the Columbia College Alumni and Parent Internship Fund which, during this past year, provided funds for three College students to use as they worked at unpaid internships during summer break: Brandon Cole '11, who interned with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office; Qiujie (Juliana) Guo '11, who interned at the New York Lawyers for Public Interest; and Stephanie Carvajal '12, who interned at Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen's Washington, D.C., office. Perhaps their response was best summarized by Stephanie, who wrote **Peter Ehrenhaft**, "Your contribution makes a huge difference in the lives of students like me who would otherwise not be able to take advantage of an unpaid internship."

Al Grayzel attended his 60th high school reunion (Midwood H.S.). He retired from MIT in 1993. Al decided that he would rather be skiing so he relocated to Park City, Utah. He is happily married, and he and his wife, Lynda, are settled in that great state. Al has three children and five grandchildren. Aside from skiing, Al and Lynda are involved in sea kayaking, tennis and fly fishing.

George Goldstein had a great trip to France and was able to get out just prior to the worst of the "industrial actions."

Dick Hobart has been enjoying life in both upstate New York and in Florida. He has been active in boating and maintains his involvement in his work. Dick has a large number of good friends who, along with him, were and are active members of Beta Theta Pi. They have reunions up north and down south.

Arnie Tolkin continues to travel around the world with his good wife, Barbie. They recently returned from the Savannah Film Festival, which they found most enjoyable. They are now scheduled to leave for Rome and then cruise back to Miami.

Ed Cowan and his wife, Ann Louise, have been traveling all over the country. Ed was and is a great journalist. He is developing a new facet to his career: reviewing plays. Ed and Ann Louise summer in Whitefield, N.H., where the Weathervane Theatre puts on seven shows in repertory each season. Ed reviews several of the performances for the weekly *Coo's County Democrat*. As Ed puts it, "For this reporter who was taught, starting at *Spectator*, to stick to the facts, it is a little difficult to come right out and express an opinion, but I'm learning how." Ed and

Ann Louise also have been visiting Major League Baseball parks. They have covered just about all of the parks and are now considering whether they will visit cities that have built new parks.

I last saw **Bill Scales** at our last reunion. He looked great then, and based on the following must look even better now. He wrote that he married last spring, to Mary Alice Liggitt of Cottonwood, Ariz. They met when they were sophomores in college and were working during the summer in Yellowstone Park. Since Mary Alice went back to school in Nebraska, their paths diverged. They both married but died in touch. Both of their spouses died a few years ago. They got together a year ago and "pow," they were married in March. Bill and his bride live in Clarksdale, Ariz., and "life is rosy."

Bill is a wonderful guy, and part of my happiness for him relates in part to the fact that I too found a wonderful lady. The two of us had wonderful marriages but lost our spouses about five years ago. On December 18, Deborah Davis and I were married and like Bill, I feel that life is rosy.

I also was happy to hear from **Jack Bloom**. A number of our classmates became clergymen. Jack is a great case in point, but he goes beyond what we usually expect. He has published a number of books and is an adviser and mentor to young rabbis.

I want to thank my classmates who answered my cry for help. Please keep the information coming.

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One of the key initiatives this year for the University Senate is Manhattanville, where construction has begun west of Broadway and north of 125th Street. The Mind-Brain building will be one of the first structures to go up, with new homes for SIPA, the Business School and the School of the Arts filling the first phase of the new campus. The newest building to "hit" the Morningside campus is the science structure on the corner of West 120th Street and Broadway. This edifice will be in full operation this spring. President Lee C. Bollinger will be around to see the "fruits of his labors," as he has "re-upped" for another five years as president of the University. On the academic front, our outstanding faculty continue to make appearances at Café Science (PicNic Café) where noted physicist Tanya Zelevinsky talked about "Physics Near the Absolute

Zero" and synthetic organic chemist Scott Snyder discussed "Red Wine: Turning a Beverage into a Pill." There is more to come in 2011!

The Columbia University Club in midtown Manhattan, with its increasing membership, draws many Columbians to its lectures and events with key speakers, not only from the administration and faculty but also from the "outside world." A most popular attraction is "speed dating," which should be discussed at another time. The annual Alexander Hamilton Award Dinner was held in Low Library on November 18, in which the turnout, honoring Michael Rothfeld '69, included **Don Laufer** (coordinator of the monthly class dinners held in restaurants around the greater New York City area). Other noted interesting events for our classmates and other alums will be the men's basketball team appearance in late February at Penn, Global Community Outreach around the world in March and a special Symposium with President Bollinger in Washington, D.C., in early April. Details to follow.

The monthly class dinners have almost taken on a life of their own, with more and more classmates, especially from the greater New York, New Jersey and Connecticut area, attending. Familiar "oldies but goodies" who have recently made their appearance to toast other '55ers are **Bob Brown, Larry Balfus, Bill Epstein, Alfred Gollomp, Bob Sparrow, Herb Cohen, Marty Dubner, Tony Di Santo, Mort Rennert, Don Laufer, Al Martz, Chuck Solomon, Elliot Gross and Ron Spitz**. There are more who drop in from time to time: **Anthony Viscusi, Stan Zinberg, Dick Kuhn, Stu Kaback, Bob Schiff et al. Norm Goldstein**, who made a cameo appearance at the 55th reunion, has let us know that he serves patients not only in the Queen's Medical Center in Honolulu but also in Midtown Manhattan as well. He sends "Aloha" to all!

We've received some kind words from our old captain of the heavy-weight crew, **Terry Doremus**. Terry, who is retired, lives in New Jersey. Rochester, N.Y.'s own **Beryl Nusbaum** called recently to get his quarterly update on Columbia athletics — it is tough to cover 31 sports in a phone conversation, but we did it.

While meandering through a couple of Columbia University Club events, your roving reporter ran into **Roland Plottel and Allen Hyman**, who looked chipper and full of energy, enjoying themselves to the fullest. **Bob Thonus and George Raitt** have been in touch, as they do from time to time. It is hoped that their schedule will loosen up so they can attend our

next reunion in 2015. Not only is **Barry Pariser** working at his old practice, he is now at the VA part-time filling his days fruitfully. He will be appearing in a book, *Ripley's Believe it or Not!: Special Edition 2010*, with the toothpick Ferris wheel and railroad arch bridge he built a couple of years ago. He will send the structure to a museum in Orlando for display purposes. Another classmate who is thriving is **Ed Goldberg**, a professor at Tufts Medical School in the Department of Molecular Biology. Ed and his family reside in Newton Centre, Mass. Further south on the New England Thruway in Simsbury, Conn., is **Lew Banci**, retired, formerly senior communications manager at Chase Bank in Manhattan.

A sad note to report: **Alan Pasternak**, in Lafayette, Calif., has passed away. Our condolences go to his family and friends. He will be missed.

Dear fellow Columbia classmates, take good care of yourselves. A little exercise would be nice. A balanced diet would fit into your regimen. Remember, the 60th is looming. Love to all, everywhere!

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At the first of reunion year class events, five members of our class attended Homecoming on October 23: **Alan Broadwin, Ed Botwinick, Stan Klein, Mark Novick and Len Wolfe**. Even though Columbia lost, it was an exciting game to watch, as Len reports, and he agrees that Columbia has an exciting quarterback this year.

A number of our classmates, including myself, attended the Columbia-Cornell football game on November 13. I was looking forward to seeing my first Columbia football game of the season, since I was in Hawaii during Homecoming, and I was not disappointed. The game was not only one of the most exciting Columbia games I have seen but also we won (in the last 37 seconds) and then sealed the victory with a recovered onside kick.

Also, on November 11, we had our first fall class luncheon, which **Len Wolfe** hosted at the Yale Club. In addition to Len and myself, in attendance were **Mark Novick, Alan Press, Dan Link, Al Franco**

'56E and Ralph Kaslick. Missing were **Ron Kapon**, who was doing a wine-related magazine interview, and **Bob Laterbourn**, who thought he might have been able to make it, since he was scheduled to pass through New York on his return from visiting India with his wife. It was a pleasant luncheon, exploring many topics, including that "age-old question," who is the youngest member of our class? We all think it is **Buz Paaswell**. We also found out from Len how committing the prologue to *The Canterbury Tales* to memory in high school helped his career at *Time-Life* (he will recite it at our reunion if we would like).

Class news:

Donald Horowitz, a Brooklyn boy now living in Seattle, has received the 2010 Award of Merit from the Washington State Bar Association. This award is given to an individual in recognition of long and outstanding service to the legal community. Don, who graduated from Yale Law, was a Superior Court judge in Seattle. He is active as a trustee and director of many Seattle-based legal organizations. He also mentors and works with community youths, law students and young practicing lawyers. He is an example of the value of a Columbia education.

Congratulations, Don.

Hal Powell contacted me to be included in our class e-mailing. As he says, the subjects and rhetoric of our correspondence always are interesting. Hal is retired and lives in King of Prussia, Pa., with his wife, Anne. While keeping active with hunting, skiing, fishing and four-wheeling, he manages to do some consulting for former customers in the commercial pump business. Sounds like a good, well-rounded retirement life.

Taylor Thompson, in an e-mail regarding our 1952 Columbia football game against Army, which we tied, relates how he was waiting tables and was asked by Mrs. Eisenhower if he wanted his program signed by her husband, then president of Columbia (later to be U.S. President). Taylor now has a memento of a "moment in history to remember," as he puts it. **Jerry Breslow**, who was in the marching band, also shared some of his memories of that day. These are some of the memories we should bring to our 55th reunion.

Bob Sirotzky, also retired, has taken to traveling, and has visited all seven continents. He also takes continuing education courses in history, literature and photography.

Answer to last pop quiz: The Alumni Office only had the statistics for percentage of class members from the tri-state (New York, New Jersey, Connecticut) area. They are

45.6 percent for our Class of '56 and interestingly, 47.8 percent for the Class of 2011. I estimate that about a third of those come from the New York City public schools. I will fill you in if I get more information.

Reunion news and events:

The format of our 55th reunion has been outlined, although not finalized. It will start Thursday, June 2, and end on Sunday, June 5. Thursday will be for meeting and greeting and for classmates who want to make an extended weekend of it. There will be available for purchase theater tickets to shows that otherwise may not be available, so those interested should start planning now. Saturday is Dean's Day and is for all alumni, not just those in reunion classes, with choices of lectures by Columbia faculty. As a reunion class, we do not pay for lectures. For all of us who have come to like and look forward to Dean's Day, this gives us a double dose, so let's take advantage of it.

For Friday evening, Saturday lunch and Saturday dinner, we will have class-specific events, on which the Reunion Committee is working. Sunday will be an all-class brunch. I am working with the Alumni Office as to the cost, which I pledge to make reasonable. There is a 10 percent discount if you sign up by Sunday, May 1 (reunion.college.columbia.edu).

College fundraising activity:

The Columbia College Fund Leadership Conference, which is an annual meeting of Class Agents, was held on November 6 and attended by **Dan Link**. As he reports, Dean Michele Moody-Adams was interviewed by Julie Menin '89, a television news commentator, as to her views on a number of subjects. The dean's views emphasized "need-blind admissions" (hence our scholarship program effectiveness) and the importance of the Core Curriculum.

Danny later spoke to the dean, who remembered our class and expressed her condolences for our loss of **Alan Miller**.

With respect to fundraising, there were several sessions, including one on "Reunion Giving" and another on "Making the Ask." Ways of connecting giving with feeling for the College and our reunion year were discussed. When you get a call to contribute, please respond as generously as you can.

As I have said before, this hopefully is the year where the stock market recovers, our 401ks start to feel and look like 401ks and our feelings about giving to Columbia increase with our age. It also will be a continued blessing to the students whom we are supporting.

I am again asking all class mem-

bers who want to keep in touch to update their e-mail addresses by contacting **Lou Hemmerdinger** at lhemmer@aol.com. This seems to be the best way to stay in touch with the majority of our class members. Please keep in contact with Columbia in whatever ways you feel appropriate, as I believe that it has been a force and power in our lives.

Until my next column, wishing for a winter season of Columbia teams winning and health and good fortune for all our class members.

Share your news with me at tball8000@earthlink.net, and I will make sure it gets in a future column.

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Sandra and **Dick Cohen** met Edie and **Art Bernstein** "for a four-day vacation visit during the first week of October, wherein they explored the delights of Chicago. The Cohens, from San Francisco, and the Bernsteins, from Setauket, Long Island, met halfway in between their homes to enjoy the art museums, architecture, fine dining and blues of that terrific city, where neither couple had previously spent non-professional meeting time. It was a fabulous reunion with perfect weather and happy reminiscences," Dick said.

"Later in the month, Sandra and I had the pleasure of hearing biblical scholar **Robert Alter** read from his new book, *The Wisdom Book: Job, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes: A Translation with Commentary*, a most scholarly and exciting publication."

Dick also tells us that he was "selected to be Ball Dude on the field for Game 1 of the World Series." [Editor's note: CCT profiled Cohen in May 2004: college.columbia.edu/cct_archive/may04.]

Martin Brothers: "Well, I tried. But only eight of our classmates responded expressing interest in an occasional, alternate [to the University Club] venue and format for our luncheon get-togethers, such as the Columbia Alumni Center; and they are not enough to justify setting a date and arranging for the room and lunches and a topic to generate lively conversation."

Marty Fisher: "The following 18 members of our class showed up at our bimonthly luncheon, hosted as usual at the University Club by **Ed Weinstein**, on September 20, the last full day of summer. It is worthy of note how many of our 'Boys of Summer' are drawn from the professions. Perhaps that is the root cause of the camaraderie we continue to have in the seventh

or eighth full year of having these luncheons.

"Dr. **George Lutz**, internal medicine; **Martin Brothers**, law; **Ed Weinstein**, accounting; **Mike Lipper**, finance; **Carlos Muñoz**, banking; Dr. **Ted Dwyer**, cardiology and basketball; Dr. **Paul Zola**, clinical psychology; Dr. **Alan Brown**, neurology; **Mark Stanton**, law; **Sal Franchino**, law; **Neil McLellan**, education; Dr. **Art Meyerson**, psychiatry; **Bob Klipstein**, law; Dr. **Dave Kinne**, surgery and wrestling; **Marty Fisher**, computer technology; **Steve Fybish**, education; **Pete Anker**, finance; and **Al Fierro**, law."

Mac Gimse, professor emeritus of art, St. Olaf College, Dundas, Minn., had an exhibit of his sculpture "on November 13, at 3 p.m. in the KGB Design Studio at 555 W. 25th St. (West Chelsea district). The K and G are David Khouri and Roberto Guzman '84, '87 Arch. Most of the work was done to honor Nobel Peace Prize laureates who were invited to St. Olaf and received the bronzes.

"The theme of my show was *Expressions of Peace in Sculpture and Poetry*. Most of the work was created to honor eight Nobel Prize laureates, presented to them during five different Nobel Peace Prize forays at St. Olaf College in Minnesota, where I have been teaching since 1970.

"This exhibit was sponsored by the St. Olaf College Alumni Club of New York, and they gathered that day for my presentation. Anyone was welcome.

"The St. Olaf alumni were kind to invite me for this event. I stayed on in NYC until November 21, and it was my pleasure to invite Columbia classmates to the exhibit and to have lunch in the West Chelsea area.

"I was one of the Columbia National Scholars as a freshman in 1953, a lonely lad from Minot, N.D. Many of you befriended me, took me under your wing, brought me to your homes for a real meal and introduced me to the magic of NYC. I loved Columbia and was thrilled to be in Blue Key. I returned to Columbia during a sabbatical in 1991-92 as a National Endowment for the Humanities Visiting Scholar in the Asian Institute. Through the years, I have been teaching Asian art, sculpture and architecture. In 2010, I taught 90 St. Olaf students in Japan and 30 St. Olaf alumni in Spain. What could be more fun?

"All seven of my grandchildren have been sung to sleep with 'What if tomorrow brings, sorrow or anything.' Growing up, I knew the goal of education was to take learning into life. At Columbia I discovered that the purpose of a liberal arts education is to take a

love of learning into life. Columbia gave me the Core with a passion to learn and the academic tools to teach. I am forever grateful.

"A family wedding fell on the day of our 50th Columbia reunion, and I have been suffering ever since. **Gary Angleberger** and **Ed Heiser** kindly met me in Green Lake, Wis. (Ed and Jane's summer home), to save my wounded spirit."

Steve Ronai and yours truly attended their 50th Yale Law School (Class of 1960) reunion the weekend of October 8-10 in New Haven, Conn. The events included, among others, an all-alumni dinner and an all-alumni luncheon, class dinners, and farewell brunches and panel discussions on science and the three branches of government, the CSI effect (criminal proof), the next technological revolution, "My Not So Private Life," and generations of environmental law. Steve and his wife, Natalie, gave the farewell brunch for the Class of 1960 in their lovely home in North Haven.

Gene Wagner: "September 25 was our fourth luncheon at beautiful Gladstone's Long Beach in California. Present were **Gene Wagner**, **John Ahouse**, **Ken Bodenstein**, **Mike Gold**, **John Taussig**, **Lew Schainuck**, **Jonathan Lubin** and **Ken Silvers**.

"Our topic of conversation was: Since we are 53 years out from graduation and most of us did not know each other during our college days, what is prompting us to want to get together four times a year and make connections at this point of our lives?"

"Our conclusion was that we are all connected to our pasts, and we each hold ourselves to a special frame of time that we refer to as the Good Old Days. They certainly were good old days. Our group has become tightly knit and certainly has become more comfortable with each meeting."

While in New York the weekend of October 22-25 for a family wedding reception, yours truly met **Martin Brothers**, **Marty Fisher**, **Carlos Muñoz** and **Ed Weinstein** for lunch on Friday. Discussion was most lively and centered on the upcoming elections. Monday, yours truly met **Kathleen** and **David Kinne** for lunch. Among other things, we discussed David's activities as a docent at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and at Carnegie Hall. After lunch, we walked to Carnegie Hall, where David gave us a guided tour of the museum, which has photographs of artists who have performed there and in some cases lived in apartments over the hall. Particularly moving were exhibits on Isaac Stern's successful efforts to halt plans to demolish Carnegie Hall in favor of a modern

skyscraper. Indeed, it brought to mind the campaign to save Old Ironsides from destruction.

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"A fellow of infinite jest, of most excellent fancy."

—Hamlet

Asher Rubin died on September 30 of brain cancer. He is survived by his wife, Diane; son, Jacob '06; and daughter, Shaina '09.

Asher's father was a Hebrew teacher in Liberty, N.Y., in the Catskills. He grew up with four brothers, Emanuel, Mordecai, Joseph "Yussel" '60 and Abba '63, and a mother who threatened to trade him for one of Eddie Cantor's daughters.

Asher was part of the '58 contingent at Harvard Law School. Yussel's time at Harvard overlapped with Asher's. At a public gathering, Asher told the formidable estate planning professor James Casner that his younger brother was "bitterly disappointed that he was not being called on enough in class."

From law school, Asher went on to an internship in the law offices of Melvin Belli, the flamboyant "King of Torts," and then clerked for Justice Thomas P. White of the California Supreme Court. Next he joined the California Attorney General's office, where he spent virtually all of his career as a deputy attorney general, except for brief interludes in the Office of the General Counsel of the Peace Corps and on the public relations staff of the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel.

At the AG's office, Asher argued two cases before the U.S. Supreme Court and many more before the California Supreme Court. He represented President S.I. Hayakawa (later a U.S. senator) during the bitter student strike in 1968-69 at San Francisco State University.

Asher couldn't restrain himself, even in court. When an opposing lawyer applied to the Court of Appeals for permission to submit a brief that would exceed the allowed page limit, Asher filed a short reply: "The appellants think it not nifty to have their brief reduced to fifty." Asked by a federal court judge whether he should recuse, he replied, "Right here in front of everybody?" And when George Deukmejian was attorney general and Asher asked another federal judge for extra time to file his brief, the judge hesitated, commenting: "What do you people in the Attorney General's office do all day?"

Asher replied: "Well, we spend most of our time trying to spell Deukmejian." The judge granted him a 45-day extension.

Asher was extremely proud of his family's accomplishments. When Diane became president of the local CPA society, he decided that he would like to be addressed as "First Dude." And both of his children graduated from the College.

Your reporter knew him before we arrived at Columbia, having met him at a high school journalism conference. Since we lived on the same floor of Livingston Hall for a couple of years, I had a good view of the escapades for which Asher and his roommate and friend for life, **Al Shine**, were famous. Asher's exuberance makes it almost impossible to comprehend that he's gone.

Some of this biographical information was drawn from a tribute put together by his family for his funeral.

The Class Lunch is held on the second Wednesday of every month, in the Grill Room of the Princeton/Columbia Club, 15 W. 43rd St. (\$31 per person). E-mail **Art Radin** if you plan to attend, up to the day before: aradin@radinglass.com.

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I will take a few words to thank those of you who respond to my requests for contributions to the Class Notes. Your efforts are very much appreciated by your classmates and by me. For those of you who do not get my e-mails, I request that you send your e-mail address to nmgc59@gmail.com. I will not give it to anyone without your permission.

I thought that this was going to be a short column and I pleaded for more contributions. I was overwhelmed by the response and will be compelled by CCT to use some of them for the next issue.

Occasionally I miss a contribution in the huge pit that is my inbox. If you have submitted something and it has not appeared, let me know, and perhaps I can retrieve it. **Herb Dean** and **Matt Sobel** did so, and I found their contributions, which are included below. I apologize to them and to you for my error.

Herb wrote (April 2009), "After Columbia and Tufts Medical School, I trained at Bellevue for two years, a year in Cleveland and completed a hematology residency at Boston City Hospital, finishing my training there as a chief medical resident. I joined

the Fallon Clinic in Worcester, Mass., as the ninth physician, intending to stay there for one year until I knew whether my Army Reserve unit was going to be activated during the height of the Vietnam War. I stayed there for more than 30 years, seeing it grow to more than 300 physicians with more than 30 sites in central Massachusetts, and in addition to serving as the chief of hematology/oncology for a six-person department, running the medical lab and various other duties, I served as e.v.p. of the Fallon Clinic for 25 years and also served as president of the Fallon Community Health Plan from 1992-98, during which time the plan was deemed to be the best HMO in the country by both *Newsweek*

and that made the reunion more meaningful.

"Two of my children and one of their partners rode with me part of the way from Albany to New York, down the Hudson Valley, and that experience too affected my reunion. I am particularly proud of my daughter, Anne, a novice cyclist, who rode 60 miles on the final day, which included 1,800 ft. of climbing and more than 20 miles of heavy city traffic, and did just fine. She isn't a novice anymore!

"Susan Slotnick, my wife, drove from Ohio to Columbia to rendezvous at the reunion. Her companionship made the event even more rewarding.

Riordan Roett '59 was named by the government of Chile to the Order of Bernardo O'Higgins with the rank of "Gran Oficial."

and *U.S. News & World Report*. We were the first Medicare-approved HMO in the country. Along the way, I became certified in internal medicine, hematology and oncology, and wrote a health book for laymen, *Look to Your Health*, published by Van Nostrand-Rheinhold Co.

"I left Fallon in 2001 and work part-time as an oncology consultant for Unum, a consultant for MassPro and as the medical director of a start-up company, Verax Biomedical, which has a rapid screening test for detecting bacterial contaminated platelets.

"I was married for 32 years to my lovely wife Joan, who died of brain cancer in 1997, and I have been re-married to Brenda, who although living in New York City was originally from Worcester, for almost five years. We live in Worcester as well as maintain her apartment in New York and my condo in Falmouth. I have two adult children and four grandchildren who live in Cincinnati."

As an update, Herb has been awarded the 2010 Physician Community Service Award by the Worcester District Medical Society for his volunteer work.

Matt wrote following the 2009 reunion: "The reunion was even more satisfying than I had anticipated, and much credit goes to classmates who were there and to the organizing committee. The satisfaction stemmed too from the way I reached the reunion—800 miles by bicycle. I cycled most of the way from my home near Cleveland to Albany with two alumni from the Harvard and MIT classes of 1959 who were on their way to Boston. Our educational and life path similarities and differ-

"Who wants to bicycle with me to our 55th reunion?"

Robin Motz reports, "I am changing the nature of my practice, away from the body and toward the mind. This new practice commenced on October 4. In order to facilitate communication, you may also reach me through my Columbia e-mail: rom1@columbia.edu."

Phil Matthews wrote, "I don't have anything to contribute at this time, but I look back regularly in appreciation of the Columbia experience. Those college years expanded my horizons and provided a continuing desire for knowledge, understanding of fellow man and enjoyment of the arts. How lucky we were back then and now to have friends like you in addition to receiving a superb education!"

From **Allan Franklin**, who still has his old energy: "As has been the case for the past 20 years, one of the highlights of last summer was a long bicycle trip. This one was from Brainerd, Minn., to Bar Harbor, Maine, a distance of some 2,000 miles. I joined a group that was literally riding from sea to shining sea, starting in Neah Bay, Wash. In Bar Harbor, I met **Joe Krieger** and his wife, Rose, for an excellent dinner in a restaurant overlooking Frenchman Bay, a beautiful view. It was a wonderful end to a marvelous trip. Although it may seem odd to regard riding 70 miles a day on a bicycle as a vacation, that is what it was. It was physically challenging, but psychologically rewarding. Finishing each day's ride was exhilarating, made even better by sharing the experience with friends over the prescribed end-of-ride beer

followed by a fine and large dinner. There also is no better way to see the beauty of the country than at moderate speed on a bicycle. Imagine riding through farmland where the corn grows so close to the road that you could pick an ear from your bike, or seeing a Mennonite couple traveling by horse and buggy along with you or coming over a rise and finding a bear crossing the road. Fortunately the bear seemed as frightened of me as I was of him and hurried across the road.

"A website chronicling our adventure includes hundreds of photographs and an informative and amusing commentary by Rick Johnsen, one of our riders. If you look on page 53, there is a picture of me at the top of a seven-mile climb. Depending on who you ask, I look either tired or determined, most likely both. It was a great trip (crazyguyonabike.com/doc/page/pic/?o=RrzKj&pic_id=619044&v=4&size=large)."

Mike Bromberg reports, "My wife, Marlys, and I have moved from Washington, D.C., where we lived for more than 45 years, to NYC, not far from Columbia. We are enjoying our Riverside Drive co-op apartment and all the cultural advantages of this great city. I am still in D.C. from Tuesday to Thursday, where I am chairman of Capitol Health Group, a boutique health care consulting/lobbying firm. Marlys and I started a foundation a few years ago, the Health Coverage Foundation, which provides grants to organizations helping low-income, uninsured families get private or public health coverage. That has been a very gratifying endeavor. We have been welcomed to New York City by a network of college friends who still live in the area, and that has made our new life even more enjoyable. There is nothing like college friendships."

Art(hur) Mollin writes, "My Great Neck H.S. (now called Miller, GN North) had its 55th reunion in Great Neck, and it was still fun seeing my cronies from way back. I finished a graduate certificate in intelligence studies from American Military University at the end of December. It was entirely distance learning over the Internet. That, along with a D.D.S. and an M.S., still keeps me unemployed and retired. In January I think I will enroll in another graduate program that might be stimulating and challenging. Retirement is too dull for words.

Alan M. Gelb writes, "My wife, Meriden, and I have a son at Columbia. Sam '13 reports some of those moments of electric excitement, which class at the College affords, and has become a member of the

tennis team. All his mother's driving him to out of the way venues, four years on his high school team (the last two as captain) and lots of tournament play have paid dividends for him, though now the hard work really begins. At the end of last season, Sam brought us to Columbia's Ivy Championship match against Princeton at the Robert K. Kraft Field bubble, an event that looked and sounded like a small war and was won by Columbia 6-1. For those who enjoy high-level competition among great athletes, a visit to team matches is a real treat.

"I've begun interviewing applicants for admission to the College as part of the Alumni Representative Committee (ARC) program. Many of the students would like to be interviewed but cannot be accommodated given their large numbers (more than 26,000 this year). This is a most worthwhile means to help Columbia and to get a firsthand sense of just how exciting the new generation of Lions is going to be. Contact ARC online if you are interested (studentaffairs.columbia.edu/admissions/alumni/volunteers.php)."

Allan Gardner tells us about a wonderful Homecoming weekend, despite the depressing last-two-minutes loss to Dartmouth.

"For nearly 30 years, the date of the Homecoming football game has been the inviolable occasion for a gala dinner gathering of lifelong Columbia friends, some of whom continue to endure the afternoon at Robert K. Kraft Field as well. It all began sometime around the early 1980s (no one can remember the exact year) as an annual dinner for a small group of ex-*Spectator* editors and their spouses (from '59 and '58). The original seven were Allan and **Mike Berlin** and five '58ers: Bernard Nussbaum '58, Howard Orlin '58, Barry Dickman '58, Shelly Raab '58 and Ernie Brod '58. Early on, **Ira Jolles** joined the group, creating a combined quorum of the '58-'59 managing boards.

"As time passed, 'membership' grew substantially and also became less exclusionary, reaching beyond the initial requirement of a *Spec* editorship. (Even two younger brothers, Richard Gochman '63 and Martin Nussbaum '67, learned the secret handshake.) This year nearly 40 people gathered at the Nussbaum apartment for drinks, dinner and the retelling, in extended form, of many stories that were not so interesting in their original versions and bear a diminishing relationship to the truth as our memories become less reliable. Allan traveled from San Francisco, **Mike Berlin** from Cape Cod, Mark Weiss '58 from D.C., Arnie Abrams '61 from

Long Island, and Joe Dorinson '58 and Art Radin '58 from Brooklyn.

"What began as a *Spec* event seems to have largely morphed into a Harvard Law School '61 reunion. But still Columbians all!"

David Rosand recently retired from the Columbia faculty but as the Meyer Schapiro Professor Emeritus of Art History continues to teach one course and to supervise dissertations. His primary Columbia project is the development of Casa Muraro as the University's study center in Venice. He continues to serve as project director of Save Venice, an organization devoted to the preservation of the art and monuments of that city on the water. In October, David lectured on "On Hand ... Drawing" at the Japan Society, in conjunction with the exhibition of the 18th-century Zen master Hakuin. This spring, he will be the James Ackerman Fellow in Residence at the American Academy in Rome.

Riordan Roett reports, "The Brookings Institution Press has recently published my latest book, *The New Brazil*, and the Government of Chile has named me to the Order of Bernardo O'Higgins with the rank of 'Gran Oficial.'"

I have contributions for the next issue of CCT from **Gene Appel**, **Clive Chajet**, **Josh Fierer**, **Eric Jakobsson**, **David R. McNutt**, **Bernie Pucker**, **Bob Ratner**, **Allen Rosenshine**, **Lew Roth**, **Steve Trachtenberg** and **Lou Lucaccini**.

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Syd Goldsmith sends these reflections on our 50th reunion and beyond: "The reunion was an extraordinary event and a great success, all the more meaningful for me because [this correspondent] and **Jay Jackman** are the only classmates whom I have seen during the last 50 years, and only quite recently at that. As one of the NROTC contingent, I was delighted to see so many comrades in arms and more than pleased to know that the Navy had room for artists such as **Paul Nagano** and writers and musicians, too. As a group, there was a palpable sense that we treasured that experience half a century ago, even though most of us moved on to other things.

"Most heartwarming was the feeling that I knew everybody I encountered there, though that was hardly the case. It was a case of a group identity expressing itself in the most gratifying of ways. Then there was the renewal of old acquaintances almost forgotten.

Peter Phillipps reminded me of our adventurous weekend in Mexico during our introduction to flight training in Corpus Christi in 1958. There were late-night conversations, and future plans. **Paul Chevalier** and I skied together in December. And there even were cautions from several classmate onlookers who warned that I had better stop dancing so wildly with those coeds 40 years my junior or I would have a heart attack. I'm betting on that not happening any time soon, and still play tennis with people of that much younger generation."

Several reunions later: a visit to Paris to see a girlfriend from the '50s, a 55th Goldsmith family reunion and six weeks in Chautauqua, N.Y., with a community of friends and a place he has come to love, Syd returned home to Taiwan, and having finished writing his second novel, *Two Musicians and the Wife Who Isn't*, awaits word whether it will be published by one of the major houses. Syd would be happy to share a manuscript with any classmate interested in reading it. Meanwhile, he works on a new project: "getting the flute-playing back to the performance level I had when I was touring in the '70s and '80s with a classical guitarist" in preparation to cut a CD.

Bill Tanenbaum writes that following the reunion, he and doctors **Robert Levine** and **Richard Dorazio** gathered at Bill's brother's home in Beverly Hills on June 25 to share dinner. Bob had been at our 50th, but Richard, with whom Bill had roomed at the College, had been unable to attend because of conflicting family obligations. Two days later, the group spent the afternoon at the J. Paul Getty Museum. From there, Bill proceeded to Beaver Creek, Colo., for a month in the Rockies pursuing his quest to ascend all of Colorado's 54 mountain peaks higher than 14,000 ft. ... or, maybe not all of them. Bill hiked up Vail Mountain to its summit at 10,000 ft.; Beaver Creek Mountain to its summit at 10,150 ft.; and Shrine Mountain to its summit at 12,000 ft., in preparation for his "14er." Then, the challenge of Quandary Peak, a climb he had completed successfully five years earlier, summit piercing the sky at 14,271 ft., well above the tree line, oxygen dropping to 88 percent of that at sea level and pressing himself to his physical and psychological limits, breath laboring, heart pounding, body aching, attained the crest and an extraordinary view of endless sky above and a canyon, a river and a gorge, way, way below — and he achieved an overwhelming sense of satisfaction and exhilaration.

Joe Gialalone notes his delight

in attending the 50th, although he was only able to be at the cocktail party at Lincoln Center. "It was a great event, and I was very pleased to see many of my Alpha Chi Rho classmates. Among them were **Andy Kubishen**, **Frank Zmorzenski**, **Ralph Galdo**, **Jon Strimaitis** and **David Farmer**. I think these were all the living members of the AXP Class of 1960. It was also good to see some of the NROTC guys such as **Rolf Weingardt** and **Josh Pruzansky**, whom I got to know through Andy and Frank. Of course, my former AXP roommates **Bob Yoos** and **Lou Minotti** were missed. As I registered early, we had tickets to the ballet, which was terrific. But we regret not being part of the dinner that had been arranged to follow the cocktail party. Frank, however, shared his pictures with us. I am sure it would have been fun to be with them."

Joe teaches economics at St. John's and travels regularly to Las Vegas to see two of his four children and three of his nine grandchildren.

Bob Berlind, whose work was exhibited in the Low Rotunda during our 50th, had his recent paintings on display during November at David Findlay Jr. Fine Art on East 57th Street. Presently, Bob's work focuses on rural landscapes, mostly in the woods and fields of upstate New York. Painting often on gesso board panels, his work achieves the effect of a flash, or glimpse of objects and light. In his words, "They're not so much about a place as a phenomenon of light or structure, or something that gets clarified as I work." Bob has received numerous awards including the Benjamin Altman Award in Painting, National Academy of Design, in 2007 and election to the National Academy of Design in 2001.

High-speed rail lines are commonplace in Asia and Europe. Japan's Shinkansen lines run at speeds in excess of 160 mph. China's high speed rail lines operate at speeds of 220 mph, and the Maglev line in Shanghai reaches 268 mph. So what do we have? Not much. Rail transportation in the United States has suffered and fallen far behind due to our emphasis on vehicular traffic and highways. Perhaps "the times they are a-changin'." **David Kirk**, risk manager with STV Construction, a major engineering and architectural firm that provides technical services to the rail and mass transit fields, was in California in regard to the design of the California High Speed Rail Project that will connect San Francisco to San Diego at speeds in excess of 220 mph. Then he went to Denver on a project involving 38 miles of commuter rail line.

A persistent onslaught of rain,

wind-driven and cold, cast a pall over the greater metropolitan area as November 4 dawned. But nothing could dampen the spirits or the good fellowship, or deter **Bob Oberhand, Tom Palmieri, Bob Morgan, Art Delmhorst, David Kirk, Richard Friedlander, Bob Berne** and your correspondent from convening to break bread at the First Thursday of the Month Class Lunch. We had a very good turnout, inclement weather notwithstanding. And good conversation — political, nautical, medical and philosophical — engaged the table. You had to be there to enjoy it; and you are all invited, at noon every first Thursday of the month at the Columbia University Club, with rare exceptions occasioned by holidays and a one-day change in venue to visit with classmates in Maine. A pleasant interruption in my lunch was a call from my son Danny '98 to advise that Sara had that morning delivered their second child, and I had become a grandfather for the fifth time.

Two sad notes:

John Radbill of Albuquerque, N.M., died on August 7. I didn't know John, and no other information was available at the time of submission of this note. If you knew John, please provide your recollections so that we may give proper recognition to his memory.

On October 23, **Bill Borden** died at his home in Rockwell, Texas. Bill was a man of letters in the most complete sense: novelist, playwright, poet, essayist, editor, and distinguished and beloved educator. He taught literature and creative writing at the University of North Dakota for 27 years and was the Chester Fritz Distinguished Professor of English Emeritus. He was the fiction editor of *North Dakota Quarterly* from 1986–2002. And he wrote prolifically. Bill won more than 100 national playwriting competitions, and his plays had more than 300 productions worldwide. His short stories appeared in more than 80 literary magazines, and he was awarded the PEN Syndicated Fiction Award and won the Writers Voice Fiction Contest. His first novel, *Superstoe*, was published by Harper & Row; his last, *Dancing with Bears*, was published by Livingston Press in 2008.

Bill is survived by his wife of 50 years, Nancy Lee-Borden; children, Andrew, Sara and Rachel; and seven grandchildren.

In remembrance of Bill I will reread his wonderful comic novel, *Dancing with Bears*, knowing that every passage will bring an inward smile that will endure long after the final page has closed. A work of superb craftsmanship, it displays Bill's wit, irreverence, intelligence,

wonderful imagination and striking insights, and the exquisite care and grace with which he treated the English language.

We send our profound sympathies to the families of John and Bill.

REUNION JUNE 2–JUNE 5

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We are now less than one year away from our 50th Alumni Reunion Weekend, which will take place Thursday, June 2–Sunday, June 5. The Reunion Committee is planning the event with the help of the Alumni Office. Anyone interested in helping should contact **Bill Binderman** (wbinderman@msn.com), **Tony Adler** (awadler@sparta-commercial.com) or **Burt Ehrlich** (burt@bloomberg.net) with ideas.

Bob Juceam was named by *American Lawyer* as a Lifetime Achiever Award recipient. The award honors outstanding private sector success and a devotion to public service. The comments in *American Lawyer* September 2010 issue included:

"From the time he started practicing law at Fried, Frank in 1966, he's made an extraordinary commitment to help meet the legal needs of the less fortunate in dire circumstances. Early on, he took interest in immigration, and — even though it had nothing to do with his commercial litigation practice — became an expert in this highly technical area. 'Bob is probably the highest regarded immigration lawyer in America without being an immigration lawyer,' says Miami immigration advocate Ira Kurzban."

Bob Salman will be special counsel to the Wall Street/New Jersey law firm of LaRocca, Hornik Rosen Greenberg and Blaha. He will concentrate in the firm's complex litigation and appellate practice and also will focus on establishing internal controls for corporate clients to combat waste, fraud and abuse. This expertise was honed during Bob's tenure as inspector general of the New Jersey Department of Transportation, a tenure that ended on June 4, because the Republican governor did not want a member of the Democratic State Committee in such a high position.

Bob and his wife, Reva, celebrated their 47th wedding anniversary on June 16. They look forward to

our reunion, which they will be able to attend only on Thursday because of their granddaughter's bat mitzvah that weekend.

Dr. **Kenneth C. Edelin**, emeritus professor of ob/gyn at Boston University, received an honorary degree (D.Sc.) from Meharry Medical College on October 4. Kenneth, who graduated from Meharry in 1967, was the first African-American to hold the position of chief resident in ob/gyn at Boston City Hospital (BCH). Five years after he completed his residency, he became chairman of the Department of Ob/Gyn at Boston University School of Medicine and BCH. After 11 years in that position, Kenneth became associate dean for students and minority affairs at BUSM. In that position, which he held until his retirement in 2006, he was the director of the Early Medical School Selection Program, which is an innovative and cooperative program between BUSM and 13 historically black colleges and universities and Hispanic-serving institutions, which accepts undergraduate students at the end of their sophomore year into medical school at Boston University.

Kenneth has published widely in the areas of teen pregnancy prevention, substance abuse during pregnancy and medical student education. In 2007, his critically acclaimed memoir, *Broken Justice: A True Story of Race, Sex and Revenge in a Boston Courtroom*, was published, recounting his trial in 1975 for manslaughter for the death of a fetus during a legal abortion.

Sam Rofman retired at the end of October from his position as service line director for Mental Health, VA New England Healthcare System and was offered a position as part-time medical director for Mental Health Outpatient at the Tufts Affiliated Health Plan. He hopes to have more leisure time now.

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Thanks to each of you who replied to my November plea for news. You have filled this report and part of the next.

Since completing his Ph.D. in anatomy at SUNY-Downstate and a post-doc with NIH, **Kal Rubinson** has been on the faculty of NYU School of Medicine as director of basic neuroscience for medical students and co-director of the Neuroanatomy Tutorial for the graduate program. Outside school, Kal pursues classical music and audio, both nascent in his two years at WKCR. He also is a contributing editor and



Kal Rubinson '62 came back to campus in May to celebrate the graduation of his granddaughter, Helenka Casler '10.

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columnist on multichannel audio at *Stereophile, the Magazine*.

Kal writes: "I have been happily married to Nanette LaVerdiere for almost 20 years; the happy father of April, Casler and Heather Schechter; and the proud grandfather of Helenka '10, Lilith, Gabriel and Irene. Helenka is doing graduate work in physics at Drexel. Her Class Day was a glorious time for the whole family, but especially for Helenka and me [see photo]."

Kal and Nanette live in Manhattan and enjoy scurrying off to their retreat in Connecticut on weekends. They look forward to occasional visits from **Bernard Oxman**, a professor at the University of Miami School of Law and an authority on the law of the sea. Bernie and Kal came to Columbia as friends since junior high. They recently shared the fun of a 50th school reunion. Kal hopes "our 50th at Columbia will top even that. Retirement? Who knows? It is all still great fun." Kal's e-mail is kr4@earthlink.net.

Ted Salomon, who passed 70 in March, has been married to Marcia since 1972. They have two children: Rachael (35), married with child due in April, and Andrew (31), single and working in real estate finance/condo construction in New York City. Ted works in the politically incorrect exotic skins business: alligators, snakes and such. He was "getting revved about meeting **Peter Krulewicz** at his Lagrangeville, N.Y., hideout for the opening day of deer season, which we've been doing since 1960." Ted may be reached at tedsalomon@hotmail.com.

This year, **Carl Jakobsson** (cjakobsson@comcast.net) is chairman of the Political Action Committee of the Bremerton, Wash., branch of the NAACP. The branch sponsored two candidate forums, one before

the primary and one after. Carl says the pre-election forum was especially interesting because “we almost had to physically separate a Republican congressional challenger from the incumbent Democratic congressman.”

Carl offers an interesting suggestion for our 50th: “There have been a lot of changes in the world since we graduated, and one of the significant ones is the replacement of the apartheid regime of South Africa by a legitimate, elected government. At least a few of us were involved in some way in the movement to bring about that change. For that reason, it might be appropriate to mark our 50th reunion by observing that 2012 is also the 100th birthday of the African National Congress. We could share some history with current Columbia students, many of whom were born after Nelson Mandela was released from prison.”

What do you think?

Martin S. Kaufman (mskaufman@yahoo.com)'s oldest child, David '91, '97 P&S, is chief of pulmonary, critical care and sleep medicine at Bridgeport (Conn.) Hospital and assistant clinical professor of medicine at Yale. His second child, Andrew '97 GS, completed his residency in cardiothoracic surgery at New York-Presbyterian and a fellowship in thoracic surgery at Memorial Sloan-Kettering and now is assistant professor of thoracic surgery at Mount Sinai in New York. Martin's youngest, Kristina '99, '04 TC, is assistant director of exhibitions and public programming at Parsons The New School for Design and a master's candidate in organizational change management at Milano The New School for Management and Urban Policy.

Martin practices public interest law and specializes in representing scientists in cases concerning the application of science in court proceedings, most recently Nobel Laureates Sheldon Glashow and Frank Wilczek in a case involving U.S. funding for and participation in research at the Large Hadron Collider at the European Organization for Nuclear Research.

John Golembe promises, “My wife, Evelyn, and I will do everything we can to get to the 50th reunion. It was a major disappointment to miss the 45th, especially after telling so many friends that we would be there.”

John retired from the University of Maryland's European Division in 2007 as director of the program. He and Evelyn live in Schwetzingen, Germany, a culturally rich town of about 22,000 near Heidelberg. John admits, “The prospect of stopping work completely was too daunting, and so for the past three years I've worked part-time at Central Texas

College. I expect CTC may not be a household name to classmates, but, like Maryland, it is one of the largest programs providing college degree opportunities to U.S. servicemembers around the world. Our classrooms can be found on nearly every American military installation in the world. When I left Morningside Heights I would never have guessed that life's paths would have led me in this direction. It has been marvelous.

“One of the challenges of an expatriate life is keeping up with children and grandchildren on two continents. Our daughter, Ellen, is married to a professor of mathematics at the University of Pittsburgh, and they have two delightful boys. Here in Germany, our son, Peter, teaches in the public schools of Essen, and he and his wife have a wonderful daughter and son. Perhaps the inevitable solution is complete retirement with the freedom to share equal portions of time with those who mean so much to us.” John's e-mail address is evjohn@t-online.de.

Bob Sobel has retired after spending his career in the medical laboratory industry and living all over the United States. He and his wife, LaDean, live in middle Tennessee on 95 hilly acres of woods and streams. Bob says, “It seems I am as busy in retirement as I was with a job: maintaining our rural property, getting in enough split wood to feed our stove during the winter and walking the woods to enjoy the life around us. We travel around the country, mostly by car, about three months a year to visit friends and family. I am writing from Idaho. Looking forward to our 50th and to seeing friends I haven't seen for many years.” Contact Bob at sobelbob@gmail.com.

Stuart Case writes, “As an unfortunate result of Connecticut's ill-advised probate court consolidation, I will be retiring as judge of probate for the District of Hampton, a position to which I was first elected in 2001.” Connecticut established its probate court in 1837 and abolished it effective January 2011. Stuart's son, David, based in the frontier town of Bethel, Alaska, carries on the family legal tradition as a public defender.

From Rhode Island, **John Modell** (john_modell@brown.edu) reflects on his rich academic life: “For the last part of my professional career (I shifted, gradually, from history to sociology) and the early part of my retired life as a free spirit, I've taught Brown undergraduates. Brown is a joyous place to be a teacher, which I've become, setting aside other academic pursuits. My students are, on the whole, smart, vivacious, self-aware

young people at work seeking or refining their responsible vocation — ‘my passion’ is the Brown term for it. They value their teachers, and certainly me, as people who care to help them and who have intellectual and social tools to do so. I have taught sociology of education and as usual emerge with a sense of privilege at the jewels that were placed, lightly to be sure, in my care.

“Here at Brown, Columbia, with its massive Core, is seen as the opposite end of the Ivy spectrum. I often wonder whether I would have fared well at Brown, as I believe I did at Columbia College, though not at the graduate school in which I carelessly remained. My conclusion is that if Brown is the current paragon of self-directed higher education that I see around me — as in 1962 it was not, of course — I would not have thrived as I did at Columbia. I was too exclusively intellectual (with an incongruous athletic side-component), too naive, too discomfited by networking, too fond of wandering the libraries (I can think warmly of at least four favorite library haunts, including, for some reason, Union Theological Seminary) reading this and that. This worked at Columbia so far as I can tell, but I don't think it would work at Brown. I wore, I think, bland, invariant clothing, as I still do. That was OK: I wasn't shunned (or courted). I took my classes and my swimming team very seriously, learned some lessons about life and encountered and thought lots of ideas, some worthy, some lasting. Columbia College was a very good place for me. Three cheers for it, and for variety!”

Bill Campbell sent an e-mail saying that at Homecoming, the entire Ivy League championship football team was inducted into the Columbia University Athletics Hall of Fame. Bravo!

Dick Schwartz recently traveled to northern California, where he lived for 18 years in San Francisco, Fair Oaks and Paradise — where else would a town make that claim? Dick attended law school there and began his 10-year association with TV Fanfare Publications there as well.

Dick and his lady, DJ, also attended Homecoming. Dick says: “We thoroughly enjoyed watching our ascendant team come from behind to lead Big Green 21–17 in the fourth quarter, only to be upended by a late Dartmouth touchdown. The highlight of halftime was the appearance of our classmates — members of the 1961 Ivy League championship team — including **Bill Campbell, Tommy Vasell, Russ Warren, Herb Gerstein, Ed**

Little, Tom Haggerty, Lee Black, Jim Stark, Dick Hassan, Buzz Congram and Joe Nozzolio.”

Joe “attended the black tie induction dinner at Low Library with my lovely daughter Beth, who lives on Long Island. I got to speak and reminisce with so many teammates. The dinner featured film highlights of every game from that memorable season. The audience gave us a standing ovation. Inducted posthumously was our old coach, Aldo ‘Buff’ Donelli.”

From Westchester, **Ed Pressman** reports that he, too, went to Homecoming. His football-viewing partner, **Stan Waldbaum**, and Stan's wife, Jewell, joined Ed, who says “the game could have turned out a little better, but the day was beautiful, and the athletics complex is magnificent. As *Spectator's* sports editor during that year, Stan was deservedly proud of the many stories he'd written of the team's triumphs. Stan is one of the most loyal and knowledgeable supporters of Columbia football. He's an encyclopedia of information about the team and its opponents. If there is ever a history of Columbia football, he should be the one to write it.”

Through Facebook, Ed has been in touch with **Alan Harris, Dick Schwartz, Buzz Congram, George Graff, Marty Erdheim, Mike Stone, Bob Dobrish and Bob Kaminsky.**

Enough reminiscing. **Richard Kobrin** reminds us of what most of us have at least silently acknowledged: We're about to enter our eighth decade! He wrote: “In anticipation of the ‘big birthday’ many of us are celebrating this year, Gloria, my wife of nearly 39 years, and I visited: Prague: Vienna and Budapest. Each is beautifully designed and full of old sites that recalled comments from my art history professors. Despite the magnificence of these cities, an indelible sadness lingers over them due to the events of the 20th century. The impact of WWII and Communism still are evident. It's always great to be back in the United States, especially with our two young grandchildren living nearby.” Richard's e-mail is rek1095@aol.com.

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I had the double pleasure in October of attending Homecoming and witnessing the dedication of the new baseball stadium named in honor of **Phil Satow**. Phil's generous gift has made Satow Stadium a reality, and it is a beautiful addition. **Larry Neuman; Henry Black**

and his wife, Benita; **Jerry Dwyer**; **Steve Barcan** and his wife, Betty; and I attended and toasted Phil, his wife, Donna, and their family. At the Homecoming tent, we were joined by **Frank Partel** and **Don Margolis**. I sighted **Tom O'Connor** off with the football contingent and am told that I missed **Lee Lowenfish** (and I'm sure several others). The day was beautiful and could have been even better if we had won. I've posted pictures of the festivities at cc63ers.com.

David Alpern writes, "That I even still have a radio show in semi-retirement is quite a saga in which I have been buried too deep to attend monthly lunches since the start of the year. But maybe now our classmates might be interested and even helpful.

"When our liberal Air America network collapsed in January, I began paying engineers and co-hosts from my *Newsweek* contract fee, and we kept providing *Newsweek On Air* free via Internet to a dozen stations.

"When *Newsweek* in its infinite wisdom and woes decided not to renew my contract, I changed the show's name to *For Your Ears Only*, got six months of trial funding from the nonprofit National Arts Club in New York and was able to buy satellite time again on the mostly conservative Radio America Network (G. Gordon Liddy et al). Check out radioamerica.org/PRG_yourears.htm.

"We're now back up to about 30 U.S. stations (including New York, Washington, D.C., San Francisco, Portland, Seattle, Dallas and New Haven) plus Hong Kong, 177 other countries via the Pentagon's American Forces Radio Network and the podcast that we keep posting to the old *Newsweek* links. See our website for links.

"I am now back to hunting funds for what I tout as a 'truly fair and balanced, public-radio type platform for important issues in the increasingly strident, slanted arena of commercial radio.' Budget is about \$90,000 annually for satellite, studio, engineer, producer, anchors and interns (college journalists from Columbia, CUNY, NYU and Fordham). Funding from nonprofit or for-profit underwriters passes through another 501(c)(3) operation, Gateway.org, a 24/7 radio reading service for those who can't see that has carried our program for years, and is fully tax-deductible.

"Fingers crossed, and happy for any help or advice from the Class of '63."

Lee Lowenfish reports that Bill Shannon died in October in a house fire. Bill was a revered sports writer and statistician (for the Yankees and Mets). Although Bill didn't gradu-

ate from Columbia, he matriculated while we were there. If you have any memories about Bill, please share them here.

Mark Koppel married Barry Brandes in Connecticut on September 1, the 38th anniversary of the day they met at the beach in Queens. Mark writes, "We waited this long because even when Massachusetts allowed out-of-state couples to marry, New York did not recognize them. A Court of Appeals decision, supported by the governor and attorney general, ordered New York to accept out-of-state marriages. Since Connecticut is the closest state that performs same-sex marriage, the ceremony was there. It was a truly exciting day, shared by **Alan Greengrass** (my best friend since third grade), **Rory Butler** and **Geoffrey Akst** (both of whom I met at Columbia). I am working with many LGBT groups to get equal marriage in the entire country. I hope I live long enough to see it happen."

Best wishes to Mark and Barry!

Mike Bowler '63 was appointed by Maryland's governor to the Baltimore County Board of Education in one of the nation's largest districts.

Barry Jay Reiss writes, "The family, including the kids and grandkids, went off for our annual (for the past 20 years) four-day mini vacation at the East Hills farm in Keene, N.H. It's a real working farm with a full complement of farm animals, many of whom were rescued. The original inn was built in 1834, and it also boasts New Hampshire's first indoor pool (as well as several outdoor pools in the summer and a beautiful lake). Among the cool things are the henhouse where the kids can collect their own eggs every morning, then have them for breakfast, hayrides in the fall and multiple types of accommodations, most with working fireplaces. Since they make their own bread and use local cheese, they make absolutely the best grilled cheese sandwich ever made! They also have a staff to guest ratio of 1:2, great walking and hiking trails and constant activities for kids and adults including a night at the bonfire with hot chocolate and s'mores."

Michael Nolan writes, "I was a co-founder of the Pickle Family Circus in 1975 and worked with [Bill] Irwin, [Randy] Craig and [Geoff] Hoyle. Irwin won the Tony Award for Best Actor several years back for his lead role performance in *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*" A photo taken recently by Michael

at the American Conservatory Theater in San Francisco, shows on our website (cc63ers.com), now on these three and Mike's daughter, Rosy, and son, Mac.

Mike Bowler writes, "Since I last wrote, the Maryland governor appointed me to the Baltimore County Board of Education in one of the nation's largest districts. Our grandson (10) is in one of 'my' schools, so I'm duty-bound to do well. The board is grappling with Race to the Top issues, including the rating of teachers. I recently spent four hours on a political matter that has little to do with education, the pay is zero (we do get expenses and a free flu shot) and the budget picture for next year looks disastrous. One has to be crazy or wealthy to take on this job, and I'm not in the latter category. Maybe I learned something in the two classes I took with Daniel Bell that will see me through."

Mel Gurtov: "In June, I retired from Portland State University after 40 years of teaching, 23 of

101 Westcott St., Unit 201, Houston, TX 77007 or 713-661-7165."

Jim Clevon and his wife, Ellen, "are retired in Austin, Texas, and almost never get to New York. We have been happily married for 47 years and have four children and six grandchildren. Four of the grandchildren are in Texas, as well as my two daughters. We enjoy traveling, boating, golf, bridge and eating. I had a great and enjoyable career, and relocated several times from Connecticut to Texas, Las Vegas and San Diego. I started out in administration and information technology then went back to my true passion, construction, where I had a successful and rewarding career."

John Karlberg and his wife, Anne, "are back in Palm Coast, Fla., after spending last summer at our home in the Poconos. One of the highlights of the summer was the 20th annual John Karlberg family reunion in Nags Head, N.C. Beginning in 1990, we have rented a house on the beach every year. The first year, there were my wife and I, three daughters, two sons-in-law and one grandson. This year we were 18, including nine grandchildren. We have had perfect attendance every year! 'Nothing ages like happiness.'"

Elliott Greher is "busily involved, for the third year in a row, in modernizing and expanding my house and its possessions. This is the most active year yet in these endeavors with my wife's guidance and consent. My children are doing well, as are my many grandchildren."

Frank Sypher has edited a new publication: *William J. Hoffman, An Armory of American Families of Dutch Descent*. This 400-page book brings together and reprints 37 articles by Hoffman, originally published from 1933-52, on heraldry among Dutch colonial families, such as Roosevelt, Van Cortlandt, Van Rensselaer et. al., with numerous illustrations of coats of arms, maps and so on, with a new introduction and index. Nearly 100 families are discussed.

Another of our authors, **Victor Margolin**, has "signed a contract with Berg Publishers in Oxford, England, for a three volume *World History of Design*. I have been working on the book for many years and hope to finish the second volume early in 2011. I have also co-edited a new anthology, *The Designed World: Images, Objects, Environments*, also published by Berg, and I continue to lecture and participate in conferences about design and design history. In recent months, I have been to Turkey and Brussels and have future trips to Mexico City and Santiago, Chile. After Chile, my wife and I will visit the Galapagos Islands." Victor is the Professor Emeritus of Art and Design His-

them at PSU. However, I continue as editor-in-chief of *Asian Perspective* (now in my 16th year) and as a researcher and writer on Asian affairs. My wife, Jodi, and I are planting an orchard of apple and Asian pear trees on our farm, so I'm trying my best to deserve the title of 'farmer' [see photo on cc63ers.com], though in truth I'm merely a lowly assistant to Jodi."

Cal Cohn: "I'm retired from psychiatric practice and have joined Houston's Retired Physician's Organization as well as a doctors' writing group. My wonderful wife, Helen, a non-practicing attorney, works for her brother's apartment building business. Our son, Ely (25), works for a health food startup drink company, where he is the No. 2 person. He graduated with highest honors from the University of Texas and now wants to go for an M.B.A. He lives in New York on the Lower East Side. Thus my family history has come full circle. Our daughter, Jackie, lives in Los Angeles where she works for Shine, Elizabeth Murdoch's TV distribution company.

"Reading, writing (finishing an historical novel that takes place in 1940s Israel and which I hope might eventually make a good movie), staying healthy and traveling are my near-term goals. Anyone inclined to do so, please contact me at

tory at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Peter Broido became a grandfather in June. Jack Johnson was born to his daughter, Claire. "Mom and Jack are doing fine. We also have been traveling as much as possible with a recent return from Turkey and Greece. I see **Gary Rachelefsky** when he visits Chicago and saw **Tom Homburger** for the first time since graduating. We were both at a Chicago Columbia Club function. He, too, is doing well."

David Pittinsky writes, "My talented wife, Alecia, put a wonderful video together for our trip to Paris in early October [see cc63ers.com]. This was our fifth consecutive October trip to Paris with another couple and their Maltese dog. We always stay in the Bristol Hotel on the right bank in the eighth arrondissement, eat wonderful meals and walk all around Paris. In addition, this year we were able to go to the Grand Palais for the Monet exhibition and its 200 Monet paintings secured from museums and private collectors all over the world."

Charles Miller "will become adjunct professor of patent law at St. John's University School of Law in Jamaica, N.Y., starting in January. I also will continue to practice law in my capacity as senior counsel at Dickstein Shapiro in Manhattan."

Your response to my request for news has been overwhelming. If you haven't seen your note here, look to the next issue. I promise to eventually publish what you send me.

Our regular second Thursday lunches continue to be a wonderful place to reconnect. If you're in NYC, try to make the next Class of '63 lunch, scheduled for January 13, and then again on February 10. It's always the second Thursday. Check cc63ers.com for details.

In the meantime, let us know what you are up to, how you're doing and what's next.

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I was unable to be at Homecoming on October 23 but **Ivan Weissman** was there, and he reports running into **Howard Jacobson**, deputy general counsel of the University, and **Bob Liss**, who was in New York for three weeks from San Francisco. Bob has been in "exile" for 25 years in San Francisco as a practicing psychologist/psychoanalyst. He also writes, primarily about basketball, and he has two pieces in the recently published literary political anthology *First of the Year*, one about President Barack Obama '83 and one as part of a roundtable

discussion of Bill Simmons' *The Book of Basketball: The NBA According to The Sports Guy*. Bob is particularly proud that his son David, who played four years of college basketball in California, was part of the roundtable discussion.

Bob moonlights as an assistant coach at San Francisco University H.S., where the head coach is Randy Besselo '87. The school's star player, Noah Springwater, has committed to enter Columbia in fall 2011, reason enough, Bob says, to move back to New York.

Nick Rudd and **Dave Levin** have been active alumni. In August they attended Convocation to welcome the Class of 2014, and **Fred Kantor** joined them in September to meet and chat with 25–30 freshman at the Columbia Alumni Center. Nick reports: "These are good kids, and it's unlikely any of us would get admitted these days."

Steve Singer returned to New York City after five weeks in Europe celebrating his retirement after decades as the head college adviser at the Horace Mann School in New York (where he earned a reputation as one of the nation's top college advisers). Steve was then off to Los Angeles to help **Harley Frankel** '63 at College Match, a program founded by Harley to provide college counseling to high school students from some of Los Angeles' toughest neighborhoods. Steve has been working with College Match for five years. He also sits on the Board of Directors of the Urban Assembly, a group of small, theme-based public high schools in New York City whose goal is to help New York's "underserved children" graduate from high school and get into college. Urban Assembly has achieved a graduation rate that is 15 points higher than the New York City average and seven points higher than the national average.

Our informal class lunches at the Columbia University Club in Manhattan continue on the second Thursday of each month. In the months ahead, we will meet on January 13, February 10, March 10, April 14, May 12 and June 9. Mark your calendars and join us.

I am saddened to report the death of **Les Pockell**, a publishing executive and literary anthologist. Les edited titles on the theme of 100, such as *The 100 Best Poems of All Time*. His publisher, Hachette Book Group, has on its website: "I've been in publishing for more than three decades, but I try to keep current." So wrote Les about himself for an in-house publication. Les didn't just 'keep current,' he had an encyclopedic knowledge of everything past, present and future in every field imaginable. He had an insatiable appetite for learning, and for passing along all

the wisdom he'd accumulated to the editors he worked with and mentored over his many years in publishing. His vitality was contagious; his opinions were strong; his brilliance was dazzling. He was well loved by so many and will be deeply missed."

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I had an inspired idea for my column for this issue. What group could be better to solicit for information than the committed classmates who attended our 45th reunion? This yielded a bumper crop of responses, which I am sharing with you here.

Don Bachman wrote with the happy news that "We celebrated my mother's 100th birthday on January 1, and she is doing very well, considering. I will miss not having a place to crash in NYC when she is no longer able to be in my old digs, but we'll deal with that when the time comes. We bought a condo in Sanibel Island and headed there in late October. It is right on the beach. If you know anyone who might be interested in renting it, I can provide details."

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I certainly got more than I bargained for from **Andy Fisher**: "Sorry you couldn't make it to the reunion; it was a lot of fun. At the dinner Saturday night in the main reference room of Butler Library, in fact, I had never felt safer. Sitting on my left was **Jim Fleisher**, a cardiologist; on my right, **Don Bachman**, a radiologist; and across from me, **Mike Bush**, an endocrinologist. It's just that my timing was a little off (nothing new there), because about two weeks later, I had a heart attack. My cardiologist says no damage was done to the heart muscle, and I am now in cardiac rehab. My suspicion is that the heart attack was punishment for my horrendous lapse in taste. If you look at the class picture taken in the library shortly before dinner, you will quickly notice that my pink sport coat and cream-colored slacks single me out as the only member of the class who didn't get the memo about dark suits and/or blazers. Just how that affected my right coronary artery, I'll have to leave to Jim to explain." [Editor's note: Go to college.columbia.edu/cct/jul_aug10/special_insert, and scroll down to "Class Photos."]

Dean Gamanos, who enjoyed catching up with College buddies at the reunion, also is active with CBSAC/NY (the Business School's

alumni club). He is a past president and is co-chair of its Connecticut/Westchester Committee. Dean is delighted to report that the committee recently was awarded a \$2,500 stipend from the Business School for an event the committee is planning for early next year in Greenwich. Dean still is doing advertising, mostly in Connecticut now, with his boutique agency (ReteleCo.com), and for more fun than profit conducting local winery tours for the past seven years with a wine-touring company he founded (GrapeGetaways.com). If you have wine news to share with Dean (or any news for that matter), you can reach him at deang@grapegetaways.com.

Mike Griffin shared some thoughts on the reunion as well as some personal information: "I have not attended other reunions but will. Returning to campus for our 45th was special because I was accompanied by my daughter, **Emilie** '09. I went to **Levien Gymnasium** and spent a few minutes with **Kyle Smith**, the new men's head basketball coach. Then **Emilie** and I went over to New Hall ... oops, Carman Hall ... and went up to our room only a couple of floors above the ninth floor, where both **Emilie** and I spent our freshman years. The evening reception at Bloomberg HQ was quite well organized. I am fortunate to still coach college basketball, and this is my 34th year as a head coach, the last 26 at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y. I have spoken via e-mail with **Neil Farber** (arguably the best combination baseball/basketball player in the history of the College), and we are planning to get together this winter. I spent a few hours last month with my roommate **Robert Price** on the campus at Springfield College, where he has taught since 1978 and has recently completed yet another term as president of the Faculty Senate.

"Leonard, I have enjoyed the chance to get back in touch. Please polish this so our classmates do not remember me as a guy who could rebound much better than he could write."

Note to all, no polishing was necessary.

Larry Guido commented on the reunion: "Because of my wife Jane's health (thankfully she is improving but mobility is still a challenge), I attended an abbreviated schedule of our reunion. After all the work **Derek Wittner** '65, former dean of Alumni Affairs and Development; **Heather Hunte**, assistant director, Columbia College Fund; and **Stella Miele-Zanedis**, former assistant director, alumni affairs, had done, I still am somewhat chagrined at not being able to attend all the events.

(Heather has already signed me up for another stint as Class Agent for the Annual Fund.)

"I did attend a Blue Key Luncheon for a number of actives of the Class of 1965. I had arranged it at the Columbia Club, and what a pleasure. It is a wonderful, warm and welcoming facility. Attending were **Jay Woodworth** (New Jersey), **Mike Bush** (Los Angeles), **Bob Johnson** (Long Island), **Bob Henn** (San Francisco), **Don Bachman** (Boston area) and myself (Nantucket, Mass.). It was as if time had stood still. Same grins. Same jokes! I can tell you it was so very dear to our hearts. Later that evening, I hosted a dinner for Sue and Jay Woodworth, Judy and Mike Bush, and Rhoda and **Mike Newell** at the Metropolitan Club. I'm afraid they were all over-served, but not I! Again, Jane was in Nantucket, as the trip would have been too much and too brief.

"So God willing, we'll be around and active for the 50th. I did miss seeing so many of our other classmates. And thought of those we've lost already. Cheers to all."

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Here's what **Bruce Peck** had to say: "I got an M.B.A. from Columbia and spent the next 45 years in commercial banking in NYC, upstate New York and Hong Kong. Now retired from full-time work, I teach at a small private school in Albany, N.Y., and do some bank and other consulting work. I primarily teach a course called 'Business Organization and Management,' which is a survey course that runs the gamut from macroeconomics through human resources management and on to an overview of accounting.

"My expectations for Alumni Reunion Weekend were high, and they were surpassed. Other than the pleasure of just being on campus, I attended two great lectures (one on the role of decorative elements in architecture as seen on Morningside Heights and the other on the ways in which emergence of states from principalities and the father-daughter relationship is handled by Wagner and Verdi). The social highlight was the reunion with members of the band, which was made even more memorable by the attendance of some of the members of today's band. I found myself wishing that many of my contemporaries who bemoan the state of the current generation could have been with me."

Noah Robbins wrote, "I'm a professor of clinical medicine at Einstein doing internal medicine and infectious diseases. No plans to retire anytime soon. My wife, Marilyn, and I celebrated our 25th

anniversary in Paris a few years ago. No kids. I'm in touch with **Mike Koss**, who is practicing pathology in southern California. He had his first child in 2007. I would be interested in what's new with **Ed Sickles**, my roommate in 1966, and **Richard Steingesser '66**, with whom I went to Erasmus Hall."

You can follow up with Noah at nrobbins@montefiore.org.

Michael Schlanger reported on a fascinating case he's involved with. He "represents 37 major medical institutions in the Supreme Court in support of their position that 'medical residents' are 'students' within the meaning of the 'student exception' to FICA taxes. The IRS takes the position that, because they work more than 40 hours per week, they are not 'students.' At issue, just for the years 2005-present, are \$4,000,000,000 in tax refunds."

Steven Steinig writes, "My wife, Renee, and I are recently back from a two-week trip to Croatia and Bosnia. There were 26 of us on the trip, nearly all ages 60-85, which was sponsored by New York's The Jewish Museum. Although Croatia attracts a lot of tourists these days, most of them are cruise passengers making port in Dubrovnik; for the most part, these countries are still somewhat off the beaten track.

"Zagreb, befitting its status as the capital city, has many splendid museums, perhaps not world-class, but definitely worth a visit. Split is perched on the Adriatic and boasts Diocletian's Palace, the retirement home of a Roman emperor. Sarajevo, the only Bosnian city we stayed in, has the bridge at which Archduke Ferdinand was assassinated; more importantly to our group, the National Museum of Bosnia's prize possession is the Sarajevo Haggadah, one of only 25 rare medieval illuminated Haggadahs (used in the Passover ritual meal). The Sarajevo Haggadah, the subject of Geraldine Brooks' novel *The People of the Book*, is too valuable and too fragile to be on permanent display. In fact, we were told, it is taken out of the vault only four days a year; a facsimile normally is exhibited in its place. But due to the prestige of The Jewish Museum, the real thing was put on display the day we visited (not that any of us could have told the difference). Dubrovnik was a jewel, an ancient walled city arising directly from the sea, whose total square footage is probably not much more than campus.

"Despite all that there is to see and do, an air of tragedy hangs over these two countries (and most likely the other countries of the former Yugoslavia), where people have been at war with one another



(Left to right) CCT class correspondent Leonard Pack '65, Robert Kronley '65 and Michael Cook '65 caught up in May at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel at a UJA-Federation lunch honoring Cook, who received the Professor Lawrence P. King Award.

wherever different populations had a common border: east and west, Muslim and Christian, Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox, the Austro-Hungarian Empire versus the Ottomans. The Homeland War of the 1990s was nothing new; just a discouraging repeat. We saw whatever remains of Jewish life in each city we visited, but it's limited, with 80 percent of the Jews having been murdered in WWII, and probably a majority of the survivors having emigrated to Israel or the United States after the war.

"PS.: Our Alumni Reunion Weekend last June was wonderful. If you weren't there, here's a reminder: our 50th will be in June 2015. Mark your calendars appropriately. I'm sure everyone who attended the 45th has already done so."

Now that **Derek Wittner** has moved on to Cooper Union, I invited him to pitch in as a classmate, rather than as a Columbia dean. Derek reports, "Now that I have left Columbia as a professional, I will not be in touch with classmates as often as I had been, but will pass on what I hear. **Greg Williams** (Salt Lake) practices law, and with his wife, Daphne, came to New York in September to celebrate their younger son's 40th. Matt '92, '96 P&S is a surgeon and colleague of Dr. Mehmet Oz. I am v.p. of development at Cooper Union, which offers its students full-tuition scholarships and is a really wonderful New York institution. I am enjoying the team-building I have been hired to do and thoroughly enjoying the East Village, an area I really didn't know.

"I have two stepsons (my wife, Kathryn, is senior associate dean of students at the College and SEAS): a CC '07 who is at the Film School at the School of the Arts and a CC '10 grad in architecture. My daughter, Lisa, her husband and two children live in Hoboken, N.J., where she teaches."

Jay Woodworth dropped what

he was doing to send me this dispatch: "I got your plaintive request when my wife, Susan, and I were in San Francisco, having finished up a weeklong tour of the Napa Valley (purely scientific, of course; just checking up on the quality and rankings of the wines in the valley). **Bob Szarnicki** had not been able to join us in New York for our 45th, so we got together in late October with him and his wife, Mary, at a restaurant in San Francisco. Bob is looking good, having trimmed 30 pounds."

Garland Wood died on November 15. A leader and innovator in public finance, he was the first black professional to be named a general partner of Goldman Sachs. [Editor's note: An obituary will appear in a future issue, pending receipt of information and space considerations.]

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Tom Brunner brought us up to date on his activities from the past several decades. He wrote, "I have been practicing law in Washington, D.C., for nearly 40 years, for the last 22 years at the law firm of Wiley Rein. My practice in recent years has focused on representing insurers in large disputes with their policyholders. In the last year or so, I have been shifting much of my time and energy to a new, albeit somewhat related, activity, while remaining active in my law firm. I have become a partner in and general counsel of LeapFrog Investments, which

manages the LeapFrog Financial Inclusion Fund, a social private equity fund that will invest in firms providing microinsurance (insurance for low-income individuals) in Asia and Africa. LeapFrog pursues a double bottom line, that is, it seeks both important social benefit (aiming to provide support to 25 million poor people) and a sustainable return on its investment. As such, its investors include both international development agencies, such as the International Finance Corp. (part of the World Bank) and the European Investment Bank, U.S.-based philanthropies, such as the Soros Economic Development Fund and the Omidyar Network, and more traditional financial institutions such as J.P.Morgan Chase and TIAA-CREF. LeapFrog has raised \$135 million and is very early in its investment process, having invested to date only in a company in South Africa that provides life insurance to HIV-positive people in that country.

Additional investments elsewhere in Africa and in India and East Asia targeting projects that will extend financial protection to those 'at the bottom of the pyramid' are in the pipeline. In addition to acting as LeapFrog's lawyer, I have been working on a lot of straight investment activities, notably in India, where I recently went for my fifth trip in a little more than a year. It is an opportunity for personal and professional growth that I suspect is unusual at our point in life. It also is a lot of fun!

"My wife, Shelly, and I are approaching our 45th wedding anniversary. We have three children, in Maplewood, N.J., Iowa City, Iowa (a Columbia alumna), and Honolulu, and three grandsons, ages 4, 3 and 6 weeks. We live a doubly urban lifestyle, with a townhouse in the Woodley Park neighborhood

of Washington and an apartment on the west side of Manhattan.

"I have lost touch with a lot of old friends through the years and would be delighted to catch up with folks I haven't seen in a long time."

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In the autumn, we heard from **Michael Garrett**, who reported that "our 45th Reunion Committee ('66, it's your age now, too!) has decided upon a stellar lineup of lunches, cocktail parties, dinners, events and speakers for our class. Among others, **Mark Amsterdam, Dan Gardner, Rich Zucker, Tom Chorba, Rick Reder, Bob Gurland, Herb Hochman, Randy Bourscheidt, David Tilman and Ed Kabak** are working on the event and on our Class Gift. For the 45th, we have set an ambitious goal of 45 \$10,000 current use scholarships or \$450,000. We have a number of leadership gifts, and you can expect to receive a fine letter asking for your grateful and generous participation. We look forward to hoisting a few with the record number of classmates who will make it to Morningside in June."

Michael's pronouncement was fully, strongly endorsed by **Daniel Gardner**, who said, "And we enthusiastically second Michael's news and thank him for priming the class."

In early October, your correspondent and his wife, Gilda, had the pleasure of a visit from **Paul Kastin** and his wife, Rosthema, who came down to Rio de Janeiro via Salvador, Bahia, in the northeast of Brazil. We had a delightful, albeit short time together, which included a visit to the magnificent decorators' show house here at that time. It was wonderful to see Paul and Rosthema again. Paul and I shared a high school in Cleveland, a college in New York (obviously you know which one) as well as the fact that we both resided in Atlanta for many years. One other thing we have in common — our children are both Columbia grads.

As I was in New York in October, I made my way up to the Columbia campus one beautiful autumn afternoon. It was glorious! Of course, after leaving the campus I had to make the time-honored obligatory stop at Mondel's for some chocolate-covered ginger to bring back to Rio.

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Greetings. The holiday season was in the air in the city. I hope it was an upbeat time for all of you and your families. I enjoyed seeing Al Pacino in *The Merchant of Venice* in previews. I wonder if **Buzz Zucker** has seen it. For a while, and it may be continuing, he was seeing nearly every play on- and off-Broadway. Really, a couple of shows a week. **Roger Berkley** said he would write soon. So at some point, the news will be coming to us via Woodcliffe, N.Y. Last I recall, Roger was at baseball camp having great fun.

I was at Homecoming and received a note from **Paul Brosnan**, who also was there. I missed him. He reports he was there with **John Burns, John White '68E, Bill McDavid** and his "old roomie" **Ed Brennan**. I was there with **Paul de Bary** and also saw **Ira Goldberg**. I wish I had seen the others. Paul, hailing from Arlington, Mass., my hometown, is in a special category, of course. He at least knows how to pronounce my name. He reports that his daughter Phoebe is a junior at Barnard and "loves it." Sounds wonderful. Paul sometimes comes up for a basketball game.

Bob Papper '69, '70] wants us to know that on November 16, **Robert Siegel** received the John Chancellor Award for Excellence in Journalism. The \$25,000 award is administered by the Journalism School, and the ceremony was held in Low Library. The citation notes that the senior host of NPR's *All Things Considered* has "engaged and informed millions of listeners with extraordinary journalistic skill and calm civility for more than 30 years." Classmates will remember him as Bob, although he swears that only happened at Columbia. Congratulations, Bob. [Editor's note: To read more about Siegel, go to college.columbia.edu/cct/may_jun08.]

Michael Newmark sent a note. (I have resisted in the main writing about those of our class who have passed on to the Elysian Fields.) Michael wrote: "I sadly read in the September/October issue of the death of **Melvin L. Dennis**. Melvin was a close friend during our tumultuous college years and the post-graduate period when I attended P&S and Melvin attended the Institute of Fine Arts, NYU and then the architecture program at Cooper Union. After I left New York, we lost touch, though he was a groomsman in my wedding in 1976 to Carolyn Wilson, Melvin's classmate at the IFA. Melvin, a native of a small western Oregon

town, was one of the many NYC immigrants who become more devoted to the city than most native New Yorkers. He loved the quirky Upper West Side architecture, and had a fantastic eye for detail and decoration, which he used well when he subsequently curated a small photography gallery. Melvin had chronic hip arthritis from Legg-Calvé-Perthes syndrome, but he never complained and always focused on the positive and whatever was interesting around him. I, and his other close friends at the College, including **James Pharris, Russell Needham, Thomas Wand '70** and **Raman Kapur '70**, will remember this gentle, congenial and witty classmate."

Lorey Pollack sent news earlier of the passing of **Buzz Baumgold**, his great friend for whom I too have memories of his being charming and fun and engaging. **Ross Ain** and I spoke recently, and Ross spoke expansively about Buzz's helping him out with a special ring for his daughter's recent wedding. My condolences and ours to the families and friends and classmates.

Ross, again, congratulations to you.

John Roy had dinner with **Wayne Crowder** in Atlanta, and he is doing well. John said that Wayne, who had been an attorney at the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority, is now doing a good deal of community service.

Wayne, send details when you can.

So I was promised from **Roger Berkley** a write-up, and here it is (my memory of Roger was a star in the constellation of stars on campus). He is reporting in after many years:

"I taught American history / social studies for three years, then spent the next umpteen years in the weaving business. I've been active in the two principal trade associations, the American Textile Manufacturers' Institute (now defunct) and the older National Textile Association, of which I am chairman. I married Elaine, and we have two thrilling children, Dan (29) and Sarah (26). I attended baseball fantasy camps for nine years, and that is the most fun you can have with your clothes on. Last year, I retired under circumstances that will be the subject of a book I'm writing (OK, almost writing so far). Let's just say that I'm not a fan of banks, PNC Bank in particular. I've been active in politics and found it interesting. We spend the winter in Naples, Fla., and the rest of the year in Woodcliff Lake, N.J. That's the short version. I have kept in touch, sporadically, with **Jay Mitchell**, who lives in California and is in the broadcasting business. He remains

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one of the funniest people I have ever known."

OK, Roger. I believe **Gregg Winn** and **Neil Anderson** are in Naples, Fla., so there you are, a Columbia reunion in the planning stage.

All the best, and let's hear from Jay again. It has been a while.

I hope all of you enjoyed the fall and the holiday season and are looking forward to 2011. I recommend the men's basketball team this year with its two 7-foot centers and a new coach. It has been a while since Columbia had an Ivy Championship team. I seem to recall 1968!

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For more than a decade, my column filed in November of even years would happily report on the re-election of our class' Congressional delegation, comprising Senator **Judd Gregg** (R-N.H.) and Representative **Jerry Nadler** (D-N.Y.). But the news this time is different. While Jerry, as is his norm, was resoundingly reelected to his 10th full term in the House, Judd opted not to seek re-election and is retiring after serving three terms in the Senate. Whether you agree or disagree with Judd's politics, there seems to be a consensus among pundits and politicians that Judd served with distinction. *Esquire* in October ranked him as one of the 10 best members of Congress, commenting that "on matters of the federal budget he is fiercely intelligent, principled and compelling." I tried to learn of Judd's plans for retirement, but they were not announced before my CCT deadline.

The Alexander Hamilton Award Dinner honoring **Michael Rothfeld** was a great success and an enjoyable evening (see feature). Among those on hand to celebrate Michael for his enduring and deep commitment to Columbia were **Larry Berger**, **John Lombardo**, **Dick Menaker**, me, **Jeffrey Pines** and **Richard Rapaport**.

Bill Rochelle made a guest appearance at my law firm in mid-October, participating in a presentation to my colleagues in the Creditors' Rights Department on Bloomberg Law (a search engine for legal and business matters). As reported in the May/June issue, Bill is a reporter for Bloomberg News who writes each day on developments in bankruptcy law and proceedings. Not only does he cover the news but, in an environment where people trade claims,

securities and assets related to bankrupt companies, Bill's report on a company can be news in itself.

Joel Solkoff kindly responded to one of my published pleas for news: "I am writing this note from Addison Court, an eight-story apartment building for elderly and disabled individuals in downtown State College, Pa., where the weather is either too hot or too cold. Surprisingly, tonight the weather is just right. I am disabled, which means that I cannot walk or stand without assistance. This situation is a by-product of radiation treatment that destroyed a portion of my spine but cured me of Hodgkin's disease. I wrote a book on the experience, *Learning to Live Again: My Triumph Over Cancer* (as well as publishing two other books, one on agricultural policy). I have 17 years of Washington experience, writing speeches for people with impressive titles in both the public and private sector. Subsequently, I changed professions and became a technical writer at Research Triangle Park, N.C., and Silicon Valley. I became an expert in describing the link between telephone switches and computer files. I am now a columnist for *Voices of Central Pennsylvania*, where I write about disability and elderly issues. I get around with brio in a battery-powered wheelchair and the most frequent comment is, 'If you're not careful, you'll be stopped for speeding.' If you see me, suppress the desire to say that.

"I also am a community activist, which means something I cannot define, but I know it when I see it. I am in the process of creating a revolution for people with physical disabilities whose minds work sufficiently well to vote the bums out of office and take over the political structure. I am a one-issue advocate for cripples and old geezers, and my current passion is to destroy President Barack Obama '83's plan for competitive bidding for durable medical equipment. This plan would so alter the process of providing medical supplies such as oxygen, wheelchairs, power chairs, scooters and other mobility devices that local suppliers, such as the three here in State College, would only be able to serve the rich, and the rest of us would be at the mercy of often out-of-state suppliers of dubious reputation who would take their sweet time about providing me with batteries and maintenance, resulting in me and people like me falling and going into assisted living facilities. Thus savings in Part B of Medicare would result in large costs in Part A.

"I have two children. Joanna (26) received her B.A. from UNC Chapel Hill, writing an honors English paper on the novels of

Daniel Defoe. She now is an emergency management technician and is planning to go to nursing school. Amelia (20) is spending her junior year in Pamplona, Spain, where she will not be running with the bulls. My father, Isadore '24, received his diploma late because he had not passed the swimming test. After six months of staring at the pool, my father, who could not swim, was approached by the coach who said, 'Mr. Solkoff, if you jump in, I will pass you.' My father jumped in, promptly sank to the bottom, was fished out with a net and thus was able to receive his diploma."

John Herbert writes: "I retired

John Herbert '69 is chairman and professor of anesthesiology at Howard.

from Columbia University Medical Center (Harlem affiliation) last year but immediately took a position at Howard as chairman and professor of anesthesiology. Of course we miss New York, and our daughter, who is a third-year dental student at the College of Dental Medicine (third-generation alum, soon to be a third-generation dentist) as well as our son, the 'puter tech. However, I have met some interesting alumni here in Washington, and I even found my good friend **Earl Kidwell**, from the campus days of track and field, who is a successful ophthalmologist at Johns Hopkins and Howard."

Fredric Fastow, also reacting to my pleas for news, writes: "Following the September 11, 2001, attack on the World Trade Center and the destruction of its offices (luckily, I got out in time), the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey set up its Law Department, where I work, near Union Square. Most of my assignments involve review of construction contracts and related documents. This puts my credentials as a lawyer-architect to good use. It's my understanding that we will return to the World Trade Center site when it has been redeveloped.

"I play guitar, and Transcontinental Music has published some of my transcriptions and original compositions in several books and CDs. For exercise, I run and bicycle. My wife, Judith, went back to school for an M.S.W. and commutes to the Edenvale campus of the Jewish Child Care Association, where she works on adoption and foster care cases. Our oldest daughter, Ramona, graduated from West Point in 2005. She has been to Afghanistan twice and is now stationed in Germany. Ramona is a captain and is engaged

to marry Capt. Chad Jones. Our middle daughter, H el ene, graduated from the Fashion Institute of Technology and is an assistant designer at the Regatta Division of Li & Fung, USA. Our youngest daughter, Sara, is in her senior year at the Hartt School, University of Hartford, where she studies dance and dance pedagogy and minors in English literature. Sara is considering auditioning for the Rockettes after she graduates."

Paul Auster's 16th novel, *Sunset Park*, was published to positive reviews in November. In a *Wall Street Journal* interview published on November 9, Paul commented that publishing is "a time of ner-

vousness and quasi-depression. The pleasure in writing books is writing the books."

Rob Fleder reports, mostly on family developments: "Daughter Anna (28) graduated from the Law School last May and in October married Jeremiah Peter Cronin Connolly; husband and wife both work in NYC, Anna at the Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton law firm and J.P. as a consultant with McKinsey. Son Michael (25) started graduate studies (he's interested in mathematics and computer science) after working for NASA helping to re-educate the robots on Mars. Son Daniel (31) finished a Ph.D. at Wharton this year and works in Chicago at GETCO, an investment firm. Wife Laura (39, age of our marriage, that is) teaches at Manhattan Comprehensive Night and Day High School in NYC, a terrific school with a challenging mission for kids ages 17-21. I practice law full-tilt at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison and head up the firm's practice in executive compensation, employee benefits and ERISA. My work ranges from designing executive equity incentives to handling anemic pension plans in deals to supporting our ERISA litigation and bankruptcy practices (trouble is my business); recent publications include a substantial piece on Roth IRAs. Is anyone else using their Kindle to electronically reassemble a trove of eccentric books acquired at Columbia and still sitting on the shelf?"

Space permits an item of personal news: I was recently inducted as a fellow of the College of Commercial Arbitrators, which was formed to promote professionalism and high ethical standards in commercial arbitration. As reported in the November/December 2009 issue, I have been with Kramer Levin since

1973, where I am a litigation partner and head up the Alternative Dispute Resolution Practice Group. For much of my time, I serve as counsel for clients in commercial or copyright litigations, and at other times I serve as the arbitrator (or one of a panel of three arbitrators) in commercial cases ... all subject to the demands and deadlines of my CCT column.

As you can see, some classmates sent news. To help me avoid the need for public pleas, follow their lead and send your news. Or, perhaps, help me by alerting me to other classmates whom you think have news or views to share. I would be especially interested in hearing of any classmate who is planning to run for the U.S. Senate, to restore our class' representation to its full complement.

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Danny Feldman reported on his new book, *Tales from the Sausage Factory: Making Laws in New York State*, written with Gerald Benjamin. Danny says that if you have not heard about the book, please go to sunypress.edu/p-5094-ales-from-the-sausage-factory.aspx, where you will see the kind comments about the book from *The New York Times*; Wayne Barrett of the *Village Voice*; Rex Smith of the *Albany Times-Union*; Professor Christopher Stone of the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard; Todd Clear, dean of the School of Criminal Justice at Rutgers; and others.

I attended the Homecoming game on October 23 at beautiful Robert K. Kraft Field. I had a blast and saw many of our classmates, including former class correspondent **Peter Stevens**, who looked great; **Frank Furillo**, a member of our football team; **Terry Sweeney**, also a team member; **Bernie Josefsberg**, with whom I tailgated prior to the game; **Dennis Graham**, an all-star shortstop, or so he claims; Dr. **Mark Pruzansky**, our class cocktail party host; **Al Bergeret**, a well-known director of Gilbert & Sullivan in New York City; and **Victor Hertz**, who runs a leading translation agency in New York. **Phil Russotti** arrived for the game in the third quarter and immediately upon his arrival, the Lions' fortunes changed and we lost the game.

One final note: It is with regret that I report on the passing of **Robert W. Butterfield**, a sexton, Bethlehem, Pa., on January 5, 2010.

REUNION JUNE 2-JUNE 5

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Mark Allen: "I've been associated with Caltech ever since I graduated from Columbia, except for two years when I was back on Morning-side Heights and had a postdoctoral fellowship at the NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies, situated over Tom's Restaurant. For the past 30 years, I've been a scientist at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, which is a division of Caltech under contract to NASA.

"Recently I became the project scientist (aka chief scientist) for the U.S. contribution to the joint European Space Agency/National Aeronautics and Space Administration ExoMars Trace Gas Orbiter, to be launched in 2016 (sci.esa.int/science-e/www/object/index.cfm?fobjectid=46124).

"My job is to maximize the science return from this mission. There are published observations that hint at evidence in the atmosphere of possible extant life, albeit below the surface of Mars, or subsurface zones that could be habitable. Many people feel that Mars is the most convenient place to look for extant extraterrestrial life. The 2016 mission has the capability to clearly resolve whether the chemical composition of the Martian atmosphere does indeed bear witness to active processes in the Martian subsurface, either geological or biological.

"NASA became interested in such a mission when a team that I led presented to NASA a proposal nearly 10 years ago. In the intervening years, my team re-proposed such a mission and alternatively, I served on committees that planned and re-planned this mission concept leading to the current joint mission with Europe. Having been a chemistry major at Columbia and following with a Ph. D. from Caltech in chemistry, I am pleased that this 2016 mission is a visible demonstration of chemistry as a tool for space exploration and discovery."

Jeff Knowles is head of the almost-60-lawyer Advertising and Marketing Practice Group at Venable, a major law firm. In September, the group garnered a first-tier ranking in the inaugural edition of *U.S. News & World Report's* "Best Law Firms" rankings, having already recently received accolades from Chambers USA and from Legal 500.

Jeff notes, "Venable stands apart by not only defending companies in consumer class actions and federal, state and local government investigations and enforcement actions but also by protecting clients' interests through industry coalition building, regulatory agency advocacy, lobbying on Capitol Hill and, when necessary, litigation."

Ah, reunion!

The '71 Reunion Committee met on November 9. Reunion is setting up with outstanding events in Manhattan and on the Columbia campus.

As of that night, members of the Reunion Committee were **Paul Arnest, Vinny Bonagura, Joseph Boorstein, Bernard Falk, Richard Fuhrman, Robert Gailus, Peter Hiebert, Richard Hsia, Peter Jacoby, Jeff Knowles, Craig Lawrence, Dennis Langer, Les Lepow, Kenneth Lehn, David Margulies, Phil Milstein, Chris Moriarty, Dean Porter, Alex Sachare, Jim Shaw, Edward Wallace, Irwin Warren, Jeffrey Weinberg, and Greg Wyatt.**

Although by its nature most members of the committee are New York area-based, a number of us geographically further from alma mater participate in meetings by telephone conference. (You can, too.)

If you'd like to join the committee, e-mail Heather Hunte, assistant director, Columbia College Fund, at hh15@columbia.edu, or me at jes200@columbia.edu.

Expanding the expanding-geography theme, **Phil Milstein** hosted a pre-reunion luncheon gathering at the Jefferson Hotel in Washington, D.C., on October 26, following up a dinner I hosted in San Francisco in June.

Paul Arnest, Eddie Eitches, Bob Fuhrman, David Margulies, Jeff Knowles, Les Lepow, Richard Levine, Vincent Rigdon, George Starke and Jeffrey Weinberg attended Phil's luncheon.

The Reunion Committee and the Alumni Office are considering planning similar events in several other cities.

Regarding the D.C. event, **Richard Levine** sent this e-mail: "The luncheon was an excellent opportunity to meet classmates with a commitment to Columbia and to catch up on their recent (or not so recent, in some cases) events. I also had the pleasure of sitting next to **George Starke** and learning of his post-Redskin career running a young adult vocational education institute focused on students from poorer parts of D.C. and serving as a motivating influence for male students who grew up without fathers. [Editor's note: To read more about Starke, go to college.columbia.edu/cct/jan_feb10.] I look forward to following the planning for the reunion and hopefully

seeing many classmates in June."

Regarding reunion itself, several years ago the Alumni Office incorporated Dean's Day into reunion, offering even more activities and the opportunity to attend lectures by Columbia professors on Saturday.

At our last reunion in 2006, I led a freewheeling and lively discussion of Spring '68 and how it affected us. (And we were overflowing a Havemeyer classroom that seemed preserved from the '60s, helping to trigger our neurons.) Spouses and partners found it particularly insightful to hear us discuss among ourselves and with them our experience, relive it and express differing points of view.

The Reunion Committee is considering having another class discussion, after the class luncheon on Saturday, during the upcoming reunion. Send me ideas for topics you'd most like to discuss and that you believe would interest the class.

I always have a great time at reunion, with both old friends and new. Our class always has a strong turnout. See ya there, Thursday, June 2-Sunday, June 5. Mark your calendars now.

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Jeffrey Laurence had what sounds like a remarkable trip this past fall: "I've recently returned from Bali, an 11-day trip lecturing to more than 100 AIDS-treating physicians and health care workers from Vietnam, Cambodia, Malaysia and so on, courtesy of amfAR, the NIH and the Dutch government. It was an incredibly interesting experience, and humbling, learning what can be done with so little in terms of HIV treatment and prevention. One missionary couple runs an AIDS orphanage in Phnom Penh, rescuing potential sex slave sibs in the process. They supplement donations with the 9,000 chickens they raise and the eggs they sell, despite having electricity only two to three hours a day. The resort hotel in which we stayed had a 15th-century Hindu temple built into rock formations jutting into it. I can now see how a search for everything might begin in Bali, à la *Eat, Pray, Love*."

Rick Kurnit is planning some travel, albeit for a different purpose. "As I approach 60, we are planning to visit Africa, Antarctica and the Brazilian rainforest, and I will spend that birthday in the Galapagos." Rick deserves a reward, having been named "Best Lawyers' 2011 New York Media Lawyer of the Year." The designation comes

from a survey of lawyers in the field and reflects their judgment of their colleagues' abilities, professionalism and integrity.

Rick said, "Frankfurt Kurnit Klein & Selz, my law firm, also continues to be rated at the highest level at both Chambers and Legal 500, two other principal ratings of lawyers and law firms, in media, entertainment, and advertising and marketing law. So the career is going well, and my family is great. My daughter, Katrina, is starting her third year at Google in Mountain View, Calif. My wife, Diane, is on the board of the New York Botanical Garden. Life is good."

Life seems pretty good for **Richard Macksooud**, too. "My oldest daughter, Jennifer Dukes, has moved with her husband to Madison, Miss., as he has his first legal job in Jackson, Miss. My youngest, Jeanne, will graduate from law school at Ole Miss next May with a certificate in space law and will be looking for work in this tough environment. In 1972, I never thought for one second that my life would be so involved with Mississippi." Richard has become active in his local Columbia Club (in Nashville), something he suggests everyone should do.

And finally, **Jocko Marcellino** writes with the word that six of the original members of everyone's favorite singing group, Sha Na Na, got together for a one-time-only performance last September to mark the 75th anniversary of Hofstra. Robert Leonard '70, who helped found the group and taught for many years at Hofstra, planned the reunion, which included several members who hadn't sung with the group for decades. Reports Jocko, "It was a lot of fun."

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It's been a busy year for **Michael Shapiro**. Foremost, his *Roller Coaster for orchestra* had its Western premiere in August in Santa Cruz, Calif., where he was composer-in-residence. Michael's *Peace Variations for solo violin*, as well as his *Second Violin and Piano Sonata*, had their coming-out in May in Soho. His *Eliahu Hanavi Variations Sato Knudsen for solo violoncello* (cello) were issued in October as part of the Milken Archive, and he is writing the score for an NBC TV dramatic series that will air in the spring. Michael is in his eighth year as music director of the Chappaqua Orchestra.

Also involved in the arts is **Gregory Peterson**. The New York Academy of Art is presenting a

show of his art collection in the spring. Gregory has collected Realism for more than 20 years; it can be seen at petersoncollection.org.

Got a lot of information from **Steve Woods** about the memorial service for **Jesse Parks** (who officially received his degree in 1977) that was held on campus on October 22 [see photo] as well as the service held in Atlanta in August. It would be hard to find anyone whom so many thought of so well; a star with humility, a friend, a family man and a community volunteer. Jesse will be missed.

Lyle Rexer recapped the last 30-some-odd years in an e-mail: A Rhodes Scholar after the College, he left after a year to work in publishing. After a brief time, he was back in grad school at CU, then back to publishing and then into the real world as a consultant for nonprofits on communications strategies, which is the hat he wears even today. Along the way, Lyle married novelist Rachel Klein and had three kids. One is a grad student at Yale, one works for an NGO "in Nepal, the West Bank and other hot spots" and the last is an undergrad at Stanford. Lyle got involved in writing about art and photography in the '90s and has written six books and hundreds of articles as well as lectured and curated exhibitions. He won a grant in 2007 from the Andy Warhol Foundation, which helped him complete a book and exhibition in summer 2009. Lyle says all of this was inspired by the one course he took with Gene Santomaso '73 GSAS (who could inspire anyone!). "I'll remember him because as many of us know, these kinds of experiences, even fleeting ones, can change your life. It might not happen overnight; it might take 20 years."

A few years ago, Lyle filled in for someone at The School of Visual Arts and now teaches five classes a semester, both grad and undergrad, and really enjoys it. He's lived in Brooklyn in the same house for 30 years, and so is "easy to find."

So am I. E-mail those notes, please. Until we greet again!

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I hear from many classmates who are concerned about the kids' employment prospects. "This is the worst market ever" is a constant refrain. I then remind them that we started our college career in the bad recession of 1970 and graduated in the midst of the worst recession since the Great Depression. The



Baseball and football teammates of Jesse Parks III '73, who passed away in August, gathered at Faculty House in October for a memorial service. Many Columbia athletics luminaries were in attendance, including (left to right), Steve Woods '73, Mike Evans '74, Ted Gregory '74, Don Jackson '73, Gary Parks (Jesse's brother), Kevin Ward '74, George Van Amson '74, Mike Jones '73, Paul Kaliades '73, Charles Johnson '72 and Ray Ramsey '71, and (center) Terry Smith '73.

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remainder of the '70s were no picnic: Remember the "misery index" of Jimmy Carter that chronicled the sum of the high inflation rate and the high unemployment rate? OPEC was pushing up oil prices and there was an oil embargo. Interest rates kept rising (home mortgage rates hit around 15 percent toward the end of the decade). New York City was defaulting on its debt. And the top tax rate on unearned income was 90 percent!

This walk down memory lane is not meant to depress you, but to inspire your kids. In the face of conditions that were arguably as bad as today, we did get first jobs and continue to build pretty good careers. Those double-digit mortgage rates didn't stop us from buying houses, either. Along the way we were told in the '70s that the Saudis were going to control the world and then in the '80s it was the Japanese that were about to usurp the economic leadership from the United States. Will the "China Threat" derail their careers? Probably not. My advice is to keep your kids optimistic and, as we used to say, "keep the faith" that their hard work will pay off.

A little luck doesn't hurt, either, as I was reminded during a recent conversation with **Rob Knapp** (partner in the midtown law firm Mulholland & Knapp). While noting that his legal practice "has never been as busy in his entire career," he quipped that his middle child, Henry (27), already is better prepared for retirement than he is. Here's the luck part: Henry has been working for Facebook for the past few years doing business development in the "mobile app" area. Looks like we could see a new generation of those "Micro-

soft millionaires" (where profit sharing plans propelled even lower level employees into the financial stratosphere). And we were told it was the doctors and lawyers who were going to clean up! (I guess many of us made a mistake taking "rocks for jocks" for our science requirement.)

You might also tell your kids to be flexible in their career path. Shortly after submitting my last column, I received more information on the career of architect **Dave Black**. He told me that he originally got a master's in historic preservation from Columbia and had a historic preservation consulting firm for a number of years. In the early '90s, Dave returned for a master's in architecture and for the past 10 years has been working with HagerSmith Design in Raleigh, mainly doing "adaptive reuse and renovation projects." Occasionally he is able to combine his two degrees, as when he designed new carousel houses for Raleigh's two historic carousels.

How many classmates have their own entry in Wikipedia? I'm not sure (yet), but one of them is **Timothy Greenfield-Sanders**. The site says he is "known for his strikingly intimate portraits of world leaders and major cultural figures." His photographs are in the permanent collections of many major museums (among them the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Museum of Modern Art and the National Portrait Gallery). Timothy's early portraits were of Abstract Expressionist painters such as Willem de Kooning and Robert Motherwell. Timothy's 1981 one-man exhibition of 40 portraits was favorably reviewed and led to an amazing array of cultural

and political icons sitting for him, including Bill and Hillary Clinton ... and Monica Lewinsky (my guess he couldn't get the three of them in one cozy photo). His 1999 *Art World* exhibit included more than 700 portraits he had produced during the first 20 years of his career. Timothy's 2004 book, *XXX: 30 Porn-Star Portraits*, gained a lot of attention, as did his 2006 portrait series on injured soldiers returning from Iraq.

Alongside his portrait career is Timothy's film portfolio (after the College, he earned an M.F.A. from the American Film Institute). His 1999 *Lou Reed: Rock and Roll Heart* received a Grammy Award. In 2007, Timothy started The Black List Project, which has included portraits of dozens of leading African-Americans (including Colin Powell, Al Sharpton and Sean "Diddy" Combs) as well as directing film interviews that explore the topic of being black in America. Timothy is completing a companion series on Latinos as well as an HBO film on "beauty through the eyes of supermodels."

These are only the highlights of Timothy's artistic works of the past 30 years, but it is still a stunning list. We'll have to wait to see what the next 30 years bring!

An e-mail came in from **Asher Miller** saying he saw the "Alumni Sons and Daughters" listing of students who were entering Columbia with the College and SEAS Classes of 2014 in the September/October issue (college.columbia.edu/cct/sep_oct10) and wanted us to know he is getting ever closer to being on this list. His older daughter, Lauren, is an alumna of Yeshiva University, "but came geographically close because her M.A. is from the Bank Street College of Education on West 112th Street." His younger daughter, Rebecca, is a senior at NYU — still three miles away. Asher moved yet closer to the list when Lauren was married last August to a SEAS alum. Attending the wedding, by the way, were **David Present** (who hangs his hat in the corner office of Present Investments in Midtown Manhattan) and **Bill Roth** (a lawyer with Kelly & Roth, also in Midtown). Asher is a trusts and estates attorney at Cooperman Lester Miller (with offices in Manhasset, N.Y., and Midtown Manhattan). He also is president of his synagogue (the Young Israel of Jamaica Estates).

A last item that is notable only in its improbability. **Geoff Colvin** was vacationing in Deville, France (in the Normandy region), last August. While driving through this small town, he thought he saw **Frank Bruno** strolling down the sidewalk. A later e-mail between

them confirmed that this "almost encounter" had actually occurred. There may be only 500 of us, but apparently we can still stand out in a world of more than six billion!

There you have it. Memories of bad economic times that ended up good. Careers that have morphed as we continue to strive for greater satisfaction. And watching the children of our classmates navigate the same challenges as we did — and hopefully as successfully. Please take a moment to send in some news about yourself or your family — our small band of 500 wants to know!

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Gene Davis, Ira Malin, Regina and Bob Schneider, and others joined Columbians at Robert K. Kraft Field for Homecoming. Bob and Ira also attended the Society of Columbia Graduates Dinner, held in Low Library in October.

Yasmin and **Jim Dolan** can't believe that daughter Zoe is in her last year at Franklin & Marshall in Lancaster, Pa.

After 29 years of marriage, Fern and **Charlie Lindsay** were looking forward to being empty-nesters after oldest daughter, Susan, leaves for college next year. They put their home on the market this summer, expecting to have a leisurely six to nine months of looking. Instead, their Greenwich, Conn., home sold in four days.

Steve Goldstein '76 received a 2010 Distinguished Columbia Faculty Award, one of only seven professors to be so honored last year.

Commenting on an exit poll showing that 95 percent of voters surveyed used all six of their votes under the new cumulative voting system, attorney **Randolph McLaughlin** said the survey shows that cumulative voting gave power to groups that have lacked political representation.

Roberts & Holland partner **Elliott Pisem** was one of the advisers to Lazard Real Estate Partners on tax issues related to the acquisition of its Atria Senior Living Group by Ventas. Ventas will become the largest owner of senior living communities in the nation. (**Joe Lipari** also is at Roberts & Holland.)

Anthony F. Tagliagambe, of London Fischer, New York City, was a panelist for the New York City session of the New York State

Bar Association's Construction Site Accidents 2010 Update.

Residential real estate executive **David Wine** has partnered with two others from giant firms to create TRIO Partners, a new residential development company that aims to ride the rising real estate tide. This is David's second new venture in recent months. Earlier, he announced that he left Related Cos. to launch Oliver's Realty Group, an investment and brokerage company. David was formerly vice chair at Related. Most recently, he was responsible for the development, naming, branding, design and sales of Superio Ink, a 17-story luxury condo on the Hudson River in the West Village.

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Steve Goldstein received the Distinguished Columbia Faculty Award, one of only seven professors this year to be so honored. Last year, he was elected a fellow of the American Geophysical Union, the

premier scientific society in the geophysical sciences. Steve earned a Ph.D. from Columbia in 1986 and joined the faculty in 1996. He is chair of the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences. His daughter, Emily, is a member of the Class of 2011.

John Lauer reports that after 33 years with Wyeth Pharmaceuticals, starting right after we graduated, his company was acquired by Pfizer, which then offered him the "opportunity" to retire early. "I spent the summer managing the lifeguards and snack bar at our local pool, where we are members. Our children occupy most of our time. Mark (21) and Colin (19) are at Houghton College in western New York State. Luke (17), a senior in high school, recently applied

there. Eve (13), Maggie (13) and Mary (11) keep my wife, Bonnie, busy, as they are homeschooled."

John's not sure where his next career move will take him, but for now he's enjoying the extra time with his family and doing extra volunteer work at their church.

Apologies if you mailed me an update and it got lost in my recent move (as I transitioned from one university e-mail system to another). At the moment, I have nothing more from any of you in my "Class Notes" file, so please send (or resend) your news to my new e-mail address, at the top of the column.

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There have been various sightings of classmates in *The New York Times* recently. In October, **Michael Oren** contributed an op-ed piece ("An End to Israel's Invisibility"), which was far from being his first. In September, **Gregg Bloche** was prominently mentioned in an article in the business section ("Cornered: Therapists on Planes"), concerning the liability of doctors asked for advice while traveling. Perhaps bigger news is that Gregg has a book forthcoming, *The Hippocratic Myth: Why Doctors Have to Ration Care, Practice Politics and Compromise Their Promise to Heal*. More on that anon, no doubt. I somehow missed the wedding announcement of **David Friend's** daughter Alexia in the *Times* in August, but happily, he sent it along, together with some career details.

David earned a master's from the Journalism School and got a job as the assistant news director at WABC-TV New York before moving on to news writer at WPXI. Subsequently, he was at Warner Brothers, where he was co-creator and executive producer of *Extra*. This in turn led to a stint at CNBC, where he was executive producer of its morning program, *Squawk Box*, then s.v.p. in charge of business news at CNBC's global headquarters in New Jersey. In June 2006, David became v.p. and news director at WCBS-TV in New York, and most recently has become s.v.p. for news for the CBS Group. Somewhere in there David has taught as an adjunct professor of journalism at Yeshiva University and the College of Mount Saint Vincent. His wife, Wendy, is a sculptor who teaches graphic arts at two schools, the Hebrew Academy of the Five Towns and Rockaway, in Cedarhurst, and the Hebrew Academy of Nassau County, in Uniondale.

(Hope I got all that right.)

We also have received greetings from **Eric Bjork**, who lives in Connecticut with his wife. His son is a second-year law student at Temple, and his daughter lives in the D.C. area with her husband and two small children. Grandpa Eric notes that he got into "the residential real estate business in 1980 and has been at it ever since. I have worked for various companies, both large and small, in Fairfield County through the years. Since 1998, I have been managing the sales offices for Prudential Connecticut Realty in Greenwich and Old Greenwich."

Life, Eric reports, is good, a sentiment that I hope most of us, at least, can echo.

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Another lost fall at the former Baker Field has depressed the lads of '78 I fear, so no new news, thus causing me to reach into the letter bag for something that missed the presses last edition. On a cheery note, my better half, Marian Chertow '77 Barnard, and I recently celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary by going to Japan and Korea (if you must know, she was meeting and speaking while I was eating and taking trains here and there, but that's the life of a Columbia man, no?), and then we had a nice party at a friend's winery. All in all, we continue to have a great time growing toward respectability together.

Here is this month's interesting news, from **Bruce Steinberg**: "Your well-crafted plea tempted me to write you from Nairobi, where I am working with a team to set up a multiplatform media business covering East Africa. It seems far from CC and Humanities, but as we are only a few miles from the Rift Valley, maybe there is a connection there!"

"I have spent the last 20 years or so ensconced in one of the most beautiful and exciting cities in the world, London, where I have had the opportunity to be part of the international media business and the luck to be able to raise a wonderful family with my partner, Ashley Dartnell, whom I met at graduate school.

"After helping to build MTV in Europe, several U.K.-centric TV channels for the BBC and other shareholders, managing TV channels at BSKyB, and running companies producing children's programming such as *Thomas and Friends*, *Bob the Builder* (yes, we can), *Angelina Ballerina* and *Power*

Rangers, launching HDTV channels on cable and satellite in Kenya, Tanzania and the rest of East Africa is a different and wonderful experience.

"Our children, Dylan (17), Kyle (15) and Cara (11), were all born in London, carry both passports and are often asked whether they are British or American. Many of their friends at school have similar mixed backgrounds, and I think that these kids are part of a much more global fraternity than many of us ever were, despite our education or travels. Dylan is considering applying to both British and American universities, and I hope Columbia is on the list ...

Bruce Steinberg '78 is in Nairobi working with a team to set up a multiplatform media business covering East Africa.

"Ashley is in a similar position to the kids, as she was born in and grew up in Tehran with parents from both the United States and England. After many years in the media business, she has put pen to paper and written a beautiful autobiography of her life growing up in Iran during the time of the Shah. Hachette will publish it in the United Kingdom around June, and maybe it will even make it to the United States soon.

"I cannot resist adding a plug for Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). Ashley and I are both involved on the boards in the U.K. and fundraising, as Cara was diagnosed as Type 1. After six years, she has had more than 17,000 finger pricks to test her blood and has had to manage her blood sugars with insulin six or seven times a day in order to avoid going into a diabetic coma. I know everyone gets impassioned pleas for donations, but if anyone ever has the opportunity to support a JDRF event, please give it due consideration. These kids can use your help. Here is the FAQ on life with diabetes and what you can do to help: jdrf.org/index.cfm?page_id=103442."

Now that's how we expect a Columbia man and his kin to tread upon the earth. Bravo.

Happy New Year, and please write with news of your marriage or other tidbits.

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Harlan T. Greenman, a partner at Wormser, Kiely, Galef & Jacobs, has "embarked on an exciting new

chapter in my life! I am involved in the new Broadway production of *The Scottsboro Boys*. This is the final Kander and Ebbs musical (*Chicago*, *Cabaret*) and is helmed by Susan Stroman (*The Producers*). It has been extremely exciting watching it grow and change from its out-of-town tryout in Minneapolis through its New York previews. *The Scottsboro Boys* opened on Halloween to favorable reviews, and we are hoping to be recognized during the Tony Awards later in the season.

"This is sort of a natural continuation of my extended family's theatrical bent. My great-uncle and his wife (the late Mann Holiner

and Alberta Nichols) wrote such enduring classics as *Your Mother's Son-in-Law*, most recently heard in a Billie Holiday rendition in *Angela's Ashes* and (*It Will Have to Do*) *Until the Real Thing Comes Along*. On the distaff side of my parentage, I am also related to Lew Fields of Weber and Fields, the famous vaudeville team. I guess it was only a matter of time!"

West Coast-based **Ali Gheissari** has been practicing cardiothoracic surgery and heart transplantation in Los Angeles for 20 years. His wife, Maryam, is a professor of electrical engineering. "I am proud to say that my son, Reza '14, loves Columbia and cannot stop mentioning how interesting his classes are and how great of an education he is already getting. This has made me feel even closer to Columbia. I visited him during October's Family Weekend, and I was amazed by the changes and improvements that have occurred since I graduated. I hope that my beautiful daughter, who is a freshman in high school, will consider joining him there.

"Greetings to everyone."

Robert C. Klapper: In a past column, I mentioned a great Columbia icon from our time in Morningside Heights, the illustrious Doc Deming, and because of this fantastic platform I have (and abuse), I learned that he was last sighted driving a taxicab in Manhattan. Our lucky passenger wrote to me telling me of his encounter and catching up with his fascinating view of life and his journey.

There is another person from our era who, like Doc Deming, touched the lives of some of us in such a positive way. In an effort to bypass any frustration I might have in dealing with an official

recognition, I will use this column to appeal to you to share the magical experience that Dean Patricia Geisler bestowed upon your life during your time at Columbia. If you've seen her or know what she has been up to, please let me know. It would mean a lot to me after all these years to say thank you.

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I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and the New Year is off to a good start. We are entering the Year of the Rabbit, which is the emblem of longevity, so at least we have that going for us. The third year of a presidential cycle is usually the strongest for the financial markets, so another good sign. Now all we need is an Ivy title in football, and we will have hit the trifecta!

Some good news about a classmate delivered in a press release:

"**Michael C. Riordan**, president and chief executive of Greenville Hospital System's University Medical Center, has been named chair-elect of the Greenville Chamber by the group's board of directors.

"He will serve in that position in 2011 and as chairman of the organization in 2012.

"Riordan has served on the board since 2009 and has been an investor through the hospital system in the Chamber's five-Year ACCELERATE initiative.

"I've witnessed first-hand the value of the Greenville Chamber and what it means to the community as a whole when organizations come together with the common goal of improving business conditions in the area," said Riordan. "I look forward to working with the Chamber's leadership, membership and staff to continue growing

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Four past Glee Club presidents paused from belting out the tunes at Alumni Reunion Weekend last June to pose for a photo. Preparing for a fantastic concert were (left to right) Charles Emery '80, Cathy (Schwartz) Cotton '83 Barnard, Dave Huemer '81 and Ed Krishok '81.

PHOTO: EDITH PATTOU EMERY

Greenville's business community and bettering the quality of life for everyone in the Upstate.'

"Ben Haskew, Chamber president and chief executive, said Riordan's 'track record as a strong and effective leader will most certainly accelerate the Chamber's vision to build one of the premier business communities in the world.'"

"Riordan began his duties at GHS in August 2006. From 2001 to mid-2006, he led the University of Chicago Hospitals and Health System. From 1995 to 2000, Riordan was chief operating officer and, later, senior associate hospital administrator, of Emory University Hospital and Crawford Long Hospital in Atlanta. Before that time, he served for three years in the U.S. Marine Corps as a lieutenant. He also is active in professional and civic activities.'"

And another one:

"Mark W. Babyatsky, MD, was named chairman-designate of the Department of Medicine at The Mount Sinai Medical Center. His research revealed some of the critical roles played by a novel family of trefoil proteins in gastrointestinal inflammation. He is internationally recognized as a leader in the emerging field of medical genomics, and he is co-authoring a key textbook on the subject for primary care physicians, students and other trainees. He serves on the National Human Genome Research Institute initiative, 'Developing a Blueprint for Primary Care Physician Education in Genomic Medicine,' and helped plan the first American College of Physician's Symposium on Clinical Genomics. He also serves on the research initiative of the Association of Professors in Medicine and served on their planning committee for a national consensus conference on 'Reinvigorating the

Physician-Scientist Workforce.'"

The Columbia College Fund is off to good start and your Class Agents, **Jim Gerkis, Bruce Paulsen, Kevin Matthews and Ariel Teitel**, will be calling you. Please give them a minute of your time, for the Columbia College Fund helps students in so many ways.

I always look forward to hearing from you at mcbcu80@yahoo.com.

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Given my lofty position as class scribe and keeper of the mythology of the men of Columbia College 1981, indulge me on a word or two about our upcoming Alumni Reunion Weekend, Thursday, June 2-Sunday, June 5. The Reunion Committee is doing the hard and thankless work of trying to come up with a weekend that will be fun and engaging to draw you back to campus. Yet despite its good work and even better intentions, I am 100 percent sure that some (maybe significant) number of you will look at the program and think, "That doesn't look so fun and engaging. Darn that planning committee and its evil plans." Should you be among that number, I say forget the plan. The reunion is not about the plan; it's about you. If you want the reunion to be fun and engaging, attend it and make sure your old friends do, too. The pro-

gram is simply a backdrop for the real event: getting together with those same guys you swam naked across the pool with in September 1977. Do not let that pass by.

Richard Gentile gets it. He has been roused from his 30-year hibernation by a wave of nostalgia that will carry him off his comfy couch in Connecticut to Morningside Heights for our reunion. Rick, who hosted a pack of alumni at the Columbia/Yale football game, writes: "Nothing major to report other than the fact that I was sad to read about the death of my freshman-year roommate and friend, **Mike Stevenson**. While I had lost touch with him through the years (like so many others, unfortunately), it came as a shock. He was a very important part of my years at Columbia. It makes me reflect on the passing of time and realize that we cannot take old friends and classmates for granted. We should all reach out, in this 30th reunion year, and reestablish old friendships."

Don Joe writes: "Since our last reunion, I've become an administrative law judge at Medicare's office in Miami. Standard issue includes four medical encyclopedias. Good thing I've watched every *House, M.D.* episode. I'm doing my best to root out scammers and to keep Medicare solvent until we are eligible."

Richard W. Hayes received his third fellowship to the MacDowell Colony and was selected as a specialist in the field of architecture by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. He plans to return to Wolfson College, Cambridge, this year.

Kurt Swanbeck has joined Hebron Academy as associate director of admissions. He also will coach boys' varsity soccer and lacrosse.

John Stroll relays the following, which I share without comment ... really: "I received two M.B.A.s and then went on to finding jobs for executives. Now I am starting up an investment bank and a business school. I also have been teaching, been involved in some political campaigns and invented some products."

Daniel Bertrand Monk has been spotted by campus security prowling the periphery of Columbia. He claims to be on sabbatical from Colgate, where he is the George R. and Myra T. Cooley Professor of Peace and Conflict Studies and professor of geography and Middle East studies, but I think he's there simply to stalk his daughter, who is a student. When he's not peering into Butler Library windows, Dan can be found on his trusty road bike. I can tell you from experience that the view of Dan from just off his back

wheel is not a pretty sight.

And lastly, a note about me. After six years of manning this space, I'm going to pass on the class quill after the reunion. Anyone interested in the job, let me know. In the meantime, brush up on your ever-so-slight exaggerations, practice standing comfortably while wearing an intricate series of trusses and think seriously about hair plugs in anticipation of the June reunion-palooza. Send updates to jspundyk@gmail.com.

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After a banner performance last period, I was shut out like something that gets shut out a lot ... (trying not to alienate any of our classmates located in from the smaller, less storied sports markets).

So now you're stuck with hearing about my life; should this happen again, I'm going to invite you all to my house for dinner and force you to listen to my son Henry (9) play the violin.

On October 21, I attended the 101st Annual Dinner Meeting of the Society of Columbia Graduates (SOCG), where the society presented the 62nd Great Teacher Awards. This year's honorees were Robert Belknap '57 SIPA, '59 GSAS, professor emeritus of Slavic languages, and Kathleen McKeown, the Henry and Gertrude Rothschild Professor of Computer Science at SEAS. Post-humously recognized was Professor Emeritus of Economics C. Lowell Harriss '40 GSAS. SOCG, founded in 1909, established the Great Teacher Award in 1949 to honor distinguished faculty of Columbia College and SEAS for excellence in teaching based on the recommendations of students, faculty and deans. SOCG is a gem. The cost to join is a modest one-time fee but the reward of participating in the honoring of faculty who have made a real difference in the lives of students is enormous. The October event provided the opportunity to hear directly from these distinguished faculty and, in the case of Professor Harriss, his son, L. Gordon '68, '71L. [Editor's note: See "Around the Quads."]

For those who are unfamiliar with, or never had the great fortune of being taught by, Professor Belknap, he has taught Lit Hum in major texts of the Western tradition for 50 years and recently a sequel to it that involves major Asian classics.

If you are interested in attending next year's dinner, or any of the more frequent campus meetings, drop me an e-mail.

Tony Pagan '85 Builds Programs and Hope in Africa

BY LAURA BUTCHY '04 ARTS

In 2004, **Tony Pagan '85, '87 SW** was exhausted after years working with New York City programs helping those with AIDS. While considering whether he wanted to stay in the field, he sent an application to The International Center for AIDS Care and Treatment Programs (ICAP) at Columbia's Mailman School of Public Health. When he was offered the job, he gave the field one more try and hasn't regretted the decision.

"By the end of my first week on the job, I was on a plane to South Africa to observe, work and do some hands-on learning. Within that week, I was revitalized and once again had purpose," Pagan says. "Stepping on South African soil and realizing where the country was in terms of AIDS treatment was like stepping back into 1981 New York ... There was much work to do. I enjoy the daily challenges this international and vital work brings me."

As a senior project officer at ICAP, Pagan supports the implementation of HIV care and treatment programs and clinics throughout Africa. He is a liaison with country directors developing programs and planning strategy while collaborating with New York-based staff to advocate for program goals abroad. Visiting program sites in Africa, Pagan works seven days a week, meeting with government officials, working within program offices and ending the day remotely working the start of a New York day, putting the time difference to good use.

Cristiane Costa '01 TC, ICAP program director for the Southern Africa Region, recalls an unexpected trip Pagan made to Mozambique last year. "He returned from vacation with just one day in the office before he traveled to Mozambique to work with a team and program he wasn't familiar with to develop two grant applications. I don't know many people who would have been able to do this under such short notice and achieve the objectives of the trip with such success."

to four weeks at a time, and returning to New York is a homecoming in more ways than one. Raised in New York since age 2, Pagan wanted a challenge for college since he felt his high school preparation was inadequate. At Columbia, he changed majors from biology to psychology with less than a year left, devoting himself to finishing the required psychology coursework and graduating on time. As a student, he joined Alianza Latino Americana, worked with the Freshman Orientation Program

"Along the way, I discovered that I could help people in other careers as well," he says. After earning a master's at the School of Social Work, Pagan spent 13 years directing various social service programs in New York City. After four years as a senior management consultant and then senior associate director for HIV Services with the New York City Health and Hospitals Corp., he moved to ICAP.

"The regular use of his social work training in this work has been quite impressive," says Costa. The training has been integral to Pagan's team building efforts, helping country directors and managers build the capacity of hard working staffs by aligning their skills to the program goals. "There have been several instances where Tony has transformed otherwise tense and difficult situations into positive and productive experiences for all involved with successful outcomes," Costa adds.

Happily partnered to Dr. Jose Nanin for 13 years, Pagan lives in New York City. When he is not abroad, he finds time for his hobby: designing, making and selling jewelry to private clients. His devotion to his work at ICAP, however, is evident.

"I always wanted to help people. The work I do at ICAP allows that to happen," Pagan says. "When the work that you do directly contributes to helping people live longer, productive lives, there's a certain satisfaction you feel. I can't think of a better way to earn a living."

Laura Butchy '04 Arts is a teacher, writer and dramaturg in New York City.



While at the ICAP offices in Maputo, Mozambique, in April, Tony Pagan '85, '87 SW points to a plan for clinical mentoring and HIV training of province and district-based health care staff that the ICAP-Mozambique program proposed to the Provincial Health Departments with which it partners.

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Pagan's work developing plans for two funding opportunities resulted in a strong proposal while creating a supportive working relationship that has since expanded.

The trips take Pagan abroad four or more times a year for up

and pledged Chi Omega Rho, for which he was treasurer for two years. He also formed lasting friendships with his East Campus roommates, with whom he still meets regularly for dinner.

Pagan originally planned to become a doctor to help people.

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I attended the 2010 Columbia College Fund Leadership Conference on November 6. Dean Michele Moody-Adams made it clear that additional contributions would be used to improve the Core Cur-

riculum. She also stated that she hoped to be remembered as the "philosopher dean." Tuition does not come close to covering the cost of a Columbia education, so alumni financial support is critical to the success of the College.

At the conference, I had the pleasure of spending time with College graduates from different decades. Rick Wolf '86 is a principal of DW Capital, real estate developers. His

brother, Doug Wolf '88, is a partner at Wolf Greenfield, intellectual property law specialists. Eric Witkin '69 is an employment and labor law specialist. Michael Oberman '69 is a partner at Kramer Levin and a Class Notes correspondent. William Frosch '53 still wears his Nacom ring. Dennis Klainberg '84, also a class correspondent, visited Professor Karl-Ludwig Selig after the event. It is fascinating to bond with

CC graduates from different classes and share our unique Columbia experiences and stories.

My family attended Homecoming on October 23. We were thrilled to spend time with Sharon and **Kevin Chapman**. Sharon was preparing to run in the NYC Marathon and looked to be in tremendous shape. We also spent time with **Eric Wertzler**, who recently finished working at the Mailman School of

Public Health, writing and editing new website content. Eric also continues to read the great texts. We were delighted to see Brandi Ripp '12, daughter of Marc Ripp '80. Brandi had a Columbia lion painted on her face and has great school spirit. She and her sister, Alana '14E, represent the third generation of Rippes at Columbia.

Dennis arranged for Dean Moody-Adams to meet with Professor Selig at Faculty House. In addition to Dennis and myself, my three children were present. Dean Moody-Adams spoke with Professor Selig about his teaching a weekly seminar at Columbia. Since both were formerly on the faculty at Cornell, they have a shared academic background. Any classmates who want a videotape of the meeting should contact me.

Fred Balzac: "I entered with the Class of '80 and took all of my College courses during four consecutive years. However, because I ended up in May '80 with several incompletes (remember those?), it took me another 2½ years to complete those courses and obtain my B.A. (in January 1983). I always look forward to checking out the Class Notes when I receive CCT, and I do peruse the goings on of 1983, as you guys were on campus during my last year, and I recall meeting some remarkable folks in your class during that year."

David Hershey-Webb performed at The Bitter End (147 Bleecker St.) on December 19. His special guests included Felicia Michael, Jeff Nathan and Lilly Hershey-Webb.

Ted Storey: "I have hesitated to provide an update because I haven't been willing to take on the challenge of summarizing the last 27 years of my life in a few paragraphs. I will do my best to take on this challenge and send you something for print, given this noble cause you have taken on."

David Woo: "Living in Henderson (Las Vegas) but splitting time in La Jolla to be with my daughters, Amanda and Madeline. Started The Automatic Answer (aka The Amanda Company) in 1988, sold it in 2000. Now spending time on more interesting pursuits closer to my heart, in particular, theater, museums and tournament poker. Recently re-married, to Peggy, and enjoying life and the pursuit of happiness!"

AOLNews.com reported: "Now that the Democrats have suffered a historic defeat on election day, a sports handicapper is doubling down on his goal of becoming President in 2012. **Wayne Allyn Root** is a well-known Vegas sports handicapper and the current front runner to be the Libertarian Party's nominee for the 2012 presidential

race after being the running mate to 2008 nominee Bob Barr. Root points to England, where a third-party candidate was able to make an impact in the most recent election based on a great debate performance. "They do things differently there, but he's now, for all intents and purposes, the vice president of England," Root said enthusiastically. Root believes the Libertarians could have the same effect stateside if the party is included in any of the 2012 debates, which will most likely include **Barack Obama**, his former college classmate at Columbia University. "I never knew him," he said. "Which is kind of strange considering we were both poli sci and pre-law. There were maybe 700 students with that major and emphasis. I've asked around and not a single student remembers him. However, Columbia University claims he attended with me, and I'll take their word for it."

Several newspaper articles have highlighted the fact that Obama's college apartment recently was available for \$1,900 a month. Obama was a junior when he rented the 142 W. 109th St. apartment.

I recently read the impressive autobiography by Karl Rove, *Courage and Consequence: My Life as a Conservative in the Fight*. He had some high praise for **Miguel Estrada**, referring to him as "one of America's great legal minds." Rove adds, "Born in Honduras, Estrada had emigrated to the United States when he was 17, with limited command of the English language. He graduated magna cum laude from Harvard Law School, where he was an editor of the *Harvard Law Review*. He clerked for Justice Anthony Kennedy of the Supreme Court and served with distinction at the Justice Department. Judiciary Committee Democrats, fearful that Estrada might become the first Hispanic nominated to the Supreme Court, tried to paint him as a legal extremist even as the American Bar Association rated him 'well-qualified' for nomination to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, the nation's second-highest court. The League of United Latin American Citizens also lauded Estrada for his 'experience and strong bi-partisan support from those who have worked with him.' When years later [Charles] Schumer cautioned Republicans about offending Hispanics during the confirmation of Sonia Sotomayor to the Supreme Court, I laughed at his hypocrisy."

I recently acquired the licensing rights for Snoopy for my pet company. We continue to have success with our ASPCA branding in pet, as well. The licensing niche also has been successful for us in the

baby category, where we own the branding rights to Fisher-Price, Disney (Pooh, Mickey and Cars), Sesame Street, Baby Looney Tunes and LUVS (P&G).

My Class Notes column is only as good as the contributions I get from you. If you enjoy reading about your classmates, you are obligated to share some information about your own life. Please send an e-mail or give me a call.

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Evan Nisonson, where have you been? "I pursued a doctorate from UCLA in comparative literature. I've worked in educational technologies since, moving from the company formerly known as WebCT to SunGard Higher Education.

"Recently I accepted the position of CEO of Epsilen LLC, a software company in the teaching and learning space. Epsilen is based in Indianapolis, which has necessitated a relocation from Los Angeles. My wife, Allison, is an elementary school teacher, which is helpful to our children, Hannah (13), Emma (10) and Jake (5). In keeping with the finest of Midwestern traditions, if you're in Indy, give us a call to stop by."

Regarding Professor Karl-Ludwig Selig, as many of you know, there is a gaggle of former students (including yours truly) and friends visiting and communicating often with the Great Professor.

Despite some physical difficulties, his mind is still sharp, and he is deeply interested in staying in touch with all Columbians.

Please call him anytime from 9 a.m.–7 p.m. (212-799-2232) and/or visit him at Atria, 333 W. 86th St., Apt. 406, New York, NY 10024.

As a special tribute, his friend and colleague, Professor Sebastian Jehle, a scholar in Berlin, is compiling information for and editing a "memorial book." To this end, he asks that all friends and colleagues of KLS send their essays, poems and memories to jehle@uni-potsdam.de.

Representing our class at the yearly Columbia College Fund Leadership Conference on November 6 were **John P. Perfetti**, **Louis Vlahos** and yours truly, **Dennis Klainberg**. Among the highlights: an interview and Q&A with Dean Michele Moody-Adams, meetings with fellow alumni on ways to raise funds for Old Blue, a presentation by Dean of Undergraduate Admissions Jessica Marinaccio and a report from seniors on just how well

Columbia is faring. Truly a motivational and awe-inspiring meeting! If any of you would like to attend in the future, please advise. The more Class Agents, the better!

And you don't have to wait until next reunion, or June, to make a contribution to the College. The value of your diploma is 1,000 times more than you could have ever imagined. The need to assist future generations of graduates (including possibly your own kids?) is vital. So please, be as generous as you can each and every year! Give at college.columbia.edu/giveonline.

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Happy 2011! After several months of wall-to-wall updates, we have less "new news" to report, so please send your updates so we can again fill up the update pipeline.

I have one housekeeping matter from reunion: When you are talking too fast, having too much of a good time and trying to work the room, one Barry can inadvertently become another Barry. As I was making my mental notes on the Saturday night of reunion, I mixed up the updates from two of our classmate Barrys (our class had three Barrys, all of whom were at the reunion). My apologies for the mix-up, and I appreciate the Barrys' graciousness in how they handled it. So here are their corrected updates:

Barry Kanner is the director of interventional radiology for a large radiology group covering six hospitals in Westchester (and tries to stay away from lawyers). He lives in Riverdale, almost overlooking Robert K. Kraft Field, along with MJ, his wife of 19 years, and three kids. He keeps in touch with many Columbians, including **David Leibowitz**, **Steven Farber** (both living in Israel), **David Avigan**, **Jay Barth**, **David Reich**, **Judah Cohen**, **Barry Schwartz** and **Marty Moskovitz**. Four of them made it to the 25th reunion and had a wonderful time.

Barry Schwartz is a partner in the corporate department of Cole, Schotz, Meisel, Forman & Leonard, a 130-attorney firm and one of the largest in New Jersey. "I work on mergers and acquisitions, secured lending, trademark licensing and general corporate matters primarily for closely-held corporations and physician groups. Lately, I've been busy with Article 9 non-judicial foreclosures. I have been married to Roberta (Krebs) for 19 years, have two children, and live in West Orange, N.J."

"Aside from **Barry Kanner**, at our 25th reunion, I saw my Colum-

bia roommate of four years, Dr. **Marty Moskovitz**. Marty is a plastic surgeon with a practice called 'Image Plastic Surgery' in Paramus, N.J., and has been married to Boni (Loebenberg) '86 Barnard for 23 years. Marty has three children. The oldest is a freshman at Cornell. He also is my neighbor, having moved a few blocks from me several years ago upon returning to his native West Orange from Houston. (At that time, houses next to me were not available.)"

I had the pleasure of attending Homecoming on October 23. Although I didn't see a tremendous alumni presence from our generation, it was a beautiful fall day and very enjoyable (albeit we had another heartbreaking football loss). I highly recommend it for next year.

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Happy New Year! We are less than five months away from our 25th Alumni Reunion Weekend, to be held Thursday, June 2-Sunday, June 5. Please plan to attend, and join our Facebook group: Columbia College Class of 1986.

Anthony Lugo '87 sent an update. "After a decade as an underwriting director for a major insurance company, I started my own successful agency. Last year, my wife, Hadia, gave birth to twin boys. I now run my agency part-time to focus more on my boys and philanthropic endeavors. Realizing the importance of an education, being the father of three boys (a 16-year-old and the twins) has made it clear that our young people today need adult role models to follow. As such, I also am a tutor for a nonprofit, For Each1 Reach1 Mentoring Program (foreach1reach1.com), where I mentor young adults on developing positive life skills that will make them productive members of our community."

Dan Chenok wrote from Bethesda, Md., where he lives with his wife, Jill Levison Chenok '87, and three daughters. He recently started as v.p. for technology strategy with IBM Global Business Services, working with clients at all levels of government, health care and higher education on how best to leverage IT strategy and innovation to meet their goals and objectives. He also

chairs the Information Security and Privacy Advisory Board, which works with OMB and Congress on addressing security and privacy in their activities.

Bill Seligman reminded me that his 14 Jay freshman hallmate, **David Rakoff**, is publicizing his new book, *Half Empty*. In addition to an NPR interview in September, David made an appearance on *The Daily Show with Jon Stewart* in October. [Editor's note: See the "Bookshelf" feature in September/October: college.columbia.edu/cct/sep_oct10.]

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We start off this column with the doubly sad news of the deaths of two classmates. **Edward S. Fettman** passed away on June 21 in Bridgeport, Conn. He had been teaching English as a Second Language at Rockland Community College in Suffern, N.Y., for 20 years. He is memorialized with a College scholarship in his name. And many of you probably know from reading the papers of the passing of **Greg Giraldo** on September 29. We will have more remembrances of Greg, and how he got to be the great comedian he was, in the next issue.

In happier news, **Jonathan Wald** has been named the executive producer of CNN's new show *Piers Morgan Tonight*. Jonathan is a former executive producer of NBC's *Today* and *Nightly News* as well as the former s.v.p. of CNBC.

Mia MacDonald is the executive director of Brighter Green, a New York-based public policy action tank that she founded and that received nonprofit status in 2008. Brighter Green's work focuses on issues at the intersection of the environment, animals and global development, and encompasses policy analysis, publications, documentary, education and outreach, blogging and project development.

Part of Mia's work has included a collaboration with Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Wangari Maathai and the Green Belt Movement, including work on Maathai's two recent books, *The Challenge for Africa* (2009) and *Replenishing the Earth: Spiritual Values for Healing Ourselves and the World*. Mia attended the COP 15 climate change meetings in Copenhagen in December 2009, where Brighter Green co-sponsored a panel with the Green Belt Movement and the Nobel Women's Initiative. (Mia said, "I got to speak along with Wangari Maathai, which was great but nerve-wracking, too!") Mia plans to attend the COP

16 climate summit in Cancun, Mexico, with a (small) Brighter Green delegation.

Mia lives in Brooklyn with her partner, Martin Rowe, a publisher and writer. About a year ago, they completed a "green" home renovation in a row house built in the 1880s. She said, "I learned a lot and really like the results. Now we're looking into greening the infrastructure, too."

Joe Meisel is the new deputy provost at Brown, after spending 11 years as program officer for research universities and humanistic scholarship at the Mellon Foundation. Joe has his bachelor's, master's and Ph.D. in history, all from Columbia, and has taught history at Columbia, Teachers College and Baruch.

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[Editor's note: CCT thanks **Abha Jain Sinha** for her year of service as class correspondent and welcomes **Eric Fusfield** as the new class correspondent.]

Hello, Class of '88! It's been about, oh, 22½ years since I've spoken with many of you, but now that I'm taking my turn as class correspondent, I look forward to renewing acquaintances.

James E. Porter writes: "The time sure does fly, particularly when your oldest of eight children turns 18. I would like very much to catch up with my peers from the Classes of '87 and '88. I am still fighting my court case in Philadelphia, with respect to not receiving payment for our commercial business. I received a default judgment in the millions but need an expert in real estate transactions who is willing to go against Commerce Bank/T.D. North."

N. Paul San Filippo has been living in Naples Fla., since 1996. He is a partner in the law firm Seidenshticker & San Filippo, practicing in the areas of commercial litigation, personal injury and wrongful death. He has been married to Julie for 13 years and has a son, Ryan (9). Paul enjoys boating and fishing.

Laura Prendergast writes: "I acquired a master's from NYU in recombinant DNA technology. I've since worked as an adjunct lecturer (biology courses, mainly) at local community colleges in New Jersey and as a business manager for a researcher at Columbia University Medical Center. In December 2009, I moved to Albany to accept a job as a senior research techni-

cian at Albany Medical College, where I perform experimentation in molecular immunology. Other projects include polishing a full-length screenplay and advocating for a homeless man I met while at Columbia who was convicted (wrongfully, I feel) of a homicide that happened on West 114th Street in 1989. I would also like to set up a not-for-profit agency to implement the use of information technology to help streamline the process of getting benefits to homeless people. And finally, I formed an LLC (VectorGen) last year for the purpose of developing a genetic vector to combat HIV, in furtherance of which I am revising a Small Business Innovation Research grant application to develop a proof of concept and recruiting a collaborator on the faculty of Albany Medical College."

As for your new class correspondent, after collecting graduate degrees in law, international affairs and modern Jewish studies, I have put them to use working in public advocacy the past 12 years. Back in my native Washington, D.C., area, I am director of legislative affairs at B'nai B'rith International and deputy director of its Center for Human Rights and Public Policy. With offices in the United States, Europe, Latin America and Israel, we are engaging public officials on international and domestic policy issues ranging from the Iranian nuclear threat to religious freedom in the workplace.

My wife, Hedieh, and I have been married for three years. The Arlington, Va., address you see at the top of this column is new; as of this writing, we are selling our condo and closing on a townhouse.

That's my story in short. I'd love to hear yours. I'll reach out to you in the coming months, but feel free to reach me first and share your latest happenings. Talk to you soon.

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I had the opportunity this past fall to meet Dean Michele Moody-Adams at a luncheon in Boston organized by Sherri Pancer Wolf '90. Sherri is the CFO of a consumer products startup. She and her husband, Doug Wolf '88, and their three kids live in the Boston area and loyally attend many Columbia sporting events in the fall and winter. Of the event with Dean Moody-Adams, Sherri writes, "The Dean's Alumnae Leadership Task Force lunch was a gift. It was a chance to engage an accomplished group of alumnae in the Boston area and gave us an opportunity

A Taste of Home in Antarctica, Courtesy of Gemma

BY KIM MARTINEAU '97J

Gemma Tarlach '90's pastries have made mouths water at fine restaurants in exotic places, but her most loyal customers can be found on a frozen continent where penguins outnumber people. Since August, Tarlach has been a baker at McMurdo Station, a scientific research center that is the last stop for angel food cake before the South Pole.

"I love hearing from the guys who've been out all day in below-zero cold that the apple fritter I made was the highlight of their week," she says. "That's a lot more satisfying than having some guy give you a \$50 tip because he thought your strawberry-riesling soup with quenelle of black pepper ice cream was 'sublime.'"

After stints as a government worker and pop music critic, Tarlach found herself itching once again for a career change. She knew what she didn't want: long meetings, PowerPoint presentations and a BlackBerry glued to her side. She wanted a global, nomadic lifestyle that would offer plenty of autonomy.

What might seem like an

impossible set of criteria landed her at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y., in 2006. She had spent — and enjoyed — the previous year at an organic bakery in Milwaukee, and she felt sure this new profession would offer job security. "People will always want chocolate cake and be too lazy to make it," she reasons.

Tarlach's ability to focus and to obsess over minute detail — skills she honed on Columbia's varsity archery team — have served her well in the kitchen. And her degree in comparative politics has given her an intellectual appreciation for the age-old recipes she often makes. "I love knowing that when I make royal icing it's the same way that a patissier serving the Sun King would have made it," she says. "I love knowing that marzipan came to Europe via the Crusades."

Before working in Antarctica, Tarlach was working at a posh resort in New Zealand where she kept hearing adventurous tales from people "coming off the ice." It had been her lifelong dream to visit all seven continents, so she applied for a



Mount Erebus, the world's southernmost volcano, is not far from McMurdo Station.

baking job at McMurdo.

In the kitchen, Tarlach works in a team of five, baking bread and pastries and fixing breakfast for about 1,200 people. The head baker sets the daily menu, often based on what's left in the fridge. An ice-breaking ship delivers their main provisions in January, when the sea ice is relatively thin. From mid-August through February, when her contract ends, planes deliver "freshies," or fruits, vegetables and dairy, once a week, weather permitting.

Tarlach works 10-hour days, six days a week, in a communal culture that is reminiscent of college. She lives with three roommates and looks forward to days when the occasional care package loaded with skin-soothing shea butter arrives (the dry climate and repeated hand washing has done a number on her hands). She also is learning constantly, at weekly Science Sunday lectures or by observing the wonders beyond her window — polar stratospheric clouds, Southern Lights and other phenomena.

The job has given Tarlach a chance to express her creative side. For Halloween, she dressed as a gargoyle, fashioning bat wings from garbage bags, a discarded tent and a broken exercise coil. Recently, she transformed leftover angel food cake for the McMurdo crowd. "I cubed it," she wrote in an e-mail. "I toasted it, spread it on a serving platter, topped it with (thawed) frozen berries and whipped up a rum and orange sabayon.

"I wish everyone hadn't eaten it so fast," she adds. "I wanted some."

Tarlach always has had a creative streak. She decorated her bathroom in Milwaukee to the theme "Toilet of the Gods," a play on Led Zeppelin's *Twilight of the Gods*, featuring hot pink paint and pictures of Hindu gods, says her friend Christina Fitzgerald '91, an English teacher at the University of Toledo. "I like to describe Gemma as Martha Stewart on acid," Fitzgerald says.

Tarlach talks less about her life before Columbia, saying only she was "at odds" with the New Jersey town where she grew up. She picked Columbia for its reputation, location and



The Hut Point Ridge Loop Trail offers views of the Ross Ice Shelf and Royal Society Mountains.

PHOTOS: COURTESY GEMMA TARLACH '90

Tarlach '90

early admission policy that allowed her to skip her senior year of high school to start college early.

At Columbia, it was dinosaurs, not questions of statehood, that most grabbed Tarlach. Her favorite class was Paul Olsen's "Dinosaurs and the History of Life," where she picked up enough Jurassic-era trivia to dazzle her nieces and nephews decades later. "He seemed so passionate about his field that you thought he might explode if he had to keep it all inside without students with whom to share it," she says.

For all the time she spends with food, Tarlach would not describe herself as a "foodie." "I am certainly not one of those insufferable bores who goes on and on about being able to taste wet summer slate in a glass of sauvignon blanc," she says.

What Tarlach likes most about her current job is that comforting Nilla Wafer pudding is as welcome as a glass of chocolate mousse with raspberry inserts.

Her advice to amateur bakers: Don't skimp on butter, eggs or cream. People sometimes complain to Tarlach that a recipe they tried didn't turn out right. She will learn later that they substituted applesauce for eggs or skipped the butter.

"If you're going to make dessert, do it for real and just have a smaller piece of the result," she recommends. "If you can't handle that, just have a piece of fruit. A beautiful piece of perfectly ripe fruit, to me, is the best dessert you can have."

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to get to know Michele. She shared her vision for broader alumnae leadership, which has renewed my excitement about Columbia and I hope will reinvigorate other alumnae as well."

Alumnae guests at the luncheon were Jennifer Winn Aronson '96, Ellen M. Bossert '86, Whitney Connaughton '88, Betsy Gomperz '93, Caitlin Elizabeth Prendergast '06, Elizabeth Reza Skelly '92, Ruby Kam Woo '95, Nina Zipser '94, and Sherri and myself. I found it fun to reminisce about our college experience and discuss our current relationship with Columbia. It also was nice to see Dean Moody-Adams' face light up as she described the students and how inspiring they are.

Some of you have been writing in via the CCT website (college.columbia.edu/cct/submit_class_note), which is exciting. I heard from **Jeffrey Berg** this way. Jeffrey lives in Connecticut. He wrote, "My wife, Susanna Dunne Berg, and I have opened a store, H.A. Dunne & Co., in New Milford, Conn. After losing my job in February 2009, following 15 years in information technology, I decided to do something different. My wife had inherited from her father a collection of more than 5,000 photographic negatives of New York City, mostly photographed between 1880 and 1950, along with antique maps, advertising art and other ephemera. We decided to turn the collections into a business, opening a store and building a website (hadunne.com). The H.A. Dunne Archive offers a nostalgic look into the history of New York City. Among our many photos are quite a few of the Columbia campus in the early 20th century. Researching the history of all the artifacts in our collections has been more fun than I've had at work in a long time."

Last fall, Kellee Tsai '96 SIPA, '99 GSAS, a professor in the Department of Political Science and former director of the East Asian Studies Program at Johns Hopkins, was named vice dean for humanities, social sciences and graduate programs.

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Thank goodness for news about **David Terry**. Otherwise this short column would have been all about me, and that would have been weird. From the pages of *Biotech Week*, "David has been appointed principal at the Chartis Group, a healthcare advisory services firm. Terry is a leader in the firm's Align-

ment and Accountable Care Practice. His healthcare career spans nearly 20 years, during which he has served as a management consultant and as a senior healthcare executive. Terry's experience spans a number of healthcare settings, including acute care hospitals, integrated delivery networks, academic medical centers, physician practices, home healthcare, skilled nursing, hospice, dialysis and managed care. His most recent work includes strategic planning, physician alignment and developing strategic affiliations. Prior to joining The Chartis Group, Terry was the founder and president of the consulting firm Salvectus Healthcare. He also served as s.v.p. of business development for Harborside Healthcare, a long-term healthcare company, and as the director of product management for Partners Community Healthcare, Inc., the for-profit physician network arm of Partners Healthcare System in Boston."

And if this hasn't already been mentioned years ago in this column, David earned an M.B.A. from Harvard.

For the first time since I started writing this column in 2001, I almost missed my deadline. Shock, horror! The reason is that I am on maternity leave and not so focused on non-baby duties. I'm happy to announce the birth of our daughter, Aviva Brooke Jacobs, on September 25, in Silver Spring, Md. I can't stress enough how much better it is driving to a hospital that is five minutes away versus an hour away. Born at 7:30 a.m., Aviva has proven herself to be most considerate, allowing me a full night's sleep the night before and not interfering with other planned activities that weekend. Life has been great for all of us since her arrival.

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Greetings, everyone! **Jennifer Levine** sent this update: "I am a cosmetic plastic surgeon in NYC, specializing in the face and neck. I also do Botox, Juvéderm, Restylane and so on. I love it! I am in private practice on the Upper East Side,

and I have an academic position at NYU so it is a good mix. I am happily married to a wonderful guy, Randy, who has a candy and snack business. We have two beautiful girls, Payton (10) and Kate (4). I am close friends with **Michelle Foxman** and **Debbie Gruber**. I run into people all the time in the city, and it is always fun to reconnect."

Jacqueline Harounian is a partner in a boutique matrimonial law firm, Wisselman, Harounian & Associates. She was recently named a 2010 Super Lawyer in family law, an honor that is awarded to fewer than 5 percent of attorneys in New York. Jackie keeps in touch with **Michelle Walczyk '89**, also an attorney. Jackie and her husband have been married for more than 20 years (since she was a sophomore at Columbia), and they have four children, ranging in age from 6-19.

Liz Levy wrote: "After we graduated, I came back to Texas to complete a Ph.D. in psychology at UT Austin. I have been in private practice in Austin as a clinical psychologist for more than 10 years, providing psychological evaluations for families involved with Child Protective Services and Juvenile Probation. In 1999, I married Aqueel Darbar, an electrical engineer, and in 2002, we had boy/girl fraternal twins who now are in third grade. Interestingly, my roomies **Liz Schumann** and **April Manlapaz '91E** went on to have boy/girl fraternal twins as well ... must have been something in the water on West 114th Street. Outside of work, I spend most of my time schlepping my kids to tennis, piano and Hebrew school and get out on the courts myself when time permits. **Alex Cerniglia** joined our family for a beach vacation in December, and then he moved to Vienna to continue his work for the United Nations."

I hope everyone is making plans to attend our 20th Alumni Reunion Weekend, Thursday, June 2-Sunday, June 5. If you are interested in serving on the Reunion Committee, please contact Taruna Sadhoo,

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Gothamist.com business partners and school friends Jake Dobkin '98 and Jen Chung '98 enjoyed the Central Park Zoo last summer with their children, Max (left) and Katharine.

assistant director, Alumni Affairs: tds2110@columbia.edu or 212-851-7849. Committee members and volunteers do not need to live in the NYC area in order to participate in the planning efforts — meetings can be attended in person or via conference call. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Until next time ... cheers!

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Hi again. The mailbox was somewhat light this time around. I don't want us to slip back into the zero category, so please, write in and tell me what's going on.

I was pleased to receive another submission through the electronic means that CCT set up last summer (college.columbia.edu/cct/submit_class_note). **Ish (Ishmael) Klein** wrote in with the happy news about a new book of poems. In 2009, *Union!* was published by Canarium Press. **Ish** reports that in 2011, *Moving Day*, a second book of poems, will hit the shelves. Congratulations!

Congratulations also are in order for **Scott Black**, who had been an assistant regional director for the Securities and Exchange Commission and left to become general counsel and chief compliance officer at Hudson Bay Capital Management in NYC, which runs a hedge fund. **Scott's** news didn't just make this column ... He became our first classmate, that I am aware of, to be cited by name in abovethelaw.com, a popular legal blog.

More in the next column, I hope. I really do look forward to hearing from you.

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The Class of '93 is doing pretty well in the NFL. **Ali Towle** started an exciting job this fall as the director of marketing for the San Francisco 49ers, where she has already met the likes of Jerry Rice and Steve Young, as well as John Elway when the 49ers played the Broncos in London this fall. **Thad Sheely**, who is the e.v.p., finance and stadium, for the New York Jets, also saw the fruits of his labor with the opening of the Jets' new stadium this fall. Congratulations to both of you!

Please continue sending news to share with your classmates.

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Marina (Gurin) Groothuis' husband, **Erik Groothuis**, is a partner at Schlam, Stone & Dolan as of January 1. And Marina has been increasingly busy with her new calling as a yoga instructor. Since she became certified, Marina has been teaching while her daughters, Maddie (8) and Maya (6), are in school. "I teach a couple of group classes at Om Sweet Om Yoga in Port Washington, N.Y. I also teach in-home private sessions and go into the city to teach yoga for a corporate client, in the conference room. I teach at their retreats as well," Marina writes. "It has really picked up, and I am as busy as I can be during the time the kids are gone. When the kids come home, I am on hand for homework and to drive them to all their activities. So life is good! I am so blessed to be doing something that I love."

Thanks to Marina for the update!

As for the rest of you CC '94 folks, what's happening in your world? Please share!

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Kendra Crook writes from Mahwah, N.J., that she and her husband had their second baby on March 5. Margaret Ruth Sariti weighed in at 12 lbs., 3½ oz., and was 21½ in. long.

"Our son, Charlie, who recently turned 4, has really taken to the big brother role, thank God!" she writes.

Thanks to Kendra for the following updates:

Sarah Lorge Butler is writing for CBSMoneyWatch.com, a blog about personal finances/expenses,

and finished writing *Run Your Butt Off!*, which will be released in April. **Erin Bertocci** is an adjunct professor of organizational effectiveness at NYU. **Rich Altman** is a v.p. in the accounting department at Wyndham Hotels. **Jenny Kim** has her own jewelry line in San Francisco. (Kendra bought several Christmas gifts from her last year and loved her work.)

Alex Goor now is CIO in New York for Interactive Data Corp., a provider of financial market data, analytics and related solutions, according to a press release.

Thanks for the updates, and please keep the news coming.

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Greetings, classmates. **Dulcie Lin** lives in Tribeca and has three children (6, 4 and 2). Her time is spent juggling her children's schedules and her career as a v.p., associate broker with the Corcoran Group. She hopes to see some people at reunion. Which gives me a smooth lead-in to remind you all: Alumni Reunion Weekend will be Thursday, June 2-Sunday, June 5. Mark your calendars now!

Jeremy Craig is nearing his 10th year in Singapore and writes that he doesn't know where the time has gone: "My little tax shelter of an SAT preparation company continues to keep a roof over my head and has expanded to Bali (seriously!), Jakarta, Vietnam, Brunei (look it up), Malaysia and China (sort of). When not prattling on about isosceles triangles and subject-verb agreement in those exotic locations, I play golf at least twice a week (down to a 6 handicap), go to wine dinners, attend pub quizzes and try not to get too worked up about anything."

If any of you are going through Singapore, let Jeremy know (jercraig@yahoo.com).

Natasha Kohne moved to Abu Dhabi from NYC more than two years ago and opened the Abu Dhabi office for the law firm of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, where she has worked for more than seven years and is managing partner, leading a group of 14 lawyers. **Natasha** is married and has a daughter who is almost 1. She encourages everyone to visit Abu Dhabi and to contact her if you

have questions about the region.

Michael Robbins lives in Tokyo and is a partner at Bain Consulting.

Dan Ganitsky joined the Latin America Group of Proskauer Rose. Following his graduation from the Law School, Dan worked at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom. He has played significant roles in numerous public company transactions, acquisitions of private businesses, restructurings, proxy contests and financial adviser representations, including serving as adviser to many high-profile investment banks and financial services companies throughout Latin America.

Wendy Lefko Messeloff, who is a principal of and grants and communications consultant for Perfect World Consulting Group, continues to focus on grant writing, communications and research projects for a mix of Cleveland-area nonprofit clients. Her husband, Dan, is a litigator with the labor and employment firm Ogletree Deakins.

Hilda Ramirez and her husband welcomed a second daughter, Leyla Celeste Abreu, last April. Hilda has returned to her previous position as systems analyst, as it allows her to telecommute and spend more time with her girls. She studies the oboe and plays in a local woodwind quintet.

Amy Kramer (née Weiss) and her husband, Max, have three kids, twins Jack and Gabrielle (5), and Daniel (2). Last April, Amy joined the Labor and Employment Law Group of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius in Philadelphia as an associate, and in the same month started teaching Turbo Kick, a cardio kickboxing class, at a gym once a week (on her day off from the law firm).

Ann Zipkin, a graphic designer in Connecticut, has been working for herself for almost 10 years. Her husband runs an executive air charter company, Tradewind Aviation, out of Oxford, Conn., but serves the New York Metro area with scheduled service to Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard as well as a route from San Juan to St. Barts. They have two sons (3 and 5).

Jill Van Beke (née Fromson) and her husband, Chris, recently had a daughter. Chris is prepping her for Penn, but she has Columbia College Class of 2032 in mind. Wise choice, Jill.

Keith Simon is an architect for Beck Architecture. He and his wife, Carolyn, have two sons, EJ (3) and Harlan (1). They live in Austin.

That's all I have for now. Keep sending in news! I leave you with this from one of my favorite comedians:

"The New York Post quoted Hil-

lary Clinton saying that she would never run for President, declaring 'That is not something I'm going to be doing,' which in Clinton talk means, 'I will be President in three years.'"

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What? No news? That's impossible. Put fingers to keyboard and send me your updates. Don't be shy.

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Happy New Year, classmates! It looks like our families keep getting bigger.

First, **Dahlia (Jacobs) Prager** and her husband, Ben, told us they live on the Upper West Side with their boys, Jacob (3) and Jonah (1). After six years as an associate at Davis Polk & Wardwell, Dahlia recently started a job as in-house counsel for the Bloomberg Family Foundation.

Then **Jen Chung** e-mailed with double baby news. Not only did she and her husband, Jay Wilkins, have a girl, Katharine Patricia Chung Wilkins, in January 2010, but her business partner **Jake Dobkin**, and his wife, **Karen (Leskly) Dobkin**, had a boy, Max Ilan, in December 2009. Jen and Jake continue to grow their Gothamist.com empire [college.columbia.edu/cct_archive/nov05], with local sites in Los Angeles (laist.com), Washington, D.C. (dcist.com), Chicago (chicagoist.com) and San Francisco (sfist.com). Congratulations to both couples on their new babies [see photo], and to Jen and Jake on the success of their media company.

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Hi, classmates. I'm utterly demoralized that no one ever writes in, so I asked the lovely and talented **Nina Tannenbaum** to take over this month's column. The result of this experiment, as I'm sure you'll agree, is dazzling. Take it away, Nina ...

"Lauren and I brokered the deal for me to guest-write this month's Class Notes while we were at Andrew Dennington '01's wedding in October. While Lauren and I were scheming, alumni in attendance — **John Bennett**, **Matt Poindexter '01**, **Manny Fishman '01**, **Ruth Altchek**

'00 and **Jacob Press '01** — were perhaps getting to know the maid of honor ... none other than **Sharon Hoffman**, whom we all had the pleasure of meeting. When I told Sharon that I would be writing the notes this month, she asked me to mention that she met her younger husband while at MIT (emphasis on younger). Indeed they are a lovely couple.

"To jog my memory to write the rest of these notes, Lauren offered to send me an Excel file with all your names. But I thought it would be more entertaining to flip through our freshman facebook (from 1995, original copy) to get some inspiration. I flipped through George Rupp's 'warm' welcome to us incoming freshman, and skipped past the photos of some of our favorite administrators, to arrive at a lovely photo of **Lauren Becker**, who only now did I realize was pictured next to my John Jay 9 floormate **Matt Beckerleg**. Several years ago, Matt and I ended up at business school together at MIT, which is the last time I saw him. Matt now lives in Montréal and is married with a son. Our other favorite Canadian (there were supposedly only three in our entire class), **Greg Nihon**, lives in Nassau, Bahamas.

"Speaking of John Jay 9, **Charlie Leykum** recently became a father. He sent this note: 'Elizabeth and I are thrilled to announce that Diane Elizabeth was born on July 23 at 6:48 a.m. in New York City. She arrived nine days late (just in time to be a Leo, like both of her parents). I look forward to taking Diane to Morningside Heights to see the College and introduce her to Nussbaum & Wu bagels!'

"Charlie really wanted to take Diane to Columbia Bagels, but quickly realized it was out of business.

"Moving on to page 39 of our facebook, I see **John Greer**, who got his Ph.D. in math, the last I heard. **Scott Napolitano** and I have hit some Columbia cocktail events this year, where we inevitably see **Stacy Rotner**, who has recently been promoted to an exciting corporate responsibility role at her law firm. Pages and pages pass until I see someone else I recognize, **Vanessa Paulsen**, whom I ran into at an espresso bar in Midtown last year, as well as **Giacomo Picco**, whom I generally pass near Park Avenue. I also ran into my doppelganger, **Nina F. Travinsky '99** Barnard, on Madison Avenue a couple months ago. She has a young child and is married to a former Blackstone colleague of mine.

"I have recently returned to the hedge fund world after a stint working in the entertainment business, and I also had the honor of guest-lecturing at Columbia



Julie Grinfeld '01 and Dr. David Orbach were married in May at the Central Park Boathouse. Among the family and friends joining the couple were **Sumathi Raja '01**, **Trina Chaudhuri '01E**, **Tania D'Alberti '01**, **Christina Okereke '01** and **Lisa Grinfeld '05** GSAS.

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earlier this year for Athletics Director M. Dianne Murphy's class in the School of Continuing Education. But more importantly, I have two brilliant Pomeranians that look and act like little lions, and would attend Columbia if given the chance."

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Juliet Ross and **Dan Burstein** were thrilled to welcome baby Jack Baxter Burstein in July. Juliet and Dan report that "Jack has been hanging out with lots of mom and dad's Columbia friends, including **Annie Ulevich**, **Eric Laufgraben**, **Susie Freeman**, **Randy Aussenberg '01** and **Ted Wallach '99**. Jack had lots of fun meeting **Don Saelinger**, **Katherine Dube '00** Barnard and their son, **Nate**, recently in San Francisco. While there, he also caught up with **Kat Rakowsky** and **Claire Hunsaker**. Here's hoping he gets to meet **Pete Cohan** and **Nathan Yellin** (and their parents) soon!"

Pei-Sze Cheng also wrote in with great news: "Our son, **Jack Emanuel Basner**, was born on September 8, four days before his due date. He was just 6 lbs., 5 oz., at birth but is turning out to be quite the bruiser. Phillip and I are in awe of him."

Jaime Sanders Tarasov and her husband, **Glen**, celebrated their first anniversary on November 21. **Nikun Shanti '00E**, **Nida Qadir**, **Kim Fisher**, **Pearl Wang**, **Ozlem Bankolgu Chung**, **Sheannon Chung '01** and **Maia Ridberg Gez** were in attendance at the Philadelphia wedding. **Jaime** and **Glen** reside in **Cinnaminson, N.J.**, and **Jaime** is a third-year resident in anesthesiology at **Thomas Jefferson University Hospital** in Philadelphia, where she attended medical school. **Glen** is a software engineer.

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Hi everyone. Hope things are going well. I have lots of exciting news to report ...

Dina Epstein and her husband, **Eitan Levisohn**, welcomed their son, **Ezra Shai**, into the world on October 6. **Ezra** weighed in at 8 lbs., 2 oz., and measured 20½ in. I'm so happy for **Dina** and **Eitan**!

Christian Sparling and **Jacqueline O'Neill Sparling '03** Barnard welcomed daughter **Violet Elizabeth** on October 12. **Christian** recently moved to **South Orange, N.J.**, and is the director of operations at **North Star Academy Charter School** of **Newark**.

Courtney Vowels and **John Garnevicus** proudly announce the birth of their daughter, **Eden Gary Garnevicus-Vowels**, born October 26 at 8:25 p.m., weighing 8 lbs., 10 oz., and measuring 21 in. Congratulations to **Courtney** and **John**!

Katie Campion recently relocated with her fiancé, **Matthew Land '05** (former captain of the basketball team), to **Houston**. They will eventually settle in **Matt's** hometown of **Tulsa**. After nearly a decade at the **Council of Fashion Designers of America** in **New York**, **Katie** has started her own consulting company, **Katie Campion Consulting**. Among other projects, she is working on **Divine Design**, a six-day shopping event in **Los Angeles** that benefits **Project Angel Food**. Although she misses her friends and family back east, **Katie** is enjoying her life in



Scott Hartman '05 and Gwyneth McClendon '05 returned to campus to celebrate their wedding, tying the knot at St. Paul's Chapel. Celebrating with the couple were (back row, left to right) Steve Poellot '05, Nick Carr '04, Sarah Katz '04 Barnard, Sam Rosenfeld '04, Erica De Bruin '04, Jesse Alexander-Hoepfner '04 and Mike DiLorenzo '05; and (front row, left to right) Dina Hoffer '04, Alexandra Seggerman '05, Garrett McDonough '05, the groom, the bride and Jonathan Shukat '05.

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Houston with Matt and their adorable French bulldog puppy, Gibbs. Katie and Matt will be back in New York quite a bit in 2011, leading up to their wedding in October.

Kate Goldstein-Breyer married Judson Laver Coplan on October 10 in San Francisco. Kate is a publicist for Postcard Communications and Consulting, a public relations firm in San Francisco. Judson is a product line manager in the marketing department of Apple in Cupertino, Calif. He graduated from Amherst and earned an M.B.A. from NYU.

Julie Orbach (née Grinfeld; see photo) recently started a company, Brain-Go. "We make fun and educational games for kids, and we have our first app out on the app store on our site, brain-go.com." Congrats to Julie on her new venture.

Best wishes to all, and please do keep in touch.

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Jillian White has been appointed to the New York State Real Estate Appraisal Board.

Tiffany Rounsville moved back to her hometown of St. Louis this past summer. She is interviewing for jobs and reconnecting with her family. "It has been an amazing journey," she writes.

David Epstein is a staff writer at *Sports Illustrated*. He recently signed a book deal to write about genetics and sports stemming from an article he wrote earlier this year. He lives in Brooklyn with his girlfriend, Elizabeth Green.

In August, David, **Evan Zeisel**, Lee Kowitz '04, Ryan Heath '05 and Dan Knappmiller '05, who was

stationed in Anchorage with the Air Force, went hiking, camping and whitewater rafting in Alaska.

Evan writes, "I am in the middle of filming a TV pilot pitch, playing the lead; I am working with the ARTZ Foundation, writing and developing plays specifically for individuals with Alzheimer's; and I am in pre-production for a feature-length film I am producing that begins filming in January. I also continue to run the Manhattan-based private tutoring company Ivy League Student Aid & Testing Services, which I founded a number of years ago."

While doing all of this, he also attended the wedding of **Michael Greenfield** and **Shabu Ahamed** '02 Barnard, as well as the wedding of **Cie-Jai Brown** '00 and **Jennifer Carr** in October, where a number of CU alums were in attendance from a spectrum of classes.

Karen Austrian got married in Israel at the beginning of October. **Alison Hirsh** was in attendance.

Miriam Sheinbein is in her last year of residency in family medicine at UCSF. Her husband, **Yaron Milgrom-Elcott** (brother of **Noam Elcott** '00), opened a restaurant in San Francisco in March called Local Mission Eatery. They had their second child at the end of November.

And, lastly, I have very sad news. **Irina Shekhets**, a Brooklyn Law graduate, passed away in a plane crash in Nepal on her 30th birthday.

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Congratulations to University Trustee **Michael Rothfeld**, '69, '71J, '71 SIPA, '71 Business on receiving

the prestigious Alexander Hamilton Award! Michael was very supportive of our class and student life when we were at the College, so join me in congratulating him. [Editor's note: See feature.]

Now, on to some updates from some future award winners:

Sam Arora has been elected a delegate from Montgomery County to the Maryland General Assembly, which is Maryland's equivalent of the State House. He'd love to stay in touch with Columbia alumni. All of his contact information is at samarora.com.

Jennifer Last writes, "Bryan Baskin and I were married in Healdsburg, Calif., last June. **Leena Gupta** (née Krishnaswamy), **Jill Freedman** (née Janeczko), **Nathania Nisonson** and **Lauren Cahill** '03 Barnard were in our wedding party and celebrated the weekend in wine country with us. We live in Tribeca, and I work in emerging markets for Credit Suisse."

Gabriel Gambardella writes, "Last May, I graduated from medical school at Temple, where I was president of my class for four years. While there, I was inducted into the Sterling Harford Anatomical Honor Society as well as the Pi Delta National Honor Society and was named in *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. I'm a resident physician at Yale New Haven Hospital and will specialize in reconstructive foot and ankle surgery and limb salvage. It's definitely nice to be back home in New Haven around family and friends. I'm living right outside of New Haven with my girlfriend, who's a nurse in the neurosurgery ICU. Looking forward to visiting NYC soon! Tell the Class of '03 I said, 'What's up?'"

Adam Kushner recently left *Newsweek* to join the *National Journal* as its deputy editor. **Lisa Pettersson** debuted in a new play, *Home Sweet Home*, which is based on true events and interviews with Danish soldiers.

Elizabeth Gould (née Gilroy) and her husband, **Julian Gould** '03 Princeton, had their third daughter, **Abby Julia**, on July 25. Sisters are **Kate** (3) and **Ella** (2). **John Church** writes, "On September 27, my wife, **Sara** '08 Nursing, and I welcomed our first child, **Daniel Gerald**, into the world. We live in our hometown of Norwalk, Conn. Sara is a midwife at Norwalk Hospital. I have spent the last four-plus years at the Sports & Arts in Schools Foundation, one of New York City's largest nonprofit providers of school-based after-school programs, where I manage the company's data department."

Lily Binns is co-executive director of Pilobolus Dance Theatre, a modern dance company celebrating its 40th anniversary this year, and is producing collaborations

with multi-disciplinary artists such as Japanese Butoh master **Takuya Muramatsu**, the MIT Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory, Orpheus Chamber Orchestra and the band **OK Go!**

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Happy New Year CC '04!

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and a fantastic end to 2010. Don't be shy. Please send me your news and updates!

In June, **David Jelenko** left the world of corporate and entertainment law to become senior talent manager and general counsel at Next Round Entertainment. David's clients include **Kyle Grooms** (*Chappelle's Show*, *Comedy Central Presents*), **Judson Laipply** (*The Evolution of Dance*, *America's Got Talent*) and **Collin Moulton** (*Bob & Tom*, upcoming special on Showtime).

Jessica Braun released her first solo album, *Waveside*, in September. **Adam Gidwitz** recently published a novel for middle-schoolers, *A Tale Dark and Grimm*, which received positive reviews from *The New York Times Book Review*.

In graduate school news, **Selena Soo** '05 started graduate business school at NYU Stern in the fall.

Nuria Net writes, "After six years in Brooklyn, I'm back in Manhattan living on the Lower East Side and back on campus attending the Journalism School for a one-year M.A. program, concentrating in arts and culture. It's fun to be back, but also weird not seeing familiar faces from '04."

Finally, congratulations to **Miklos Vasarhelyi** and **Daniel Goldman**, who completed the NYC Marathon in November. They were cheered on by **James Lee** '05, **Chris Mellia** and **Angela Georgopoulos**.

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Hope you had a great 2010! Let's start with some wedding announcements:

In June, **Gwyneth McClendon** and **Scott Hartman** were married at St. Paul's Chapel on Columbia's campus. **Garrett McDonough** and **Jessie Alexander-Hoepfner** '04 were in the wedding party. Also attending were **Nick Carr** '04, **Erica De Bruin** '04, **Mike DiLorenzo**, **Dina Hoffer** '04, **Sarah Katz** '04 Barnard, **Steve Poellot**, **Sam Rosenfeld** '04, **Alex Seggerman** and **Jonathan Shukat**. [See photo.]

Molly Friedensohn was mar-

ried on July 31 to Andrew Breiner in Cape Cod, Mass. Classmates in attendance included **Jennifer Legum Weber**, **Grace Sterritt**, **Moira O'Toole** and **Jana Whiting Oosterhuis**.

Diana Benton Schechter was married to Jason Schechter on October 2 at the New York Botanical Garden. Many Columbians were there, including **Randy Berkowitz '04**, **Erin Cicalese '04E**, **Kirstin Ericson**, **Chris Kim '04**, **Mike Lazar '05E**, **Scott Linthorst '04E**, **Julia Bartolf Milne '04**, **Keren Mizrahi**, **Sarah Murphy '05E**, **Angie Shin '05 Barnard** and the bride's father, **Dr. Arnold Benton '53**.

Irina Decter and **Vishal Govil '05E** were married in a two-day Jewish-Indian wedding that took place in Florham Park, N.J., and Melville, N.Y., September 4-5. Alumni in attendance included **Natasha Shapiro**, **Yelena Sorokina '05 Barnard**, **Giovanni Ruffini '05 GSAS**, **Michael Liu '04**, **Sarah Kachan-Liu '05E**, **Stephen Podowitz '05E**, **Gaurav Singal '05E**, **Jason Liang '05E**, **David Raj '05E**, **Payam Ahdout '04E** and **Stephen Lee '05 GSAS**.

Congrats to all the newlyweds! After five years at *Newsweek*, **Nick Summers** moved to the *New York Observer*, where he writes the media column. Any alumni working in media are encouraged to get in touch with him at nsummers@observer.com.

Maggie Gram continues her Ph.D. program at Harvard, where she teaches discussion sections for literature classes and is writing a dissertation about how the Civil Rights Movement changed American literature.

Becker Chase is at Booz & Co. doing energy and private equity related work. By night, he is starting an angel investing circle focused on helping to grow sustainable businesses in Maine. He welcomes any Mainers who are interested in getting involved. Becker also is still hanging out with **Garrett McDonough**, **Pepin Gelardi '05E** and **Phil Sandick**.

Jason Frazer recently relocated to Columbus, Ohio, where he is a reporter for WBNS-TV/Ohio News Network. WBNS is the top-rated station in Columbus and one of the strongest CBS affiliates in the country.

Chaim Kagedan recently completed a clerkship with The Honorable Leonard I. Garth '42 of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, an experience he describes as "immensely fulfilling and enjoyable." Chaim has since rejoined the litigation department at Davis Polk & Wardwell's New York office, where he was fortunate enough to be assigned to an office neighboring that of **Marc Tobak**, with whom he also attended law school. Chaim and his wife, Heather (née Verstaen-

dig) '05 Barnard, and their daughter, Sophie Elle (1), were privileged to attend the circumcision ceremonies for the twin boys, Shai and Ari, born in August to **Binyamin Berkovits** (Chaim's college roommate for all four years) and his wife, Rachel Pollack-Berkovits '05 Barnard. Many family members and friends joined Binyamin and Rachel in welcoming the boys into their heritage, including **Dr. Geoffrey Pollack '75**, '79 P&S; **Aliza Rosenblum Berkovits '94 Barnard**; **Ariel Zell '04** and his wife, **Beth Schuss Zell '04 Barnard**; **Yehuda Cohen '04** and his wife, **Arielle (née Fenigstein) Cohen '04**; **Noah Schmutter '05E**; **Rebecca Kabat '04 Barnard**; and **Elana Stiefel Lefkovits '07 Barnard**.

And lastly, a couple of entrepreneurs from our class made the news:

Bartek Ringwelski's company, SkillSlate, received \$1 million of venture capital financing from two venture firms in NYC in late 2010. SkillSlate allows consumers to easily find trusted individuals who provide services (movers, handymen, tutors, dog walkers, etc.) for a lower cost.

Doug Imbruce's new venture, Qwiki, which presents topics in a media-rich video format (think Wikipedia entries turned into enjoyable video clips), won TechCrunch Disrupt in September and was awarded \$50,000. [Editor's note: CCT profiled Imbruce in January/February 2007: college.columbia.edu/cct_archive/jan_feb07.]

Congrats to both Bartek and Doug!

Sara Vasquez '05E married **Joe Wendler** on October 23 in Central Park. In attendance were **Amparo Garcia**, **Mauricio Quezada**, **Peter Wei**, **Qian Situ '05E**, **Andre Clark '05E**, **Karen Weber '04** and **Poyuan Chen '04**.

Happy New Year to everyone, and please keep the updates coming!

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Stephen Kunen is finishing his last year of law school at Emory and will work at Coca-Cola as an extern in its Global Marketing Department in his last semester. He recently secured an offer of employment at **Wilson Soncini Goodrich & Rosati**, an intellectual property law firm in Manhattan, and will work there after

graduation. Stephen is excited to be coming home to New York and is looking forward to seeing all his old friends and eating NYC pizza. This fall, **Nick Cain** and **Julian Federle** survived a brief, yet successful, foray in the world of competitive kickball in Chicago. They planned to spend New Year's in a yurt in Colorado with **Ben Smith** and **Ben Schrier '12L**. **Peter Petraro** graduated from St. John's University School of Law summa cum laude in June and started his career at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton, where he works on derivatives, secured transactions and financial regulatory reform.

Henry Sackler writes, "I recently passed the New York and New Jersey bar exams. Hooraay! I work for the general counsel of the North Jersey Media Group, a media company that, among other things, has the 65th-highest circulated newspaper in the United States. I will begin a judicial clerkship in New Jersey in the fall and hope to travel to South America this summer for a brief respite. Any takers? In my spare time I am also working on a screenplay, *The Disappointment's*. These are busy and exciting times."

Matt Wagner is rounding out his fourth year at Target 10, a New York marketing agency that focuses on the gay and lesbian consumer, where he is an account supervisor.

Jonathan McLaughlin is structuring compelling trade ideas in equity derivatives at Macro Risk Advisors. He was looking forward to Thanksgiving on Cape Cod and a trip to Costa Rica with his girlfriend for New Year's.

Jeremy Kotin is directing and writing a series of films in conjunction with the Alzheimer's Association NYC Chapter combining interviews, photographs, film and animation to educate the world on Alzheimer's Disease and more specifically the tremendous outreach being conducted day in and day out by the chapter. The project will be ongoing for the next five months, culminating with the NYC gala in early June.

Victoria Baranetsky sent in a quick note from Cambridge: "Twenty-sixth birthday. Dreams of a book or something I thought I would write."

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Here are some exciting updates from our classmates:

Olivia Roszkowski completed the Chef's Training Program at The Natural Gourmet Institute for Health and Culinary Arts. She works at The Mercer Kitchen, a

Jean-Georges restaurant in SoHo. Olivia resides in Brooklyn with her two dogs and is enjoying the novelty that working in a fast-paced kitchen environment brings.

In what has become an annual affair, **Jakob Reich** got two tickets to a Jets game and offered a ticket to **Eric Bondarsky**. This time they tailgated, braved a delay due to a thunderstorm and got soaked in the rain as the Jets pulled out a victory over Brett Favre and the Minnesota Vikings in the new Meadowlands Stadium. Like last year, **Jeffrey Feder '07E**, '08E also was at the game, only this time as a season ticket holder, and he was a bit more fortunate with his seat location.

Aditi Sriram writes, "I spent a month in Tanzania and Rwanda visiting friends from the Mailman School of Public Health who are volunteering all over Africa. Hamsa Subramaniam '11 PH and I climbed Mount Kilimanjaro, which was an unprecedented week immersed in nature; it was breathtaking! Together with Mailman '11 students Hannah Godlove, Jordan Hacker, Christopher Barry and Christopher Beattie, Hamsa and I visited two of Rwanda's pristine national parks, most notably the Volcanoes National Park in the northwest, where we spent an hour amidst Silverback mountain gorillas! We observed and followed them for an hour and had to resist the urge to cuddle the baby gorillas rolling past us, while hugging the friendly punches the larger gorillas dealt us stayed friendly. East Africa is a terrific adventure into the wildest and most welcoming nature; I urge everyone to visit!"

Alexandra Epstein shares, "I've been working the past two years in my hometown, fabulous Las Vegas! Since coming on board to help run the family business (El Cortez Hotel & Casino), I've overseen the remodel and opening of the Cabana Suites, a boutique hotel downtown, as well as Emergency Arts, a creative collective of 30-plus studio and retail spaces. Work aside, I am active on the board of The Neon Museum and have recently been appointed to the City of Las Vegas Arts Commission. If any of you come to town, I would love to show you around!"

Thank you all, as always, for submissions. Have a great winter.

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Hello CC '08! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season filled with friends, family and high-calorie consumption. I wish you all the best for 2011 and look forward to reading and writing about all that

you get up to.

In August, **Andrew Ness** “decided it was time for a change, and so I submitted my resignation to the law firm where I had been a paralegal for two years.” Andrew moved to Washington, D.C., and now works at The Avascent Group, a medium-sized consulting firm that primarily serves the defense industry. This is “pretty much 13-year-old Andrew’s dream job. I have a great boss and everyone at the firm is highly intelligent and motivated. So suffice to say, I am very happy at my new gig,” says Andrew.

Katherine Cronin returned from an incredible 26 months of Peace Corps service in Benin, West Africa, at the end of August. “My primary project was being a Teaching English as a Foreign Language volunteer. I taught the equivalent of sixth-eighth grade English at a rural middle school. Also built a new school building, ran two girls’ empowerment camps, ran an adult English language program, ran educational movie nights, led women’s sexual health seminars and ran a bunch of other gender and development equality projects. It was a busy time, loved every minute! Now all I need to do is save some cash, go to grad school and move back to West Africa.” Katherine now is a management analyst at the National Science Foundation and lives in Washington, D.C.

Laura Brunts is studying for an M.Sc. in African studies at Oxford.

As of September 6, **Kara Worsley** and **Darius Dehnad ’08E** are engaged!

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Gary Mesko recently proposed to Feryal Hirji ’09 Barnard while they were vacationing in London with Feryal’s family. Gary braved the storm, grabbed the microphone and dropped to one knee in front of 100 of Feryal’s family members at her mother’s 50th birthday party. The happy couple will be wed in an amazing destination wedding in Zanzibar next summer. **Ralph DeBernardo**, **Gene Kaskiw** and the Class of 2009 wish the happy couple a happy and healthy future together!

Jenny Lam is the head curator of 4Art Inc Gallery in Chicago, where she not-so-secretly prefers thin crust pizza over deep dish. In September and October, she was a curator for a national group exhibition, *Somnambulist*, that showcased the work of emerging and established artists whose roots ranged from Pakistan to

Argentina to Colombia to Germany. The show displayed art across all media and took place in the 14,000-sq.-ft. exhibition space of the internationally renowned Zhou B Art Center. The free wine reminded her of Postcrypt while the whole event reminded her of Collision, except without the hot pink caution tape guerilla-marketing and without inebriated classmates stumbling into a Brooklyn warehouse. Jenny also recently traveled to Hong Kong to visit **Anabell Martinez**, who is teaching English to kindergarteners.

Donna D. Desilus is excited about being back at the College, where she has taken on the role of associate director of the Young Alumni Fund in the Alumni Office. She is excited to be back in New York, the city that won her heart.

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Hi everyone. It’s great to hear all of the exciting things that you have been up to since graduation.

Since her premature graduation, **Boin Cheong ’09** has been studying law at the University of Cambridge in England. Despite the constant rain and the tasteless food, she is slowly beginning to feel at home there. With a few months left before she receives her law degree, Boin has signed a contract with Mayer Brown in London and is looking forward to qualifying as a corporate lawyer in England.

Natalie Gossett is having a blast at Villanova Law. She hopes to make the King’s Crown Shakespeare Troupe proud by going into entertainment law. Natalie repped her Jersey Shore roots by dressing as Snooki on Halloween.

Chris Yim writes, “Greetings from Seoul, South Korea. I am an English instructor at an after-school English academy. This city is quite different from New York, but I am adjusting well to the people, the food and the culture. There are quite a few individuals from the Class of 2010 with whom I’ve connected while abroad. I was stateside in December and will transition into another job and life back in the States soon enough. I hope that everyone is well. And I really do miss college.”

Michael Mark writes, “Following graduation, I took a career change (from the pre-med route) and entered the OFA Dance Program at Harvard. I’m enrolled in intermediate/advanced contemporary dance, beginning modern and theatre dance. Work days are long and strenuous, but so far so good. I’m working toward my first dance solo.”

Louis Miller writes, “Homecom-

ing was a blast from the past, but sitting in the stands is a lot different from running around on the field. As important as being an athlete was to me in college, now I am content to be just a fan. I like the post-grad challenge of dominating work. I love being in an environment where constant learning, adaptation and innovation are necessary to stay afloat. And now that I am free from athletics, I can actually turn my neck to look around and see what else is out there. I am an equity sales analyst at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney. The challenges of beating benchmarks and winning in zero sum games have always appealed to me. Weekends spent downtown are a little more fun than the ones I had in Morningside Heights, but I miss Heights burritos, Senior Night and long nights at Butler. Five-thirty a.m. is different from the 8:50 a.m. run to Lit Hum, and I like it.”

Zach Gomes has been teaching in a Teaching English as a Foreign Language program as a volunteer to primary school students in Thailand’s Isan region, which is in the northeast near the border with Laos. He will teach there for the next year.

Sandra Cariglio is enjoying her new Greenwich Village apartment with **Julia Feldberg** and **Charlotte Furet ’10 Barnard**. Since August, Sandra has been doing strategy consulting for international companies at ReD Associates, a Danish innovation firm. So far, she has traveled to Denmark, France and Morocco on assignments and anticipates more travel adventures in the near future.

Elizabeth Simins launched a web design business, Heart Monster Designs, specializing in unique and artsy layouts. Find her at heartmonsterdesigns.com. She promises to give CC alumni a discount!

Adam Valen Levinson writes that he is “a traitor to the uptown cause, working for NYU’s new Abu Dhabi campus in its inaugural year as a jack-of-all-trades ‘program coordinator.’ He survives on a combination of exquisitely cheap Indian food, blogging (visit ingulfed.com) and travel to places off the beaten path. Outside of work, he plays trumpet for the UAE Philharmonic Orchestra and also plays for NYU’s beach soccer and volleyball teams.”

Mark Hussa is saving a vast amount of polar bears by working at a start-up that mitigates climate change by developing solutions for firms and individuals to live carbon-neutral. He encourages the Columbia community to support global clean energy projects through a new line of innovative carbon-offsetting products featured at belgravetrust.com.

And, last but not least, **Gabriella Ripoll** is at NYU Law, trying to make her way through her first year.

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other’s hands and coached each other to get it just right. They were naturals — it was *in* them. I filmed the performance, the first of many talent showcases to come.

Slumdog

Given the success of the Academy Award-winning movie, *Dharavi* was naturally my first foray into the vast slum life of this grand city. Even though I already had been working with slum kids at the Akanksha centers, I thought it was important to explore their lives in the slum itself, to see firsthand where they came from and to understand their worlds. The Dharavi slum is the largest slum in Asia, and with more than a million people clustered in one square mile, it is the only slum that you can see from the moon.

Many of the young girls and boys seemed dressed as if prepared for their roles on the red carpet, with the girls in glittery costume jewelry and the boys in plastic sunglasses and makeshift muscle T-shirts. These children grew up on Bollywood, and while originally I had explored the positive impacts that the music and cinema had on their lives, a social worker offered me a different point of view. While movies the world over often glorify the villain and depict the relentless romantic chase, their impact on slum children here seems more potent, as Bollywood is one of the few things the children are exposed to outside of the slum. In a way, it constitutes their only world outside of the community. I was told that once when the movie halls were shut down in a particular slum, the crime rate went up drastically as the people lost one of their only forms of entertainment.

Within Mumbai, there exists an alliance of people who work together to get by. They hold their families close and their loyalties closer, for what they don’t have in wealth, they make up in spirit, and it’s not possessions but pride that makes them heroes.

To view videos of Wadhwa’s time in India, go to college.columbia.edu/cct.

To read more in-depth entries and view videos, photos and recordings, visit <http://fulbright.mtvu.com/2009-grantees>.

Tina Wadhwa ’07 graduated with a degree in political science and economics. She worked in investment banking at Citigroup in New York for two years before going to India on a Fulbright-MTV Fellowship. She is pursuing a master’s at the London School of Economics.



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ALUMNI CORNER

A Ticket to a Better World

BY TINA WADHWA '07

The Bollywood music and film industry is among the largest in the world, producing approximately 1,000 films per year for an audience of more than three billion, with influence extending across continents and cultures. Bollywood movies depict sensational scenes of opulence and grandeur, often set in exotic locales featuring gorgeous mansions and even more gorgeous girls. In stark contrast to this affluence is the 60 percent of Mumbai's 17 million people who live in the slums and the 50 percent literacy rate that plagues the poorest of the nation. A great paradox exists between the life of extreme poverty among the majority of Indian people and their simultaneous mass consumption of an imagined opulence as illiterate children rush to theaters regularly, sometimes daily, to experience Bollywood songs. For roughly 20 cents, children with nothing have something to cheer for, as they can dream of a better life for just a moment or the duration of a movie.

I traveled to India for a Fulbright-MTV Fellowship and was there from August 2009 to July 2010. The fellowship is awarded annually to four students in the United States to promote "the power of music" as a force for social change. We were to conduct research abroad for one year on projects of our own design, around an aspect of international musical culture. While I was in Mumbai, the other fellows worked in Malawi, Morocco and Brazil. I researched and filmed a documentary on music as a reflection of the vast socioeconomic class divide in India and the implications of the emerging music scene on Indian class structure. I also explored the impact and influence of Bollywood music on underprivileged youth in Mumbai. I worked with kids from the Dharavi and Worli slums and from The Akanksha Foundation and arranged dance and music workshops with them with renowned Bollywood choreographers and performers. My project culminated in a Bollywood performance and talent showcase by the youth that I organized for their families and the Indian community. MTV hosted a website about my project (fulbright.mtvu.com/author/tinawadhwa) that I updated throughout the year, chronicling both my experiences as a Fulbright scholar and the journey of the children working together to fulfill their Bollywood dreams.

Following are some excerpts from the website about this incredible journey.



Wadhwa wearing a traditional Indian wedding dress.

PHOTO: VEEN WADHWA

India Is a Melody

You just can't escape it. It's in the streets, in the stores, in the taxis, in the soul of the people who call India their home. Music pervades every inch of this nation, from the pavement to the palaces, and for many, it's the lifeblood that propels them toward another day. I arrived in Mumbai just in time for the Ganpati Celebrations, where the rich, poor, old and young gather in pursuit of religion, art, music and dance. The city is a noisy and anarchic disco-

theque, and I can barely cross the street without seeing an impromptu gala displaying every color of the rainbow.

I have come to learn that there are no rules, regulations or accountability in Mumbai. Traffic lanes and lights don't exist and driving is a game of chicken. But in the midst of chaos, there is a composed structure that the people have grown to live by and love, and I honestly don't think they would have it any other way. Bombay is a city with swanky shopping malls and posh hotels, where the men are wealthy real estate tycoons and the women Miss World. It is also a place with gut-wrenching poverty that disorients you every day. While there is certainly a bubble of bungalows and BMWs, the brilliance of Bombay lies in its dynamic nature, and it's the everyday people and their stories that give the city its life. Mumbai is a place that gets under your skin and into your blood, and while it is frustrating and heartbreaking and everything is a negotiation, there is a beauty in its breakdown, and I can't help but be moved every day by the poverty, magnificence, resilience and music of this city.

I Like the Way You Move

Although Mumbai represents entropy at its best, I was surprised by the level of organization and structure at The Akanksha Foundation, the main youth foundation I worked with during my time in India. Akanksha members pull these children directly out of the slums and into their centers, and they teach these children how to dream. They help the kids escape their harsh lives in the slums, even for just a few hours a day or a week, to let them be children again.

Akanksha periodically has assessment days where the children are tested on their progress through oral and written exams. I sat in on multiple assessments where the children were asked about current events and about what they had read or seen recently in the news. What was going on in their Mumbai? Interestingly, the first thing the children spoke of was music. They knew the latest Bollywood release, they spoke of the newest heroes, they quoted lyrics from their favorite songs.

While in Mumbai, I met many renowned Bollywood choreographers and performers. One choreographer was an assistant to the famous performer Sarooj Khan and had worked on the dance routines of many blockbuster movies including *Love Aaj Kal* and *Wanted*. Together, we taught the children a dance to a hit Bollywood song, "I Like the Way You Move," and he urged them to dance "dil se" — from their hearts. The kids arrived at the Akanksha center early those days, and they couldn't stop themselves from dancing even during breaks. They helped each other learn the steps, held each

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Tina Wadhwa '07 poses next to a statue in front of a temple in Rajasthan.

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